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Commencement ceremonies will be May 11
By Stephanie Lulay
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The 137th commencement of the UI will be held in two ceremonies May 11 at the Assembly Hall.

The speaker at both ceremonies will be Mannie Jackson, a 1960 alumnus and chairman and owner of the Harlem Globetrotters.

At the 10:30 a.m. ceremony, candidates in the colleges of Applied Health Sciences, Communications, Liberal Arts, and Veterinary Medicine; the Institute of Aviation; the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations; the School of Social Work; and the Graduate School of Library Information Sciences will receive degrees.

Candidates in the colleges of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Business; Education; Fine and Applied Arts will receive degrees at the 2 p.m. ceremony.

Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. for the morning ceremony and at 1 p.m. for the afternoon ceremony. After all students and their guests are seated, the remaining mony and at 1 p.m. for the afternoon ceremony. After all students and their guests are seated, the remaining seats will be available to the public. Shuttle buses also will stop at various campus locations, including Stel Commencement, Plate 2.

Spring planting
Rakuso Kohbo, master landscape gardener from Japan, moves a root ball of a Yoshino cherry tree into its new home. Watching is Jim Bier, donor/caretaker of Japan House garden. Watering the newly planted trees is Arboratum grounds employee Kurt Noffz. The trees are a gift from Genshitsu Sen, former grandmaster of Japan’s Urasenke Tradition of Tea. The tea school dispatched gardener Kubo to the UI campus this week to oversee the planting. Fifty trees are being planted – 30 along the sides of the walkway leading to the building entrance. The remainder will take root throughout the property. The idea to add cherry trees to the Japan House landscape evolved during a garden tour and informal conversation between Sen and Japan House director Kuniko Gunji when Sen visited the campus to receive an honorary degree last May.

New graduate-degree concept combines business with science
By Sharita Forrest

A new graduate degree program under development at the UI aims to expand opportunities for graduates with bachelor’s degrees in science and math and provide employers with well-rounded workers who know the fundamentals of business as well as their disciplines.

The professional science master’s degree is a new degree concept for Illinois that will combine advanced training in science or mathematics with graduate-level courses in business-related disciplines. The Illinois PSM Initiative is a component of Chancellor Richard Herman’s Strategic Plan for the Urbana campus, which calls for developing academic programs in areas of pressing societal need.

“PSM degrees reflect the changing demands of the workplace for people who are working in science,” said Kevin Sightler, visiting director of the PSM Program in the Graduate College. “What employers have told us is they need people who are very proficient in science but they also need people who understand the basics of business, and that is particularly true for companies that are a lot of new products onto the market, such as biotechnology. They need a good solid science background but they also need to understand how to read a balance sheet, understand cash flow and regulatory requirements, manage projects and present themselves well.”

In its March meeting, the Urbana-Champaign Senate approved proposals from the Graduate College to establish a graduate concentration titled professional science master’s and to create two master of science degrees with majors in bioenergy and agricultural production, to be offered by the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. The new degrees would be offered as PSM degrees along with ACES’ existing non-thesis major in food science and human nutrition beginning in fall 2009, pending approval by the UI Board of Trustees and the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

The proposed curricular requirements include 32 hours of science courses plus 10 hours of business-related professional content, which is yet to be determined but probably will include accounting, economics, finance, marketing, management/leadership, strategy, human resources and business courses that interface with science. The professional content will be delivered by the College of Business and the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations.

The PSM degrees will be structured as non-thesis, three-semester programs with a summer internship. Cohorts of full-time students will enter a program each fall and progress together. The courses will be traditional, face-to-face instruction, but some courses eventually may be offered through distance learning to reach prospective students who may not want to attend full-time, classroom-based programs, Sightler said.

PSM programs are designed to be terminal degrees, not intermediate steps toward doctorates, and are intended for students who want to enhance their professional and technical skills to be more competitive in the workforce.

“It’s important to understand that PSMs are not ‘wettered down’ in science content to make room for the professional business content. It’s science plus business.”

–Kevin Sightler

Exotic pets
New manual provides veterinarians with a guide in caring for some of the unusual species that are being adopted as pets.

Dance training
A new collection of essays and interviews with some of today’s most successful dance professionals are featured in a new book co-edited by a UI professor.

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UI poll: Most still undecided about constitutional convention for Illinois

By Jan Dennis

Support is lagging for Illinois’ first constitutional convention in four decades, but could get a boost from an expected increase in political interest that many citizens fear has paralyzed state government, according to a new UI poll.

A recent survey of 200 students in the Institute of Government and Public Affairs survey support to convention to draft a new state constitution, well short of the majority needed when the question goes to voters in the Nov. 4 election.

But with 43 percent still undecided—coupled with strong support for reform such as a California-style recall for top state officials—there’s plenty of room to swing in the balance, said Brian Gaines, an IGPA political science professor who coordinated the late January poll of nearly 1,000 Illinois adults.

“Given how little discussion we’ve had in the media and in general, it’s no big surprise that most people don’t know if they want a convention,” Gaines said.

“But I think if someone tries to build a case for a convention, there’s a decent chance. People don’t seem to think our current constitution is working great.”

He says public dissatisfaction with state government is reflected in the poll, which netted more than 70 percent of respondents for both time limits and a recent recall push aimed at Gov. Rod Blagojevich, whose leadership style has been blamed for sluggish state government.

“In the last year, more and more people who don’t care about politics and government in general have come to realize that there’s something wrong in Springfield,” Gaines said.

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Gaines said. “The Democrats control both houses and the governorship, yet the major political figures seem to be constantly at loggerheads and agree on nothing.”

Recall, term limits and other reforms discussed in the context of whether voters authorize a convention to review the state’s 1970 constitution. Delegates appointed by the

Lites named ATS associate vice president

Michael H. Lites has been named associate vice president for Administrative Information-Technology Services (ATS).

Lites leads the university’s information-technology personnel, systems and services. He is responsible for planning, investigating, negotiating for and acquiring computer hardware, software and professional services supporting the university’s enterprisewide administrative computing applications.

He formerly was vice president for planning and information technology and chief information officer at New Mexico State University.

Lites holds a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Arizona, his master’s degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois and a master’s degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Correction

In the April 3 edition of Inside Illinois, an item about the most recent U.S. News & World Report graduate school rankings incorrectly stated the UI civil engineering program was ranked No. 2. The program tied at No. 1 with the University of Wisconsin at Berkeley.

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Tucked away behind a grassy knoll next to a small pond, Japan House is a tiny oasis of tranquility and natural beauty seemingly far from the traffic on South Lincoln Avenue only yards away. Nancy Quinn is one of a handful of key staff members who work at Japan House. Quinn’s job responsibilities include planning the tea ceremonies and scheduling other events — experience that may come in handy as she helps plan a large August wedding for her son, Patrick. Quinn, who began her career at the UI and at Japan House in August 2000 as an Extra Help secretary, joined the UI’s staff in August 2001.

Tell me about your job.

I am the secretary for Kimiko Gunji, the director of Japan House, who performs the tea ceremonies. I’m a jack-of-all-trades. I type up letters, file, order supplies, set up appointments for maintenance. I schedule the tea ceremonies that we offer here the second and fourth Thursdays of the month for school groups, business organizations and the general public. We have tours every Thursday also, so we try to get volunteers to give the tours, but if we can’t, then I give them.

What kind of dancing?

Salsa. Right now, I’m taking salsa dance classes. It’s really fun. I go with this couple who are good friends, and we’re the oldest people in the class. The guy who teaches the class is probably in his 20s, and at the end of the class, he was concerned (because of my age) and came over and asked, ‘Are you OK?’

What do you like to do when you’re not working?

I have a good group of friends that I get together with a lot. I travel, and I like to go to the beach. I love to eat my lunch. It was a nice spring day like today. And I looked around and thought, ‘Wow! This is beautiful! And I work here every day.’

Where did you go before you came to the university?

Washington, D.C., I spent five years teaching there. In November, I took a cruise with some of my friends to Cancun and the Bahamas.

What are you doing before you came to the university?

I’d have thought they were crazy. But my parents were pretty good about it. They married at 19. If my kids had come to me and wanted to get married at 19, I’d have thought they were crazy. My parents were pretty good about it. My husband and I lived in Rantoul for 10 years, and I worked for the Village of Rantoul before we moved to Florida. In Florida, I worked as a customer service representative for a cable television company. My parents retired down there and we wanted our kids to be around them. We lived there for six years and then moved back here. I really miss the warm weather. My son, Patrick, is 28 and is getting married in August in St. Louis. The bride’s mother and I are trying to plan things over the phone. There will be 350 guests and seven attendants, but it’ll be fun. My daughter, Lauren, will be 26 next month. She just graduated from Eastern Illinois University in December with a degree in business.

When have you traveled to recently?

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in essence, what happened here is that the reaction to wounding,” Woods said. “The response to wounding,” Keylock said. “The amazing feature of these reports is that they age, ranging from better brain function to improved immune responses.”

New weekly UI study demonstrates a correlation between wound healing response time and moderate exercise, that research did not reveal a physiological cause for the result. “That’s the key part that our study adds,” said the new study author, Megan Schrementi, a predoctoral fellow in kinesiology and community health and in nutritional sciences, to the site of infection. Woods said. Macrophages play two critical roles in the wound-healing process, according to Keylock. First, they help fight any infection that may have gotten into the wound, and they also help the wound repair itself and give it back to its original strength.”

Woods noted that if an exaggerated inflammatory response occurs when an older person is wounded, the proinflammatory cytokines that the macrophages produce slow the rate of healing. And interestingly, he said, “macrophages are drawn to damaged tissue and hypoxic tissue, that is, tissue that has low oxygen content. Wounds, because of the damage to the blood vessels, typically are hypoxic, and macrophages are attracted to that.”

“So one potential thing that exercise might do, although we wouldn’t want to test this, is reducing hypoxia within the wounds. And it’s known that hyperbaric oxygen therapy—which has been used with burn patients—speeds wound healing in some people.”

The next step required to better understand the mechanisms at work with respect to the exercise-healing relationship will be to test the researchers’ theories in people. Woods said he expects to begin such trials in the near future. In the meantime, Keylock hopes to initiate similar tests as those done at the UI, but with diabetic mice, which also have delayed wound-healing responses and high levels of inflammation.

“The public-health message of this applies not just to older people, but also to diabetics, those who are obese and many different populations at risk of having high levels of inflammation,” he said. Those other populations include people with congestive heart failure and coronary heart disease.

“If exercise can help decrease inflammation, all of those populations would benefit.”

Woods speculates additional research may even eventually prove the health benefits of exercise among a much broader sector of individuals.

“This is going a bit beyond our results, but there are certain characteristics... a set of events that are formed when any tissue is damaged—not just skin, like in this study, but arterial walls or other internal organs,” he said. “First, there’s hemostasis, which is limiting blood leakage. Then there’s an inflammatory process, then a regenerative process. So, using this model, we may be able to get at whether exercise could have farther-reaching implications for tissue damage in general.”

“There are probably some things unique to the skin, as opposed to these other tissues, so we can’t make leaps of faith,” he cautioned. “But if we study the inflammatory process, the regenerative process in one tissue might have implications for other tissues.”

Meanwhile, the benefits of regular, moderate exercise—essentially a brisk walk most days of the week—for older adults, are many. “There’s obviously the financial cost, which is important,” Keylock said, noting that “the clinical impact of delayed wound healing in the aged population is priced at more than $9 billion per year in the United States.”

“But the personal cost to people with poorly healing wounds is tremendous,” he said. “because it means not only pain and suffering, but also means they’re immobile or their mobility is limited for a period of time. So, faster healing wounds would mean getting them up on their feet again. For people with poorly healing wounds, like diabetics, that’s a critical factor.”

Woods speculates that if you are wounded or have a problem healing, exercise is safe and potentially beneficial.

UI expert: Gloomy reports on Social Security rooted in myth

By Jan Dennis

Don’t trust the glop reports that sprout like cherry blossoms in Washington because of an uncornerably undeniable demise of Social Security’s trust fund, a UI law professor says. Truth is, the federal retirement program has no trust fund, and there are no artificial limits on what the government can spend to keep benefit checks flowing, said Richard L. Kaplan, an expert on federal taxes and retirement benefits.

“The government can spend what it wants from whatever source it needs to tap to pay benefits,” Kaplan said. “After all, there is no Pentagon trust fund, but the war in Iraq continues to receive hundreds of billions of dollars each year anyway.”

Trustees for the Social Security program issued an annual report this week, warning that resources in the program’s trust fund will be depleted by 2041. By 2017, trustees predicted, the program will begin paying out more in benefits each year than it collects in payroll taxes.

“The amazing feature of these reports is that they report the status of a myth,” Kaplan said. “In fact, there is no ‘trust fund’ that limits what can be paid for the program.”

“The notion of a dedicated account for Social Security is likely the most enduring myth about the government retirement program,” he said, adding the author of a paper titled “Top 10 Myths of Social Security.”

He says confusion stems, in part, from the annual status reports from trustees that refer to a “trust fund.” The reports project how long income and paybacks will stay in balance and when they will ultimately yield net deficits, but incorrectly imply that the money lands in some special account, he said. Yes, instead, annual income is now used to pay today’s retirees, Kaplan said. Current surpluses are used for other government expenses, from defense to interest on the national debt, backed by a federal IOU that guarantees to return the money with interest.

Eventually, payroll-tax income and those government paybacks may fall short of Social Security’s needs. But Kaplan says the hefty spending on a once unheard of war against terrorism is a good example of why that didn’t necessarily spell disaster for the retirement program.

“The war demonstrates one of the many reasons that very long-term economic forecasts must be consumed with lots of salt,” Kaplan said. “After all, no one even six years ago predicted extended military combat in Iraq, let alone the enormity of the cost.”

Kaplan’s paper on Social Security myths also addresses other popular misconceptions, including that retirees are simply re-covering their own money and that benefits are proportional to lifetime earnings.
UI experts say overhaul proposals could worsen credit crisis

By Jan Dennis
News Bureau Staff Writer

The Bush administration’s sweeping plan to overhaul the nation’s financial regulatory system could compound the credit crisis it seeks to cure, two UI finance professors say.

Stephen D’Arcy says regulators should let the crisis play out, learning from the lessons it provides, rather than overreacting and implementing changes that could potentially do more harm than good.

“Given that the crisis is still unfolding, it seems more appropriate to work within the current system to stabilize the economy and restore confidence in financial markets first before undertaking wholesale changes in regulation,” he said. “The admonition about not changing boats midstream seems appropriate to this situation.”

“Once the current crisis abates and a better understanding of the causes and consequences of the problems is evident, rational debate over the appropriate changes to financial regulation can occur and effective improvements can be adopted,” said D’Arcy, the John C. Brogan Faculty Scholar of Risk Management and Insurance.

The 218-page plan unveiled earlier this month by U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson would bring the most far-reaching overhaul of the financial regulatory system since the Great Depression, seeking to trim a jumble of overlapping oversight agencies that date back to the Civil War.

But other than giving the Federal Reserve some regulatory power over investment banks and other financial institutions, most of the proposals don’t make much sense, says Charles Kahn, a finance professor and the Fred S. Bailey Memorial Chair of Finance in the UI College of Business.

“Rationalizing the regulatory system always sounds like a laudable goal,” Kahn said. “While the arrangements by which different regulators handle different banks are confusing, there aren’t any significant problems in the U.S. financial system that will be alleviated by this rationalization.”

Kahn says many of the regulatory agencies threatened with elimination provided valuable oversight, in particular the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

“I am concerned that their special expertise could be watered down by the merger,” said Kahn, who specializes in financial institutions and the economics of information and uncertainty.

On the other hand, the proposals include the creation of a new entity, the Mortgage Oversight Commission, which, Kahn says, is likely to duplicate and overlap with other regulatory agencies already charged with consumer protection.

D’Arcy, whose research centers on insurance, questions including a long-standing proposal in the plan that would establish a dual system of insurance regulation, giving insurers the option of being regulated at the federal or state level.

“The insurance industry’s only significant role in the current crisis was excessive amounts of credit risk taken on by financial guaranty insurers, netting ratings downgrades that are adversely affecting some credit markets, he said.

But even if the dual system had been in place, D’Arcy said, there is no guarantee insurers would have opted for federal rather than state regulation and, if they had, that federal regulators could have better limited credit risk exposure.

“Thus, the federal insurance regulation proposal has little relevance to the current problems,” D’Arcy said. “There are good arguments both for and against federal insurance regulation. But the issue could be debated on its own merits more effectively than having it included in an overall financial reform package.”

Oenone Judith Dundas, 80, died April 4 in Victoria, British Columbia. She taught at the UI for 28 years, retiring in 1997 as professor emerita of English.

Dennis Gardewine, 71, died April 8 at his Champagnat home. He worked as a plumber in Facilities and Services for 19 years, retiring in 1993. Memorials: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 708 W. Main St., Urbana. Memorial Mass for her will be celebrated at 5 p.m. April 24 at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, 708 W. Main St., Urbana.

Raymond J. McCabe, 80, died April 2 at Alexis Brothers Sherbrook Nursing Home in St. Louis. He worked at the UI for 28 years, retiring in 1984 as a tabulating machine supervisor with Administrative Information Services. He was a member of the UI Foundation and sent in care of the Student Services Building, MC-306.

Stephen D’Arcy

Ad removed for online version
UI gambling expert: Round-the-clock casinos bad for society

Gambling addictions and drunken driving are among life-changing problems that will worsen if Illinois follows the lead of neighboring states by allowing Illinois casinos to remain open 24-7, says gambling critic John W. Kindt.

Nationally known gambling critic John W. Kindt argues Illinois casinos should be required to cut back to 18 hours a day rather than expanding.

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But the new book series also will include an online version that can be loaded into laptops or home computers, offering searchable text and expanding and providing nearly boundless information at the click of a mouse.

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New study: Star status among financial analysts overrated

By Jan Dennis
News Bureau Staff Writer

Some Wall Street analysts are hailed as stars, packing enough wallop to send stock prices soaring or tumbling as their earnings forecasts ripple through a growing landscape of financial news outlets.

But while some analysts churn numbers better than others, the gap is small and ultimately doesn’t give investors as much of an edge as Wall Street brokerage firms lead them to believe, according to a new study co-written by three UI business professors.

“The margin of superiority between the best and the worst analysts wasn’t really anything to write home about, less than 1 cent per share on average. If investors were to just follow the stars’ forecasts, it’s not like they’re going to get rich,” said Louis K.C. Chan, a UI finance professor and lead researcher for the study.

“I think the findings tell the investor that maybe you shouldn’t pay too much attention to these star analyst forecasts,” he said. “In a sense, maybe it’s more of a publicity game. There’s a publicity machine that’s oriented toward selling investment services, so it tends to exaggerate any differences.”

The study, which will appear in the Journal of Investment Management, tracked annual corporate earnings forecasts by more than 13,000 analysts over nearly two decades, from 1984 through 2002.

Chan says the study identified several traits that make some analysts better forecasters, though the findings offered no real surprises and don’t explain the celebrity status that some analysts have attained in the media and among investors.

“To tell you the truth, it was a little disappointing that there were not larger statistical differences between the star analysts and the run-of-the-mill analysts,” Chan said.

“We had expected to find more proof for the inordinate amount of attention that these star analysts seem to receive.”

Veteran analysts are more accurate than novices, according to the study, “Are Analysts All Alike: Identifying Earnings Forecasting Ability.” The study was co-written by UI finance professors Josef Laikonishok and David Ikenberry, the chair of the university’s finance department, and Sangwoo Lee, a finance and economics professor at the City University of Hong Kong.

The study also found that forecasts improve when analysts have fewer companies to monitor, update projections as new information surfaces and work for larger brokerage houses.

“Analysts with the big-name firms have more resources they can call upon,” Chan said. “They have more help crunching numbers, following news stories and industry trends. And if an analyst from Goldman Sachs calls the CEO of a company, the CEO is probably going to take that call. Analysts from smaller firms might just get passed off.”

Chan hopes the findings encourage investors to do their own homework, checking companies’ history and outlook closely as they consider stocks rather than relying on analysts who have become familiar names and faces in the business media.

“People are hungry for information, so they tend to latch onto these big names,” Chan said. “But there’s a danger that they may be overestimating how much these people know and following too blindly.”

“They should be aware that Wall Street analysts are not in the business of helping them make good investment decisions,” he said. “They’re in the business of selling stocks.”

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Adrian Burgos, professor of history, served as an adviser on an upcoming film about Roberto Clemente, one of the first Latino baseball stars to have a lasting impact on the game. The premiere will be broadcast on PBS’ “American Experience” at 8 p.m. April 21. Burgos, who wrote “Playing America’s Game: Baseball, Latinos, and the Color Line,” became involved in the project in October after the director read his book. As an adviser, Burgos provided input on some of the themes of the film, screened rough and preliminary final cuts of the film and provided feedback.

Alejandro Lleras, professor of psychology and an affiliate of the Beckman Institute, received an Early Faculty CAREER award from the National Science Foundation. The $400,000 award will be distributed over five years.

The award supports the early career development of teacher-scholars who most effectively integrate research and education in line with the mission of their institutions. In his research, Lleras explores fundamental questions of perception, such as how we become aware of visual information and what factors affect what visual information we attend to and which we ignore. His work illustrates the interplay among awareness, attention and prior experiences, and how these systems constantly influence each other.

When evaluating Lleras for the award, the NSF reviewers cited his impressive list of publications in leading journals and the high quality and creativity of his research. His commitment to training others in the field also was noted. “The applicant’s department is able and willing to provide the support necessary to further develop the career of the applicant such that he will become one of the leading figures in experimental psychology and cognitive neuroscience,” a reviewer wrote.

Julian Palmore, professor of mathematics, recently served as editor of a special edition of Defense & Security Analysis, an independent, interdisciplinary and international journal that focuses mainly on the field of defense theory and analysis. The edition edited by Palmore was devoted to the topic of nuclear deterrence.

Barbara J. Ford, director of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, has been awarded the American Library Association International Relations Committee’s John Ames/Humphry/OCLC/Forest Press Award.

OCLC/Forest Press donated the $1,000 award, which is given for significant contribution to international librarianship.

Ford received the award for her librarianship efforts, extensive publications and significant contributions to the American Library Association and International Federation of Library Associations. She has presented and published on international aspects of librarianship and, through her editorial positions, has encouraged the dissemination of information on librarianship to a global audience.

Ford will be recognized during the International Relations Round Table Chair’s Program on June 30, at the association’s annual conference in Anaheim, Calif.

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Ginsburg honored for international achievement

By Melissa Mitchell
News Bureau Staff Writer

A UI professor of law and of political science was among four people recognized April 2 with 2007 international achievement awards. Thomas B. Ginsburg received the Sheth Distinguished Faculty Award for International Achievement.

The distinguished faculty award, established in 2002, acknowledges notable faculty members who have participated in international activities. Recipients are recognized for their contributions through teaching, research and public engagement.

Ginsburg, the 2007 recipient, is an alumnus of the University of California at Berkeley, where he received his undergraduate, law and doctoral degrees. He has a visiting appointment at the University of Chicago Law School.

Ginsburg’s book “Judicial Review in New Democracies” (Cambridge University Press), won the American Political Science Association’s C. Herman Pritchett Award for best book on law and courts in 2004. He serves as a co-director of the Cline Center’s Comparative Constitutions Project, and has worked extensively on constitutional and judicial reform projects abroad.

Other recipients:

Kandeh K. Yumkella, director-general of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, received the UI’s 2007 Madhuri and Jagdish N. Sheth International Alumni Award for Exceptional Achievement. Yumkella returned to campus to receive the award and delivered a lecture on global efforts to end poverty and hunger in the world’s poorest countries.

Yumkella is the former Minister of Trade, Industry and State Enterprises for his country of origin, Sierra Leone. With more than 20 years of experience in international development, he is recognized internationally for his leadership involving initiatives to encourage sustainable growth in the developing world.

The Sheth international alumni award recognizes alumni who are highly distinguished in their profession and who have helped their nation or the world by their contributions to government, humanity, science, art or human welfare. The award is jointly sponsored by the Office of the Chancellor, Office of the Provost, and International Programs and Studies.

Dr. Peter J. Rohloff, executive director of Wuqu’ Kawq, an organization that provides health care in Guatemala, received the Charles C. Stewart International Young Humanitarian Award and the Illinois International Graduate Achievement Award.

The humanitarian award, sponsored by the university’s associate provost for international affairs, recognizes the accomplishments of young alumni considered to be international humanitarians.

The graduate award acknowledges a university graduate student whose international research or service, experienced through their UI-affiliated international experience, has had the greatest impact or potential impact on the university or the larger community.

Sara Gibbs, a senior from Kell, Ill., majoring in international studies, received the Illinois International Undergraduate Achievement award.

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Dance scholars turn editors for book on dance training practices

By Melissa Mitchell
News Bureau Special Writer

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The ensuing book, which has at its core descriptions and discussions of current dance training practices and trends by leading practitioners of the art form “is unique in dance scholarship, and essential for future understanding of our discipline,” the authors note in their introduction. The book’s content was inspired by the co-editors’ participation in a roundtable discussion at the “Dancing in the Millennium” conference in Washington, D.C., in 2000.

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benefits brief
Free retirement-planning seminars offered

University Human Resources and the campus Benefits Offices offer a series of free retirement-planning seminars and one-on-one counseling sessions to UI employees. Representatives from Fidelity and TIAA-CREF, BP’s major university research programs, which include the Energy Biosciences Institute (www.energybiosciencesinstitute.org), in which the UI is a partner.

Fidelity: “Funding the Right Investment Strategy,” including introduction to Roth 403(b).
Fidelity: “Keeping Your Investment Strategy on Track,” including introduction to Roth 403(b) – how to open a Roth.
TIAA-CREF: “A New Way to Save for Retirement – Introducing the Roth Option”
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School of Social Work
Peace and social justice lecture

The School of Social Work will host the 17th Annual Doodle ’08 Poetic Show and Lecture Series at 7 p.m. April 28 in the Alice Campbell Alumni Center Ballroom. Julian Burger, coordinator of the Indigenous and Multicultural Unit at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Based in Geneva will speak. His talk is titled “After 60 Years of Human Rights: Is there Cause for Celebration?”

Adopted by the United National General Assembly in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights quickly became the touchstone for promoting respect for the human rights and freedoms of all people. In honor of the declaration’s 60th anniversary, Burger will explore the accomplishments and challenges and for human rights and indigenous peoples.

For more information, call 244-1064.

‘Doodle for Wildlife’
Auction features doodles, vacations

Author Margaret Atwood, basketball legend Yogi Berra and humorist Dave Barry did it, so did “Sideways” star Mark Hamill and James Earl Jones, as well as Robin Williams and Vanessa Williams, Steve Martin and Martin Sheen. Celebrity twosome Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick did it together.

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conservation and representation of cultural identity on local and global scales and to interrogate theories of heritage and representation and the arts.

According to CHAMP’s Web site, the clinic also contributes to the education of veterinary students and provides more than 30 outreach talks about Illinois wildlife to public groups each year.

For seminar descriptions and a schedule, log on to SURS: “Planning for Retirement”
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At the UI, the event will feature live music and complimentary wine.

The UI Foundation, 400 Harker Hall, MC-386.
UIF/UIUC Faculty/Staff Emergency Fund and mailed to 1011 W. University Ave., MC-253.

E stablished in 1992, the Faculty/Staff Emergency Fund assists UI employees on the Urbana campus and their families during times of financial crisis.

It is funded by donations from faculty and staff members to help colleagues in need. Volunteers are encouraged to donate every month during the program’s annual fund drive. Because volunteers and offices donate labor and mate-
onor, 100 percent of donations go directly into the fund.

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Pampered Chef Family Resiliency lecture

Speaker helps to balance work, family

Suzanne Bianchi is an authority on the balancing act that American families face. Her work with State University of New York at Albany has earned her national and international attention as an expert on this spring’s Pampered Chef Family Resiliency lecture in the Knight Auditorium of Spurlock Museum at 7 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 8 p.m. Bianchi will speak on “Gender Roles and Use of Time: The Subtle Parenting Revolution in American Family Life.”

“This lecture is sponsored by The Pampered Chef Family Resiliency Program, a partnership between The Pampered Chef and the department of human and community development at the UI.”

“Although today’s mothers report feeling more rushed, time diaries show that parents spend as much – and perhaps more – time interacting with their children today than in 1955,” she said.

Countering the widely held belief that women should bear a greater proportion of the total workload because of their dual financial and family responsibilities, Bianchi’s time diaries indicate that men and women, on balance, have about equal workloads. She also is knowledgeable about other family trends, including the ways that childhood, middle-age, and elderly men and women have changed in recent years. A professor and chair of the sociology department at the University of Maryland, Bianchi is the author of four books and more than 30 journal articles and book chapters on family and work issues.

Free event.

WORLD MUSIC

Museum, the Children’s Discovery Museum and the Illinois Science Museum will lead the activities along with WILL-TV. The planetarium is located next to the theater on the west side of the Parkefield Parkland campus, 2400 W. Bradley Ave., Champaign. Go to www.parkland.edu/planetarium/ or call 217-753-1549 for more information about the event. Contact WILL-TV’s Molly Delaney at 333-1070 or delaney1@uiuc.edu. The Children’s Discovery Museum is located at 1000 S. Wright St., Champaign. Contact the museum at 333-6200.

The UI’s world music center, located on the fourth floor of the Levis Faculty Center, was founded after the School of Music received a gift from the estate of Robert E. Brown, the ethnomusicologist credited with creating the word “world music.” The gift to the UI, announced in 2006, included a music library that consists of percussion instruments from throughout the world. Among them are the make that are used to build many traditional musical instruments, consisting of percussion and string instruments, the new center’s agenda, Yampolsky – who came to the UI as the UI’s world music center director – said much work is taking place behind the scenes to clarify the UI’s other world music activities. The conference will continue on April 18 with eight additional conferences, each with different topics. For more information about the event, contact WILL-TV’s Molly Delaney at 333-1070 or delaney1@uiuc.edu.

Infectious disease conference is April 17, 18

The 11th Annual Conference on New Directions in Emerging Infectious Diseases will open April 17 and 18 at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in Urbana. The event, titled: “The Emer- gence and Epidemiology of Infectious Disease Threats to Southern Sea Otters,” begins at 6:15 p.m. April 17, in the auditorium of the Large Animal Clinic. Parking is available after 5 p.m. in lot F-27.

The conference will continue on April 18 with eight additional speakers and a poster presentation.

For more information on speakers, schedule, scientific poster presentation, and registration visit www.cvms.uiuc.edu/epidc.

The Illini Union Bookstore

Authors Corner features Latino/a authors

The Illini Union Bookstore Authors Corner will feature “Writing Latino/a movements: From the myth of Merit to the Ethnic Myth of the Gender Mirror” by Virgina Vermontes and Maria Munoz from 4-6 p.m. April 4. A book signing will follow the discussion.


The symposium, “Canons in Musical Composition,” begins at 9 a.m. April 18 and continues through the day. Activities will be held in the 3100 Room of the Library. The public is invited to participate in panel discussions on the role of women in the field of music history. The symposium is free and open to the public.

“WILL-TV and Staeckel Planetarium Families invited to ‘Rocket Into Space’”

WILL-TV and the UI’s Staeckel Planetarium at the Krannert Center will present a family-friendly program titled “ Rocket into Space,” beginning at 9 p.m. April 18 at the Iron Post, 120 S. Race St., Urbana.

Hand-son activities, available continuously during the evening, will include making a astronaut Space Glove Challenge, finding your weight on the moon and on Mars, and making a rocket out of a can. And size.

Representatives of the children’s departments of the Urbana Free Library and Champaign Public Library will be reading a launch a rocket into space, which will be followed by a discussion about the universe. Walkaround character Zeteer from WILL-TV’s “The Zula Patrol” will be on hand to share the fun. The UI Center for Simulation of Advanced Rockets, Central Illinois Aerospace, the Challenger Learning Center, the Champaign Air
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Champaign Public Library
UI professor will host story time April 23

The second picture book by Janice Harrington, Champaign author and UI professor of English, has earned several distinctions since its publication last year. The storyteller will share her uniquely expressive style in a free, 30-minute story time based on her book “The Chicken Chasing Queen of Lamar County” at the Champaign Public Library at 9:45 and 10:30 a.m. April 23. Each preschooler who attends will take home a free autographed copy of the book, provided by the Library Friends.

“The Chicken Chasing Queen” is rooted in Harrington’s own childhood and her determined encounters with her grandmother’s chickens. In the story, the sassy protagonist finds she has to think again when she learns a secret about the hen she has been chasing. Published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux, the book is illustrated by Shelley Jackson.

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Spall, who has been seen most recently in the films “Sweeney Todd” and “Enchanted,” will be a guest for the opening night showing of Kenneth Branagh’s “Hamlet,” in which Spall played the role of Rosencrantz. The actor also is known for his role as Lucius in the Harry Potter films and for voicing the scavenger rat Nick in the animated film “Chicken Run.”

Ebert also has announced that Richard Roeper, his Chicago Sun-Times colleague and partner on the weekly movie review program “Ebert & Roeper,” will participate in some of the onsite discussions following screenings, as will Chicago Tribune film critic Michael Phillips and Time magazine critic Richard Corliss.

Other onsite participants, in addition to those previously announced, will include film expert Mary Corliss; film scholars David Bordwell, Hannah Fisher and Kristin Thompson; RogerEbert.com editor Jim Emerson; Movie City News editor David Pollock; Sony Pictures Classics co-president Michael Barker; and Sports Illustrated writer and UI alumnus Bill Nack.

Tickets for individual films are on sale through the Virginia Theatre box office; phone 356-9063; fax: 356-5729. The price will be $10 each for regular admission and $8 each for students and senior citizens. For more information, go to www.ebertfest.com.

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The Summer School on Accelerators for Science and Engineering Applications will be Aug. 18-22 at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the UI. Applications are being accepted online at www.greatlake consortium.org/events/GPIMulticore through May 19. Because hands-on instruction is central to the summer school, a limited number of students (about 40) will be selected for participation. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by June 30.

The goal is to provide students with knowledge and hands-on experience in developing applications software for processors with massively parallel computing resources.

There is no fee for the summer school. E-mail accelerator@ncsa.uiuc.edu or contact Umesh Thakkar, 333-2095, with questions.

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Petstravaganza features a number of exhibits and presentations that teach kids about the responsibility of caring for animals. Topics include the use of microchips for identification, how to interact safely with animals, and how to select the right kind of animal based on lifestyle. A variety of animals will be on hand, including birds, cats, horses and snakes.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m admission is free. More information about Petstravaganza is online at http://pets.anr.uiuc.edu/outreach/petstravaganza.cfm.

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The goal is to provide students with knowledge and hands-on experience in developing applications software for processors with massively parallel computing resources.

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Veterinarians’ guide offers detailed information for exotic pets

By Diana Yates

Ferrets, frogs and finches are becoming more common as pets, but the list of unusual species adopted into human households now includes some of the most exotic creatures on the planet. The trade in exotic pets has become a multi-billion dollar enterprise, but expansion of the industry sometimes outpaces veterinary knowledge of how to treat the maladies that afflict these unusual animals.

Wildlife veterinarian Mark Mitchell co-edited the new “Manual of Exotic Pet Practice,” published by Elsevier and edited by veterinary experts at the UI and Louisiana State University, provides detailed information on all of the major exotic animal groups. The book devotes entire chapters to invertebrates, ornamental fish, amphibians, crocodilians, snakes, lizards, chelonians (turtles and tortoises), birds, marsupials, ferrets, rabbits, hedgehogs, chinchillas and guinea pigs. Rats and mice get a chapter, as do hamsters and gerbils. A final chapter offers guidance on the treatment of injured wildlife.

“We felt that there was a strong need for a general exotic pet textbook that could be used by veterinarians to manage any exotic animal that came their way,” the editors wrote in the preface.

UI wildlife veterinarian Mark A. Mitchell co-edited the book with LSU professor of zoological medicine Thomas N. Tully Jr.

The manual includes a brief history of the age-old tradition of capturing or domesticating wild animals, and a chapter on how to prepare an animal hospital for exotic pets. Each of the other chapters lists common species kept in captivity, and offers guidance on their biology, husbandry, nutritional needs, preventive medicine, common diseases, and potential hazards to human health.

Want to know how to restrain a crocodile so you can give it a proper exam? How do you know if a turtle is suffering from a vitamin A deficiency?

Is the lethargic rabbit in your waiting room a victim of heat stroke or cardiac disease? Did that frog swallow something it shouldn’t have? The book offers guidance on these and myriad other potential therapeutic challenges.

Diagnostic approaches and treatment strategies are described in every chapter, and each includes information about surgery and, when applicable, special instructions related to anesthesia.

The book includes hundreds of color photographs of the maladies and injuries that sometimes afflict exotic animals, with more photos of common examination and treatment techniques. An in-depth index allows quick reference to items of interest.

“Dr. Tully and I were interested in pursuing this book because we saw a real need for an ‘all-exotics’ text for the general practitioner,” Mitchell said. “Historically, veterinary texts for exotic pets have been group-specific (for example, devoted entirely to reptiles or birds). Although invaluable, many veterinarians have expressed a desire to have a single point, primary reference to obtain clinical information on these animals. We hope this text will serve the tens of thousands of veterinarians managing exotic pet and wildlife cases as an invaluable resource to manage their patients.”

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Mitchell removed a cloacal papilloma from this Galapagos tortoise. The tortoise, which is more than 100 years old, also had cataracts.

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Foldable, stretchable, silicon circuits conform to many shapes

By James E. Kloppe

Scientists have developed a new form of stretchable silicon integrated circuit that can wrap around complex shapes such as spheres, body parts and aircraft wings, and can operate during stretching, compressing, folding and other types of extreme mechanical deformations, without a reduction in electrical performance.

“The notion that silicon cannot be used in such applications because it is intrinsically brittle and rigid has been tossed out the window,” said John Rogers, a Founder Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at the UI.

“Through carefully optimized mechanical layouts and structural configurations, we can use silicon in integrated circuits that are fully foldable and stretchable,” said Rogers, who is a corresponding author of a paper accepted for publication in the journal Science, and posted on its Science Express Web site.

The new designs and fabrication strategies could produce wearable systems for personal health monitoring and therapeutics, or systems that wrap around mechanical parts such as aircraft wings and fuselages to monitor structural properties.

In December 2005, Rogers and his UI research group reported the development of a foldable, stretchable, silicon circuit that can wrap around a rod. Now, Rogers and collaborators at the UI, Northwestern University, and the Institute of High Performance Computing in Singapore report an extension of this basic wavy concept to two dimensions, and at a much more sophisticated level to yield fully functional integrated circuit systems.

“We’ve gone way beyond just isolated material elements and individual devices to complete, fully integrated circuits in a manner that is applicable to systems with nearly arbitrary levels of complexity,” said Rogers, who also is a researcher at the Beckman Institute and at the university’s Frederick Seitz Materials Research Laboratory.

“The wavy concept now incorporates optimized mechanical designs and diverse sets of materials, all integrated together in systems that involve spatially varying thicknesses and material types,” Rogers said. “The overall buckling process yields wavy shapes that vary from place to place on the integrated circuit, in a complex but theoretically predictable fashion.”

Achieving high degrees of mechanical flexibility, or foldability, is important to sustaining the wavy shapes, Rogers said. “The more robust the circuits are under bending, the more easily they will adopt the wavy shapes which, in turn, allow overall system stretchability. For this purpose, we use ultrathin circuit sheets designed to locate the most fragile materials in a neutral plane that minimizes their exposure to mechanical strains during bending.”

To create their fully stretchable integrated circuits, the researchers begin by applying a sacrificial layer of polymer to a rigid carrier substrate. On top of the sacrificial layer they deposit a very thin plastic coating, which will support the integrated circuit. The circuit components are then crafted using conventional techniques for planar device fabrication, along with printing methods for integrating aligned arrays of nanoribbons of single-crystal silicon as the semiconductor. The combined thickness of the circuit elements and the plastic coating is about 50 times smaller than the diameter of a human hair.

Next, the sacrificial polymer layer is washed away, and the plastic coating and integrated circuit are bonded to a piece of prestrained silicone rubber. Lastly, the strain is relieved, and as the rubber springs back to its initial shape, it applies compressive stresses to the circuit sheet. Those stresses spontaneously lead to a complex pattern of buckling, to create a geometry that then allows the circuit to be folded, or stretched in different directions to conform to a variety of complex shapes or to accommodate mechanical deformations during use.

The researchers constructed integrated circuits consisting of transistors, oscillators, logic gates and amplifiers. The circuits exhibited extreme levels of bendability and stretchability, with electronic properties comparable to those of similar circuits built on conventional silicon wafers.

The new design and construction strategies represent general and scalable routes to high-performance, foldable and stretchable electronic devices that can incorporate established, inorganic electronic materials whose fragile, brittle mechanical properties would otherwise preclude their use, the researchers report.

“We’re opening an engineering design space for electronics and optoelectronics that goes well beyond what planar configurations on semiconductor wafers can offer,” Rogers said.

The work was funded by the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Energy.
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24 Tuesday UI Jazz Combos. 7:30 p.m. Studio Theater, Krannert Center. Master of Musical Arts Recital. Lee, Jo Hee, conductor. 7:30 p.m. Recital Hall, Smith Hall. Brass Chamber Music. 7:30 p.m. Music Building auditorium.

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its mission and shape its future directions.

Yampolsky said he envisions the center as “a service 
organization that seeks to bring challenging musical 
experiences to the community – first of all, to students 
in the School of Music, but also to other faculty, staff 
and students at the university, and to the community as 
a whole.”

“The focus will be on performance,” said Yampol-
sky, an ethnomusicologist who, before coming to the 
UI worked for seven years as a program officer for arts 
and culture for the Ford Foundation in Jakarta. Prior to 
that, he directed a 10-year project for the Smithsonian 
Institution that yielded a 20-CD “Music of Indonesia” 
series.

Already attached to the center is a resident Balinese 
gamelan ensemble, led by music faculty member I 
Ketut Gede Asnawa. Under Yampolsky’s direction, the 
center will augment that program with an academic-
performance program in additional world-music 
genres.

Yampolsky said his plan calls for hosting at least one 
visiting artist from a different world region each year. 
The resident artist would teach a seminar on a genre of 
music, and students in the seminar would practice and 
perform with a related musical ensemble. During the 
2008-2009 academic year, Yampolsky hopes to inau-
gurate that aspect of the program by hosting an instruc-
tor-performer specializing in African drumming.

And he would like to secure funding to offer a “third 
semester” component to the instruction-performance 
initiative – a summer study-abroad option for stu-
dents.

He also plans for the center to host a world-music 
concert series that would offer one to two public con-
certs per semester.

Finally, the director said his vision for the cen-
ter includes developing an outreach component that 
would honor Robert Brown’s long-time commitment 
to sparking an interest in world music among children 
in public schools.

“We can take it directly to kids in the schools, or 
we can do it by combining music and world music in a 
centration for music education students,” Yampol-
sky said.
Faculty and alumni achievements honored with street banners

Notable faculty members and alumni and their achievements are being commemorated with a series of orange and blue banners that will be displayed along Green, Sixth and John streets later this spring and summer. The 20 honorees, who were selected by Provost Linda Katehi based upon nominations from each of the colleges, include current, retired and deceased faculty members as well as living and deceased alumni.

The banners celebrate the diversity of scholarship and achievement that is Illinois and are part of the campus branding and identity initiative. Todd Hearn, supervisor of graphic design in Facilities and Services Division, designed the banners, which are being produced by Dean’s Superior Blueprint Inc., of Champaign.

The first set of 10 banners will be erected before commencement and will be displayed for two or three months before being replaced by the remaining banners. Those being honored:

College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
- Isabel Bevier, founder of home economics program and for whom Bevier Hall is named

College of Applied Health Sciences
- Mannie Jackson, alumnus, owner of the Harlem Globetrotters

Institute of Aviation
- Stanley Roscoe (deceased), emeritus professor of aviation engineering psychology and aeronautical and astronautical engineering, former head of the Aviation Research Laboratory

College of Business
- John Zeglis, alumnus, retired chairman and CEO of AT&T wireless

College of Media
- Roger Ebert, Pulitzer Prize-winning film critic (1975), author and alumnus

College of Education
- Mildred Griggs, professor emerita, dean of the college from 1995-2000, expert on workplace literacy and diversity

College of Engineering
- John Bardeen (deceased), two-time Nobel Prize-winning physicist (1956 and 1972) and faculty member
- Jack Kilby, alumnus, Nobel laureate in physics (2000) for invention/development of integrated circuit
- Nick Holonyak, faculty member, developer of the quantum-well laser
- Rosalyn Yalow, alumnus, shared 1977 Nobel Prize for medicine and physiology for the discovery/development of radioimmunoassay (second woman to win Nobel in medicine)

College of Fine and Applied Arts
- Ang Lee, alumnus (BFA in theater), Oscar-winning film director

International Programs and Studies
- Rajmohan Gandhi, award-winning journalist and director of Global Crossroads

Graduate School of Library and Information Science
- Katharine Sharp, founder of GSLIS

Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations
- Milton Derber (deceased), faculty member and national labor expert

College of Law
- John Cribbet, former UI chancellor and former law dean, national leader in law research and scholarship

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Philip Sharp, shared the 1993 Nobel Prize in medicine and physiology for the discovery of split genes
- Richard Powers, Swanlund professor of English, winner of the 2006 National Book Award for fiction
- Carl Woese, the Stanley O. Ikenberry chair, microbiology; winner of the Crafoord Prize and discoverer of the archaea (third form of life)

School of Social Work
- Marietta Stevenson, first UI dean of social work

College of Veterinary Medicine
- Lloyd Davis, director of first veterinary medical clinical pharmacology residency program

Banner achievements One of the banners to go on display features Katharine Sharp, who founded the first library science program in the Midwest in 1893 at the Armour Institute in Chicago. In 1897, the school and Sharp moved to the UI’s Urbana campus, where the school was renamed the Illinois State Library School and evolved into the Graduate School of Library and Information Science in 1981. Sharp, who led the school until her retirement in 1907, was the first woman to head a major academic library.