New online system increases access to library services

By Andrea Lynn

After 20 years of yeoman-like service, the University Library's now-antiquated Library Circulation System, with its automated catalog – one of the earliest online systems at a major research library – is being exchanged for a state-of-the-art integrated library management system. The new online cataloging and circulation system changes the way patrons will access the library's 9 million volumes.

The change involves not only the Urbana campus, but also the 44 other libraries in the Illinois Library Computer Systems Organization (ILCSO), which three years ago voted to convert en masse to the new system. The new library system was purchased from Data Research Associates (DRA), a leading supplier of computer-based systems for libraries.

According to Robert Wedgeworth, the university librarian, the older system simply can't effectively support many services and standards that are needed by today's library users.

"It also has become increasingly difficult to maintain the older hardware and software," he said, adding that the new system, which will impact every area of library operations, "will position the university to participate more fully in the development of electronic information sources, while improving access to the rich print collections at the UI and other libraries in Illinois."

Patrons wanting to try the new system, which became operational Aug. 18, should visit the library's electronic gateway (www.library.uiuc.edu). The site includes the online card catalog. Web pages developed by each library on campus that point to information in that discipline, licensed resources that the library has paid for, journal indexes and some full-text resources.

Users may now search the new Illinet Online catalog two ways. One means is through a text-based Telnet interface – which resembles the old system, with the addition of pull-down menus. It allows patrons to search for, request and renew materials, as well as view a list of items they have checked out or requested. Patrons also may choose to use a more user-friendly experimental Web interface that can be (See Library, page 7)

A view of John Street from Altgeld Hall shows changes made to the intersection to increase safety.

By Nancy Koeneman

Never mind the big holes, the large machinery, the dust and the lovely orange plastic fencing. The construction work on John Street, between 6th and Wright streets, means increased safety for pedestrians and drivers.

"This project was very complicated in that the goal was to increase safety on campus," Kevin Duff, campus landscape architect, said. "Both cities and the university have been meeting and talking about this for a long time."

Campustown 2000 was supportive of the effort, but was not the impetus, he said. "We wanted to implement a project that improved safety on campus and this project is doing that." "You saw a lot of people in wheelchairs heading down John Street. The slopes on the sidewalks were too steep to maneuver in a wheelchair," Duff said. The sidewalks are now more accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Traffic humps (different from speed bumps) are another safety measure that were installed at both intersections. A traffic hump is a slightly raised crosswalk visible to drivers and designed to encourage them to slow their vehicles as they approach. Because the hump acts like a small hill, it physically slows ap-

The library's revamped Web site, at www.library.uiuc.edu, is the gateway to a new way of accessing books at the UI as well as at 44 other libraries in the Illinois Library Computer Systems Organization.

Richard H. Herman named provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs

By Shannon Vicic

Richard H. Herman, the dean of the College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences at the University of Maryland, College Park, has been selected as the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the UI’s Urbana campus.

Approval for his appointment will be sought from the UI Board of Trustees at its Sept. 3 meeting in Chicago. Herman succeeds Larry Faulkner, who left in April to assume the presidency of the University of Texas at Austin. Thomas Mengler, the dean of the UI College of Law, has served as interim vice chancellor since Faulkner’s departure and will continue in that position until Herman begins his duties later this fall.

In addition to his role as provost, Herman will be appointed to the rank of professor in the UI department of mathematics. Since 1990, Herman has served as the dean of the University of Maryland’s College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, which comprises six academic departments and three research institutes.

From 1986 to 1990, he served as chair of the mathematics department at Pennsylvania State University, where he had been a faculty member since 1972. He began his teaching career at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he was a mathematics professor from 1968 to 1972.

“Richard Herman’s skills and experience as an administrator make him an excellent match for this campus,” said (See Provost, page 2)
The Partnership Illinois Council at the UI has awarded 15 seed grants to UI faculty members for the development of outreach programs throughout the state. Among the faculty proposals funded by seed grants are a literacy program for children, a program aimed at increasing support and training for volunteer firefighters throughout the state, and several projects aimed at improving Illinois schools.

The Partnership Illinois initiative is designed to help the university coordinate its public service and outreach efforts, increase the impact of the university’s outreach programs, and create more opportunities for the UI to serve the state.

The seed-grant program, which is part of the Partnership Illinois initiative, was established to encourage UI faculty members to develop outreach programs that address current and developing needs in the state.

The Partnership Illinois Council selected the award-winning proposals from 61 proposals submitted by faculty members.

The faculty proposals recommended for funding by the council:

- Douglas J. Brewer, World Heritage Site, $15,000, to provide students and teachers in Illinois schools with access to digital information, such as high-quality digital photographs and detailed statistical data, about artifacts in the collection of the World Heritage Museum.
- Brian Orland, landscape architecture, and Vernon O. Burton, history, $12,000, to collect and organize information that will provide a comprehensive social history of East St. Louis, Ill., and to develop materials, protocols and training for community residents so that they can deliver social history programs to visitors to the Greater St. Louis metropolitan region.
- Renee T. Clift, Council on Teacher Education, $10,000 (renewal), to conduct an evaluation of the Novice Teacher Support Project, which provides professional development and support for beginning teachers from 39 districts in Champaign, Ford and Vermilion counties.
- Kate Dobrovolsky, WILL Channel 12, Judy Hartley, UI Child Care Resource Service, and Brenda Pacey, Lincoln Trail Libraries System, $15,000, to increase the reach and effectiveness of WILL’s Ready to Learn (RTL) service by providing resources — including public television programs, educational materials and related books — that parents, child-care providers and teachers can use to help children achieve success in school.
- Mildred B. Griggs, College of Education, $12,000, to establish a partnership between the UI College of Education and the Chicago Board of Education to work with the Chicago Public Schools to achieve three goals: recruit underrepresented minority students for teacher education programs at UI, develop field sites for teachers in select K-12 schools in Chicago and collaborate with units across campus to provide professional development for the teachers and administrators in those schools.
- Julian Rappaport and Thorn Moore, psychology, $10,000 (renewal), to develop a parent/child/family center to be located in a public school in a low-income, working class, majority African-American neighborhood of Champaign.
- Paul W. Thurston, educational organization and leadership, $10,000, to collaborate with the staff of Stratton School (formerly Columbia), one of the Unit 4 school system’s choice to identify and implement the theme of the school. The program is the beginning of a three- to five-year commitment to make Stratton a high-performing school that is well connected to the surrounding neighborhood.
- Paul W. Thurston, educational organization and leadership, $8,500 (renewal), to continue a partnership begun last year with Northeast Elementary School in Danville and Edison Middle School in Champaign to provide faculty expertise to enhance school improvement initiatives.
- Douglas Holt, advertising, $14,000, to provide market research and strategy planning to assist the Black Metropolis Community Development Corp., an organization based in Chicago’s historic black belt community of Bronzeville on the south side, to develop cultural tourism as a mechanism for community-based economic development. Bronzeville was once the center of African-American blues and jazz and home to some of the largest black businesses in the nation.

Mark Aber, psychology, $10,000, to continue the efforts of the Community Collaboration for Economic Development (CCED), which seeks to increase the number of low-income and African-American businesses in Champaign County.

David W. Onstad, natural resources and environmental sciences, $12,200, to create the Illinois Environmental Policy Review, a newsletter-style publication written by Illinois professors about environmental issues affecting the state. The publication would inform citizens and government officials about the environmental effects of policy alternatives.

Andrea Bellinger, agricultural and consumer economics, and Elizabeth Powers, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, $10,000 (renewal), to help the Illinois Department of Public Aid (DPA) design and implement an evaluation of new child support enforcement policies in Illinois and their impact on the well-being of children and families in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program.

Robert Jaehne, Fire Service Institute, $15,000, to organize a yearlong effort to define issues and bring together interested parties (government, industry, education, public safety) to improve support and training for volunteer firefighters in Illinois.

Robert F. Rich, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, $10,000 (renewal), to continue the UI’s partnership with the Illinois Municipal League, which has led to the establishment of the Academy for Municipal Excellence. The academy offers the Leadership Enhancement and Development Program (LEAD), designed for senior elected officials in local government.

John V. van Es, human and community development, and Anthony D. Better, School of Social Work, $12,000, to provide a series of three two-hour satellite video programs that will address the recent welfare reforms that have occurred in Illinois and other states. The audience for the programs will include state and local officials, human service practitioners, educators and representatives from businesses that hire TANF participants.

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Chancellor Michael Aiken.

“During the course of this search, I have become an admiral of his intelligence, his energy and his broad familiarity with the issues confronting higher education nationally and at this institution in particular. I very much look forward to welcoming him to the campus this fall.”

Herman has written or co-written more than 40 articles for mathematical journals. In addition, he has earned grants from the National Science Foundation, NATO and the National Academy of Science. From 1991 to 1997, he served as the chair of the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics, a joint venture of the American Mathematical Society, the Mathematical Association of America, and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics. The board was established to articulate and advocate policy concern with the mathematical sciences and the ability of mathematics as a discipline to contribute to the national welfare.

From 1993 to 1997, Herman chaired the National Science Foundation’s Advisory Committee for the Directorate of Mathematical and Physical Sciences. He received his bachelor’s degree from Stevens Institute of Technology and his doctorate from the University of Maryland.

“I am enormously pleased to have been selected as provost and vice chancellor at one of the nation’s premier universities,” Herman said.

“I welcome the opportunity to join Chancellor Aiken and the many talented faculty and staff members on the Urbana-Champaign campus to build upon the long tradition of excellence at the UI and to expand the university’s leadership role in both education and research.”

Herman was selected following a nationwide search, during which the credentials of approximately 80 people were considered. The search committee, chaired by Paul Bohn, head of the department of chemistry, was assisted in the search by the education practice of A.T. Kearney.

Contact the News Bureau for more information. The News Bureau is located in the Illini Center, 200 N. University, Urbana, Ill. 61801. Phone: 333-2895 or e-mail to d-dahl2@uiuc.edu.

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Sizzling summer recipes

We have a winner! Diane Becket’s name was (literally) drawn from a hat (OK it was really a bowl) by an impartial News Bureau staff member to win a cookbook of her choice ($20 value or less) from the Illini Union Bookstore. (Diane shared her Pretzel Salad recipe.) Everyone submitted a recipe published or not was part of our drawing. The final two recipes of the series are presented here. We thank everyone who sent us a recipe and hope that everyone enjoyed reading (and trying) the recipes as much as we did. Scrumptious! Because of the excellent response to the series, we hope to run it again next year. So those of you who didn’t get a recipe in, save one for us for the summer of 1999. A special thank you to Yolline Chandler and the Illini Union Bookstore for their contribution!

A. Doyle Moore, emeritus professor of art and
design and WILL-AM (580) “chef in residence”

“This dish was created by a colleague, Peter
Franklin-White, on a mountain top in Vermont with
Unit One students from the UI. But since he can
never remember it, I have become the keeper of
the receipt [recipe].”

Summer Vegetable Melange
(Serves 6 to 8)
2 tablespoons cooking oil, margarine or butter
6 small zucchini or 6 small yellow crookneck
squash or 1 of each (my preference), washed and sliced
2 tablespoons whole dried rosemary leaves or 3 tablespoons whole fresh rosemary leaves
1/2 pint (1 cup) whipping cream
1 cup washed and stemmed green seedless grapes
Salt and pepper to taste
Heat a deep skillet or sauté pan. Add the oil or margarine or butter. Sauté
the zucchini and squash with the rosemary leaves until lightly browned. Add the
whipping cream and cook until the cream is reduced and begins
to turn a light brown, stirring occasionally. Add the green grapes
and cook until they are heated through. Correct the seasoning to taste.

Kim Dalluge, medical insurance specialist
Benefits Center

“This is a very easy and yummy recipe that my
husband loves to make for our family. You can grill
or broil – either way it’s a healthy time saver.

Lemonade Chicken
4 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts
Lemonade mix (we use Country Time)
Italian dressing (low-fat is fine)
Mix the powdered lemonade with the dressing.
The mix must be completely absorbed by the dressing; no powder
should be visible. Marinate the chicken breasts in the marinated lemonade
for an hour or more. Grill or broil the chicken until
the juices run clear. Serve with your favorite potato side dish.

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New ALS dean announced
By Craig Chamberlain

Tanya M. Gallagher, an associate dean on the Faculty of Medicine at McGill Univer-
sity, Montreal, has been named dean of the College of Applied Life Studies at the UI,
pending approval by the UI Board of Truste-
s. (See the meeting Sept. 3 in Chicago.)

Gallagher, a UI alumna, was selected as the result of a search process begun after
Dean Michael Ellis announced his retire-
ment, which takes effect Aug. 21. Robert
Sprague, a professor of kinesiology, will
serve as interim dean until Dec. 1, when
Gallagher will assume her new duties.

Chosen from a group of four finalists,
Gallagher “distinguished herself as the can-
didate best suited to lead the college in
these times,” said Thomas Mengler, in-
ternim provost of the college. “She brings to the
post her outstanding personal skills, her
experience in strategic planning and bud-
getary processes, and her vision for applied
life sciences at a research university. I am
confident that Professor Gallagher will be an
excellent leader for the college.”

Gallagher earned all three of her degrees at
the UI, starting with a bachelor’s in speech and
language pathology. She then attended graduate
school for a master’s degree in the same field in 1969,
and a doctorate in speech and language
sciences in 1971.

She began her academic career in 1972 at
the University of Michigan, where she held
professorships in both speech and
language pathology, the latter in
the university’s medical school. In 1978, she
moved to the university’s College of
Education, continuing as a professor of
speech-language pathology.

In 1987, Gallagher became the director
of the School of Communication Sciences
and Disorders, in the Faculty of Medicine at
McGill University, and in 1991 added the position of associate dean for allied health
sciences in the College of Medicine. In 1995, she was named to her current position
as the associate dean for university affairs,
planning and resources in the Faculty of
Medicine.

Gallagher also is the current president of the American Speech-Language-Hearing
Foundation, and has held previous posi-
tions as the association’s vice president,
chair of its Publications Board and chair of its Council of Editors.

From this beginning, what attracted me
to the position were the people I met and
what they said about the college,” Gallagher said. “The college has an
impressive curriculum – a strong foundation, evident com-
mittments to performance at the highest levels and a value system that resonates
the core missions of a fine university. It
presented a great opportunity to help the col-
llege achieve the major leadership role it
so well-positioned to assume as society
struggles with how best to organize and
deliver healthcare, support positive lifestyle changes, and develop and utilize rehabilita-
tion interventions and technologies.”

Gallagher will assume her new duties.

New Uni principal named
By Shannon Vici

John H. Hedeman, a member of the coun-
seling faculty at Parkland College and
former secondary school administrator, has
been named the new principal/director of
University High School, the laboratory
school of the UI.

Hedeman began his duties Aug. 17. Of-
icial approval for his appointment will be
sought from the UI Board of Trustees at its
Sept. 3 meeting in Chicago. The position
has been vacant since Shelly Roberts re-
signed on July 31.

“I’m delighted with John Hedeman’s ap-
pointment as principal,” said Thomas
Mengler, interim provost and vice chan-
celor for academic affairs at the UI.

“He has an excellent background in edu-
cation, and has worked extensively with
students, teachers and administrators at both
the secondary and college levels. I am con-
fident that he has the personal qualities,
skills and experience to lead Uni High into the
future.”

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Activities for the day include tours of research plots as well as tent displays and demonstrations.
The center is located south of the UI’s main campus on Wright Street extended. Agronomy Day will begin at 7 a.m. Hour-long wagon tours around the research plots will repeat every half-hour as groups are available. The last tour will leave at noon. Lunch will be available at a nominal charge.
For additional information about Agronomy Day 1998, call Sharon Conuter, 333-4424.

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Studies refute concept that body stores vitamin A-making substances

By Jim Barlow

Efforts to battle vitamin A deficiency have been thrown off course. Carotenoids that promote vitamin A production and are often consumed in mass quantities when available are not sufficiently stored and converted to vitamin A, according to new research. Vitamin A deficiency causes blindness and has been linked with poor growth in children, immunity problems and death. The World Health Organization estimates that 2.8 million preschool children are at risk of blindness, and the health of 251 million people is compromised.

“In many countries, either because of lack of access or because of religious preference, vitamin A is not in the diet or is consumed in very small amounts,” said John Erdman, director of the UI Division of Nutritional Sciences. “You only get preformed vitamin A from animal foods such as liver, dairy products and fish oil. Millions of people don’t get these highly bioavailable sources.”

In the absence of animal-based sources, vitamin A supplements or an infusion of carotenoid-rich vegetables can be substituted. Some carotenoids, particularly beta carotene-rich vegetables can be substituted with vitamin A supplements or an infusion of carotenoid-rich vegetables can be substituted with vitamin A supplements. But the utility of this vitamin A precursor is limited.

Erdman said. A followup study with the same animal model begins this month.

“We found that stored carotenoids from a previously consumed diet were not converted to vitamin A when the vitamin was removed from the diet,” Erdman said. “This is the first scientific evidence that questions the utility of this vitamin A precursor.”

There was a rapid loss of beta carotene from the two pools in the gerbils’ liver. One pool was lost slowly; the second, which included the most beta carotene, was lost rapidly. High levels of beta carotene absorbed in tissues failed to improve vitamin A status, and feeding pre-formed vitamin A without beta carotene failed to slow the loss of stores of previously fed beta carotene.

“Without continual feeding of beta carotene in the diet, most of the tissue beta carotene is eventually depleted,” Erdman said. “If stored or accumulated beta carotene is not converted to vitamin A when initially absorbed, beta carotene provides no vitamin A value.”

“A popular public health approach in some countries with rampant vitamin A deficiency is to promote consumption of fruits and vegetables high in beta carotene as they are available. It was assumed this would offer protection for much of the year.”

This approach will have to be revisited,” Erdman said. “Coauthors were Erdman, technician Christine M. Lee and former graduate student Angela J. Thatcher. Funding came from the National Research Initiative of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Rise of Nazism linked to roots in national imagination

By Andrea Lynn

Historian Peter Fritzsche disputes the standard explanation for the rise of Nazism in Germany — that it came out of nowhere and succeeded beyond all expectation because Germany “was pushed to the very edge of crisis” by military defeat, inflation and economic depression.

“Complicated explanations based on anxiety and deprivation don’t take German politics sufficiently seriously,” said Fritzsche, a professor of German history at the UI. “Nazism has deep roots in German politics and in the German imagination. Had the Nazis not been social reformist, nationalist and populist, they would have failed.”

Fritzsche traces the roots of Nazism — beginning with Germany’s declaration of war against Serbia and Russia in 1914 — in a new book, “Germans Into Nazis” (Harvard University Press). Along the way, he explores the popular misconceptions about Nazis, including the sense that they were “men from Mars who descended on Germany to politically mobilize voters.”

“Before Germans were Nazis,” Fritzsche said, “they belonged to paramilitary associations or to other right-wing parties. I don’t see the Nazis as separate from other political reform movements.”

According to Fritzsche, the Nazi party, unlike its competitors, offered “a new and different Germany that was based on the idea of cooperation and vigilance. They spoke in a political vernacular that liberated the people and the nation, rather than the state, the republic or the constitution. They were explicitly clear about putting people back to work and setting up social welfare programs, and, in fact, they seemed to be more social reformist than the other parties.”

In his book, Fritzsche attacks the views of Daniel Goldhagen and other historians who reduce the ideological appeal of Nazism to anti-Semitism.

“Goldhagen is right to stress the importance of ideology and desire in explaining what Germans did politically in the 1920s and 1930s. Where he is wrong, and he is completely wrong, is to reduce Nazism to anti-Semitism and then to lose Nazism along the way. “Germans were anti-Semitic, but that’s not why there was so much electoral volatility or why so many people switched their votes. Anti-Semitism did not impel Germans to stand in the street and cheer the Nazis or to attend Nazi meetings. There were many right-wing movements that erupted in the 1920s, but they were not populist and they did not have a social reformist edge to them, and therefore they failed. The Nazis succeeded because they were populist and had that edge.”

Fritzsche observed that “in an odd way” racism may have served as an expression of Nazi commitment to the German people. That Jews stood outside the German Volk community didn’t seem to bother most Germans who voted for the Nazis, perhaps because that sentiment “echoed the casual anti-Semitism they had learned at home,” Fritzsche said.
Jean-Francois Henriart, professor of business administration, won the 1998 Rydel Propulsion Award from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Vassar, New York, for contributions to the field of international business research.

Herman Krier, professor of mechanical engineering, received the 1998 Rydel Propulsion Award from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics on July 14. The award is for outstanding achievement in the development or application of rocket-propulsion systems.

Peter McCullough, professor of astronomy, has been named a Cornell Scholar by the Research Corporation—one of 13 awards made this year following exhaustive peer review. This honor carries with it a $50,000 award to further McCullough’s research and educational endeavors.

Gregory A. Miller, professor of psychology, has been appointed to serve on the American Psychological Association’s Committee on Scientific Awards through 1999. The committee recognizes researchers for scientific excellence in psychology.

Jeffrey S. Mogil, professor of physiology and neuroscience, has been chosen as the sixth recipient of the Neal E. Miller New Investigator Award by the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research. He received the award at the academy’s annual meeting in June. Mogil’s selection was based on his research on gender-based genetic responses to pain. The award honors the academy’s first president and is given to scientists for imaginative and carefully done research.

Kenneth L. Rinehart, professor of chemistry, was presented an honorary degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia at its May 1998 graduation ceremony.

Glyn Roberts, professor of kinesiology who recently retired, was awarded the Distinguished Scholar Award from the North American Society for Sport and Physical Activity at the society’s annual meeting in June. This is the highest honor the society bestows. He represents and sustains significant scholarship, leadership in the field, and commitment to the goals of his profession. He is the third person to receive the award.

Janice A. Seitz, assistant dean and director of the Interdisciplinary Program, received the 1998 Mothers Association bronze Medallion of Honor at the association’s banquet on April 24. The medal is awarded each year to a woman who, by example and service, has used her talents to enrich the lives of others.

Robert M. Skirvin, professor of horticulture, was named the 1997 recipient of the Excellence in College and University Teaching in the Food and Agricultural Sciences Award. Only eight awards are given each year by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

Mark Spong, professor of engineering and research professor in the Coordinated Science Lab, received the Best Video Award at the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers International Conference on Robotics and Automation, in Leuven, Belgium. The award was for the original research in Mark Spong’s video “Development of a Three Degree of Freedom Air Hockey Robot,” conducted at Spong’s laboratory.

David Stone, University Laboratory High School biology teacher, served as advisor to four Uni sophomores who won third place in the final round of the Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision Awards program. This is the third time winning team Stone has advised. The competition is the world’s largest science competition for students in grades K-12.

Samuel L. Stupp, professor of materials science and engineering, of bioengineering and of chemistry and a Swanlund Chair, was elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in April. The academy addresses issues of intellectual consequence to the nation through interdisciplinary and collaborative projects and publications. Membership is recognition of contributions to sciences, scholarship, public affairs and the arts. Stupp will be inducted in ceremonies at the House of the Academy in Cambridge, Mass., in October.

Jeremiah D. Sullivan, professor of physics and former director of the Program in Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security, was one of the four nominees for the March 1998 issue of Physics Today. The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty provides the historical background of the article, details the comprehensive international remote monitoring system to verify compliance, and explains the provisions for on-site inspections.

Jerry Uhl, professor of mathematics, received the Illinois Section Award for Distinguished Teaching of Mathematics from the Mathematical Association of America. The annual award is given to recognize successful teachers of mathematics at the college or university level who foster excitement about math in their students and whose influence in teaching has gone well beyond their own institution.

Harriett Weatherford, director for business affairs in the University Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance, was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award in April from United Way as its annual volunteer recognition breakfast. Katherine Kral, Weatherford’s supervisor, nominated her for the award.

Jack Witheldom, professor of plant physiology, was recognized in April as Sloan Fellow. His research involves the use of gene technologies to replace an enzyme that is beneficial to Champaign County by the volunteer Committee of Center for Bioresource Technology.

K. Dane Wittrup, professor of chemical engineering, was chosen to receive the American Institute of Chemical Engineers’ 1998 Allan P. Colburn Award for Excellence in Publications by a Young Member of the Institute. The award includes a $5,000 prize and a $500 travel allowance. The award will be presented in November at the institute’s annual meeting.

Miles V. Klein, professor of physics and director of the Science and Technology Center for Superconductivity, and William Schowalter, dean of the College of Engineering, were elected to the National Academy of Sciences in April. The election was held during the 135th annual meeting of the academy and is considered one of the highest honors given a U.S. scientist or engineer. The award is given in recognition of distinguished and continuing achievement in original research.

Susan Tolman, professor of mathematics, and Yi Lu, professor of chemistry, both of the University of Illinois, were selected as 1998 Sloan Fellows. Through these fellowships, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation seeks to identify and support young scientists on the campuses of colleges and universities in the United States and Canada who have demonstrated special creative ability in the physical sciences, mathematics, computer science and economics.

Allerton Park’s Waste Water Treatment Facility was selected as Plant of the Year by the Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators. The award was given at the vice president’s conference in Springfield April 22. A traveling trophy will be exhibited at the facility for the next year and a permanent plaque is awarded as the trophy is passed to the next year’s award-winning facility.

The Nutrition Education for Diverse Audiences Conference Planning Committee was selected to receive a 1998 U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary’s Honor Award. The award acknowledges outstanding contributions to agriculture, to the consumers of agricultural products, and to the ability of the department to serve America.

Robin Orr, extension associate for Agro- nomic Extension Service, and professor of food science and human nutrition, received the award on behalf of the committee at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., in June.

The Four Tops,” as they are called, made $11.6 million in contributions to general-election candidates in 1996, “a staggering amount by comparison with the contributions from party organizations reported in other states,” Redfield and Quirk report.

“The cost of leadership-tar- geted races has gone up/dramatically since 1990, more than doubling in both Senate and House elections.”

“The power of the purse has en- abled the leaders to control over budget and other mat- ters,” Redfield and Quirk write. “In many cases, many rank-and- file legislators complain of being irrelevant.”

Setting limits on the money transfers between leadership campaign funds and candidates who could help or hurt them is, according to the report, “approaching the traditional independence of individual legislators.”

Other recommendations by the UI political scientists include:

• Electronic filing. The state should speed up the reporting of campaign transactions by eliminating the fixed schedule of financial reports and post the data immediately on the Internet.

• Disclosure. The state should require corporations, unions, professional societies and other campaign contributors to file accurate and complete disclosure statements.

• Personal use. The state should plug loopholes in the ban on personal use of campaign funds contained in a campaign finance measure, House Bill 672, now awaiting Gov. Jim Edgar’s signature. ▼
The Office of Academic Human Resources, Suite 420, 807 S. Wright St., maintains the listings for faculty and academic professional positions. More complete descriptions of positions may be obtained during regular business hours. Job listings are also available at the service center located in the University Library.

Benefits of the new online library system include enhanced research and information retrieval capabilities; a choice of interfaces (the text-based, Telnet-accessible interface or a graphical Web-accessible interface that will be used to catalog records remotely); accurate tracking of books requested from libraries on campus and the Web; and constant access to one’s own record, to see what has been checked out and what is overdue; additional search flexibility, including keyword searching of subject headings and finding numbered volumes in series; and the ability to perform an automated check-out for many UI libraries’ reserve collections.

The Telnet interface is a short-term compromise that enables us to move ahead, while the Web interface, although not fully functional [yet] has a lot of powerful features and will become the preferred interface as soon as it’s fully functional—a matter of a few months at most,” said Susan Searing, chair of the task force on user education and training planning for user services at the UI Library.

Patrons need not panic about the changes in their library life. Considerable thought has gone into the transition to minimize anxiety and confusion. Free public workshops have been scheduled to familiarize library patrons with the new system. (See article at right.) Handouts, including a pocket guide, are being printed and will be distributed around campus. A tutorial for navigating the new system also is available on the library gateway homepage.


Admissions and Records. Associate director. Bachelor’s degree required. Master’s degree preferred. Excellent written and interpersonal communication skills. Experience in working with college student personnel, public administration or related field. Experience in college/university settings, center or student activities preferred. Requires experience and/or working knowledge of database management, computer and information systems, entertainment contracting, program planning and management, audio-visual equipment and sound systems, and budget management. Salary $33,500-35,000 available. Available immediately. Contact: Cheryl Schilli, 333-3555, or sschilli@uiuc.edu. Closing date: Sept. 15.

Cell and Structural Biology. Research specialist (full-time), life sciences. Bachelor’s degree with at least one year’s relevant experience in laboratory research. Familiarity with laboratory rodents is desirable. Available immediately. Contact: Helen Neef, 244-6638. Closing date: Aug. 31.

Geology. Research programmer, hyrdogeoology. Bachelor’s degree in computer science or related field preferred. One year’s relevant experience as a multi-user environment required. Programming in C/C++ under MS Windows or X-Windows/Motif required. Available immediately. Contact: Craig Robbins, 244-6638. Closing date: Aug. 31.


Housing. Associate director, family and graduate housing. Bachelor’s degree required. Experience in working with college student personnel, public administration or related field. Experience in university housing required. Must demonstrate ability to work with diverse populations and to work collaboratively to achieve housing’s mission. Available immediately. Contact: Ann Weiskill, 333-1240. Closing date: Aug. 24.

IL/Union. Assistant director, operations. Bachelor’s degree and a minimum of five years’ management and supervisory experience required. Available immediately. Contact: Richard Burkhardt, 333-1155. Closing date: Sept. 25.

Job market

Library workshops scheduled

Workshops are scheduled to teach patrons how to use the new online catalog and new article databases. An online tutorial also is available at www.library.uiuc.edu/help. Patrons who need only to find books or journals within the library system, should attend these workshops. Those people who need to know how to search article databases to identify articles on a particular subject should take both workshops.

September workshops

“Using the Online Catalog”

Sessions at 289 Undergraduate Library: 
- Sept. 1 and 2 from 3 to 4 p.m. 
- Sept. 8 and 9 from 11 a.m. to noon 
- Sept. 15 and 16 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Sessions at 429 Geinger Engineering Library 
- Sept. 3 from 11 a.m. to noon 
- Sept. 10 from 7 to 8 p.m. 
- Sept. 17 and 24 from 3 to 4 p.m. 

“Using Article Databases”

Sessions will begin in October. Workshops and tours may be done on the Web at magr.magni.uiuc.edu/library/fallworkshop.asp or by contacting Lori DuBois, l-dubois@uiuc.edu or 333-3769. Available immediately. Contact: Lori DuBois, 333-3769. Available immediately. Job listing ID located on your I-card and terminal server password are required. 

coordinator position was established for two years. Rebecca Graham was named to the position.

According to Graham, important work also was carried out by employees outside the library, such as staff members in the Computing and Information Services Office, and in the Operations and Maintenance Division who prepared the computer and communications infrastructure on campus. Several working groups in the ILCSO consortium ironed out issues of data display, the “look and feel” of the Web page, software configuration, etc. UI librarians also worked with many of the ILCSO groups.

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The tasks have ranged from the mundane—tying in the detailed circulation data from libraries without having to rewrite the code—right up to the creative, such as designing the Web interface. “The library organized functional teams led by the code. The code, the data collection, the database setup, adding the online patrons, everything from the data display, the “look and feel” of the Web page, software configuration, etc. UI librarians also worked with many of the ILCSO groups.

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25 Tuesday
“Non-Formal Education for Social Transformation Ending Female Genital Mutilation in Senegal” Molly Melching, TOSTAN 3 p.m. 2050 Room, T.B. 102 Languages Building. French. Friday
28 Friday
“India’s New Government, Nuclear Testing and Its Impact on the Economy of India” J.C. Sharma, Consul General of India, Chicago. 4 p.m. 315 A & B, Illini Union. For more information, e-mail mbhagwat@uiuc.edu or call 373-0720. Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, ACDSH and International Programs and Studies
3 Thursday
“Staging Xenophobia in Germany in the 1990s, Three Political Plays” Helga Kraft, UI. 7:30 p.m. Reading room, Lesbian Faculty Center. Germanic Languages and Literature. Friday
28 Friday
“Chitin Synthesis by Aspergillus.” Peter Borgia, Aspergillus Functional Genomics. 3 p.m. 101 International Science Center. Biochemistry. Saturday
29 Saturday
“Art for a Cause” Downtown Champaign Artwalk. Noon-5 p.m. Downtown Champaign. Donations of art for sale. For more information, call 318-4196. Center for the Arts of the University of Illinois. For more information, call 244-4196. College of Medicine. Friday
28 Friday
Medical Seminar, Ed Dellert, Jack Lynch and Sally Schreud, Regional Organ Bank of Illinois. Noon. 407 Levi Faculty Center. For more information, call 244-4196. College of Medicine. Seminar, Parminer Sethi, uralogist, Veteran Affairs Hospital, Zionville 1-4 p.m. 407 Levi Faculty Center. For more information, call 244-4196. College of Medicine. Thursday
27 Thursday
Agronomy Day ’98: Agricultural Information: “Seeds for Success.” 7 a.m. Crop Sciences Research and Education Center. Annual symposium in which faculty members have an opportunity to discuss their latest research findings with clients from Illinois and neighboring states. Tent displays and demonstrations will be available. For more information, e-mail scomte@uiuc.edu or call 333-4424. Agronomy, Crop Sciences, and Agricultural Continuing and Environmental Sciences. Garage sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m. University YMCA. 1001 S. Wright St., Champaign. Table selling a variety of household items, furniture and clothing will be accepted Aug. 20-21, and Aug. 24 and 25. For more information, call 333-1500. Continues Friday. University YMCA. Tuesday
23 Sunday
28 Friday
Guest Artist Recital, Xi Zhang, Harid Conservatory, Southern Illinois University. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Zingshar Conservatory, Southern Illinois University. Admission charge. Friday
29 Saturday
Women’s Volleyball. Alumni match. 7:30 p.m. Huff Hall. Admission charge.
4 Friday
Women’s Volleyball, Illini Classic. 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. University of Akron, Oral Roberts University and Southeast Missouri State University. Admission charge.
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Women’s Soccer, UI vs. Quincy College. 3 p.m. Soccer Multiplex Fields, First Street and Ag Drive, Champaign. Admission charge.
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