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Through the night, ambulances roll patients into our hospital’s emergency rooms. Computers—and their keepers—crunch silently through the back-room business of the campuses. Students, anxious about the morning’s psych test, upcoming dance recital or engineering capstone project, rest uneasily in their beds. Livestock laze in stalls or lean against fences. And the corn grows.

The sun never sets on the University of Illinois.

From Cairo to Rockford, Quincy to Hoopeston, Illinoisans know that their University is at work for them. With some 70,000 students enrolled on the main campuses in Chicago, Springfield and Urbana-Champaign, with 533,000 alumni spread across the globe (more than 275,000 in the Prairie State alone), and with 22,000 faculty and staff teaching, doing outreach and making discoveries that could change lives, the University of Illinois is an important state asset with a national and international reach and reputation. All day and all night, 365 days a year, the University is up and running.

This year’s University of Illinois annual report, 24/7, illustrates the wide variety of activities our students, our faculty and our staff engage in around the clock. Like a family photo album, 24/7 preserves moments but does not tell the whole story. The whole story of this University, which dates to the middle of the 19th Century and embodies radical ideas about education for ordinary citizens, is simply too big, too bold, too diffuse, to tell in a few pages.

Still, I believe 24/7 ably captures slices of life at the University of Illinois. And many are seen through the viewfinders of cameras held by students in Professor Brian Johnson’s advanced photojournalism class at Urbana-Champaign. We asked five students to document life on the three campuses around the clock in March, April and May, including overnighers at UIC and UIS. They shot thousands of pictures and the students had the opportunity to participate in a unique project that showcases their work in a publication sent to some of our most important affiliates. In a difficult fiscal environment, this is a win-win for the University of Illinois. As always, thank you for your continuing support of the University of Illinois. Feel free to contact me with your comments at uipres@uillinois.edu.

James J. Stukel
President
EXTRAORDINARY RESEARCH
The Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology on the north edge of the Urbana-Champaign campus is the largest academic building on campus and is the site of some of the world’s most important research. Faculty frequently work in multidisciplinary research teams on three main themes: biological intelligence, human-computer intelligence interaction, and molecular and electronic nanostructures. The Institute was built with a $40-million gift from alumnus Arnold O. Beckman and his wife, Mabel. Photo by UI Photographic Services

WORKING ‘ROUND THE CLOCK University Hall, easily recognizable as the tallest building on the UIC campus and home to hundreds of faculty and administrative offices, is usually quiet at daybreak. But a few blocks away, at the University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago, the activity continues 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. More than 600 physicians and 2,500 support professionals and staff provide care to 16,500 inpatients a year. In 2003, U.S. News & World Report cited the Medical Center as one of the country’s best hospitals in three specialties—ear, nose and throat; eyes; and neurology and neurosurgery. Photo by Devaursli Mahadeira
HOME OF THE FLYING ILLINI
Early morning at the University of Illinois Willard Airport, south of the Urbana-Champaign campus, means getting aircraft ready for the 300 flight students and Bachelor of Science in Aviation Human Factors majors. The airport, with FAA tower, functions as an educational/research lab for students and researchers. The Institute of Aviation has a new fleet of orange, blue and white Piper aircraft for flight training. The Flying Illini Precision Flight Team placed first in regional competition in Fall ’02 and traveled to North Dakota in May to compete in the Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference. The team placed seventh in the nation. Willard also serves travelers from the University and community with commercial flights to three destinations.

Photos by Devaunshi Mahadeira

HOME ON THE U OF I RANGE
Horses from the University’s Horse Farm graze in a pasture near the Florida Avenue residence hall on the Urbana-Champaign campus. The animal sciences department maintains 1,100 acres of land for the South Farms, including facilities for research on swine, horses, poultry, sheep, and beef and dairy cattle. Photo by Becky Mabry

ONLINE EDUCATION
UIS is fast becoming a national leader in online education, offering more than 65 online courses each semester and six entirely online degree-granting programs. Online programs account for more than 1,000 enrollments each semester and the campus expects to triple that number by 2005. The retention rate among UIS online students is 95%, compared to 70% nationally. Photo by Curt Nelzke

COLORFUL CAMPUS
Assistant grounds gardener Terry Minder gets an early start on tending the dozens of colorful flowerbeds on the Springfield campus, which is located on 746 acres on the southeast side of the city. Photo by Curt Nelzke
CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY
UIS broke ground on a long-awaited, $30-million classroom building in 2003. The building, which will be the most technologically advanced facility on campus, is scheduled to be completed by Summer '04 and will house the College of Business and Management, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and will be the new home of Admissions, Records, and Financial Aid.

Photo by Curt Neitzke

NORTH QUAD EXPANDING
The Thomas M. Siebel Center for Computer Science at Urbana-Champaign is nearly complete. Alumnus Tom Siebel, founder and CEO of Siebel Systems Inc., gave the University $32 million to build the state-of-the-art facility. It will house one of the nation’s largest and most prestigious programs in computer science, and will allow the department to greatly increase both its faculty and students. It will have room for more than 225,000 square feet of research facilities, labs and classrooms incorporating “intelligent” information technology that anticipates and responds to student and staff activity, enhances education and accelerates research efforts.

Photo by Becky Matry

RARE MEDICINAL PLANT GARDEN
The Dorothy Bradley Atkins Medicinal Plant Garden is one of only a handful of medicinal plant gardens in the United States maintained by pharmacy schools. It is a living library of source plants for prescription and over-the-counter products, as well as botanical, herbal and dietary supplements, such as St. John’s Wort, a mild sedative also touted as an antidepressant. The garden, dedicated last summer, was made possible by a gift from Dr. Robert A. Atkins in honor of his late wife, a 1945 graduate of the College of Pharmacy at Chicago.

Photo by Mary Frega

EXTRA! EXTRA!
Journalism Professor Bill Gaines and two of his students held a news conference in April at the Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C., to unveil “Deep Throat,” a major source for two Washington Post reporters in legendary coverage that led, ultimately, to Richard Nixon’s resignation as president. Gaines, who won two Pulitzer Prizes in his years at the Chicago Tribune, led more than 60 Urbana-Champaign investigative-reporting students over eight semesters through an effort to identify the Post’s anonymous source. Their choice: Fred Fielding, first assistant to John Dean, Nixon's chief counsel.

Photo by Bill Wiegand

CARING, CURING CREATING THE FUTURE
The University’s College of Veterinary Medicine, located in Urbana with its veterinary teaching hospital and state diagnostic laboratory, is a unique resource for Illinois. The state’s only veterinary college, it produces about 100 graduates from its DVM professional degree program each year. In addition, more than 100 graduate students, residents and interns train as next-generation experts in biomedical research and in a dozen veterinary specialty areas.

Photo by Katy Mull
CLASSROOM MEETS COMMUNITY
Eighteen seniors and graduate students working with architecture professor Osman Ataman at Urbana-Champaign built a two-story, single-family home in East St. Louis with the hope that the new construction will be a catalyst to the neighborhood. A local developer sold the house to a low-income family. The project is part of the University’s East St. Louis Action Research Project, which has brought together students and faculty from the School of Architecture and departments of landscape architecture and urban and regional planning to work with East St. Louis residents on immediate and long-term community needs.

Photo by Bill Wegand

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
At UIC, research isn’t just for professors and graduate students. Undergrads also have the opportunity to participate in faculty research in areas such as business, engineering, the humanities and the arts, the natural sciences and the social sciences. Catherine Kuo, a senior majoring in bioengineering, spent two years researching the effects of chewing on the cranial bones of rats with Jeremy J. Mao, head of the Tissue Engineering Lab in the College of Dentistry. In February, she was one of only a handful of undergraduate students to present her research at the Orthopaedic Research Society Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Photo by Devaunshi Mahadeira

THESPIAN THREADS
The costume shop at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts on the Urbana-Champaign campus creates costumes for theater, opera and dance performances. The shop has two professional drapers to make each of the patterns from the designer’s costume sketch, as well as professional stitchers and 10 graduate assistants who serve as wardrobe heads and crew members for each performance. Krannert also rents costumes to theaters around the country. The costume rentals director maintains an inventory of more than 100,000 items and offers professional assistance with selections.

Photo by Katy Mull

BEING GOOD NEIGHBORS
About 50 volunteers from the UIS campus dedicated a Saturday morning in April to a clean-up effort in a Springfield neighborhood. The UIS Office of Student Volunteers and Service Learning and the Community Outreach Partnership Center jointly sponsor UIS CARES Day.

Photo by Kara Pearson

LARGEST PUBLIC-UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
The University Library at Urbana-Champaign is the largest public-university collection in the world, housing more than 23 million items, including 10 million volumes, more than 13 million print and non-print materials, and more than 90,000 periodicals and journals in the main library and some 40 departmental libraries and divisions. The Library’s computerized cataloging system was the first in the world to serve as the primary access to a large academic library. More than a million users worldwide access the online catalog each week. The Undergraduate Library, where Jiwoon Lee is studying, was built underground with an interior courtyard so it would not cast a shadow on the historic Morrow Plots nearby.

Photo by Matt Stensland

EARLY MORNING EXERCISE
Graduate student Mae Noll takes advantage of the early morning quiet to jog around the scenic UIS pond. The pond is stocked and UIS invites the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Ansar Shriners to host three popular fishing tournaments each year, one for senior citizens, one for junior fishermen and one for handicapped children. Canoe races for UIS’s homecoming are also held on the pond each year.

Photo by Curt Neitzke
REACHING OUT The Jane Addams College of Social Work serves thousands of older adults in the neighborhoods near UIC by linking them with the resources they need to live as independently as possible. The program also is a field placement for undergraduate and graduate social work students. Arconia Jackson, coordinator of case management for the elderly, visits the home of a client to conduct an initial assessment and develop a plan of care. 

SPEEDY ESCAPADES Many students forgo walking and switch to inline skates or bikes to get around the 1,450-acre Urbana-Champaign campus. 

LEADERS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY Using biotechnology techniques, Professor Stephen Moose is developing a corn leaf that pests will not eat. Moose, a crop scientist at Urbana-Champaign, is discovering genes that control leaf hairs and waxes. Here, he discusses a biotech corn experiment with Professor Bruce Chassy, right. 

READY TO HELP The McKinley Health Center on the Urbana-Champaign campus records more than 100,000 visits a year, making it one of the largest and most active student health organizations in the nation. In addition to the medical clinic, McKinley offers a dial-a-nurse program, clinics for women’s and men’s health, health education programs and immunizations for travel. Recreational athletes can work with certified trainers, and professionals can help address mental-health issues.

DREAMS ACCOMPLISHED HERE She took all of her classes online, but Jackie S. Peters proudly traveled to the UIS campus with her three daughters in May to walk across the stage as a graduate of the first class to earn the online Master of Arts in Educational Leadership with a concentration in master teaching and leadership.

TEACHING TOMORROW’S TEACHERS The UIC College of Education is one of the top three providers of new teachers to the Chicago Public Schools. Once established in their careers, graduates often serve as mentors for seniors in the program during their student teaching assignments. Leo Ortiz puts theory into practice in teacher Ezah Judeh’s sixth-grade classroom in Shields Elementary School on Chicago’s near southwest side. 

Photo by Matt Stensland
AIRLINE AIR  A scientist at the Urbana-Champaign campus is studying air flow in the cabin of a Boeing 767 to improve air circulation in planes — timely research in light of concerns about the transmission of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), anthrax and other toxins. Professor Yuanhui Zhang, agricultural engineering, is completing the two-year study using the life-sized cabin with Boeing equipment and mannequins. The research is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  Photo by Katy Mull

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE  Along with the nine members of the University’s Board of Trustees appointed by the governor, three student trustees (one from each campus) are elected on their campuses for one-year terms and one of these student trustees is appointed by the governor to have an official vote. Noah Wolfe, UIC, who served two consecutive terms, held the official vote in his second term, 2002-03.  Photo by Katy Mull

MAGNET THERAPY FOR DEPRESSION  UIC is ranked 40th among all U.S. colleges and universities for research funded by the National Institutes of Health. This kind of support—nearly $100 million—leads to potential new treatments, such as the clinical trial being conducted by Philip G. Janicak, medical director of the Psychiatric Clinic Research Center. With support from NIH, Janicak is overseeing a trial that sends intense magnetic pulses to the brain as an alternative treatment for severe depression.  Photo by Brad Kahler

LIVE FROM SPRINGFIELD  Daralene Jones covered the spring session of the General Assembly and other government and political news for WICS NewsChannel 20 in Springfield to earn her M.A. in Public Affairs Reporting at UIS. The spring semester internship provides a stipend to students working under the direct supervision and mentorship of a media outlet’s bureau chief.  Photo by Kara Pearson

DATELINE: STATE CAPITOL  Reporting daily news from the state Capitol gives UIS graduate students in public affairs reporting unique, real-life experience for careers as TV, radio and print journalists. The students spend six months doing class work and the other six months working full-time with reporters from the Chicago and downstate press corps in the Capitol.  Photo by Brad Kahler
NOT JUST CATS AND DOGS
The full-service teaching hospital at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the Urbana-Champaign campus treats more than 14,000 small animals, 2,000 horses, and 1,000 sheep, cows and other farm animals each year, in addition to treating thousands of animals on Illinois farms. Many hospital services, such as the animal rehabilitation program, shown here, integrate protocols to develop and test new treatment approaches. Other research areas at the college range from conservation and environmental health to infectious diseases and biosecurity.

Photo by Katy Mull

MIDDAY ENTERTAINMENT
Brownbag concerts are performed by the UIS Chorus and UIS Band throughout the school year in the Visual Arts Gallery and at end-of-the-year concerts in the Studio Theater. The chorus and band are composed of students, faculty, staff and community members. Each group performs a variety of musical genres, the chorus ranging from 16th Century madrigals to Broadway classics and the band from Dixieland jazz to rock-and-roll. Photo by Curt Neitzke

VIRTUAL EDUCATION
Medical researchers, educators and students explore the human body like never before – inside and out – in the Virtual Reality in Medicine Laboratory at UIC. Wearing goggles and holding a special wand, they can totally immerse themselves in three-dimensional virtual models of the liver, pelvic floor and this one, the temporal bone of the ear. The model ear, which uses technology developed at UIC’s Electronic Visualization Laboratory, received a national award for contributions to medical education.

Photo by Matt Sterland

CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE
UIC undergraduates participate in a psychology class discussion about the applications of community psychology to real world social problems, such as domestic violence, HIV/AIDS and homelessness.

Photo by Devareshi Mahadeira

IS THAT REALLY YOU? A computer that recognizes faces is being developed at the Urbana-Champaign campus by a group of scientists led by Thomas S. Huang, professor of electrical and computer engineering. The research also could result in software that would let people retrieve images from a database by recognizing the faces in the photos. The program could even recognize moods. Huang’s research is funded by the National Science Foundation, the Department of Defense, Yamaha Motor Corporation and the U of I.

Photo by Katy Mull
A GUARANTEED POSITION
Some of the most talented students in the state are attracted to the Chicago campus by the Guaranteed Professional Program Admissions initiative (GPPA). The program admits a limited number of highly qualified freshmen each year to UIC with later admission guaranteed to a professional degree program, such as medicine. Michelle Gentile, a senior admitted under GPPA in 1999, plans to earn a joint M.D. and Ph.D. in molecular oncology and pursue a research career. In 2003, Gentile received a Gates-Cambridge Scholarship and was named to the USA Today Academic All-Star Team, and in 2002, she was awarded a coveted Goldwater Scholarship. Photo by Brad Kahler

MEETING ONE-ON-ONE
Though the Urbana campus enrolls 38,000 students, professors meet face-to-face with their students in hundreds of faculty offices each day. Here, Peter Sheldon, department of advertising instructor, meets with a student in his office in Gregory Hall. Sheldon was presented with the Campus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in April. This campuswide honor is based on student evaluations, a peer evaluation, departmental recommendation and statement of teaching philosophy. Photo by Katy Mull

THE CHEMISTRY WORKS
First-year students in UIS Professor Gary Trammel’s class on biology and chemistry of the environment attempt to determine the oxygen and carbon dioxide levels of exhaled air in an experiment on respiration. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is the largest at UIS, with nearly 1,300 students. Photo by Kara Pearson

CAPITAL SCHOLARS PREVIEW DAY
High school seniors and their parents visit the UIS campus for the Capital Scholars Preview Day in the spring to learn about the selective program for freshmen and sophomores. The Capital Scholars program combines the high standards of the U of I with a small, residential college model, enrolling only about 100 first-year students each year. UIS began admitting first-year students in 2000. Photo by Kara Pearson
CELEBRATING DIVERSITY, TOGETHER  UIC is among the nation’s most diverse university campuses, with no ethnic majority among its 25,000 students. In March, more than 20 groups on campus organized activities to celebrate Asian Awareness Month, including workshops, a film series, a food festival and this panel discussion where participants shared their student activism experiences concerning Asian-American issues. Photo by Brad Kahler

LARGEST, FASTEST IN THE WORLD  One of the most exciting futuristic projects under way on the Urbana-Champaign campus is TeraGrid, a multi-year effort to connect computing systems located at sites across the country and link them over high-speed networks to work as the world’s largest, fastest integrated computing system. Funded by the National Science Foundation, scientists will use TeraGrid to investigate a wide range of research questions, such as how the first stars formed and where and when severe storms and tornadoes are likely to form. When completed, the TeraGrid will have 20 teraflops (one teraflop equals one trillion calculations per second) of computing power spread over five sites. The sites will be connected through a network operating at 40 gigabits per second — about a million times faster than a PC modem. The UI’s National Center for Supercomputing Applications is one of the five sites and houses the bulk computers to power the grid. Photo by Matt Stensland

GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH  Governor Rod Blagojevich joined trustees and University administrators on the Urbana-Champaign campus to celebrate the groundbreaking for the new Institute for Genomic Biology, a $73.5-million facility that is expected to put Illinois at the forefront of modern biological research and foster economic development in the state. The Institute will support multidisciplinary collaboration among University scientists and outside partners and promote technology transfer of new advances in genomic biology. Photo by Bill Wiegand

STELLAR FACULTY  Urbana Professor Charles Gammie is one of the bright young stars on the horizon in astronomy and physics, and he has the certificate to prove it. Gammie received the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honor given by the government to young professionals at the start of their research careers. He is using the research grant to carry out a program in theoretical and computational astrophysics that focuses on building numerical models of plasma flows around black holes. Photo by Katy Mull
LEARNING BY DOING Student crews for UIS’s cable channel ACCESS 4 tape some 15 new community access shows every week. Dave Antoine, television production supervisor with the UIS Office of Electronic Media, supervises graduate student Ann Nimarom and first-year student Hytham Kilani as they set up shots for a studio taping. Photo by Kara Pearson

Graduate student Stacey Tenbusch checks the television lighting in the television studio using supervisor Antoine as a subject. Photo by Brad Kahler

PRACTICE FOR THE REAL THING Students in the University of Illinois College of Law participate in moot court teams that routinely advance to regional and national competitions. Honorary rounds are held each April at the law school on the Urbana-Champaign campus with esteemed members of the U.S. and Canadian judiciary presiding. Students choose from seven moot courts, including those focused on intellectual property law or environmental law. Photo by Kara Pearson

BETWEEN CLASSES A UIC student catches a catnap between classes in one of the student lounges. The 245-acre campus, just west of Chicago’s Loop, includes more than 100 buildings. Students can pursue doctorates in 58 specialties, master’s degrees in 86 fields and bachelor’s degrees in 88 fields. The faculty includes renowned scholars, researchers, artists, writers and health professionals. Photo by Matt Stensland

FACULTY MEMBER WINS AWARDS Journalism Professor Steven Helle at Urbana-Champaign has won teaching awards consistently since joining the faculty in 1979. He’s been named the Outstanding Faculty Member by the Dad’s Association and won other campus teaching awards. Recently, he won the Illinois Press Association’s James C. Craven Freedom of the Press Award and the national Freedom Forum’s Journalism Teacher of the Year Award. With degrees in journalism and law, he teaches communications law in the journalism department. Photo by Brad Kahler

URBAN LIFE A bus stop against the Chicago skyline is ample reminder that UIC is an integral part of a great American city. Located just minutes from the Loop, UIC provides unique opportunities and shoulders real responsibilities to contribute to the well-being of urban life in the 21st Century. As the Chicago area’s largest and most comprehensive university, UIC pairs its own teaching and research resources with partners representing civic, community, corporate, governmental and philanthropic interests in Chicago and other cities. These expanded partnerships form the Great Cities Commitment and each of the campus’s 15 colleges finds its own way to engage its faculty and students in the challenges and enjoyments of urban living. Photo by Katy Mull
LONG-DISTANCE PAS DE DEUX
Lance Chong, a graphic artist at the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology at Urbana-Champaign, uses motion-capture technology to track the movements of a dancer. The movements are mapped onto an animated model, which then imitates the movements of the performer. Through this technology, a dancer in Urbana shared the stage with a dancer at the University of Southern California. Beckman scholar Yu Hasegawa-Johnson oversaw the pas de deux by dancers thousands of miles apart. Photo by Bill Wegand

PIGLET MAY HELP INFANTS
Enhancing infant formula for piglets looks promising as a way to battle acute diarrhea in infants, according to research being conducted in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at Urbana-Champaign. Professor Kelly Tappenden (right), principal investigator, reported in the June issue of Journal of Nutrition that piglets that consumed formula with moderate levels of fermentable fiber tolerated an induced salmonella infection much better than those piglets fed a plain control formula or one with a non-fermentable fiber. Acute diarrhea accounts for nine percent of all hospitalizations of children under age five in the U.S. each year. Photo by Brian Stauffer

ACADEMIC ALL-STAR
Rena Patel, a senior in UIC’s Honors College, was named to USA Today’s 2003 Academic All-Star Team for her academic accomplishments and leadership on and off campus. She also won a Gates-Cambridge Scholarship for study at the University of Cambridge and was featured in the Chicago Sun-Times “30 and Below” that profiles up-and-coming individuals in a variety of fields and professions. In 2002, Patel won the prestigious Harry S Truman Scholarship worth $30,000 for her undergraduate and graduate studies and Glamour magazine selected her as one of the nation’s Top 10 College Women. Photo by Brad Kahler
NATIONAL CHAMPS
The Urbana-Champaign campus’s top-ranked men’s tennis team won the NCAA Championship on May 20 at the University of Georgia in Athens. Here, Phil Stolt of the Illini celebrates the win over No. 6 Vanderbilt, 4-3. The men’s team won the Big Ten title as well as the national indoor, outdoor, singles and doubles championships. Photo by Tom Schaefges

GETTING FIT AT UIS
The fitness center at UIS in the Student Life Building is a busy place between classes for students like Brian Casey, a graduate student in management information systems. Photo by Brad Kahler

BETWEEN-CLASS BREAKS
The UIS Food Emporium is a popular between-class respite spot for the campus’s 4,500 students. Photo by Kara Pearson

DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS
UIS sophomore Jasemen Hatcher works at learning dance steps in the tryouts for the dance team. The UIS Starlettes Dance Team, formed by students last year, begins its second performance year this fall. The team, composed of men and women, performs at basketball games. Photo by Kara Pearson
LEARNING ABOUT ENOLOGY
Undergraduate and graduate students over the age of 21 at the Urbana-Champaign campus sometimes have to wait several semesters to take a popular wine appreciation class in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. Stephen Menke, enology specialist and Jim Painter, a nutrition specialist in the department of food and human nutrition, teach their students how to use aroma and taste to pair wine with food. Students also learn about wine health issues, wine chemistry and the history of wine. Menke is a state enologist for the Illinois Grape and Wine Resource Council. Photo by Kara Pearson

CIRCLE CENTER The Chicago Circle Center, commonly referred to as “The CCC,” is one of two campus unions at UIC and the most popular place for students to hang out before, after and between classes. All in one building, they can play pocket billiards, bowl in a 16-lane alley, get a haircut, swim laps, do their banking and eat at a food court. Photo by Brad Kahler

RETIRING THE COLORS
Members of the Army ROTC color guard at Urbana-Champaign retire the colors for the day on the west side of the Armory. Three branches of the service offer programs at Urbana-Champaign and typically enroll between 120 and 140 cadets in each program every year. Army ROTC, the oldest, has been on campus since 1868; the Navy ROTC since 1945; and the Air Force ROTC, 1949. AFROTC alumnus Col. Steven Nagle is a space shuttle astronaut, and Hal Bruno, former ABC News director of political coverage, is an alumnus of the Army ROTC. Photo by John C. Dixon, Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette
TRADITION OF CHAMPS
Members of the UIS men’s soccer team take advantage of a sunny afternoon to practice. Men’s soccer has a long history of success at UIS, including NAIA national championships in 1986, 1988 and 1993. Joe Eck coaches the team, which this fall returns nine starters from the 2002 regional championship team.

EXPERIENCED COACH
In 2002, men’s basketball coach Jimmy Collins led the UIC Flames to their first-ever league tournament title with a 76-75 overtime win over Loyola in the championship game and to their second-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Collins came to UIC in 1996 from the Urbana-Champaign campus, where he had been an assistant coach for 13 years under former Illini coach Lou Henson.

CURTAIN CALL
Students in the department of performing arts get into character during one of their last rehearsals before the opening night of UIC Theatre’s spring production, Lady Audley’s Secret, a classic Victorian melodrama. As part of the curriculum, all students participate in productions that are directed by departmental faculty or guest professional directors.

FUN AND GAMES
Students take advantage of one of the six tennis courts at the South Field Complex, a hub for outdoor activities on the UIC campus. The complex, which opened in 1997, also features four sand volleyball courts, a 7/8-mile jogging path, two lighted multipurpose fields and varsity fields for men’s baseball, women’s softball and men’s soccer teams.
NEW STUDENTS, NEW DORM
A new residence hall at the UIS campus opened in Fall ’02 to house the first-year and sophomore students brought to campus by the Capital Scholars program. The new Lincoln Residence Hall is three stories high with two student housing wings that allow students to live in four-person clusters. A session of cards after dinner gave these students a chance to socialize and relax before hitting the books for the evening.

Photo by Brad Kahler

CULTURAL CENTER OF COMMUNITY
Krannert Center for the Performing Arts draws 350,000 people each year for more than 300 events, ranging from concerts, operas and dance and theater productions to tours, classes, conferences, catered events, research activities and costume and prop rental services. A gift of more than $20 million from the late industrialist and alumnus Herman Krannert and his wife, Ellnora, yielded Krannert, a building now valued at $150 million. In May, the School of Music staged Beethoven’s Missa Solemnis, featuring the UI Oratorio Society, UI Chamber Singers, UI Symphony Orchestra and vocal solists led by conductor Fred Stoltzfus.

Photo by Devaunshi Mahadevia

SOUTH FARMS REBORN
The University has just embarked on a major capital plan to revitalize the U of I South Farms, operated by the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and used to study important animal, crop and environmental issues. The initial part of the project will result in new beef and sheep facilities as well as infrastructure for the entire South Farms area, including power, water, storm water, sewer and waste-handling facilities.

Photo by Matt Stensland

TRAINING ENTREPRENEURS
According to April’s Entrepreneur magazine, UIC is among the top U.S. colleges and universities for entrepreneurs. The magazine’s inaugural list checked out more than 700 academic entrepreneurship programs and ranked the top 100. Among programs serving students regionally, UIC was nationally ranked second by alumni and fourth by peer entrepreneurship center directors. UIC’s entrepreneurship program offers an MBA concentration, an undergraduate program in entrepreneurial studies and Ph.D. coursework. Tom Lumpkin, above, associate professor of management and research fellow in UIC’s Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies, teaches a variety of entrepreneurship courses in the College of Business Administration.

Photo by Matt Stensland
BUSY EVENINGS AT UIS
“Window’s Edge,” a sculpture designed by artist and visual arts professor C. Robert Dixon, reflects the fading sunlight as evening arrives on the Springfield campus. Hundreds of students attend UIS after 5 p.m., many of them State of Illinois employees seeking to further their careers through graduate study. Photo by Curt Neitzke

PRAIRIE (STAGE) STARS
One of the productions of the UIS theater program last winter was the award-winning play, “Lie of the Mind,” by Sam Shepherd, held in the UIS Sangamon Auditorium. Photo by Curt Neitzke

ILLINI VS PRAIRIE STARS
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FROM RUSH TO SPRING FORMAL
Amber Karecki, a freshman member of Phi Mu sorority, waits with her date to leave for the spring formal. There are 6,000 men and women in 85 fraternities and sororities on the Urbana-Champaign campus. The Greek system has been part of the campus tradition for more than 130 years, offering opportunities for community service, leadership development, campus activities and a network of friends for college and beyond. Photo by Kay Mull

AFTER-DINNER CLASSES
For many of UIC’s graduate students, the opportunity to earn a degree at night is key to earning a degree at all. With full-time jobs, busy families and countless other responsibilities, evening classes offer the flexibility needed to “do it all.” Photo by Brad Kahler

ILLINI VS PRAIRIE STARS
To recognize Disability Awareness Week at UIS in March, faculty, staff and students played wheelchair basketball against the Fighting Illini Wheelchair Basketball Team from the Urbana-Champaign campus. For more than 50 years, the U of I wheelchair athletics program has sent athletes and coaches to compete in world championships and Paralympics. The U of I is a founding member of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, the Central Intercollegiate Conference and the Women’s Division of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. Photo by Curt Neitzke
The University of Illinois never sleeps.

Photo by Don Hamerman
LET'S PLAY!
For the first time, UIS had a men's basketball team in 2002-03, coached by former National Basketball Association player Kevin Gamble. The team advanced to the NAIA south regional tournament in the spring. Sheu Allibalogun is one of the defensive leaders on the team.

Photo by Curt Neitzke

COOKING UP CAREERS “American Bistro” was the theme senior Andrea Roth chose for her dinner at the Spice Box Café in Bevier Hall on the Urbana-Champaign campus in April. Roth and other students enrolled in the Hospitality Management Program plan, prepare and serve complete menus for their senior project. They get hands-on experience in restaurant management and catering. Graduates from this program go on to work in the hospitality industry in hotels, catering, restaurants, hospitals, schools and correctional facilities. The class that manages the Spice Box is taught by Jill North. Photo by Katy Mall

TIME FOR WORSHIP Several churches are located on the Urbana-Champaign campus and there are nearly 80 religious organizations for students. Featured here is a Wednesday evening communion service at the Wesley United Methodist Church and Foundation on Green Street.

Photo by Brian K. Johnson

FIRST NIT BID The UIC men’s basketball team made its first-ever appearance at the NIT basketball tournament this year. Senior forward Joe Scott helped lead the 2002-03 Flames to a 21-9 record. The NIT tournament play was the program’s third post-season bid in the last six years. The team advanced to the NCAA tournament in 1998 and 2002. Jimmy Collins is the head coach.

Photo by Steve Wolin

GIVE ME AN “I!”
The saucer-shaped Assembly Hall at Urbana-Champaign is a sea of orange and blue during home basketball games for men and women. The Orange Krush student section, pep band, Illinettes and cheerleaders provide a rousing atmosphere in the 16,500-seat hall. Since 1906, the men’s basketball program has a tradition that includes Final Four appearances, All-Americans, Academic All-Americans and NBA first-round draft picks. This spring, senior Brian Cook was a first-round NBA draft pick of the Los Angeles Lakers.

Photo by Devaunshi Mahadeva
FLYING FLAMES
Last season, the UIC women’s basketball team, coached by Lisa Ryckbosch, finished with an impressive 17-11 season. Here, senior basketball player Jaysie Chambers racks up two points. Photo by Steve Waltmann

STARGAZING ON THE PRAIRIE
Friday nights at UIS mean star parties in the observatory. The parties are open to the public and have become one of the campus’s most popular activities. Charles Schweighauser, professor of astronomy and physics, uses three large telescopes to help amateur star gazers view celestial objects. Photo by Curt Netze

WAY OFF BROADWAY
Chancellor Sylvia Manning and her band The Monotones brought down the house in “Near West Side Story,” a musical variety show benefiting the Scholarship Association for UIC. Academics by day, actors by night: Provost R. Michael Tanner, Vice Chancellor Stanton Delaney and Manning. Photo by UIC Photo Services

THE PHARMACIST’S PHARMACIST
Pharmacists around the country call the UIC College of Pharmacy’s Drug Information Center when they need answers to their most challenging questions about prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications and natural and botanical products. The Center also offers a hotline for consumers in Illinois to discuss concerns about medication administration, dosage, side effects and interactions. Amy Lodolce, PharmD, and other staff members use their access to more than 270 medical and pharmacy reference texts, and more than 80 medical and pharmaceutical journals and abstracting services, to field more than 2,000 calls each month. Photo by Matt Stensland

TRAINING CENTERS
The Urbana-Champaign campus is home to the Illinois Fire Service Institute, the Police Training Institute and the Department of Community Health’s Motorcycle Rider Training Program. The police academy, one of six in Illinois, trains about 1,500 Illinois officers each year through 12-week courses. The Fire Service Institute is the statutory State Fire Academy for Illinois and provides firefighters and emergency responders with training. More than 975 departments trained personnel there last year. Photo courtesy of Illinois Fire Service Institute
THE ASSEMBLY HALL
Besides Fighting Illini basketball games, the Assembly Hall on the Urbana-Champaign campus draws crowds throughout the year to theater productions, ice shows, conventions, conferences and concerts, such as Pearl Jam in April and, back in 1976, Elvis. The Hall was designed by alumnus and noted architect Max Abramovitz and, when built in 1963, was the world’s largest span-free dome structure.

Photo by Matt Stensland

NEAR STATE GOVERNMENT Located in the city where Abraham Lincoln took his first professional steps, UIS offers its students unparalleled opportunities for political internships, social-service experiences and hands-on learning in corporate, government and nonprofit organizations.

Photo by Brad Kahler

LIFE IN THE DORMS
Lincoln Residence Hall houses UIS first-year and sophomore students. Apartments and brand new townhouses house the rest of the campus’s 820 residential students. Sophomore Patrick Redwood and the other 200 residents can enjoy late night noshing at the first floor LRH Café, a workout in the second floor fitness center, or just hang out in the Great Room.

Photo by Brad Kahler
ALMA MATER NEVER SLEEPS The "Alma Mater" statue is the best-known symbol of the Urbana-Champaign campus. The bronze statue was designed by sculptor and alumnus Lorado Taft, 1860-1936. Joining hands behind Alma Mater are "Labor" and "Learning," representations of the University's motto. The statue stands in front of the historic Altgeld Hall at the intersection of Green and Wright streets. Photo by Brad Kahler
**RESIDENTIAL LIFE**

Freshman Julie Richmiller of Quincy finishes a painting project in her UIC dorm room (below), while Jackie Blair of McHenry and Lauren Bonazzi of Plainfield concentrate on homework in their UIC dorm (right).

Photos by Brad Kahler

**INSOMNIA MANIA**

Members of the Inline Insomniacs Skating Club at Urbana-Champaign meet after midnight for recreational skates around campus when there is little traffic on sidewalks or streets. Roommates Matt Harring and Joe Meier started the club in Fall ’01 with 26 people. Now it has 200 members. Meier said they do pure recreational skating — no tricks — and sometimes skate five to six miles or play roller hockey. The club plans to begin offering skating lessons to other wannabe Insomniacs this year. Photo by Kara Pearson

**DORM, SWEET DORM**

More students than ever live in UIC residence halls now. Nine dorms house more than 3,000 students who experience college life through the prism of a great American city and a cosmopolitan neighborhood. Photo by Brad Kahler
TRANQUIL TIME AT UIS
UIS is located near Lake Springfield in the state capital. Established in 1969 as Sangamon State University, it became a campus of the University of Illinois in 1995. It enrolls approximately 4,500 students, including 1,988 graduate students, and has 20 bachelor’s degree programs, 19 master’s and one doctoral degree program.

GETTING A FACELIFT
Lincoln Hall, home of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Urbana-Champaign, is slated for a $50-million renovation under plans approved by the University Board of Trustees. The building was built in 1911 as a memorial to the 16th president of the United States and features white marble floors, steps, columns and banisters, a bronze bust of Lincoln by Hermon Atkins MacNeil and 10 terra cotta panels that portray events in Lincoln’s life.

Photo by Kara Pearson

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WELCOME, NEW BABIES
The Nurse-Midwifery Practice at the Medical Center, the largest comprehensive practice in the Chicago area, was honored in October 2002 by the American College of Nurse-Midwives for providing innovative and compassionate clinical services to women. Certified nurse-midwife Casandra Johnson delivered baby Akilah early on March 23, 2003. Photos by Katy Mull
EMERGENCY RESPONSE
Emergencies occur 24/7. And the emergency department of the Medical Center is one of the busiest places on the UIC campus throughout the night. Teams of doctors, nurses, technicians and other staff evaluate, resuscitate and stabilize more than 50,000 patients each year who arrive at the emergency department with every imaginable illness and injury.
Photo by Devaurshi Mahadeira

HEART CHECK
Besides providing state-of-the-art clinical services at the Medical Center, UIC’s cardiovascular research program ranks first in the Chicago area in National Institutes of Health funding for heart disease research. Marichu Damasco, a nurse in the cardiac intensive care unit, readies an EKG machine for the next patient.
Photo by Katy Mull
U.S. News & World Report rates the Urbana-Champaign campus 10th nationally among public universities that grant doctoral degrees.

U.S. News & World Report ranked the UIC master’s program in nursing 8th and nursing midwifery 3rd. Among specialty programs, the family nurse practitioner program is ranked 9th; the community/public health program 5th; the nursing adult/medical surgical program 6th and psychiatric and mental health tied for 9th.

UIS has the second-highest academic profile of first-year students among Illinois’ 12 public campuses.

In its most recent ranking of library and information science programs, U.S. News & World Report ranks Urbana-Champaign tops in the nation.

The Chronicle of Higher Education ranks the doctoral program in the philosophy department at UIC 18th, ahead of nearly all Big Ten institutions.

Kiplinger’s Personal Finance ranks the Urbana-Champaign campus 8th in its “100 Best Values in Public Colleges” for 2002.

The first-time pass rate of graduates of the UIS accountancy program on the CPA exam ranks in the top five percent in the nation.

Rankings by the National Science Foundation put UIC among the top 50 universities for federal research expenditures, surpassing several Big Ten universities. The campus moved up to 48th in the nation with about $125 million in federal research expenditures for FY02.

The Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies at UIC was voted top 10 nationally by faculty, alumni and peers, according to Entrepreneur magazine in 2003.

The 2002 Fiske Guide to Colleges rates the Urbana-Champaign campus as one of the 43 “best buys” based on quality and cost.

UIC’s total R & D expenditures — which include state, local, private and institutional funding as well as federal dollars — was $233 million in FY01, putting it at 46th in the nation, up three places from the previous year.

The second-year retention rate for first-year students at UIS exceeds 85 percent, the highest among Illinois’ 12 public campuses.

U.S. News & World Report ranks the graduate school of business at Urbana-Champaign 33rd and undergraduate business education ties for 11th (2004).

The UIC College of Applied Health Sciences ranked 4th in the nation for National Institutes of Health funding in FY02. The College of Dentistry was 16th, College of Nursing 3rd, Pharmacy 6th and School of Public Health 15th.

The department of bioengineering ranked 57th. The College of Medicine ranked 47th, 20th among public institutions.

Urbana-Champaign’s graduate program in engineering ranks 4th in the country, and its undergraduate program is tied for 5th according to U.S. News & World Report.

The College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs at UIC was tied for 16th by U.S. News & World Report for city management and urban policy programs.
U.S. News & World Report ranks many undergraduate programs at Urbana-Champaign in the top 25 in the country (2004): accounting 1st, aeronautical engineering 7th, agricultural engineering 2nd, business management 13th, chemical engineering 9th, civil engineering 2nd, computer engineering 5th, electrical engineering 4th, environmental engineering 3rd, finance 11th, industrial engineering 12th, insurance/risk management 5th, management information systems 18th, marketing 10th, materials science 1st, mechanical engineering 5th, nuclear engineering 5th, production/operations management 20th and real estate 7th.

All UIS teacher education program graduates have passed the national certification exam for the last three years in a row.

The College of Pharmacy at UIC is the oldest academic unit of U of I. It was founded in 1859 as a private college and affiliated with U of I in 1896, the first of the Chicago colleges to do so. One in three pharmacists practicing in Illinois is a UIC graduate.

More than 60 graduate programs and specialty areas at Urbana-Champaign rank in the top 25 in the country according to U.S. News & World Report.


UIS’s management information systems, clinical laboratory science and teacher education programs boast nearly 100 percent job placement rates.

Three international studies centers at Urbana-Champaign are highly ranked by the U.S. Department of Education: Center for African Studies 1st, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies 2nd, and Russian and East European Center 4th.

Success Magazine ranked UIC’s College of Business Administration 3rd in “Top Business Schools for Entrepreneurship.”

The Urbana-Champaign campus ranked 18th of all universities in the nation in spending on research and development in science and engineering in 2001 ($391 million).

The undergraduate business program at UIC ranked 64th nationally by U.S. News & World Report.

For the second year, the speech and debate team at UIS brought home a national championship, this time in the “after dinner (humorous) speaking” category. The national tournament was held in Baltimore in March.

The Urbana-Champaign campus boasts more than 80 centers, laboratories and institutes that perform research for government agencies, industry and campus units.

U.S. News & World Report ranked UIC’s graduate accounting program 30th.

The library at Urbana-Champaign is the largest public university collection in the world with more than 23 million items, including 10 million volumes, more than 13 million print and non-print materials and more than 90,000 periodicals and journals in more than 40 departmental libraries and divisions.

More than 95 percent of UIS’s clinical laboratory science program graduates have first-time pass rates on national certification exams.

OR/MIS Today ranks UIC’s Department of Information and Decision Sciences 11th nationally in research productivity of quantitative/technical departments in schools of business.

The Division of Rehabilitation-Education Services at Urbana-Champaign was the first of its kind to provide students with disabilities access to all University services, curricula and facilities, and to develop the first architectural accessibility standards.
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Photo by Don Hamerman
Paul C. Lauterbur, a pioneer in the development of magnetic resonance imaging, was awarded the 2003 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine on October 6.

Lauterbur, who joined the Urbana-Champaign faculty in 1985, is a professor in the Center for Advanced Study and holds academic appointments in the bioengineering program and the Center for Biophysics and Computational Biology. He shares the Prize with Sir Peter Mansfield of the University of Nottingham in England. Mansfield was a research associate at Urbana-Champaign in 1962-64.

The two, who worked independently of each other, were lauded for “seminal discoveries…that have led to the development of modern magnetic resonance imaging, which represents a breakthrough in medical diagnostics and research,” the Swedish academy said.

Anthony J. Leggett, a world leader in the theory of low-temperature physics and a faculty member at the Urbana-Champaign campus, was awarded the 2003 Nobel Prize in Physics on October 7.

He shares the Prize with Alexei A. Abrikosov of Argonne National Laboratory near Chicago and Vitaly L. Ginzburg of the Lebedev Physical Institute in Moscow.

The trio was honored for “pioneering contributions to the theory of superconductors and superfluids,” said the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences that awards the Prize.

Leggett holds the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Chair of Physics and is a professor in the Center for Advanced Study. He worked at the University as a postdoctoral research associate from 1964-65, 1967, and returned to join the faculty in 1983.

Carl R. Woese overturned one of the major dogmas of biology with the discovery of a third domain of life. For that, he received the Crafoord Prize in Biosciences awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences on September 24. The annual prize marks accomplishments in scientific fields not covered by the Nobel Prizes.

“Carl Woese has revolutionized our views on biodiversity,” said the Academy. “With the discovery of a third distinct domain among the life-forms, a major step was taken toward an understanding of the microbial world.”

Woese joined the Urbana-Champaign faculty in 1964 and holds the Stanley O. Ikenberry Endowed Chair. The Crafoord Prize was presented to Woese in Sweden by King Carl XVI Gustaf.
The University of Illinois proudly salutes Paul C. Lauterbur, recipient of the 2003 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, Anthony J. Leggett, recipient of the 2003 Nobel Prize in Physics, and Carl R. Woese, recipient of the 2003 Crafoord Prize.
University of Illinois professors Paul C. Lauterbur and Anthony J. Leggett win Nobel Prizes, and Carl R. Woese is awarded the Crafoord Prize—see inside panel.