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University invites participation in NCA Accreditation Self Study

The NCA Self-Study Steering Committee and specifically the committee for the Special Emphasis: Enhancing Faculty Distinctiveness & Excellence is soliciting faculty and campus participation in the development of the NCA self-study process for continued accreditation status by the Higher

Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Interested members of the University Community are encouraged to actively participate in this ongoing process leading to a campus site visit in 2005.

The committee for the Special Emphasis: Enhancing Faculty Distinctiveness &

Excellence, co-chaired by Bruce Hawkins, English; Jim Palmer, Educational Administration and Foundations; and Dane Ward, Milner Library, has planned a series of six focus meetings to gather perceptions of what the faculty does well and what needs to be done to sustain that good work. The forums, all in Milner Library 311, are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, April 13, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 14, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 15, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 20, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 22, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Union questions raised

Recent union efforts on campus have raised many questions about the unionization process, specifically a new law that allows unions to become the exclusive representative for an employee group without an election.

Under the law, employees who sign cards are, in effect, voting to be represented by the union. If more than 50 percent of an employee group signs cards, even those who don't sign will become part of the collective bargaining group and be bound by union contracts and subject to union dues.

The Office of Human Resources has posted a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about the new law and the union certification process on its website at www.hr.ilstu.edu. If you have further questions, you may contact your HR Partner or the Office of Human Resources at 438-8311 or by e-mail at hr@ilstu.edu

Visiting scholar to discuss playing lotteries

A visiting professor from Taiwan will present a scholarly look at why people play lotteries when he visits campus on April 14.

Professor Larry Tzeng, Kemper Foundation Visiting International Scholar from National Taiwan University in Taipei, will speak on the varying theoretical motivation for individuals to participate in lotteries, depending on the magnitude of likely outcomes. His presentation, sponsored by the Finance, Insurance, and Law Department of the College of Business, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in room 145 in the Center for the Visual Arts. The talk, "Willingness to pay and the demands for Lotto," is free.

Tzeng is a noted international scholar in the fields of risk management, insurance, and actuarial science. In his talk, he will pro-

pose an alternative model for empirical examination of the demand for participation in lotteries.

Tzeng's vita is available at <http://hilltop.bradley.edu/~npope/Tzeng.doc>. He will be available on a limited basis for interaction with student groups, classes and individual faculty. For further information or to schedule time with Tzeng, please contact Professor Richard MacMinn in the Finance, Insurance, and Law Department, 438-7993, at Illinois State.

Accompanying Tzeng will be his wife, Jennifer Wang, associate professor in the Department of Risk Management and Insurance at National Chengchi University, Taipei. Among her specialties are pension plans and social insurance. She also will be available for scheduled times.



Former Governor George Ryan will deliver closing remarks at the 12th annual Illinois Conference for Students of Political Science at 4:45 p.m. today in the Bone Student Center Old Main Room. A complete listing of conference events can be found at www.politicsandgovernment.ilstu.edu/conference/2004program.htm

Global Justice Teach-In tour tonight

The Global Justice Teach-In Tour, which is making stops across the United States and which is scheduled in conjunction with a series of mass mobilizations in April during the IMF/World Bank meeting, will be the subject of tonight's Global Review program at 7 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public in the basement of Atkin-Colby halls. University and community members will be able to hear and talk with speakers who will discuss the policies of global institutions like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and their impact on local communities.

Guest trombonist in recital tonight

Dennis Bubert, bass trombonist of the Fort Worth (Texas) Symphony Orchestra for 23 years and a faculty member at the University of Texas at Arlington, will present a guest artist recital at 8 p.m. tonight in the Center for the Performing Arts Concert Hall.

Admission is \$6 for the general public, \$5 for faculty-staff and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the CPA box office from noon to 5 p.m. weekdays, by phone at 438-2535 and on-line at www.arts.ilstu.edu/center/tickets/html

Campus calendar events can be found on the University Web site at www.calendar.ilstu.edu

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Speakers will include journalist-lawyer Victor Geronomo, South African activist Virginia Setshedi and activist Sam Vuthy of Cambodia, who will address social and environmental justice issues, debt cancellation, privatization, gender inequalities, immigrant and labor rights, peoples' struggles for access to essential services and alternatives to the global economic order.

The Global Justice Teach-In Tour is organized by The 50 Years Is Enough Network for Global Economic Justice, a coalition of over 200 U.S. grassroots, women's, solidarity, faith-based, policy, social- and economic-justice, youth, labor, and development organizations dedicated to the profound transformation of the World Bank and the IMF.

Safe Zone orientation sessions offered

The Safe Zone Coordinating Committee is again offering orientation sessions for a campus-wide support program that began during the fall semester of 1999. The program is designed to provide a visible and non-threatening way for individuals on campus to make a statement that understanding and support is offered to individuals who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender. All volunteers participating in the program are required to attend a one-time, two-hour orientation session.

For more information, visit <http://www.ilstu.edu/depts/studentlife/safe-zone/>

Those interested in participating in the Safe Zone program can contact Jill Benson, Student Life, at jbenson@ilstu.edu by Friday, April 23, to register for an orientation session.

Sessions will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, in Student Services Building Room 375, or from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, in Student Services Building Room 375.

An e-mail confirmation will be sent after registering for an orientation session. If you are unavailable for either of the sessions listed above, but wish to participate, please ask to be placed on a waiting list.

Golf

University employees and retirees interested in faculty/staff/retiree golf outings can attend an informational meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 15, in the first floor west lounge of Bone Student Center. At noon, one of the league sponsors, Classic Golf Gifts, will host an indoor nine-hole golf tournament.

Those unable to attend but who are interested in participating in this year's events can contact Tom Fowles at tom.fowles@ilstu.edu

Springfest April 17 on the Quad

"Springfest 2004 - A Celebration to Last Throughout the Year" will take place for eight hours on the Quad beginning at noon Saturday, April 17.

Sponsored by the University Program Boards Redbird Day and the Redbird Entertainment Committees as a family friendly event, Springfest 2004 will include carnival games, inflatable obstacle courses, novelty games, food vendors and two stages of live music featuring local bands and concluding with a 6 p.m. performance by Recycled Percussion, a band that will start their day with a scheduled performance Friday morning on NBC's Today Show.

Recycled Percussion recently was voted "Best Major Performance Group of the Year" by Campus Activities magazine.

Former prof here April 11-14

Hoon Mok Chung, former professor in Politics and Government, will return to campus April 11 to 14 as a guest of the Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development and the Department of Politics and Government.

Chung will meet with students, faculty and staff to share his observations on the current state of economic and political development in Asia and the Middle East. His schedule will be posted on the website of the Stevenson Center (www.stevenson-center.org) for those who would like a chance to meet and talk with him.

Physicist Greene headlines Science and Technology Week

Brian Greene, one of the world's leading theoretical physicists, will be the keynote speaker for Science and Technology Week on campus, April 19-23. Other presentations during Science and Technology Week will focus on creating sustainable communities, the impact of domestic violence on the workplace and the use of robotics in manufacturing.

Events during the week are sponsored by the College of Applied Science and Technology (CAST). Science and Technology Week presentations are free and open to the public.

A Columbia University math and physics professor, Greene will present the keynote address "The Elegant Universe" at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, in Bone Student Center's Braden Auditorium.

Greene has been dubbed the new Carl Sagan for his ability to brilliantly communicate scientific concepts to a mass audience. He is the director of Columbia University's

Research hydrologist to speak April 14

Research hydrologist Allen Shapiro will present "Recent Advances in Characterizing Ground-Water Flow and Chemical Transport in Fractured Rock From Cores to Kilometers" at a 3 p.m. colloquium on Wednesday, April 14, in 209 Felmley Hall. Sponsored by the Geography-Geology department, the presentation is free and open to the public.

The lecture will focus on fractured rock aquifers, which provide water for domestic use, locations for isolating hazardous and toxic waste and sites for foundations and infrastructure.

Shapiro, the 2004 National Ground Water Association Henry Darcy Distinguished Lecturer, is a research hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Virginia. He has authored papers on equipment design and field techniques, the interpretation of hydraulic and geochemical data, and theories of ground-water flow and chemical transport. Shapiro's research is in the areas of water supply, ground-water contamination and restoration, waste isolation and ground-water flow in the vicinity of engineered structures.

Institute for Strings, Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics.

In his national bestselling book, "The Elegant Universe," Greene recounts how the theories of general relativity and quantum mechanics transformed our understanding of the universe. He also examines string theory, a concept that might be the key to a unified theory of the universe.

Greene hosted a three-part Nova special on PBS based on his work which took audiences on a journey through hidden dimensions, substrings and black holes in a quest to unify all the laws of nature. His newest book

Annual Gamma Phi Circus to invade Redbird Arena

The annual Gamma Phi Circus performances on Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17, will feature thrills, chills and a good share of emotion during its 7 p.m. shows in Redbird Arena.

This will be the first Gamma Phi Circus directed by the new director Al Light, a graduate of Florida State University and former performer and coach of the Florida State Flying High Circus, the only other University in the country to have a gymnastics circus. Light also brings with him some professional circus experience, having flown on the flying trapeze with some of the greatest fliers of all time, including the legendary Tony Steele.

Gamma Phi Circus tickets in advance are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children ages 5 to 12 and free for children ages 4 and younger. Tickets at the door will be \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 5 to 12. Advance tickets are being sold at Braden Auditorium, Redbird Arena, Read's Sporting Goods in Bloomington, Garlic Press in Normal, Campus Town stores and The Chocolatier. Pre-show activities begin at 6:30.

Certified sex educator to 'tell all' in lecture

Jay Friedman, nominated many times as "Lecturer of the Year" by the National Association for Campus Activities and a professionally-certified sex educator, will speak on "The J-Spot: A Sex Educator Tells All," at 8 p.m. Monday, April 19, in the Bone Student Center Ballroom. Admission is free and open to the public.

Far from a doom and gloom presentation, Friedman's lecture entertains while educating about important and timely sexuality issues. His lecture is part of the festivities being planned for National Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness Month.

Friedman, who was professionally certified by the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists, is an award-winning writer featured in a number of national publications and a former disc jockey and host of a radio talk show on relationships.

is "The Fabric of the Cosmos: Space, Time and the Texture of Reality."

In addition to his evening keynote address, Greene will also speak on "Creativity in the Scientific Enterprise" at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday on the Main Floor of Milner Library.

Other Science and Technology Week events include the presentation "Creating Sustainable Communities," by Karen Walz of the American Institute of Certified Planners on Monday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bone Student Center Circus Room.

Walking as a healthy form of exercise will be the theme of the Walk of LIFE event beginning at noon Tuesday, April 20, on the Quad. The event will feature vendor displays, refreshments, a raffle and a time for walking from 1 to 1:30 p.m.

"Domestic Violence: Its impact on the workplace" will be the subject of a presentation by Kim Wells on Wednesday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bone Student Center Circus Room. Wells is the executive director of the Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence.

Displays showcasing the research and teaching by the academic departments within CAST will be featured at the CAST Expo on Thursday, April 22, at 2:30 p.m. in the Bone Student Center Circus Room.

That evening at 7:30 p.m., alumnus Curtis Thomas, '91, will present "Robotics, Their Future Impacts on Society" in the Bone Student Center Old Main Room. Thomas, an account executive with ABB, the world's leading manufacturer of industrial robots, will discuss the current role that robots play in manufacturing operations as well as future trends in robotics.



USAF Band ensemble performs free April 19

The United States Air Force Four Star Brass, the newest small ensemble of the USAF Bands of Mid-America, will perform in an 8 p.m. concert April 19 with the Normal Euphonium Tuba Society (NETS) in the Center for the Performing Arts Concert Hall.

Four Star Brass is free and no tickets are necessary.

Directed by Master Sergeant Joel Rossi, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, the group features tubas and euphoniums per-

Lecture on early years of printing today at 3 p.m.

Books as moral teaching tools during the early years of printing will be the subject of Milner Library's inaugural Bryant Jackson Lectureship on Thursday, April 8. Paul F. Gehl will present "Morals in Print: Early Modern Books That Teach" at 3 p.m. in the Bowling and Billiards Center Activity Room.

Gehl is custodian of the John M. Wing Foundation on the History of Printing at the Newberry Library in Chicago.

Gehl will examine moral emblem books that were printed in the late Renaissance period and were used to teach good moral character through the use of elaborate visual puzzles and puns.

forming primarily their own arrangements and compositions. Four Star Brass often is featured with the Band of Mid-America Concert Band.

Sharing the stage with Four Star Brass is NETS, which includes School of Music Assistant Professor Michael Forbes and students in his tuba-euphonium studio.

Medical marijuana proponent, activist to speak April 16

Dana Beal, whose career as a crusader for marijuana legalization spans nearly four decades, will speak at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, in room 147 of the Center for the Visual Arts.

Admission to the speech is free, sponsored by the University Forum Committee and the group, Mobilizing Activists and Students for Hemp.

Beal's roots in drug war activism were planted back to the 1960's, when he joined the Youth International Party (Yippie!). He helped organize the first Marijuana Smoke-in at Washington Square Park in New York City in 1967 and has organized these events annually ever since. The event evolved into the global Million Marijuana March in 1999. Now, nearly 200 cities all over the world demonstrate simultaneously for cannabis liberation.

Beal's organization, Cures Not Wars, founded in 1994, focuses on medical marijuana legalization, sponsoring the annual march and rally, Ibogaine (an addiction treatment medication) efforts and other drug-war and harm-reduction related issues.

Distinguished Geographer Lecture today

Alexander Murphy, president of the Association of American Geographers, will speak at 3 p.m. today at the annual Distinguished Geographer Lecture in the Bone Student Center Old Main Room. A pre-talk reception will take place at 2:15 p.m., and a question and discussion period is scheduled after the presentation. All events are free and open to the public.

Murphy will talk about "Coping with a Fast-Changing World: Why We Need Political Geography." A professor and Rippey Chair in Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Oregon, Murphy is vice-president of the American Geographical Society and an editor of "Progress in Human Geography."

The author of more than 50 articles and books, including "The Regional Dynamics of Language Differentiation in Belgium" and "Human Geography, Culture, Society and Space," Murphy is the recipient of grants and fellowships from Fulbright-Hayes and the National Endowment for the Humanities as well as the National Science Foundation Presidential Young Investigator Award and a National Council for Geographic Education Teaching Award.