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Gov. Rod Blagojevich approved \$82 million for construction of laboratories at the University of Illinois' Urbana-Champaign and Chicago campuses on Friday at the Pine Lounge in the Illini Union. The Urbana-Champaign campus will receive \$18 million of the \$82 million, which will be used for the construction of the Micro and Nanotechnology Laboratory.

## Gov. releases funds for lab

Money unfrozen for Micro and Nanotechnology Lab; Lincoln Hall still on hold

BY YESENIA MOJARRO  
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While some students and faculty might have hoped Gov. Rod Blagojevich would release state funding for renovations on the deteriorating Lincoln Hall, the governor instead announced he will release \$18 million in state capital dollars for expansion and remodeling at the Micro and Nanotechnology Laboratory, when he visited the University Friday.

The Micro and Nanotechnology Lab in the College of Engineering supports research in photonics, microelectronics, nanotechnology and biotechnology.

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Nobel Prize winners certainly helps," Blagojevich said.

Blagojevich said when he awards state dollars he generally looks for certain criteria like need, availability of funds or potential for economic growth.

He said that Lincoln Hall did meet the criteria for economic development, but it was still undergoing an evaluation process where officials determine how much money can be allocated for the hall's renovation.

When the governor took office he froze all existing project appropriations, said Steve Rugg, vice president for administration at the University. The request of state funds for the Micro and Nanotechnology Lab was one of the projects that was frozen and

is now being released.

"We would have preferred that the governor release all projects," Rugg said. "We are all anxious for the Lincoln Hall project to be released."

The request of state funds for the construction of Lincoln Hall is third on the priority list for next year, Rugg said.

Trustee Robert Sperling, one Board of Trustees member in attendance at the governor's speech, said it was fabulous that the governor was awarding the University money for the Micro and Nanotechnology Lab.

"It's a clear recognition by the governor of all the wonderful things that go on here," he said.

The governor agreed that there are a lot of wonderful things hap-

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pening at the University as he congratulated Nobel Prize winners Paul Lauterbur and Anthony Leggett for their achievements.

"This is the direction we need to move in," he said. "These changes that we're doing can retain and help recruit future Nobel Prize faculty."



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Protesters rallies for the removal of Chief Illiniwek Friday afternoon on the Quad. Charlene Teters, founder of the anti-Chief movement, speaks out against both the mascot and Columbus Day.

## Columbus Day draws anti-Chief protest

Activists connect anniversary with start of American Indian 'genocide'

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Charlene Teters, Spokane Indian and founder of the anti-Chief Illiniwek movement, returned to the University to lead Friday's Progressive Resource/Action Cooperative (PRC) anti-Chief rally. More than 500 anti-Chief and pro-Chief supporters attended the rally.

"(Chief Illiniwek) is a symbol of a national problem," Teters said. "If you considered yourself anti-racists, then this is your issue, too." Teters founded the anti-Chief

Illiniwek movement in 1989. With Friday's rally falling before the Columbus Day holiday today, Teters complained about how Columbus is celebrated as a hero of American history even though his voyage to the New World started the chain of events that led to the decline of the American Indian civilization.

"In American history they start with 1492. If you look at America before 1492, this is Indian land," Teters said.

"We wanted to draw attention to the fact that Columbus is celebrating Columbus Day." See COLUMBUS on Page A-8



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Michele Thompson, secretary of Board of Trustees, attempts to call a board member as anti-Chief protesters quietly wait in the Board of Trustees office on the third floor of Henry Administration Building on Friday afternoon.

## Fire ravages a Belarus mental hospital, kills 30

MINSK, Belarus (AP) — A fire believed to have been set by a psychiatric patient engulfed a Belarusian mental hospital Sunday, killing 30 patients and reducing much of the century-old wooden building to ash.

One of the 62 patients who lived at the hospital in the village of Randilovshchina, some 150 miles west of the capital, Minsk, was missing. Emergency officials said they did not know whether he ran away or died in the pre-dawn blaze.

Another 31 patients had minor injuries, officials said. No hospital staff were in the building

when the fire started.

A spokeswoman for President Alexander Lukashenko, Natalya Petkevich, said the fire was set by a patient who had tried to burn down the building twice before. The patient was among those killed.

But Igor Zarembo, a duty officer at the Emergency Situations Ministry, said investigators were also considering a second possibility — that the fire resulted from carelessness on the part of the staff.

A nurse and an orderly were sleeping in a separate building on hospital grounds when the fire broke out, Zarembo said. When

they awoke to screams and the smell of smoke, they apparently panicked and tried to put out the fire and rescue patients themselves, instead of immediately calling for help.

"As a result of such poorly thought-out actions, by the time emergency personnel arrived, one of the hospital's wings was completely engulfed in flames and the roof and ceiling had collapsed," Emergency Situations Minister Valery Astapov told Belarusian television.

The patients were men and women aged 30 to 60, deemed unable to function independent-

ly and whose relatives refused to care for them. They all lived in the one-story wooden building, constructed in 1905 with locked doors and bars on the windows, Zarembo said. He said most likely the doors of the patients' rooms were also locked.

The nurse and the orderly unlocked all the doors they could, but some rooms were already cut off by flames, Zarembo said. The building was divided into two wings separated by a stone wall, and the wing where the fire began was destroyed, he said. Damage was less severe in the other half.

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## Egyptian twins joined at head now separated

After year of planning, operation a success

DALLAS (AP) — Two-year-old Egyptian twins joined at the top of their heads were separated Sunday in a 26-hour operation that took more than a year of planning.

Doctors at Children's Medical Center in Dallas worked through the morning separating the intricate connection of blood vessels running between the brains of Ahmed and Mohamed Ibrahim — considered the riskiest part of the operation.

They were finally separated at 11:17 a.m., hospital officials announced later in a prepared statement.

"They are now within striking distance of living independent lives," said Dr. Jim Thomas, chief of critical care at the hospital.

The next procedure, which could take three to five hours, will involve reconstructing their skulls and covering the wounds with skin, Thomas said.

Doctors have spent more than a year planning the surgery, which was expected to take a team of 50 to 60 medical personnel as long as 90 hours to finish.

The first step was to remove skin expanders placed about five

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**Accessing wireless Internet on campus**  
UIUCnet Wireless network access is available at 15 campus locations; CITES provides guidelines for connecting.

Install the **Virtual Private Network** client available at <http://www.cites.uiuc.edu/vpn/>.

Your wireless card must use the **802.11b wireless standard**; 802.11a, 802.11g, Bluetooth and other wireless standards are not supported. For more information go to <http://www.cites.uiuc.edu/wireless/>.

### Campus Locations

- Armory
- Chemistry Annex
- Digital Computer Lab
- CITES areas
- Education Building
- Engineering Hall
- Grainger Library
- Law Building
- Lincoln Hall
- Mechanical Engineering Building
- Mechanical Engineering Lab
- Surveying Building
- Swanlund Administration Building
- Transportation Building
- Undergraduate Library
- Wohlers Hall

Source: Campus Information Technologies and Educational Services  
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## Wireless Internet available at some campus buildings

BY LAURA JASTRAM  
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Accessing the Internet has become easier at the University through wireless networking. Now University students, faculty and staff can access the Internet with only a laptop and a wireless card. Cords no longer need to be plugged into ethernet jacks as public wireless locations pop up all over campus.

The first two public wireless locations are up and running at the Undergraduate Library and Grainger Engineering Library Information Center, said Beth Scheid, director of Campus Information Technology and Educational Services (CITES). Scheid said CITES tried to choose different geographical locations on campus.

"Quickly following will be the Illini Union Courtyard, the Music Library, the Graduate Main Library and the Digital Computing

Lab Atrium," she said.

Public access points that provide Internet reception for computers make wireless networking possible. These access points, similar in function to Ethernet jacks, are installed in the walls of the venue and provide Internet access to users within a limited distance from the source of the access point.

Scheid said the reliability of wireless networking is similar to cellular phones.

"Just like with cellular phones there can be interference and the phone may not always work," she said. Interference can happen with the wireless networking, depending upon the number of users at that location and the distance from an access point.

CITES began thinking about wireless networking in 1997, she said.

"We have a research and development group that is always

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