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DAVE KUNTZELMAN
Hooked on fly fishing

By Gary Wisby — gwisby@uic.edu

You’ve seen the “I’d rather be fishing” bumper stickers. That’s how Dave Kuntzelman feels.

“It’s when I’m at my happiest,” he says. “It’s just a hell of a lot of fun.”

Kuntzelman (pronounced KOONT-z’l-m’n) is exclusively a fly fisherman.

“Spin fishing doesn’t do it for me — I haven’t picked up a spin rod in five or six years,” he said.

“Fly fishing is more fun, you’re more connected to what you’re doing. The cast is kind of calm, you kind of get into a rhythm.”

Kuntzelman, who makes instruments for UIC’s science departments, is such a fly guy that he founded the Chi-Tie club (www.chi-tie.blogspot.com) three years ago.

For a meeting this week, he blogged, “We’ll be doing a trout fly swap. This is a good way to get a quick little variety and see what everyone else is tying. Any trout fly is in — from micro-midges to streamers to big browns.”

Chi-Tie’s 25 members meet, about 6 to 10 at a time, at Galway Bay, a bar at 500 W. Diversey St.

“You can sit home in front of a TV and tie flies,” he said. “It’s mainly an excuse to get out of the house and hang out with other people.”

Anglers in the other clubs tend to be in their 50s and 60s; Chi-Tie is more like 30s.

Kuntzelman has tied thousands of flies and hangs onto hundreds. He crafts them from the fur and feathers of various critters, including deer, rabbits, pheasants and chickens, and from synthetic materials such as fake fur and metallic “flash” fibers.

The desired effects for drawing fish, he said, are “looks, movement in the water, presentation and depth in the water.”

“Flies can either be natural imitations of something the fish would eat, such as an insect or smaller fish, or can just be something in neon colors to attract or provoke some sort of reaction, or anything in between,” he said.

“A lot of thought is put into getting it to look and act in a way you want it to, and on the reactions of the fish that you see.”

He’s been fishing for as long as he can remember. “As soon as I could hold a rod.”

He flicks his flies on Lake Michigan, the Cook County Forest Preserve lakes and the Chicago, Des Plaines, Fox and Kankakee rivers, with an occasional foray into Wisconsin.

And on the famously filthy Bubbly Creek. “There’s almost no current, and it’s stagnant, too,” Kuntzelman said. “It’s pretty gross, but the carp seem to love it. They’re the slimiest fish I’ve ever touched, though.”

Biking home to Edgewater — a good name for a place where an angler lives — he’ll “harbor hop,” stopping off at Belmont or Diversey harbors.

Sometimes he fishes from a canoe, during “float trips” on the Fox or Des Plaines.

“You float downstream, leave a car at the end,” he said. “You can float five to eight miles without doing that much work, much better than paddling upstream and floating back.”

Kuntzelman, who grew up in Durand near Rockford, came to UIC two years ago. The previous 15 years he was a machinist and mechanic in repair and job shops.

At the university he makes things such as sample holders, sprayers and parts for lasers and vacuum systems.

“Half the time I don’t know what it is,” he said. “They tell me what they need and I make it.”

His wife, Christa, is a Ph.D. student at Northwestern University in political science, specializing in refugees and forced migration. They met in junior high and dated in high school and beyond before getting married.

Kuntzelman’s flies lure bass, pike, carp, drum, salmon, trout and muskies.

“Pretty much anything,” he said. “If it swims, I’ll go after it.”

“With dancing you still get that elevated heart rate, but people don’t perceive they’re working that hard.”

David Marquez, assistant professor of kinesiology and nutrition, on how senior citizens can stay active. March 11 MarketWatch

“People want a number,” he said, adding that “America leads the way in this kind of assessment. It has become a part of [our] DNA.”

James Pellegrino, UIC distinguished professor of psychology and education and co-director of the Learning Sciences Research Institute, on current pressures in K-12 student assessment. March 9 Education Week

“I expect Trump to win the beauty contest. I think Trump won’t get a large majority — I think he’ll get a small majority out of the delegates.”

Dick Simpson, political science professor, on the Republican presidential primary race. March 11 Texas Tribune

“quoteable”
The process of building a something-for-everyone strategic plan for the University of Illinois continued March 8 with a town hall at UIC.

One of a second round of such sessions at the three campuses, the meeting in Student Center West was hosted by University President Timothy Killeen and UIC Chancellor Michael Amiridis.

“We’re building a 21st or 22nd century university,” said Killeen. “We don’t want to be catching up.”

He called for “intense” collaboration across disciplines and with partners, “research and scholarship with impact,” and a “culture of discovery, entrepreneurship and risk-taking.”

The plan will describe what the university wants to do in the next five or 10 years. Work began over the summer and the goal is completion by the end of the academic year.

Killeen asked of the now 8- to 12-page strategic plan, “Does it convey an overall direction, a vision?”

The document should cite “diversity, enrollment growth, reimagined student-focused teaching and learning, a rich and varied cultural experience, experiential learning and career guidance,” he said.

Speaking for the Great Cities Institute, political science professor Dick Simpson said the plan “neglects” UIC’s role in one of the top 10 global cities.

“The Chicago metropolitan region has more wealth and production than most nations,” he said. “We need to have recognition of our efforts for improvement of the city of Chicago.”

An administrator from the College of Dentistry observed, “We can be frugal, but we don’t have to look like we’re frugal.”

Amiridis said, “We are not frugal, we are poor.”

“China has invested $670 million in debt, show me the money.”

Amiridis said, “We are not frugal, we are poor,” drawing laughter. “If we are $670 million in debt, show me the money.”

With 700,000 alumni, “only 8 percent give back,” Killeen said.

View the draft plan and make suggestions at go.uic.edu/strategic

Trump campaign cancels Pavilion event

The Trump campaign cancelled its event scheduled at the UIC Pavilion Friday night. About 6,360 people were inside the UIC Pavilion for the 6 p.m. event when the Trump campaign announced it was canceled around 6:30 p.m. Another 4,000 people were in line to enter the Pavilion and about 2,500 protesters were outside, according to UIC Police and UIC Pavilion estimates.

Yesterday’s rally and protests attracted thousands of individuals who sought to make their voices heard through the political process, UIC Chancellor Michael Amiridis said in an email to the campus community Saturday. “We fully supported the rights of all groups to assemble and express their political views and worked hard with the organizers to facilitate the events.

“I want to thank our students and other members of the UIC community who participated peacefully in these events. UIC strives to create an environment where opposing points of view can be heard and debated and we expect our students to conduct themselves accordingly.”

UIC Police, Chicago Police, Illinois State Police and the Secret Service provided security for the event. UIC Police arrested three people not affiliated with UIC after they refused to leave the Pavilion. The Chicago Police Department reported four arrests.

“The vast majority of attendees at today’s events exercised their constitutional rights of free speech and free assembly peacefully. The abrupt announcement of the cancellation of the event created challenges in managing an orderly exit from the Pavilion,” UIC Police Chief Kevin Booker said Friday.

“The University of Illinois at Chicago worked with all appropriate agencies to address the security concerns associated with an event of this nature including the Secret Service, Chicago Police Department and Illinois State Police as well as campaign and protest organizers.”

UIC author named finalist for top literary prize

English professor Luis Alberto Urrea is one of five finalists for the 2016 PEN/Faulkner award, the largest peer-juried prize for fiction.

Urrea, UIC College of Liberal Arts and Sciences distinguished professor, was nominated for his book The Water Museum, which was selected by a panel of three judges who considered approximately 500 novels and short story collections by American authors published in the U.S. during 2015.

The Water Museum is a collection of U.S. West- and Southwest-based short stories that, like some of his other best-selling works, reflect Urrea’s personal knowledge and experience of the U.S.-Mexico border culture. It was named among the best fiction books of 2015 by National Public Radio and Kirkus Reviews.

National Public Radio’s Michael Schaub calls him “compassionate but hard-edged, a kind of literary badass who still believes in love… ‘The Water Museum is a brilliant, powerful collection, and Luis Alberto Urrea is a master storyteller.”

The other PEN/Faulkner nominees are James Hannaham for Delicious Foods, Julie Iromuanya for Mr. and Mrs. Doctor, Viet Thanh Nguyen for The Sympathizer and Elizabeth Tallent for Mended Fences.

The winner, to be announced April 5, will receive $15,000, and the other four finalists will receive $5,000 each. All five authors will be honored May 14 during the 36th annual PEN/Faulkner Award ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Urrea, a 2005 Pulitzer Prize finalist for nonfiction and member of the Latino Literature Hall of Fame, was born in Tijuana, Mexico, to a Mexican father and an American mother. The best-selling author has won numerous awards for his poetry, nonfiction, fiction and essays.

The Devil’s Highway, Urrea’s 2004 nonfiction account of a group of Mexican immigrants lost in the Arizona desert, won the Lannan Literary Award and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the Pacific Rim Kiriyama Prize.

Urrea, a resident of Naperville, Illinois, came to UIC in 1999 and teaches creative nonfiction, fiction and poetry workshops for graduate and undergraduate students.
Medical illustration archive moves to UIC
By Anne Brooks Ranallo

The Association of Medical Illustrators, a national professional society founded at the UIC College of Medicine in 1945, is moving its archive from Wake Forest University to the UIC Library of Health Sciences this spring.

The original medical illustrations, photographs, slides, journals, newsletters and working papers collected over seven decades amounts to 78 linear feet of materials, in library terms. It will be housed in the library's Chicago Special Collections and Archives Department.

When it was announced that the Wake Forest facility would close, UIC's department of biomedical and health information sciences submitted a proposal that bested those of Johns Hopkins University and Cincinnati's Lloyd Library and Museum, which collects medical and pharmaceutical materials.

The association's history at UIC may have influenced the decision, according to John Daugherty, program director and clinical assistant professor of biomedical visualization. Daugherty said the association's founder, Tom Jones, also founded UIC's program in biomedical visualization.

But there are also pragmatic reasons for UIC to hold the archive, Daugherty said. "The UIC Library of Health Sciences is one of the largest health sciences libraries in the United States. It is one of eight regional medical libraries for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine," he said.

The national network designates regional medical libraries for the strength of the library's collection, the expertise and reputation of its staff, and the library's ability to deliver services to the region.

"The biomedical visualization faculty will work with the AMI to set policy for the archive. It will be a valuable resource for our students, faculty, alumni and other scholars for years to come," Daugherty said.

The archive includes more than 70 years of illustrations and photos.

CHANCELLOR ADDRESS
UIC Chancellor Michael Amiridis will discuss UIC accomplishments, current challenges facing the campus, and future plans to be Chicago's premier public research university during "The State of the University of Illinois at Chicago" address March 30.

The event takes place from 3 to 4 p.m. at the UIC Forum.

The address has been designated as an approved event for nonexempt civil service employees, operations permitting and with prior supervisory approval.

RSVP at chancellor.uic.edu

GRAD STUDENT APPRECIATION
The Graduate College hosts a week of events celebrating its graduate students this week.

Events include a bagel and coffee social; information on fellowship applications, interviewing and networking; free professional head shots; a movie night and more.

To register and view a complete list of events, visit grad.uic.edu

WOMEN'S HERITAGE MONTH
The Women's Heritage Month Celebration features activities and lectures that engage and inform campus about the diverse roles and unique contributions of women in the community.

A variety of departments and organizations are hosting a monthlong series of programs and events that have a common thread: celebrating the lives and impact of women from a diversity of communities and cultures.

The event is sponsored by the Women's Leadership & Resource Center, which will focus its programming around the impact of the prison industrial complex on woman-identified people.

View a list of events at wlrsc.uic.edu

HULL-HOUSE HISTORY
Faculty members can apply for a year-long seminar that will allow them to use the Jane Addams' Hull-House Museum collection and resources in their teaching.

The "Securing the Common Good: Hull-House History at UIC" initiative stems from a National Endowment for the Humanities grant that the Hull-House Museum and Institute for the Humanities received to foster teaching and learning at UIC.

Applications are due March 18 at bit.ly/1Rhtzw

FUN WAY TO HELP
Create button jewelry to help the local community March 30.

Participants can craft jewelry from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 3050 Student Services Building and donate it to Deborah's Place, which serves women experiencing homelessness.

The event is co-sponsored by CCSW Minority Concerns subcommittee, Donate by Design student organization and the UIC Office of Career Services/Student Employment Office.

RSVP at news.uic.edu/crafting

'Spring of Latino Art' begins
By Brian Flood — bflood@uic.edu

The Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR), a national consortium based at UIC, presents "Spring of Latino Art," a cultural series that runs through June of more than 60 community-based exhibitions and events highlighting Latino art in Chicago.

The series features exhibitions, panel discussions and community dialogues by an estimated 200 artists to examine and celebrate the rich tradition of Latino creativity in Chicago.

A detailed program for the series of events is online at iuplr.uic.edu

Admission to events is free unless otherwise noted.

Among the venues are the Chicago Cultural Center, the National Museum of Mexican Art and the Museum of Contemporary Art. The series is organized in association with Latino Art Now!, IUPLR's national conference, set for April 7-9 in Chicago.

"Spring of Latino Art" is presented with support from Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and the Joyce Foundation.
Students throughout UIC are volunteering after-school hours to teach math and writing to elementary students in neighborhoods near UIC.

These aren’t student teachers working toward an education degree. These tutors are students from any of UIC’s 15 colleges, volunteering in a one-semester pilot program called UIC ENGAGE. “Youth who live in communities with low college-going rates can advance academically and personally by working with UIC students,” said Alfred Tatum, dean of the UIC College of Education and creator of UIC ENGAGE.

“We want our students to know that their presence in the community will have a significant impact on the lives of others. This pilot is part of UIC’s long-term commitment to expand college access and promote the well-being of the neighborhoods around UIC,” Tatum said.

“As a child with working parents, I didn’t have any resources to find a tutor when I needed help, nor did I have an older sibling as a role model,” said Janess Borromeo, who is studying to be a nurse-practitioner specializing in gerontology. “UIC ENGAGE is a great program to help kids who lack extra resources, as well as providing role models they can look up to.”

“UIC ENGAGE allows me to help children in need. Being able to help kids achieve their goals is very rewarding,” said Sakai Parker, a third-year pre-nursing student.

The neighborhoods were chosen for proximity to UIC and their need for greater academic resources. The UIC students travel by bus to meet the elementary students in two schools and three churches for two hours — one hour for math, one hour for writing — on alternating days, Monday through Thursday.

The participating schools are Smyth Elementary in Little Italy and Haines Elementary in Chinatown. The churches include Faith Community Church, Greater Open Door Baptist Church and Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in North Lawndale.

A community liaison in each neighborhood provides support throughout the semester.

The UIC students receive resource manuals for the teaching of math and writing, six hours of training and technological support throughout the semester. Those who complete a semester of tutoring will receive a UIC Experience certificate and recognition at a luncheon with UIC Chancellor Michael Amiridis.
Introducing East Meets West

By Christy Levy — christyb@uic.edu

Two new leaders have joined UIC since the beginning of the year, and they’ve quickly formed a team approach to guiding the vision of the east and west sides of campus.

Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs Robert Barish and Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Susan Poser hope students, staff and faculty will follow their lead and form collaborations across campus to further the UIC’s academic, research and urban missions.

“A lot of people don’t know about the collaborations between the east and west parts of the university, so we want to highlight these collaborations and let the campus know that we’re working together to move the institution forward,” Barish said.

In order to highlight multidisciplinary, cross-campus collaborations, Poser and Barish came up with the idea for East Meets West, a new feature in UIC News.

“We were talking about the importance of not only increasing collaborations among all colleges and departments but also celebrating them and making them known,” Poser said. “We agreed that one way to build these collaborations is to let people know it’s already going on and how relatively easy it is to start one.”

Researchers can connect with each other by attending faculty research presentations and colloquia, browsing faculty websites and reading about faculty research in the news, among other opportunities, Poser said.

Students can also get involved in campus collaborations through talking to their professors and finding opportunities on the Undergraduate Research Experience, ure.uic.edu.

Multidisciplinary projects are attractive to funding agencies, Barish said.

“Federal funding agencies are looking for collaborations — they’re looking for more of a team approach,” he said. “It helps the university to take a multidisciplinary, inter-professional approach. Working together, we can move forward.”

Most research questions benefit from multidisciplinary answers, Poser said.

“The problems don’t come in silos and we should not be thinking we can solve them in silos,” she said. “We have such a wide range of expertise at this university to apply to researching and solving these problems.”

Poser and Barish are working together to oversee academic affairs on campus, with Barish overseeing the health sciences and Poser overseeing the physical sciences, engineering, the humanities, social sciences and the arts.

“We’ve struck up a very good friendship, a good working relationship,” Poser said.

“We are talking practically on a daily basis about what’s happening on campus and we are focused on bringing the campus together. It’s a team effort.”

It’s important to promote the good work happening on campus, Barish said.

“Sometimes we need to brag about ourselves,” he said. “We suspect that in many instances neither the campus nor the external community knows about these collaborations. We need to get the word out about the incredible things happening on the entire campus.”

Tiny sensors measure air quality in community, at work

By David Staudacher — davidst@uic.edu

Researchers in the College of Engineering and School of Public Health are collaborating on a project that can help crowd-source pollution data and make it easier to measure air quality.

Igor Paprotny, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, and Lisa Brosseau, professor of environmental and occupational health sciences, are working together to maximize the impact tiny sensors developed in Paprotny’s lab could have in the community and workplace.

MEASURING AIR QUALITY

Chicago has one of the highest asthma mortality rates in the U.S., and the incidence in children varies widely from one Chicago community to the next. But why?

It may relate to neighborhood air quality. Paprotny plans to use the city as his laboratory and enlist community citizen-scientists to gather data with miniature personal sensors his research team is developing.

Paprotny leads the Air-Microfluidics Group, a research consortium that includes UIC, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Argonne National Laboratory, the University of California-Berkeley and a scientist from the U.S. EPA. The team is developing a particulate-matter sensor the size of a memory stick that could be connected to a cellphone to measure and transmit the wearer’s exposure in real time.

Instrumentation currently used to measure particulate air pollution “is about the size of a toaster or a desktop computer,” Paprotny said.

Particulate air pollution consists of tiny particles and droplets of acids, organic chemicals, metals, soil or dust. The size of the particles is linked to their potential for causing health problems, according to the EPA, and smaller is worse. Particles under 10 microns — about one-eighth the width of a human hair — can pass through the throat, enter the lungs and cause serious adverse health effects.

When particles get really small — below 2.5 microns — “they are even more dangerous,” Paprotny said.

“They get very deep into our lungs, and we really don’t have a natural way to get rid of them,” he said. “Our immune system cannot handle them because they are too big, but they are still small enough to enter deep into our respiratory system.”

The EPA has lowered the allowable exposure limit several times, but more data is needed.

The sensor that the consortium is developing will offer not just portability, but improved accuracy and lower cost.

“Our sensor is currently the only miniature sensor that actually weights the particles and reports the concentration as a mass,” Paprotny said.

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The devices are projected to cost about $20 each to manufacture in quantity — and many will be needed.

“We’re in discussions to potentially work with Chicago environmental organizations and hope eventually to recruit citizen-scientists to wear the sensors,” Paprotny said. “With mobile sensors across the city, we can build a map of pollution and gather data.”

**WORKPLACE HAZARDS**

Brosseau, an industrial hygienist, said Paprotny’s sensors could “revolutionize” her field, which involves recognizing and controlling exposure to hazardous materials in the workplace.

In the past, workplace hazards were measured through a cumbersome device worn by the user. Then, the data needed to be analyzed manually.

“The microsensors that Igor and others are working on are really exciting because they’re tiny and have a built-in pump so you don’t need all of the paraphernalia that you used to,” Brosseau said. “You can just stick it to your lapel.”

Brosseau suggested creating wearable sensors, such as adding them to necklaces or earrings.

“These sensors capture data immediately, she said.

“It contributes to the idea of citizen science,” she said. “We can potentially give tools to people in the workplace and tell them — with immediate feedback — what they’re exposed to. They don’t have to wait two weeks to have results.”

With faster results, researchers can investigate the connection between particulate exposure and health effects by collecting data on blood pressure, symptoms and more.

“It’s immediate epidemiology,” Brosseau said. “That would really revolutionize our world.”

The sensor could help individuals make healthy choices, Paprotny said.

“A portable sensor attached to a cellphone could enable all of us to scan the air around us and determine if it’s safe to go out,” he said. “We expect air around us to be clean, and it is not always the case.”

— Christy Levy contributed to this report

Paprotny’s team is developing a sensor the size of a memory stick that could be connected to a cellphone to measure and transmit the wearer’s exposure to hazards in the air. “Our sensor is currently the only miniature sensor that actually weighs the particles and reports the concentration as a mass,” Paprotny says.
“TANGERINE”
Film screening and discussion for Women’s Heritage Month. Presented by the UIC Latino Cultural Center and Gender and Sexuality Center. Co-sponsored by the Women’s Leadership & Resource Center and student organizations Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement, Queer Compass and Pride
3–5 p.m.
Latino Cultural Center, LC B2

AN EVENING OF CHAMBER MUSIC: A LAST LOOK AT WINTER
UIC Orchestra and Choirs
Randall Thompson’s Frostiana: Seven Country Songs is at center eclectic program featuring the UIC Chamber Choir, University Choir, Women’s Chorus and Orchestra
7:30 p.m.
Notre Dame Church
1334 W. Flournoy St.

Know Your Rights, Illinois: Civic Engagement and Social Security for Older Gays and Lesbians After Windsor
Brian Grossman, College of Applied Health Sciences
Noon–1 p.m.
1-470 Daley Library

GEO-REFERENCING IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
Zhong Chen, uGRIDD principal, talks about the uGRIDD geo-referencing software platform. Spring 2016 Seminar Series event hosted by the Urban Transportation
Noon
110 CUPPA

I SEE YOU
Deana Lewis, graduate student in educational policy studies, discusses “Hyperinvisibility of Black Women & Girls in Dialogues on Criminalization and Justice.” Part of Women’s Heritage Month events
12:30–1:30 p.m.
WLRC/CAN Programming Room, 728 Roosevelt Road

Teaching Conversation
Part of the TLC Advancement-of-Teaching Series
1–2 p.m.
1-470 Daley Library

Tests as Teaching Tools
Part of the TLC Advancement-of-Teaching Series
2–3 p.m.
1-470 Daley Library

The State of the University of Illinois at Chicago Address
Chancellor Michael Amiridis discusses UIC’s accomplishments, current challenges facing campus, and future plans to be Chicago’s premier public research university
3–4 p.m.
UIC Forum
RSVP at chancellor.uic.edu
GRAD STUDENT EXCELS IN COMPETITIONS

Graduate student Sumanth Reddy Pandugula is changing the world, one hackathon at a time.

As a member of two separate hackathon teams, Pandugula, a master’s student in computer science, received awards at the PennApps XIII and 2015 Facebook Global Hackathon competitions.

Pandugula and his teammates, Ryan Hughes, Anthony Topper and Amol Panjabi — high school and university students from Boston — competed in the University of Pennsylvania’s PennApps XIII hackathon in January, an event in which programmers create innovative projects. Pandugula and his colleagues were awarded the best use of Comcast’s Everyblock API in the competition with their project Blocks of Sugar, a social media platform designed for people living with diabetes.

“Blocks of Sugar connects diabetes patients by location so they can learn from and motivate one another,” their website states.

The social networking platform helps people who have diabetes anonymously connect with others in their area, creating groups for users based on their similar demographics.

“We took a lot of interest in people’s privacy,” Pandugula said. “At the same time, we wanted diabetes patients to get motivated and learn from their peers so they can maintain their blood glucose levels and take care of their health.”

The platform, which was created in a 36-hour time limit, included features such as a chat room where users can communicate with and share exercise regimens and eating habits and a leaderboard that ranks the members based on how well they manage their diabetes. By creating a competition and game-like experience, the team hopes that it will help motivate the users to make better choices.

Pandugula and another set of teammates competed at the 2015 Facebook Global Hackathon at San Francisco. During 24 hours, Pandugula and his teammates Avi Romanoff, Nikhil Choudhary and Tiffany Jiang — students at Carnegie Mellon University who Pandugula met while studying there in 2014 — created Onreel.news, a website that tracks and streams videos taken around the world in real time by eyewitnesses.

Onreel.news displays a world map with dots scattered throughout. Each cluster of dots indicates events that occur at that location. The program geolocates videos posted to Instagram and curates the content through hashtags to give viewers a sense of what is happening.

“When we have these videos [of breaking news], why not get them to people? That would give us instant updates,” he said.

The inspiration for this project came from the 2015 Paris attacks. While some news gets overlooked, suppressed or censored, the team hopes that Onreel.news will gather short, unedited footage from social media to paint an image of what is going on.

Pandugula and his teammates hope their program will be able to give immediate updates to people on events and crises, especially families and friends who are waiting to hear news about their loved ones.

Pandugula believes that both Blocks of Sugar and Onreel.news have potential to become applications that could benefit the general public and have an impact on people’s lives.

He also hopes to continue working on programs and applications that will help to better the community.

“I would love to [continue] to take on pressing problems and create viable solutions,” he said.

By Pearl Shin — pshin3@uic.edu

UIC graduate student Sumanth Reddy Pandugula (second from left), with teammates at the PennApps hackathon. He has won awards at two hackathons.
CRIMES REPORTED TO UIC POLICE

- Theft: 8
- Criminal trespass: 3
- Harassment by telephone: 1

ARRESTS BY UIC POLICE

Mar. 11
Three men were arrested for criminal trespass at 8:20 p.m. at the UIC Pavilion.

Mar. 12
A man was arrested for DUI at 3:26 p.m. at 800 W. Taylor St.

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UIC mathematician Kevin Tucker has been named a 2016 Sloan research fellow by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

Awarded in eight scientific and technical fields, Sloan fellowships recognize and support early-career scientists whose achievements and potential identify them as rising stars. This year, the foundation awarded 126 fellowships to scholars from 52 colleges and universities across the U.S. and Canada.

Tucker, assistant professor of mathematics at UIC, has research interests in algebraic geometry and commutative algebra. A graduate of the University of Chicago, he received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan and was a postdoctoral instructor and researcher at Princeton University and the University of Utah before coming to UIC in 2013. He is the 14th faculty member from UIC’s department of mathematics, statistics and computer science to receive a Sloan fellowship.

Since the program began in 1955, 43 former Sloan fellows have gone on to receive a Nobel Prize; 16 have won the Fields Medal in mathematics; and 68 have received the National Medal of Science. Fellowships are awarded in chemistry, computer science, economics, mathematics, computational and evolutionary molecular biology, neuroscience, ocean sciences, and physics.
By Eric Phillips — ericp@uic.edu

Cheer on the baseball team as they host Oakland this week at Granderson Stadium.

Games are set for 3:05 p.m. Friday, 1:05 p.m. Saturday and 12:05 p.m. Sunday. Students are free with i-card.

The Flames (6-9) dropped both games of a doubleheader at Chicago State Saturday.

Ricardo Ramirez went 2-2 with a double and two RBI but it wasn’t enough as Chicago State defeated the Flames 6-3 in the opener.

With the game tied at 2-2 in the fifth, the Cougars plated two runs to take a 4-2 lead. The Flames had a run in the sixth to get within one, but Chicago State added four runs in seven innings played with a 1-0 lead.

In the seventh inning, walks and defensive miscues hurt the Flames as Chicago State scored three runs without collecting a hit. With two outs and a runner on third base, a routine grounder was botched by Alex Dee at third, which led to CSU’s first run. Reliever Trevor Lane (2-2) released a wild pitch that produced the second run, and a passed ball on the next pitch allowed the third and final run to cross the plate.

The series finale slated for Sunday at Granderson Stadium was postponed because of rain.

By Citlali Cuevas — kcueva3@uic.edu

Max Cederkall won his singles and doubles matches Saturday. — Photo: Steve Woltmann

The men’s tennis team (6-6) picked up its third straight victory Saturday, sweeping Nebraska-Omaha (5-9) at the Miracle Hill.

“We played solid in doubles to get the win,” head coach Hans Neufeld said. “In singles we did a good job executing our game plan with a workmanlike effort.”

Carl Hedstrom made quick work of his singles opponent and won in straight sets at the No. 1 position (6-3, 7-5). He owns five wins at the top spot this season. Mitch Granger picked up his third-consecutive victory at No. 3 singles, winning in straight sets (6-3, 6-2).

Marcelo Dib pushed his match to three sets, defeating his opponent, 6-4, 4-6, 10-7. In the No. 2 singles spot, Christopher Cole defeated Matt Dunn, 6-4, 6-3. Nate Campanile and Max Cederkall closed out singles play with victories in the No. 5 and 6 positions, respectively.

Granger and Cole fought a hard match against Collin Buckley and Ignace Warson, but fell, 6-4. Hedstrom and Campanile downed opponents Erik Anderson and Alex Woodward, 6-4. Cederkall and Dib secured the doubles point for the Flames with a 6-4 victory at No. 3.

UIC returns to action Friday and Saturday, traveling to Oklahoma to play two matches before starting Horizon League play.

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UIC wrapped up competition Saturday at the NCAA Zone C Championships at Purdue University.

The Flames sent four divers to compete in the championships: senior Mark Ciesielski, junior Tyler Pastore, freshman Sean Scarry and sophomore Rachel Criscione.

In the first day of competition, the men’s team had all three divers on the boards for the 3-meter dive. Ciesielski led the Flames with a score of 237.45 and a 29th place finish. Pastore posted a mark of 229.85 for 31st place and Scarry finished in 32nd with a final score of 186.65.

The women’s competition opened with the 1-meter dive. Criscione, in her first appearance at the NCAA Zones, notched a final score of 198.50.

The next day, Criscione finished with a score of 131.75 in the 3-meter dive.

In his final performance at the NCAA Zones, Ciesielski posted the top score for the Flames in the 1-meter dive with a mark of 239.70 for 23rd place. Scarry followed with a score of 204.40 for 27th and Pastore delivered a mark of 191.95 for 28th place.