

In that position, Leventis was responsible for all of the land development activities for the Olympic venues, their design and eventual construction, general planning, environmental considerations, and the master planning of the Olympic village. One of his first roles as Director General was to evaluate the privatization of certain Olympic venues, something that in the end was determined infeasible, primarily due to the unique nature of the projects and the tight and unyielding deadline of hosting the Olympic Games.

The demands of his job, which requires long hours and frequent travel, are balanced by the excitement of taking on new challenges and high profile projects, Leventis says. His civic involvements include membership in the New York Building Congress, the Board of Governors of the New York Building Foundation, and the Board of Trustees of the VanAllen Institute, an organization that promotes proper design in public spaces. His awards have included the National Honor Award from the American Consulting Engineers Council for his work on the \$1 billion New York Hospital expansion over FDR Drive on the East River in New York City and the Grand Award of the State of New Jersey for his work on the Liberty Science Center on the Hudson River. Other notable projects include the current study for the 111-story Empire World Towers in Miami and the Chacao Channel Bridge in Chile.

"I'm running usually 120 miles an hour, and I am working many, many hours," he says. "I guess we run on adrenaline, and if things are exciting, the adrenaline can get you going—now I don't know what it does to your system—but I would be miserable if I didn't have much to do."

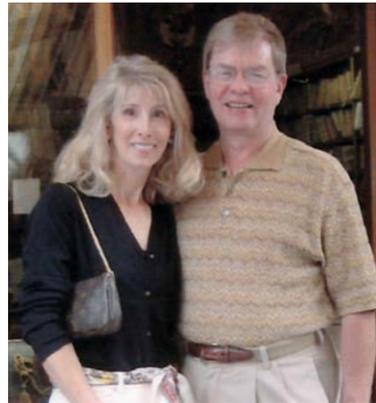
Leventis lives just outside New York City with his wife, Dr. Lili Deligianni, Ph.D., an alumna of U of I's Department of Chemical Engineering, and their daughters, Christine, 10; and Evangelina and Natalie, 9. ☞

Career in rail prompts gift for scholarships

Alumnus Norman Carlson and his wife, Mary, have established the Norman Carlson Scholarship Fund for students in railroad or transportation engineering.

Carlson graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Commerce and Business Administration in 1964 with a B.S. in Accountancy. After two years of military service, he joined Arthur Andersen and Company in 1966. He was appointed Railroad Industry Head in 1985, and managing partner of the Worldwide Transportation Industry Practice in 1990. He retired in 2000 and formed Carlson Consulting International.

Carlson has written or published 18 books on the history and technology of electrified railways and is the editor of *First and Fastest*, a quarterly magazine on passenger railroads in Central and Midwestern states. His many activities include serving as a guest lecturer on business formation at the University of



Mary and Norman Carlson

Illinois at Chicago, a member of the Business Advisory Council to the Transportation Center at Northwestern University, and the president of the George Krambles Transportation Scholarship Fund, a position he has held since 1985.

The Carlsons' gift in support of rail education is the result of their gratitude for the opportunities they have enjoyed as a result of Carlson's University of Illinois education and his long years of service to the rail industry, he says.

"Mary will tell you that I turned a hobby in railroads into a career and we've had a very nice life as a result of that career," Carlson says. "I'm very appreciative of the education I got at the U of I." In addition, Carlson wants to encourage students to pursue careers in the rail industry, where opportunities now abound due to growth in the industry and an aging work force.

"There is a tremendous need for people in the rail industry." ☞

Krambles gift to UIC will support urban planning

With a gift of \$50,000, The George Krambles Transportation Scholarship Fund (GKTTSF) has endowed a scholarship at the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois Chicago. Illinois alumnus George Krambles (BS '36) dedicated his career to the advancement of urban transportation engineering. He is best known for his leadership of the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), from which he retired as executive director in 1980. His establishment of the Skokie Swift initiated a new era in commuter rail. The gift is intended to encourage students to pursue

careers in urban planning and mass transit, said Norman Carlson, president of the GKTTSF Board of Directors.

"Many students have benefited from the legacy of George Krambles, and I applaud the efforts of the Board to continue to help more students," said the college's Dean, Robin Hambleton. ☞



George Krambles on a CTA train, circa 1980

IL-ACPA gift will support concrete pavement education

With a gift of \$200,000, the Illinois Chapter of the American Concrete Pavement Association (IL-ACPA) has established an endowment fund for graduate fellowships in the area of concrete pavements. Income from this endowment will be matched by the UIUC Endowed Fellowship Income Matching Program established by the Office of the Provost. In addition, IL-ACPA has pledged an additional \$50,000 over five years to the department to assist promising young faculty members whose area of research is concrete pavement and for general support of the concrete pavement program.

The organization hopes the gift will help the department attract the best graduate students with an interest in

concrete pavement design and help the department stay on the cutting edge of concrete pavement research, said Tom Beck (BS '79), vice president of Continental Cement Company in Chesterfield, Mo., and a member of the IL-ACPA board of directors. In addition, Beck says, IL-ACPA hopes the gift "will allow University of Illinois students at all levels to become familiar with the advantages and solutions that concrete materials offer, so that they may avail themselves of those advantages throughout their careers."

"The University of Illinois is recognized throughout the country for the excellence of its engineering school," said Raymond C. McVeigh, said Raymond C. McVeigh, Executive Director

of the Great Lakes Cement Promotion Association Inc., a member of IL-ACPA. "IL-ACPA could find no better partner for the advancement of concrete paving research and for the dissemination of excellence in concrete design. IL-ACPA recognizes the importance of introducing young engineers to the many advantages and design solutions that concrete offers. Because of its outstanding faculty and excellent reputation, U of I was IL-ACPA's choice as a conduit for concrete programs for tomorrow's engineers."

For information about the UIUC Endowed Fellowship Income Matching Program of the Office of the Provost, contact Marilyn Boland, (217) 333-5120, mboland@uiuc.edu. ☞

Union Pacific Railroad gift to support rail grad research, diversity

Union Pacific Railroad (UP) has given \$10,000 to the department in support of graduate research in rail transportation. The Union Pacific Graduate Research Fellowship, to be offered annually, will provide support for the work of an outstanding graduate student. An additional gift from UP of \$12,100 will be allocated within the University with an emphasis on suitability to the rail industry and diversity.

This year's fellowship recipient is Ph.D. student Pooja Anand (MS '04), whose work focuses on helping the rail industry increase the safety of transporting hazardous materials. Anand received her Bachelor of Technology degree in 2000 at the Indian



Representatives from Union Pacific presented their gift in a visit to campus in October. From left, Jaime Hill, Union Pacific Railroad; Pooja Anand, the railroad program Ph.D. student whose research the gift will support; and Associate Professor Chris Barkan, director of the rail program.

Institute of Technology, Kanpur in India and her Master of Science degree in 2004, from the department.

UP's support of rail education is an important part of the company's plan to

ensure a well-educated work force, says Valerie C. Ford, UP's Senior Manager of Leadership Development and Recruitment.

More than 40 percent of UP's operating management team is expected to retire within the next 10 years, and UP will need to hire and rapidly develop new managers for the company's 40,000-employee operating department, she says. University of Illinois' rail curriculum is a "perfect fit" for UP's Operations Management Training Program, which hires

more than 200 entry-level managers every year, Ford says.

UP is the largest railroad in North America, covering 23 states across two-thirds of the United States. ☞