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Directory update

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ISUAA—serving annuitants and survivors since 1971

President's message

Thanks to the College of Fine Arts for sponsoring this issue of the newsletter and for offering event ticket discounts to Illinois State University Annuitants Association (ISUAA) members. A listing of some of the college's events is provided in this newsletter. Please support these events by purchasing tickets and remember to ask for your annuitant discount.

It has been a hectic legislative session featuring a number of bills designed to significantly reduce your benefits. Fortunately, in spite of significant activity and much pressure for action, no adverse pension legislation passed this legislative session. Gov. Pat Quinn has called the Legislature into a special session, and we shall see whether the legislative leaders and the governor can produce a different outcome.

Insurance premiums for retirees went into effect July 1, and an appeal of the lower court decision on the imposition of these premiums is expected to be heard by the Illinois Supreme Court this fall. The State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) will provide some financial support for this appeal.

Those individuals covered by Medicare should look forward to changes in your health care coverage with a new benefit choice period that will take place this fall, with an effective date of January 1, 2014. While details of the plan(s) are not known at this time, the information that is currently available is provided in this newsletter.

After many years of having the lowest dues structure of any university chapter of SUAA, increasing demands on our budget required consideration of a dues increase. A chapter dues increase was approved June 5 at the Annual Meeting, effective January 1.

I look forward to working with Jess Ray in his new role as vice president and continuing to work with Neil Gridley as treasurer. I also look forward to working with Marie Dawson and with Jan Cook who were elected as directors at the Annual Meeting. Our thanks go to Chuck McGuire for his past work as vice president. Significant challenges lie ahead, and we need your help and support. If you know someone that is not yet a member of ISUAA, encourage them to join. And remember to pay your annual dues, or even better, sign up for payroll deduction or have your dues automatically deducted from your monthly State Universities Retirement System (SURS) pension. That ensures that you will not set this notice aside and then forget about making your dues payment. And if you want to help in other significant ways, let a member of the board know of your interest. We often need help on various projects and each year face the task of identifying new members for positions on the board, committees, and task forces.

I hope to see you at the Fall Luncheon September 11. We hope that Timothy J. Flanagan, the new Illinois State University president, will agree to be our featured speaker, and we blocked a spot on his calendar for this date. Future events of interest to our members are listed in this newsletter. Please take advantage of these opportunities to socialize, learn, and enjoy superb entertainment.

Larry Alferink, ISUAA president

ISUAA discounts for 2013–2014 College of Fine Arts events

by Brandon Burling, manager, Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Office

Once again, the College of Fine Arts at Illinois State is pleased to announce a special ticket rate for ISUAA members to events at the Center for the Performing Arts. ISUAA members are able to receive the Illinois State student ticket rates of \$12 for tickets to any School of Theatre and Dance production and \$6 to any School of Music concert (*except as noted).

Center for the Performing Arts 2013–2014 Theatre and Dance productions

Spring Awakening—Opening September 27

Dancing at Lughnasa—Opening November 1

Fall Dance Theatre—Opening December 5

A Midsummer Night's Dream (Benjamin Britten's opera)—
Opening February 21

Mrs. Packard—Opening April 4

Spring Dance Theatre—Opening May 1

Center for the Performing Arts 2013–2014 Music events with *\$10 tickets

Music for the Holidays Concert

Jazz Festival with special guest artist

Tickets may be obtained by calling the Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Office at (309) 438-2535 or by visiting during regular business hours, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday. ISUAA members must inform the Ticket Office of their membership in order to receive this discount. We recommend that ISUAA members redeem their tickets no later than 15 minutes prior to performance start times. For a complete listing of dates and times, please visit FineArts.IllinoisState.edu. The College of Fine Arts and I look forward to seeing you this season!

*Please note that all dates, times, and prices are subject to change.

Homecoming 2013

Every year campus comes alive during Homecoming week, which this year will be held September 30–October 6. There are many must-do activities, with Saturday the most action-packed day of the weeklong celebration.

Alums will join people from the community in the annual Town and Gown 5K Run and 1-Mile Family Fun Run/ Walk, which is once again scheduled for 8 a.m. There are 12 divisions in the event, including one for wheelchair participants.

The parade is another tradition everyone enjoys. Redbird pride soars as the Big Red Marching Machine takes to the streets and starts up the University fight song! This year the fun starts at 10 a.m.

The football game is definitely a high point. This year's game against Western Illinois University will be played in the newly renovated Hancock Stadium at 2 p.m. See GoRedbirds.com for more information on how to get your tickets now.

Beyond these popular activities, alumni and friends of the University are encouraged to maximize their time at Illinois State by exploring all that is new on campus and Uptown Normal. Start by visiting the Alumni Relations hospitality tent in the tailgating area. Drop off your business card or fill out an update form to receive your 2013 commemorative Homecoming pin.

You'll find campus and Normal maps, as well as information about the changes in recent years. These include the opening of the Student Fitness Center, which is enriching the lives of students. Take a tour to find out what's so amazing about this facility. Don't miss the chance to also see the apartment complex at Cardinal Court. This unique project has significantly changed housing options for Illinois State students.

When you finish strolling the campus, head to Uptown Normal and marvel at the renovations. From the newly opened transportation center to the complete upgrade of businesses, the area is not what most graduates will remember, although favorite student hangouts remain.

For more detailed information, visit IllinoisStateHomecoming.com.

University Club Fall 2013 events

by Dona Meador

Gourmet Dinners

Fall dinners will be held Saturday, September 28, and Saturday, November 2, in the Bone Student Center. Information about the menu and reservation details should be available to all in late August at uClub.IllinoisState.edu. University Club members will receive a mailing in August.

Discussion Hours

The first Discussion Hour of the fall semester will be held Friday, August 23, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., in the Faculty/Staff Commons in the Bone Student Center. Please join us for refreshments and lively conversation. Discussion Hours are held on most Friday afternoons of the academic semester from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Bone Student Center's Faculty/Staff Commons. Special discussion or information topics are noted on the University Club website.

University Club is a great way to meet members of the University community. Membership is open to all current and retired faculty and staff of Illinois State University. Further details about the University Club may be found at uClub.IllinoisState.edu.

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Senior Professionals fall 2013 class lineup

Fall 2013 Academy of Seniors classes

All classes will be held at Illinois State University's Alumni Center, 1101 North Main Street, Normal.

\$35 per four sessions for Senior Professionals members and \$45 per four sessions for nonmembers. For the October Civil War series, attendees may also pay at the door for individual sessions (\$15).

The Misunderstood University: Costs and Consequences of the College Knowledge Gap

1:30–3:30 p.m.

Mondays; September 9, 16, 23, 30

Richard Sullivan, associate professor of sociology, Illinois State University

How Union Diplomacy Prevented a Confederate Victory in the Civil War

1:30–3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 9

W. Michael Weis, professor of history, Illinois Wesleyan University

Camp Douglas—Army Training Center and Prison Camp—The Civil War in Chicago

1:30–3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 16

David L. Keller, managing director, Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation

Relieving Chaos Among Civil War-era Families

1:30–3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23

Kyle E. Ciani, associate professor of history, Illinois State University

Life After the Civil War

1:30–3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30

Paul Bushnell, professor of history, Illinois Wesleyan University

Four German Expressionist Painters

9:30–11:30 a.m.

Tuesdays; November 5, 12, 19, 26

Timothy Garvey, professor emeritus, Illinois Wesleyan University

The Politics of Health Care and Health Care Financing

1:30–3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays; January 8, 15, 22, 2014

Greg Shaw, professor of political science, Illinois Wesleyan University

\$30 per three sessions (Senior Professionals members) \$40 per three sessions for nonmembers

Fall/Winter Mornings with the Professors classes

All classes will be held at Illinois State University's Alumni Center, 1101 North Main Street, Normal.

Sign up for all five—\$35 for Senior Professionals members and \$45 for nonmembers or pay at the door for individual sessions (\$15).

The French in Ste. Genevieve, From the Ground Up!

9:30–11:30 a.m.

Friday, September 27

Elizabeth M. Scott, associate professor of anthropology, Illinois State University

Finding Common Ground—How to Talk to People We Disagree With

9:30–11:30 a.m.

Friday, October 11

Dick Watts, retired Presbyterian minister

The Impact of Renewable Energy

9:30–11:30 a.m.

Friday, October 18

Jeremy High, Twin Groves Wind Farms

How Victorian Americans Changed Christmas

9:30–11:30 a.m.

Friday, October 25

Marcia D. Young, site manager, David Davis Mansion

Looking Into the Mind of the Extremist

9:30–11:30 a.m.

Friday, November 1

Wally B. Mead, professor emeritus of politics and government, Illinois State University

Annuitants Association election results/annual meeting

The Illinois State University Annuitants Association Annual Meeting and Dinner was held June 5 in the Brown Ballroom of the Bone Student Center. Chris Schwelle, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of candidates and opened nominations from the floor. Jess Ray was elected as vice president and Neil Gridley was re-elected as treasurer. Jan Cook and Marie Dawson were elected as directors. Continuing in their positions on the board are Larry Alferink, president; Janet Bremner, secretary; and William Ducett and Chris Schwelle, directors.

Richard Dammers, chair of the Awards Committee, presented the Distinguished Service Award to Shirlee Bottomley.

Larry Alferink summarized the spring legislative session and Linda Brookhart, SUAA executive director, joined him in discussing the upcoming changes to health insurance for individuals covered by Medicare this coming January.

Legislative updates

This was an extremely active legislative session with numerous bills introduced dealing with pension reform. As noted in the last newsletter, Illinois State Senate President John Cullerton, majority leader of the Senate, introduced Senate Bill 1 at the beginning of the session. It was clear he intended to take the lead on pension reform, rather than react to proposals from the House. Senate Bill 1 was a complicated bill that required current employees and retirees to make

Conversion to dues deduction

If you have not yet converted from single dues payment to automatic monthly dues deduction and would like to do so, please use this form. Should you have any questions, contact Larry Alferink at alferink@IllinoisState.edu or (309) 454-3814.

- 1) **For automatic dues deduction** (current retirees only, currently \$2.92/month; \$5.50 with spouse). This is available only to current retirees receiving a State Universities Retirement System (SURS) annuity. I hereby authorize the SURS to deduct each month the amount certified by SUAA as the current rate of dues. The deduction is to start upon expiration of my single payment membership and will continue until I inform SURS otherwise. I also authorize SURS to provide SUAA with any change of address.

NAME (PRINT)

DATE

SIGNATURE

- 2) **For payroll deduction** (current employees only; currently 3.50/month; \$6.60 with spouse August–May). This is available to current Illinois State University employees only. I hereby authorize Illinois State University to deduct each month (August–May) the amount certified by ISUAA as the current rate of dues. The deduction will be implemented as soon as possible upon expiration of my single payment membership and will continue until I submit a signed revocation form to Illinois State University.

NAME (PRINT)

DATE

SIGNATURE

UID

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Please return completed form to ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL 61790-8000.

a choice between keeping state subsidized health insurance or their cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), and if current employees chose the COLA, future pay increases would not be used in computing their pension benefit. Cullerton was unsuccessful in getting the Senate to approve Senate Bill 1, except for a stripped down version that only applied to participants in the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). This stripped down version failed to pass the House.

House Speaker Michael Madigan then adopted Senate Bill 1 as its sponsor and significantly amended it. While the bill was very complicated, its basic features would have increased the cost of the pension for current employees by 2 percent and limited the pension amount subject to the COLA to \$1,000 times the number of years of service. Therefore, someone with 30 years of service would have a maximum annual COLA of \$900 ($\$1,000 \times 30 \text{ years} = \$30,000 \times .03 = \$900$). With Senate Bill 1 now completely revised, Cullerton then sponsored Senate Bill 2404 as the Senate's pension reform vehicle with provisions negotiated with the unions. Cullerton argued that any pension legislation would have to provide participants with a choice in order to pass constitutional muster and that Senate Bill 1 as drafted by the speaker would fail in a court challenge. The speaker

asserted that he was confident that Senate Bill 1 would survive a court challenge and that four justices on the Illinois Supreme Court would support it. One could question how he might know this. In any case, this bill was extremely complicated and retained choices between several options that had been the theme of the original Senate Bill 1. For those currently working, Senate Bill 2404 would offer three choices. Current employees could (A.) keep their COLA at retirement, but lose state-sponsored health insurance, (B.) keep their health insurance but experience a two-year freeze of their COLA in retirement with subsequent increases based on simple instead of compound interest, or (C.) pay an additional 2 percent for their pension and experience a three-year freeze on their COLA at retirement. Retirees would have a choice between (A.) a two-year freeze of their COLA or (B.) keeping their COLA but losing state-sponsored health insurance. Actuarial analysis indicated that Senate Bill 1 would save the state more than three times as much as Senate Bill 2404, increasing pressure to pass Senate Bill 1 over Senate Bill 2404.

Madigan also introduced several bills that passed the House dealing with separate components of pension provisions. House Bill 1154 limited pensionable earnings moving forward to the Social

Security wage base (currently \$113,700) or the currently earned pension benefit, whichever is greater. House Bill 1165 limited the COLA to \$750 per year, a provision also incorporated into Senate Bill 1 as sponsored by the speaker. House Bill 1166 changed the normal retirement age to 67, with implementation phased in over a 25–35 year period. These bills were introduced in the Senate, but remain on third reading and have not been subject to a vote.

Madigan also sponsored legislation that would shift the cost of future pension benefits to the universities and the community colleges and indicated that he would also push for a similar measure for participants in TRS. The university presidents and the Illinois Community College Board agreed to this proposal as long as the costs were phased in over a long time so that they could adjust their budgets gradually over time. The bill providing for cost shifting for SURS covered employers passed the House but was not called for a vote in the Senate. This was the only bill that would clearly be constitutional and would not be subject to a court challenge.

Senate Bill 1 was called for a vote in the Senate on May 30 and only received 16 votes in favor. Senate Bill 2404 remains in the House Rules Committee and has not been called for a vote. After all the activity, no pension reform legislation was approved by the legislature as the two legislative leaders were unable to reach a compromise.

After the session ended, two bond rating agencies lowered the state's bond rating yet again, citing the inability of the Legislature to address the state's budgetary problems. The governor has called for a special session of the Legislature on June 19 to yet again try to come to some resolution on pension reform. There is no evidence at this time that the leaders are any closer to an agreement. Each of the above bills could be called for a vote in the special session or a vote could be called on an amended bill that came about because of a compromise.

The Legislature will come back into veto session October 22–24 and November 5–7.

Dues increase

After many years of having among the lowest chapter dues of any of the 52 active SUAA chapters and the lowest of any university, increasing demands on our budget have caused our chapter assets to gradually shrink to levels that required board action. We have attempted to reduce this problem by eliminating flowers as centerpieces at chapter luncheons and increasing the costs of luncheons from

\$13 to \$15 as our cost for the luncheons has been creeping upward. We also asked members to consider receiving email notification that a PDF copy of the newsletter was available on the ISUAA website, saving us mailing costs. More than 100 members have agreed to this arrangement, and we thank them for their help. I also asked Illinois State President Al Bowman for financial support, and he agreed to provide us with an annual contribution from the University to help support the work we do on behalf of the University and its programs. We also managed to increase our membership by almost 100 members, which temporarily provided some relief.

In spite of these efforts, our costs continued to increase relative to our revenues. Therefore, I appointed a committee—Vice President Chuck McGuire, former President Chris Schwelle, and Treasurer Neil Gridley—to study this issue and to make a recommendation to the board. Budget projections indicated that unless dues were to increase, our assets would dip below the level required to fund our activities for one year, a benchmark the board felt we needed to equal or exceed. We also did not want to ask for a dues increase that was so small that we would have to request additional dues increases in another year or two. On June 5 at the Annual Meeting, a dues increase of \$3 was approved, bringing our total chapter dues to \$7 per year, an amount comparable to many of the other large university chapters. This dues increase will go into effect January 1, 2014. Chapter dues for spouses will continue to be at no cost and we are the only university chapter with this benefit.

Parking tag

If you have an annuitant parking hang tag (It's golden!), it is good until August 2014. If you have recently retired, you can obtain this tag from the Office of Parking and Transportation. It allows you to park at no cost in the Bone Student Center lot and in guest parking at the lot south of the State Farm Hall of Business, as well as at other lots around campus.

Computer Help Desk

The University Computer Help Desk has been renamed the Technology Support Center. The Technology Support Center will offer the same support as Help Desk has in the past. In addition, support is now available 24 hours a day, seven days a week! You can get technical support by contacting the Technology Support Center as follows:

- Send email to SupportCenter@ilstu.edu.
- Visit SupportCenter.IllinoisState.edu.
- Chat with the Technology Support Center online through the website.
- Call (309) 438-4357 for assistance over the phone.
- Stop by the Technology Support Center office in 115 Julian Hall.

Retiree information hotline

Have a question? Need an answer? Don't know whom to contact? Call (309) 438 4311, the phone line answered by Human Resources just for retirees and surviving spouses. Staff will either direct you to the needed resource or take your name and number and have someone follow up with you.



Helping Hamper

by Jan Cook

Our September Helping Hamper will benefit the Crisis Nursery at the Children's Foundation in Bloomington, which takes care of children during family emergencies such as fires, auto accidents, or the illness of a caregiver. Their babies, toddlers, and primary-age clients can use healthy foods and snacks such as cereal, apple sauce, fruit juices, and Jell-O. The staff appreciates receiving low sugar foods because many of the children are under stress and get more keyed up when they eat a lot of sugar.

The children also enjoy brightly patterned paper plates, cups and napkins of any theme: football, graduation, wedding, or anniversary. And if you know someone who has outgrown the diapers part way through a package, do grab the leftovers.

The June Helping Hamper for St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Main and Locust streets filled the hamper with food, tea, pasta, fruit, baby food, personal care items for hot weather—dozens of deodorant, soaps bars, and disposable razors—and cash! The pantry was surprised and delighted to get cash to use to fill special needs. We continue to collect Campbell's Soup Labels for Education as well as Box Tops for Education for the PTO at Metcalf School. The

Box Tops are the small rectangles up to postage stamp size found on packages of General Mills, Scott, Progresso, Betty Crocker, and Ziploc products. They can be redeemed for 10 cents each to support special projects and equipment for schools. A collection basket is on the table with the name tags at the entrance to our luncheon.

Changes for members on Medicare

The recent insurance contract negotiations between the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and Central Management Services (CMS) included a provision that will change the insurance coverage for members covered by Medicare, effective January 1, 2014. Originally described as requiring SURS participants to shift from Medicare to Medicare Advantage, CMS has changed the wording from Medicare Advantage to State-Sponsored Medicare Program based on opposition to this proposal. CMS sent requests for proposals to 17 insurance providers and has received proposals from some of them. CMS is currently reviewing these proposals and will be mailing information to all individuals covered by Medicare. This mailing is expected to occur in September describing a new benefit choice period for those members affected by this plan. It is expected that you would need to choose a

YES, MY GIFT MATTERS.

GIFT DESIGNATION

- ISU EXCELLENCE FUND. Supports the University's area of greatest need (3065065)
 RED AND WHITE SCHOLARSHIP FUND (2323000)
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PAYMENT OPTIONS

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A single gift in the amount of \$ _____

A recurring gift in the amount of \$ _____,

ending on ____/____/____ (month/day/year),

to be paid: monthly quarterly semiannually annually

Name on card

Account number

Expiration date

Signature

___ **OPTION 3:** Make a gift online at IllinoisState.edu/Giving.

DONOR INFORMATION

Name(s)

Address

City

State

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(_____)

mobile

home

Preferred phone number

FURTHER GIVING INFORMATION

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_____.

___ I would like more information on including Illinois State University in my estate plans

___ I have already included the University in my estate plans.

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new health care plan during October or November.

The details of this plan are not known at this time and the next newsletter will not be mailed until after the likely decision date.

Political action support

This summer, you received a letter from SUAAAction. The letter explained the role of SUAAAction (SUAA's political action committee) and the challenges facing those advocating on behalf of annuitants. It requested a donation to help support political activity on your behalf.

Those who seek to diminish your pensions remain focused on this objective, so your contributions are extremely important in helping to protect your pensions. If you have not already sent your donation, please consider doing so now. Make your check payable to SUAAAction and send to SUAAAction, P.O. Box 1770, Springfield, IL 62705-1770.

ISUAA Leaders elected to SUAA positions

At the annual SUAA Board Meeting held in Springfield on June 18-19, two ISUAA Board members were elected to leadership po-

sitions in SUAA. Larry Alferink, ISUAA president, was elected to a two-year term on the SUAA Executive Committee and Jan Cook, an ISUAA director, was elected to the SUAA Foundation Board.

Help paint a brighter future

It is time for the State and University Employees Combined Appeal (SECA) campaign and we are asking Illinois State University retirees to participate. According to Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus and longtime SECA contributor John Freed, "Our moral obligations do not end with retirement. As members of the community, we have an obligation to support agencies that better that community."

You can be a part of the 2013 campaign by selecting the agency of your choice from the Agency Directory, writing a check to that agency, and sending it to Carrie Wieburg, Campus Box 4100, Normal, IL 61790-4100.

Check out the SECA website at SECA.IllinoisState.edu for more information about the campaign and access to the Agency Directory, or call Linda Spencer at 438-5689 for more information.

ISUAA Fall Luncheon reservation form

11:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 11

Bone Student Center, Old Main Room

Featuring President Timothy J. Flanagan (tentatively)

NAME(S) OF THOSE ATTENDING

EMAIL

Please reserve _____ meal(s) at \$15 each. A check for \$ _____ payable to ISUAA is enclosed.

Entrees

____ Lemon chicken with green bean almandine _____ (names)

____ Portabella and spinach risotto stack _____ (names)

Coffee, iced tea, rolls, and chef's choice dessert are included with the meal.

For dessert

____ Fruit cup as dessert only for those with dietary restrictions

PLEASE INDICATE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS (NAMES)

Remember that the Bloomington mail facility is closed and mail will take longer to deliver. Please mail the reservation form no later than August 26 to ensure delivery by August 28 to ISUAA Campus Box 8000, Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61790-8000.

Reservations must be received no later than August 28. Please, no late or phone reservations.

How time flies

Compiled by April Anderson, University archivist, Dr. Jo Ann Rayfield
Archives at Illinois State University

150 years ago | Summer 1863

- During the June 1863 meeting of the Board of Education, the “Committee on Reference Library” recommended a list of books to be purchased that “the cost of which will be something less than \$400.” This committee, tasked with purchasing books for Illinois State Normal University, included then university President Richard Edwards, W.H. Wells, Calvin Goudy, and John P. Brooks.

100 years ago | Summer 1913

- In the May 28, 1913, edition of *The Vidette*, a suggestion was made that future yearbook staffs allow members of the junior class to join. The unknown author pointed out confusion, high costs, and lack of experience by the senior class when it came to putting together the class annual: “It seems fair to say that every year a large sum is spent in getting out the book, that could be considerably reduced were the staff experienced people.” The author went on to say, “This is the more important recommendation to be made to the present Junior class.”
- Principal of University High School, Fred Telford, was given a farewell ceremony May 31, 1913, by faculty, staff, and students. Telford left his post to do postgraduate work at the University of Illinois.
- Summer 1913 marked 50 years of summer classes being offered at Illinois State Normal University. The first summer session had only 15 students while the summer session of 1913 had 1,590.

75 years ago | Summer 1938

- The Junior/Senior Prom committee selected Jimmy Joy and his orchestra as the dance’s entertainment. The prom was held on June 2, 1938, and headlined Joy, who regularly performed at the Drake Hotel in Chicago.
- Randolph D. Marsh resigned as business manager of Illinois State Normal University. Marsh was with the University for eight and a half years and was praised for his many accomplishments during his tenure. At the time of his departure, he was unsure if he would retire fully but stated that after 30 years of work, “He thought he was entitled to a rest.”
- *Index* staff proclaimed that for the first time in their history, a second printing of that year’s class annual was necessary. The first 777 copies were quickly claimed and demand was high enough that a second printing was ordered.

50 years ago | Summer 1963

- The proposed design for the future Haynie, Wilkins, and Wright halls and the Linkins Center was unveiled to the campus. The Linkins Center was named for former Dean of Men Ralph Linkins. Linkins was at that summer’s groundbreaking and participated by turning the first shovel of dirt.
- By a vote of 33-2, the Education Committee of the Illinois House of Representatives approved a series of eight bills that would change the University’s name from Illinois State Normal University to Illinois State University at Normal. The name change was official in 1964 but would change again in 1968 to Illinois State University.
- Senior Skip Day was May 20, 1963—the same day the *1963 Index* was released to students.

25 years ago | Summer 1988

- On May 3, 1988, the 24th and last piece of the fiberglass fabric and Teflon roof was placed on the new Redbird Arena.
- An article on writer’s cramp appeared in the June 15, 1988, edition of *The Vidette*. Because students were writing so many notes in summer classes, the author suggested various finger stretching exercises to keep hands limber and pain-free.
- Thomas Wallace was chosen by the Board of Regents as Illinois State University’s 14th president.

ISUAA 2013 calendar

**September 11, 2013 •
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**
ISUAA Fall Luncheon
*Old Main Room,
Bone Student Center**

**November 13, 2013 •
2–3:30 p.m.**
ISUAA Board with
committee chairs
119 Alumni Center

**September 11, 2013 •
2–3:30 p.m.**
ISUAA Board with
committee chairs
119 Alumni Center

**December 4, 2013 •
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**
ISUAA Holiday Luncheon
*Brown Ballroom,
Bone Student Center**

**September 30–
October 6, 2013**
Homecoming week

**Date and time to be
announced**
Social Security/Medicare for
SURS Participants
Survivors benefits workshop*

* Reservation required

Can you rely on state-provided health insurance?

Can annuitants continue to rely on the state for their health insurance? If the answer is yes, for how much longer? On July 1, annuitants began contributing to the cost of their health insurance for the first time. Next July 1, those costs will double. What will the costs be the following year when a new contract with AFSCME must be negotiated? No one knows but do you think the will be the same or less than the cost next year? Or do you think the costs will continue to escalate just as health care costs do nationwide? Plus, if you are covered by Medicare, what will the provisions of the state-sponsored Medicare program be? And what will the costs be?

The answers to these questions are not known at this time, but you may have to make a decision in a relatively short period of time this fall if you are unhappy with the state-sponsored Medicare program. Would you be better off with Medicare supplement insurance? If not January 1, will you need to consider this as an option in 2015 when a new health insurance agreement is negotiated? Now may be the time to become informed about your insurance options just in case the state makes changes that are no longer acceptable. Information about Medicare supplement (Medigap) insurance can be found www.medicare.gov. Information can also be obtained from almost any insurance company. If you have car or homeowners insurance, your insurance agent can probably guide you to information about policies. Note that you would also need to add Medicare Part D so that you have drug coverage and that you would not have dental or eyecare if you opt out of the state plan.

For those not covered by Medicare, you may wish to explore your options under the new Affordable Care Act. Illinois is one of the 23 states that thus far have agreed to expand their Medicaid coverage, providing health insurance for low-income individuals. If you do not live in Illinois, your state may also have agreed to this expansion. If you have a low or very modest pension, you may be able to obtain insurance through the health insurance exchanges that may be favorable relative to the state program. Libraries are expected to be able to help individuals answer these questions. Be prepared!

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