

# Illinois State Annuitants Association Newsletter

# ISUAA



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## President's message

### Membership and Outreach

As we near the close of the academic year (and the ISU Annuitants' year), it is time to stand back and reflect a little on the progress (and lack thereof) that has occurred over the past 12 months.

On the state political front, it would be perhaps easier simply to reprint some of the articles and reflections from last year. The state still has no budget; the General Assembly and the governor are still at loggerheads; and students, faculty, and retirees are in a state of growing uncertainty. By the time this newsletter is published, a second year's budget should be nearing completion. While this is being written around March 1, my bet is nothing will be happening by May either.

What is clear is that public higher education in Illinois, and those of us who have spent our careers and lives working for its success, will continue to hurt. The lack of both a budget and respect by our elected representatives is beginning to have serious effects on our institutions, our students, and on us. What was once one of the pre-eminent systems in the country, both at the flagship level and below, is now in serious danger of becoming second-rate. Even if "star" programs continue to succeed, it could be at the expense of the meat and potatoes programs that form the backbone of student education. Some institutions are threatening to completely close; others must consider draconian cuts. And there is no end in sight.

Parenthetically, it is interesting to note that in a study by Ralph Martire and the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, corporate officers listed both "infrastructure" and "an educated workforce" far above "low taxes" as a reason for investing corporate resources and locating a business in a state.

Parents are rightly asking whether it is worth the gamble to send their daughters and sons to some Illinois universities. Will they graduate? On time? Will financial aid be available? Will they get the courses they need? Will their degrees be worth as much as those in other states? Most of all, will students receive the respect they deserve from Springfield? Increasingly, the answer is no, and those parents are sending their sons and daughters to private schools or out of state, where more forward-looking states are welcoming our brightest kids with open arms (and financial aid packages). And increasingly, those kids never return to Illinois, thus draining one of our chief economic resources.

One thing we can do, of course, is to do our own lobbying. SUAA and ISUAA are, of course, dedicated to lobbying for our members and for our retirement systems. But we also care deeply about our institutions and about higher ed in general. We can assist both through our work and through our lobbyists. But that depends on how strong we are perceived to be by the politicians in Springfield.

It is important that for our political power we have two things: people and money. It is critical that the political powers see us as representing significant numbers of people (read: VOTES). Memberships are critical. Please continue to renew your memberships, of course, but if you know people who should be members, please talk to them. Membership materials are on our websites at [Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu](http://Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu). Please remember, **YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE RETIRED TO BE A MEMBER**. In fact, many of our members are still working.

Second, please consider making a donation to the SUAA Foundation. SUAAAction is the political action group for SUAA members and can best influence political action. Donations should go to SUAAAction, P.O. Box 1770, Springfield, IL 62705-1770.

*Chuck McGuire, ISUAA president*

# How Time Flies

By April Karlene Anderson

University archivist, Dr. Jo Ann Rayfield Archives at Illinois State University

## 150 years ago—1866

- The title of ‘Principal’ is officially changed to ‘President.’ A resolution by board member Judge W.H. Green read: “Resolved, That the Principal of the Normal University be hereafter officially known and called ‘President’ and that the principal male teachers thereof be known and called ‘Professors.’” Proceedings of the Board of Education of the State of Illinois, Meeting Minutes, June 27-28, 1866, page 1.

## 100 years ago—June, 1916

- The partnership between ISNU and the Illinois Soldiers and Sailors School (then called the Soldiers Orphans Home) was made official at a recent Board of Education meeting. The University, desperately needing training space, planned to place a critics teacher and four student teachers at the school within the home in order to teach the growing number of children living at the facility. At the time, home housed almost 400 children. *The Vidette*, March 22, 1916 (Vol. 28, No. 26, page 1).
- The Department of Commerce announced plans for the second annual shorthand and typewriting contest. The event, held for the first time the previous year, brought 100 contestants from around the region. To accommodate an even larger group of contestants, the department created eight events consisting of shorthand and diction, timed typing, and typing for accuracy. *The Vidette*, March 29, 1916 (Vol. 28, No. 27, page 1-2).

## 75 years ago—June 1941

- A branch of the national association, the American Children’s Education, was established by students enrolled in elementary curriculum. The 15-member panel held its first meeting on April 1. *The Vidette*, March 21, 1941 (Vol. 53, No. 42, page 1).
- Rules for use of the student lounge are put in place and included the following: “Dancing in the lounge is not permitted at any time”; “Cards should only be played in the card rooms”; “Ink should only be used at the desks”; and “No one should sit on tables or chair arms.” *The Vidette*, March 25, 1941 (Vol. 53, No. 43, page 1, 4).
- Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., great-great grandson of Cornelius Vanderbilt, spoke in Capen Auditorium on April 1. His talk was controversial in nature as he made bold statements and predictions about foreign leaders and the United States’ eventual involvement in the ongoing world war. Observers noted that, “He predicted that the future of the United States was encompassed within two notes reportedly handed to our government yesterday by two foreign powers.” *The Vidette*, April 1, 1941 (Vol. 53, No. 45, page 1).

## 50 years ago—March 1966

- Local folk singers The Innsiders performed at The Cage’s first ever jam session. Attendee Judy Franke commented, “I think these boys are really going places.” *The Vidette*, March 8, 1966 (Vol. 78, No. 41, page 1).
- The 33rd annual Blackfriars show premiered on March 17 at Capen Auditorium. The student group, known for its original satirical humor, promised audiences “something to offend everyone” that would poke fun at “students, administration, community, motherhood, ‘truth, justice, and the American way’ and even Batman.” *The Vidette*, March 17, 1966 (Vol. 78, No. 44, page 1).
- Much to the delight of students, the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra performed as the headline act at the annual Big Four dance. *The Vidette*, March 22, 1966 (Vol. 78, No. 45, page 3).

## 25 years ago—March 1991

- As a participant in the Trading Places program, student Daniel Cress accompanied President Thomas Wallace throughout the day on March 12. Their roles were switched, and Wallace followed Cress throughout the day on March 15. *The Daily Vidette*, March 13, 1991 (Vol. 103, No. 117, page 1, 9).
- Members of the Delta Delta Delta sorority learned that a child they had met on their spring break vacation in Cancun a year earlier was successfully reunited with his mother. The child, kidnapped by his father from North Carolina, had been living with his father in secret in Cancun. The sorority members met the boy on the beach as he snorkeled with his friends. After a few hours of conversation, the sorority members realized the boy’s situation and alerted authorities when they arrived back on campus. After a yearlong investigation and using the information provided by the sorority members, the boy was returned to his mother in North Carolina. *The Daily Vidette*, March 19, 1991 (Vol. 103, No. 121, page 1, 3).

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# The ISU University Club—Summer ISUAA Newsletter

Bob Preston and Kay Wilson

## University Club discussion hours

Please accept an open invitation to join us at our University Club discussions on Fridays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Faculty Staff Commons in the Bone Student Center. At 4:30 p.m. our speakers begin, so you may come at that time if it better fits your schedule. All ISU faculty, staff, administrative professionals, retirees, and ISUAA members are invited to join us for any or all of our programs presented in a congenial and informal environment. You need not be a University Club member to attend a meeting, and we always welcome and enjoy chatting with our colleagues from all areas of the Illinois University System. Please see our Web page for currently scheduled talks and other information about the University Club ([uClub.IllinoisState.edu](http://uClub.IllinoisState.edu)).

## Gourmet dinners

Throughout the academic year, U-Club offers two gourmet dinners each semester. These dinners are an opportunity to enjoy fine food with a central theme or food from a particular country. The main dishes are served family style, and the dinner includes wine for each table with coffee, tea, and dessert, all for a reasonable price. Attendees are encouraged to bring guests. Dinners are prepared by ISU Catering Service Chefs. The menus for the Fall Semester Gourmet Dinners are being developed. Please check our website for more information ([uClub.IllinoisState.edu/Dinners](http://uClub.IllinoisState.edu/Dinners)).

## Scholarships awards

On December 4, 2015, we awarded 10 \$500 scholarships to ISU undergraduate and graduate students who were academically top achievers and who were also involved in giving back to the University and community through service. The funding for these scholarships was provided by independent donations from our members. One of the most satisfying aspects of this program is that our donors get a chance to personally meet and learn about the superb students who are the recipients. We encourage all who are interested in supporting our academically talented and socially engaged students to consider supporting this program in the future.

## Mission Statement of the University Club

“The University Club vigorously endeavors to promote collegiality among our diverse faculty, staff, administrative professionals, and annuitants. We seek to support University activities as embodied in the vision and core values outlined in Educating Illinois, to learn about and tell the stories of the culture of our academic and town community, and to support and enhance a vigorous exchange of ideas in a congenial environment that encourages friendship, cooperation, and ongoing intellectual growth. Through the generosity and support of our members, we provide a series of scholarships that are awarded to undergraduate and graduate students at Illinois State University. This scholarship program rewards some of the best and brightest students

## 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.



who have contributed to community and University development, as well as succeeding at the highest levels academically. We always endeavor to sustain and promote ongoing open and free communication in this community and to support the finest ideals of education and academic life.”

## Helping hamper

by Jan Cook

The Helping Hamper for our June dinner will support the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry in downtown Bloomington. The pantry can use any canned or packaged food, especially fruit, coffee, tea, or salad dressing for the produce of the community vegetable gardens. We also donate soap, razors, and deodorants to help folks through Illinois' sultry summer.

Our March collection for the Salvation Army's Safe Harbor shelter included cash, coffee, tea, fruit, cough drops, lip balm, and

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## In memoriam

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Mary Lou Apple .....     | 12/8/2015  |
| George Aspbury.....      | 1/3/2016   |
| Onis Baize .....         | 2/1/2016   |
| Margaret Balbach .....   | 9/17/2015  |
| Dale Birkenholz.....     | 12/26/2015 |
| George Carter .....      | 1/4/2016   |
| Linda Cole.....          | 11/18/2015 |
| Charles Gordon .....     | 1/18/2016  |
| F. Marie Hill .....      | 1/12/2016  |
| Alfred Kaisershot.....   | 12/19/2015 |
| E. Owen Klawitter .....  | 12/11/2015 |
| David Livers .....       | 2/9/2016   |
| Thomas Malone .....      | 11/28/2015 |
| Raymond McKinty .....    | 7/28/2015  |
| Paul Nelson.....         | 1/2/2016   |
| Walter Pierce.....       | 1/13/2016  |
| S. Liane Stillwell ..... | 1/2/2016   |
| Charlotte Stuckey.....   | 1/26/2016  |
| William Trotter.....     | 11/27/2015 |

*Helping hamper*, continued from page 3

many personal care items. Volunteers piled out to the car to carry it all in.

We also received 275 Box Tops for Education and 117 Soup Labels for Education to support the Metcalf School PTO's projects. Thank you all!

## Annual dinner

The Annual ISUAA Dinner and Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Old Main Room of the Bone Student Center. The menu will consist of:

Mango salsa chicken or vegetarian lasagna, salad

Iced tea, water, regular and decaf coffee

Dessert

Total cost per person—\$17.50

A drawing for door prizes included!

Following dinner, we will have our annual business meeting, including election of officers for the coming year, with an update on various activities of ISUAA and the SUAA. The terms of President Chuck McGuire, Treasurer Neil Gridley, and Directors Roger Cann and Marie Dawson are expiring. Nominating Committee Chair and Director Jan Cook will present the committee's slate of candidates. The chapter's Distinguished Service Award will be presented, as well.

## Invite a friend to dinner

As our Annual Dinner approaches, consider inviting a friend to join you at the luncheon. There are thousands of ISU retirees (or future retirees) who would enjoy the fellowship of ISUAA and enjoy the

luncheon and the information provided by Andrew Mathews from SURS.

The dinner is NOT restricted to ISUAA members (though, of course, voting is restricted to members). We welcome anyone, especially those who have retired or who WILL retire from ISU. And, while they are at the dinner, perhaps they will consider becoming a member if they are currently not a member of ISUAA.

And finally, it is NOT necessary to be retired to join ISUAA. ISUAA is open to all members of SURS, including current employees.

## Retiring? Time to submit new membership form

For those employees who are retiring in the near future and who pay their ISUAA/SUAA dues through payroll deduction, it is important to remember that you will need to complete a new membership form arranging for your dues to be deducted by SURS rather than Illinois State University's payroll. If you submit your new membership form before you retire, your first dues payment will likely be deducted from your second pension check. The membership form is available at [Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu](http://Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu). Thank you for your continued support!

## Teebirds open to all annuitants

Golf season is here! ISUTeebirds are retired faculty/staff members (or spouses/significant others) who meet on Thursday mornings for nine holes of golf. The group's home course is Illinois State University's Weibring Golf Club, but we sprinkle in other area courses for variety. Weekly play alternates between individual scoring and scrambles. Do you like to play 18? Usually a number of players opt to go the second nine!

## Annual dinner reservation form

Join us for the last event of the year!

**5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 8, 2016**

Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

NAME(S) OF THOSE ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following.

Mango salsa chicken \_\_\_\_\_

NAME

Vegetarian lasagna \_\_\_\_\_

NAME

Check box if you have food allergies and list below; e.g., gluten free, lactose intolerant, diabetic, allergic to celery, lettuce, etc. We will do our best to accommodate you.

NAME

NATURE OF ALLERGY OR OTHER ISSUE

\$17.50 per person A check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Make check payable to ISUAA

Mail to ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL 61790-8000 no later than **Wednesday, May 25**.

The first date of play will be May 5 at the Weibring Golf Club, with sign-up and coffee at 8 a.m. and golf at 9 a.m. Play will continue weekly until mid-October. The group also has monthly lunches or coffees. For more information, visit [isuteebirds.net](http://isuteebirds.net), or contact Dave Williams at [davedbw@fastmail.us](mailto:davedbw@fastmail.us), or Hank Campbell at [hlcampb@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:hlcampb@IllinoisState.edu).

## Make your newsletter electronic!

Please consider receiving your ISUAA Newsletter electronically in the future! Printing costs and postage costs are rising, and the mail service is never as “on time” or reliable as we would like. The ISUAA Newsletter that you are currently reading is available online on the ISUAA Website, [www.Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu](http://www.Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu). Past issues are available, as is a great deal of information about ISUAA.

If you prefer the electronic version, please send an email to: [crmogui@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:crmogui@IllinoisState.edu), simply stating that you would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically, together with your name and preferred email address. You will be placed on the electronic distribution list, and you will receive notification and a link by email when a newsletter is available. It’s printable, and it’s easy!

## Summer events/Homecoming 2016

Summer is almost here, which means Illinois State is gearing up for some fun in the sun and enjoying the summer nights.

First, mark June 30 on your calendars for Illinois State night at the Normal CornBelts game where you’ll enjoy a ballgame and a pregame cookout. Those interested in the arts should also make sure to save the date for Alumni and Friends of the Arts Night at the Illinois Shakespeare Festival on July 16. Guests will enjoy dinner, tours, and this year’s production of *Peter and the Starcatcher* at Ewing Cultural Center. More information on both events is available at [Alumni.IllinoisState.edu](http://Alumni.IllinoisState.edu).

Campus then comes alive in the fall during Homecoming week (October 3-9). There are many must-do activities, with Saturday the most action-packed day of the week-long celebration.

Alums join people from the community in the annual Town and Gown 5K and 1-Mile 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 Illinois State fight song! This year the fun starts at 10 a.m.

The football game is definitely a high point. This year’s game against Youngstown State starts at 2 p.m. at Hancock Stadium. See [GoRedbirds.com](http://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 ISU by exploring

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*Jess Ray*, Web page coordinator



## ISUAA directory update

Please use this form to correct information in the 2015 Chapter Directory. Please respond ASAP. If the information in the Directory was correct/complete, you do not have to complete this form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse’s name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Send to ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL 61790-8000.

all that is new on campus and in Uptown Normal. Start by visiting the Alumni Relations hospitality tent in the tailgating area. Complimentary food provided by Avanti’s and the Alumni Board Homecoming Committee will be available.

For more detailed information on all the exciting events taking place during Homecoming week, visit [Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu](http://Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu).



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