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## From the ISUAA president

*By Gail A. Lamb, galamb@IllinoisState.edu*

### WELCOME SPRING!

Greetings to each of you! We miss our regular ISUAA get-together breakfast and luncheon meetings, and we want you to know that your ISUAA Board has been holding its regular meetings by Zoom. I also extend a hearty thank you to each and all our newsletter contributors, who make it possible to provide you with the information contained within each issue. Bravo to you!

Upfront, we announce that the **originally scheduled ISUAA Spring Luncheon meeting has been canceled**, due to COVID-19 safety precautions and university regulations regarding meetings. We are very optimistic that we will be able to gather once again for our annual June dinner meeting, on June 16, but we will know more about that decision in the next few months. I hope each of you regularly checks the **“Our Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response”** link on the front of the ISU website. There is much information regularly provided about how ISU is managing the many, many challenges COVID-19 has created, along with additional announcements.

SUAA has been communicating regularly with each of us via emails, which provide good information via mini briefings related to legislative issues as well as SURS information. Specifically, we all recently received an email from SUAA regarding the invitation from the University of Illinois at Chicago Chapter to attend its webinar on February 24, which is titled: **“Will the State Keep Its Promise? Are SURS Pensions at Risk?”** This program will be held at 1 p.m. To pre-register you need to click on INVITE on the email which was sent from SUAA on January 20. If you missed this notice and want to attend, please email me at my address above, and I will forward it to you. Two very knowledgeable speakers will provide information: Professor Ann Lousin, who is regarded as an authority on the Illinois Constitution, and Eric Madiar, who is viewed as a leading authority on the issues related to public pension reform. Both individuals are knowledgeable about SUAA, and this program promises to be informative. We hope to ‘see’ you there!

Our Helping Hamper information from Jan Cook notes that since we have not been able to hold in-person meetings for several months, we encourage those of you who would like to contribute to the School Street Food Pantry to send a check made out to ISUAA, with ‘School Street Food Pantry’ on the memo line. Mail it to ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL, 61790. We will arrange for the donation to be given to them. A special **THANK YOU** to so many of you who have done so, and we have received lovely thank you notes from Pantry leaders. Also, food donations may be dropped off inside the Normal First United Methodist Church between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday by the front office. **THANK YOU all very much.**

Please enjoy the additional enclosed articles. Watch for our next newsletter in mid-May. Best wishes to each of you. Stay safe and healthy. Be kind!

*Gail A. Lamb*

## How time flies

By April Karlene Anderson-Zorn, university archivist,  
Dr. Jo Ann Rayfield Archives at Illinois State University

### 150 years ago—1871

- In his charge to purchase fuel for the University, Jesse Fell reported to the board that he had procured 150 tons of coal at \$3.25 per ton. In addition, Fell secured 11 1/2 'cords' of wood at \$6 per cord. Combining these charges with a January coal tab of \$47.38, Fell reported the University owed \$603.38 for fuel costs for the school year.
- President Richard Edwards also commended Fell for his continued work in keeping the University building (later known as Old Main) and the campus grounds in shape: "During the vacation the outside wood and tin of the building have received two coats of paint, and a thorough sanding. So far as I am able to judge, the work was admirably done. It was greatly needed. The thoroughness and satisfactory character of the job, as well as the moderate price at which it was done, were in a great measure due to the constant and careful supervision of Mr. Fell, who gave his personal attention to the details."

Proceedings of the Board of Education of the State of Illinois, Meeting Minutes, December 6, 1870, pages 4-5, 9-10.

### 100 years ago—January-April 1921

- The Philadelphians beat the Wrightonians by one point in the 61st-annual contest between the two university literary societies. Contest areas included debate, singing, oration, instrumentation, extempore speaking, and selected readings. The selected readings category was the closest decision of the night, with the winning point going to Roberta Poos and her selection of "The Other Wise Man" by Van Dyke over Ruth Black and her selection of "Looks and Eyes" by Roeckel-Lynes. *The Vidette*, January 7, 1921 (Vol. 33, No. 14, page 8).
- University High School and Training Schools students were filmed for an unknown production on February 2. Though it seems most were aware of the filming, for some, "the affair also caused much amusement to a few of the University student who evidently thought that they were taking part in a comedy." The local theatre, the Irvin, agreed to show the completed film: "There is no doubt but that the Irvin will have a record-breaking attendance from Normal when the pictures are shown." *The Vidette*, February 10, 1921 (Vol. 33, No. 19, page 8).
- Founders Day was celebrated February 18 with programs from the Philadelphian and Wrightonian societies that highlighted the history of the University. Mr. Ridgley, chairman of the Normal Township Centennial Committee, "presented a bronze tablet to be placed in the main building of the university, as the most historic spot in the township." *The Vidette*, March 3, 1921 (Vol. 33, No. 21, pages 1, 4).
- Illinois State Normal University (ISNU) beat Macomb in two of three events to win the state normal literary contest. One of the ISNU participants gave a memorable performance: "Forgetting herself for the time and living the characters of

her reading Meryle Hunter won a smashing decision over Miss Early of the McComb school." The winners of each of the eight events presented were awarded with "beautiful gold medals awarded by the Inter-Normal Association." *The Vidette*, April 6, 1921 (Vol. 33, No. 25, page 1).

### 75 years ago—January-April 1946

- *The Vidette* ran an editorial presenting their view of the student housing shortage. Editors pointed out that returning veterans wanted to return quickly to civilian life and thus "a desire on their part to continue their education." However, returning veterans who wanted to study at ISNU experienced difficulty in obtaining a residence due to the lack of student accommodations: "Foxholes could become a part of the campus, but it doesn't seem likely that after living this way for many months in foreign lands it would be relished in connection with a peacetime world in which they are pursuing further education." Per *The Vidette*: "All the students should do everything possible to bring our campus population back to its pre-war size. Most of all, it is the responsibility of each and every student to find ways and means of accommodating our returning GIs." *The Vidette*, January 16, 1946 (Vol. 58, No. 12, page 2).
- Zora Cernich, a Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) lieutenant, joined the physical education staff. A teacher both in war and peacetime, Cernich was a Designated Air Navigator, one of only 80 women in the United States at the time who held that title. During the war, Cernich taught navigation at schools in New York and physical education to enlisted women at the training school in Madison, Wisconsin. In addition, "she was officer in charge of ground school for torpedo squadrons." *The Vidette*, February 6, 1946 (Vol. 58, No. 13, page 3).
- The Blackfriars announced their first show since taking a hiatus—due to the war—in 1942. The show was already in secret rehearsals, with members meeting at Dr. Dale B. Better's home to plan staging for various musical and dramatic numbers. Ralph Houghton, abbot of the ISNU Blackfriar chapter, remarked that the show would "easily equal Blackfriar efforts of former years." *The Vidette*, March 13, 1946 (Vol. 58, No. 17, page 1).
- The Faculty Women's Club officially established a \$100 scholarship for ISNU students. The "Faculty Women's Club Scholarship in Honor of Men and Women Who Served in World War II" would go to a junior student starting in May 1947 and be given annually on Honor Day. In addition to the award, the club also voted to give \$100 to the World Student Fund. *The Vidette*, April 10, 1946 (Vol. 58, No. 21, page 1).

### 50 years ago—January-April 1971

- Illinois State University's first tennis coach, Eugene L. Hill, announced his immediate retirement due to illness. In addition to coaching varsity tennis for 40 years, Hill also coached wrestling at the University for 30 years. The ISNU alum also briefly coached cross country, basketball, and football. Hill also served as director of intramurals and directed the annual ISNU Cheerleading School. In addition to all his coaching,

Hill kept a full teaching schedule and even managed to take classes of his own. Hill completed his master's degree at the University of Iowa in 1933 and his doctorate at the State College of Education in Greeley, Colorado, in 1950. *The Vidette*, January 8, 1971 (Vol. 83, No. 35, page 15).

- The Dean of Residence Hall Programs, Dallas B. Bailey, confirmed that lamps would no longer be provided in university residence halls. The move comes as a cost-saving measure for the University, one that overturned a decision to supply lamps to residents two years prior. Bailey cited "(1) upkeep, (2) economy move, and (3) more students bringing their own lamps" as the reason for the cuts, highlighting upkeep as the main culprit. While some were old and wearing out, residence hall staff found some of the new lamps already damaged. When asked if other provided furnishing would be cut, Bailey expressed doubt saying sheets, pillows, and wastebaskets were easier to store and replace. *The Vidette*, February 11, 1971 (Vol. 83, No. 40, page 1).
- A new teaching technology is in full swing in Stevenson Hall and the Foreign Language Department. Dial-a-Lecture enables a classroom full of students to dial a number on a wall-mounted speaker and connect with an educator. The Foreign Language Department used this system exclusively by allowing faculty access to a department library to select tapes. "Any tapes that the lab has in its library, which are all four track tapes that can play four programs at once, can be piped into any of the eighteen rooms that possess the dial systems and speakers." *The Vidette*, March 11, 1971 (Vol. 83, No. 48, page 10).
- Oscar winner Karl Malden appeared at the ISU Fine Arts Festival as a guest of the Theatre Department. Malden, who won his Oscar for his 1951 performance as Mitch in the film adaptation of *A Streetcar Named Desire*, worked with a graduate acting class on the same play. Malden also assisted undergraduate classes with scene work and participated in a question and answer sessions following the presentation of two of his films, *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Baby Doll*. *The Vidette*, April 27, 1971 (Vol. 83, No. 61, page 3).

places with me. Colin is an outstanding student and has great promise for his career." *The Daily Vidette*, February 12, 1996 (Vol. 108, No. 105, page 3).

- Keenan Saulter was elected as student council president by the smallest margin in recent memory. The Real Deal candidate won by 28 student votes, edging out Students United candidate Jeff Jurgens. At the time of publication, Jurgens was unsure if they would request a recount of the vote. Both candidates acknowledged the lower turnout of just 2,951 voters, 17.1 percent of the student voting population. The number of voters was down 0.6 percent from the previous year, but still higher than 1994's turnout of only 9.6 percent. *The Daily Vidette*, March 6, 1996 (Vol. 108, No. 122, page 1).
- The College of Business debuted a new online website. Designed by Joshua Stinson and Terry Mullin, the new website offered several links from their homepage to pertinent college information. Described as having "six working links, clean graphics and short pages," the website offered news and information, as well as a link that "connects Internet adventurers to a complete listing of faculty members for each department." As noted by *The Daily Vidette*, the website offered helpful information for a new college sequence that had yet to debut. "One such tidbit is the addition of an Organizational Leadership sequence as part of the management major is being offered starting in the fall." *The Daily Vidette*, April 19, 1996 (Vol. 108, No. 148, page 3).

## Save these dates

**Spring Luncheon—Wednesday, March 17, 2021  
CANCELED**

**Annual Dinner Meeting/Elections—Wednesday,  
June 16, 2021**

**Fall Kickoff Breakfast—Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

**Holiday Luncheon/Event—Wednesday, December 1,  
2021**

## 25 years ago—January-April 1996

- Milner Library began offering MERLin (Milner's Electronic Resources Librarian). Users could email their questions or access MERLin through Milner's access portal and have their basic reference questions answered twice a day by a reference librarian. In addition, Milner was in the early stages of designing a "World Wide Web site" where MERLin and other Milner services could be accessed. *The Daily Vidette*, January 17, 1996 (Vol. 108, No. 87, page 3).
- President David Strand and freshman Colin Shurtz participated in the Trading Places program, sponsored by the Student Alumni Council. The program offers administrators and students an opportunity to gain insight into how each works and interacts at the University. Shurtz, who participated in meetings with Strand, said, "I thought it was a really fun day. I learned a lot, and it was interesting." In turn, Strand attended classes with Shurtz and ate lunch with him at his residence hall. "I'm very impressed with the student selected to trade

## Report from SUAA fall meeting

By Larry Alferink

The SUAA fall meeting was held on Zoom on October 30. There were primarily two business items that required action at this meeting by the bylaws. The first is the presentation and approval of the budget for the 2021 year. Due to the dues increase that was passed last fall and significant reductions in our costs due to the coronavirus (COVID-19), SUAA is financially in much stronger position than has occurred for many years. In recent years, we have been unable to set aside money for the reserve fund that was called for the action of the Executive Committee in 2013. Between the surplus in 2020 and the expected surplus in 2021, we have funded the reserve fund to at least the level that had been required since 2013. In addition, the House of Delegates approved in concept the possibility of setting up a small investment account as part of the reserve fund to enhance our returns on a portion of our savings. Investments of up to \$10,000

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have been approved for 2021. It is anticipated that up to 10 percent of the reserve fund could be set aside in the investment account. A policy guiding these investments now remains to be developed and approved.

The second item was the legislative platform. This item was more complicated than in the past because the 2020 platform included an item for the Fair Tax Amendment. Since the meeting was before the election, it was not known at that time whether the amendment would pass or be defeated. Thus, two versions were approved—one which included the Fair Tax Amendment and one that did not. The subsequent election results determined that the legislative platform without the Fair Tax Amendment provisions will take effect in 2021.

## The Fair Tax Amendment failed. Now what?

By Larry Alferink

Last spring, the legislature built the FY2021 budget assuming the Fair Tax Amendment would pass, an assumption based on polls at the time. However, that did not factor in the millions of dollars contributed primarily by wealthy individuals, including the richest man in the state of Illinois. These contributions funded some ads that provided viewer with misinformation such as the amendment would allow the state to tax retirement income. Current law allows the legislature to do this if they choose; the amendment is silent on this issue. Likewise, the claim was made the amendment would allow the state to raise your taxes. Again, the legislature could do this now and the amendment was silent on this, except for the higher tax on high-income individuals.

So now what? There is a very large budget hole to fill since the amendment did not pass, and that does not include the deficits that resulted for the COVID-19 crisis, covering increased unemployment, Medicaid, as well as reduced income and sales tax revenue. President-elect Joe Biden has indicated that he intends to seek passage of a large stimulus package that would include funding for the states that may cover much of the COVID-19 costs for the state. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has also signaled support for some version of a stimulus package. But what about the budget issues associated with the failure to pass the amendment?

Gov. J.B. Pritzker indicated that one proposal might be to cut state budgets by 15 percent. This would likely reduce school funding—deficits that might need to be made up with local property tax increases. This would have a huge impact on farmers, a group that largely opposed the amendment. Other members of the administration indicated that it could require an 20 percent increase in the

flat tax, increasing the tax to close to 6 percent on everyone. A third possibility is to increase the list of services that would be covered by a sales tax, moving us more in line with adjacent states. Finally, it could result in more focused discussion on taxing retirement income, or the perennial attack on the pension clause of the constitution.

In any case, the agenda that was planned for the fall veto session has rapidly changed into a focus on the budget problem. What solutions will the legislature discuss and what if anything, will pass? Stayed tuned!

## Remodeled TechZone is open in new location

By David Greenfield, director, Student Tech Support Services

TechZone, a department of Illinois State University, offers discounts and buying assistance to all members of the University community—including annuitants—for personal computers, tablets, software, and supplies. It also offers walk-up computer and tech support. As the COVID-19 online switch went into place last March, TechZone moved to the first floor of the revitalized Bone Student Center in the location that was formerly the box office and lobby shop. As summer came and students returned to campus, TechZone became a busy place as those on campus discovered the new location.

The next time you are in the Bone, you will find TechZone to have a new “high-tech” look, more in-stock items, and a learning area. Major vendor partners continue to be Apple, Dell, Lenovo, and Microsoft. TechZone can help you purchase everything from complete computer systems to headphones. The walk-up service counter has moved to this space as well for any of your tech questions and onsite Apple, HP, Dell, and Lenovo hardware warranty repairs.

While we want to see you in person, many services are available remotely. Shop online anytime at [TechZone.IllinoisState.edu](https://TechZone.IllinoisState.edu) (An active University Login ID (ULID) and password are required). We also can schedule personalized Zoom sessions with staff for personal buying assistance. Note: University technology help is also available via phone through the Technology Support Center at (309) 438-4357.

Hours have been changing lately so check them out via the TechZone website before making a trip to campus. For more information, send an email [TechZone@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:TechZone@IllinoisState.edu) or call (309) 438-8334.

## Secure the bird

By Dan Taube, chief information security officer

Every October, Cybersecurity Awareness Month is celebrated on campus with a variety of activities. The theme for last year was, “Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart” with a focus on how individuals can protect themselves in cyberspace. Here are a few key tips for annuitants:

### Check links and senders in email

Cyber criminals continue to target individuals by email. Their methods often include a sense of urgency, impersonation of a trusted source, and website links that go to unsafe locations. If you are questioning if an email is really real, forward it to [abuse@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:abuse@IllinoisState.edu) for a review.

## 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.



## Avoid reusing passwords

Data breaches have become all too common. Sometimes, those breaches will expose usernames and passwords. The cyber criminals will then use the passwords obtained from one site against other popular websites attempting to gain access. Using different passwords for each website defeats such an attack (yes, it is a nuisance, but worth it).

## Consider multi-factor authentication

Cyber criminals have become very effective at guessing passwords from individuals. This can occur through phishing or data breaches. One of the best protections is to enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) when it is available. This is the process of validating your password logon with a second acknowledgement—such as a text message, voice phone call, etc. When MFA is in place, someone with your username and password would still be prevented from accessing your accounts.

Ask for MFA on all your major electronic accounts. We are also excited to announce MFA is coming soon to Illinois State University accounts including email. If you would like to know more, email [informationsecurity@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:informationsecurity@IllinoisState.edu) or call the Technology Support Center at (309) 438-4357.

Keep reading and stay informed at [Docs.IllinoisState.edu/informationsecurity](https://docs.IllinoisState.edu/informationsecurity).

## Spring 2021 Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts events

By Stephanie Kohl Ringle, business communications associate, Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts

Illinois State University's Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts is pleased to announce a selection of its 2021 spring events. Please note that events are subject to change and details are tentative due to the COVID-19 pandemic and adhering to recommended guidelines. Follow the Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and keep up to date with Fine Arts News by visiting our website at [FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/events](https://FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/events).

This spring, the School of Music and School of Theatre and Dance will present a joint radio opera performance of *The Old Man and The Thief*, composed by Gian Carlo Menotti. Directed by Maggie Marlin-Hess, this production will be broadcast on WGLT.

The School of Theatre and Dance will also offer:

### ***Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde***

By Moisés Kaufman.

Directed by Paul Christopher

### ***Roe***

By Lisa Loomer

Directed by Britannia Howe

### ***Spring Dance Concert***

Artistic Director, Laina Carney

### ***Barbecue***

By Robert O'Hara

Directed by Tyrone Phillips

For synopses, dates, and details for each performance, visit [FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/Theatre-Dance/schedule](https://FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/Theatre-Dance/schedule).

The School of Music plans to offer a variety of live streamed events. Visit [FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/live](https://FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/live) for the schedule and coordinating links.

University Galleries will offer four exhibitions with ongoing related programming.

***MFA Biennial*** (beginning January)

***Alice Hargrave: The Conference of the Lakes*** (early March through May)

Photographic and audio works about climate change-related habitat and biodiversity loss.

***Ashley Jude Jonas*** (early March through May)

Painting, ceramics, and installation-based works that address the domestic environment.

***Student Annual: online exhibition*** (April)

Visit [Galleries.IllinoisState.edu/exhibitions](https://Galleries.IllinoisState.edu/exhibitions) for details.

The Wonsook Kim School of Art will offer online exhibitions and artist lectures by Zoom January 19 through April 6. Visit [FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/Visiting-Artists](https://FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/Visiting-Artists).

Follow the Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and visit our website [FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/events](https://FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/events).

## Better together: Schermer's gift inspires collaboration and community

By Laura Freyman

When veteran Illinois State student affairs professional Michael Schermer was asked if he would consider supporting the University's new Multicultural Center, the answer was an easy one.



Michael D. Schermer

"I said, 'Of course! Tell me what you want me to do,'" recalled Schermer '73, M.S.'78, a longtime Illinois State employee and advocate for addressing students' needs. In recognition of his generosity, the center expected to open in summer 2021 will house the Michael D. Schermer Conference Room.

Schermer served as assistant to the vice president and dean of Student Affairs from 1974 until his retirement in 2010. During his more

than 30 years at Illinois State, he also filled other roles, including associate director of the Bone Student Center/Braden Auditorium, director of Campus Recreation Services, and his most recent role as director of Career Services.

In 2002, he was named acting director of the Multicultural Center, then housed on School Street. Under his direction, much-needed makeovers were completed.

"It was originally a stand-alone, small home repurposed into a

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multicultural center,” said Schermer. “The place needed to be totally revamped. Being the person that I am, I thought, ‘Let’s do it!’ We spruced up the facility, got new furniture, changed staffing, and brought graduate students in to help.”

One problem remained: How was the center going to get students to come to the space?

“In spite of the fact that it sat in the middle of the parking lot, nobody went in there,” said Schermer. “They had no reason to go in there.”

While he was envisioning a new home for the center, the University was working to create a dean of students position. The center was soon integrated with services in the Dean of Students Office and relocated to the Bone Student Center.

Schermer saw the potential for more, thanks to assessment tours of other campuses where multicultural centers were thriving.

“I always had this idea that it would be nice to have a big space that would accommodate student organization offices, staff offices, and programming space,” said Schermer. Seeing the plans for the new ISU center that will open be located at 301 S. Main St. was rewarding, as he saw his dream becoming a reality.

The blueprint features a multipurpose room; gathering spaces; reflection room; meeting spaces; kitchen and serving area; and administrative offices for staff, student organizations, and satellite support services.

Schermer, who is gay, has been a longtime supporter of LGBTQ+ students. He co-founded the Safe Zone Program to educate faculty and staff about being an ally to LGBTQ+ students and is also co-founder of the LGBTQ+ Student Support Fund.

Schermer recognizes the role his identity plays in providing representation for LGBTQ+ students who utilize the space. He hopes the Michael D. Schermer Conference Room will be a place where all students can engage with each other and find a sense of belonging.

He illustrates this point by recalling a memory that inspires his philanthropy. An African-American student leader with whom Schermer had worked on a variety of issues approached him after he gave a talk on campus. “He came up to me after my talk and apologized to me,” said Schermer. “He said he didn’t always understand the LGBTQ+ cause, or why it was important. The student told me it dawned on him that we really weren’t all that different after all, that we were all in this together.

“I know there’s a need, and my little amount isn’t going to help pay for the total project by any means, but I give what I can do because I’m committed to the program,” he said. “My little bit may encourage other people to do a little bit, especially in a place where you get so many different subsets of people to come together and make something great. I’m excited about that.”

## The ISU University Club

By Bob Preston and Kay Wilson

**University Club discussion hours:** The University Club is the only ISU social organization open to all faculty, staff, administrative professionals, retirees, and ISUAA members. You are cordially invited to join us online for any or all of our programs. You need not be a University Club member to attend. The University Club promotes

## ISUAA directory update

Please use this form to correct information in the 2020-2021 Chapter Directory. Please respond ASAP. If the information in the directory was correct/complete, you do not have to complete this form.

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Jess Ray, webpage coordinator



collegiality among our diverse faculty, staff, administrative professionals, and annuitants. 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.

**Spring semester 2021—online programs:** We are all aware of the dramatic changes in our lifestyles due to the pandemic. Even if vaccines become available, it is likely we will need to continue to follow social distancing and masking to protect ourselves and others. Until the authorities judge that we can return to normalcy, the University Club will continue to offer its programs online.

**Online speaker presentations via Zoom:** During the fall semester, we offered three Zoom presentations by guest speakers, and we plan to have three more presentations during the spring 2021 semester. The scheduling of these programs is being developed and will be posted on our website ([UClub.IllinoisState.edu](http://UClub.IllinoisState.edu)). The process to register for these meetings will be described on our website. The

presentations will be open to University Club members, annuitants and to the University Community. If you would like to be added to the University Club listserv and receive automatic notification of the programs, please contact Bob Preston at [rlpresto@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:rlpresto@IllinoisState.edu).

**University Club scholarship awards online via Zoom:** We will continue our long-standing tradition—30 years—of awarding up to 10 \$500 scholarships to ISU undergraduate and graduate students who were top academic achievers and who were also involved in giving back to the University and community through service. Because of the pedagogical changes necessitated by the pandemic, we have moved the competition to the spring 2021 semester. Students may apply online beginning February 15. The absolute submission deadline is March 15. Selection of recipients will be made by April 19 and awards will be presented in a ceremony via Zoom on Friday, April 30. Of course, awardee families and friends and other interested guests will be invited to attend remotely.

*Very best wishes from the University Club. Please stay safe and healthy.*

## Senior Professionals 2021 spring programs

*By Laura Kowalczyk, Coordinator, Senior Professionals*

Senior Professionals' lifelong-learning, adult-enrichment spring programs will be offered virtually via Zoom. For class information or to register, go to [SeniorProfessionals.IllinoisState.edu/educational-opportunities](https://SeniorProfessionals.IllinoisState.edu/educational-opportunities). For additional information, email [lakowa2@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:lakowa2@IllinoisState.edu) or call (309) 438-2818.

Thanks to ISUAA for its continued support of Senior Professionals!

## From Illinois State Alumni Engagement

*By Rachel Kobus, associate director, Alumni Relations*

Alumni Engagement is providing Redbirds with a variety of ways to stay connected to Illinois State University from afar through any mobile device, computer, or tablet. From an interactive campus tour and sharing recipes to live events and DIY videos to try at home, find something to educate, entertain, and elevate growth. Visit [Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/Virtual](https://Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/Virtual) to learn about the many online opportunities available.

One of our most beloved events, Homecoming 2020, has moved to spring 2021 in order to follow the Redbirds football schedule. The Homecoming date and plans will be announced at a later time. Continue to check [Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu](https://Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu) for updates.

## TeeBirds golf league play in 2021

*By David Williams*

The ISU TeeBirds golf league had a great year, despite the pandemic. We played every week with great weather and fantastic fellowship. No one became eligible for the PGA tour (or even the Champions Tour), but we had a great time and a lot of fun. We ended the season with prizes and a lunch at the ISU Weibring Golf Club at the end of September, although several members continued playing into November.

**TeeBirds are retired or current faculty or staff members, spouses or significant others, and guests.** We meet Thursday mornings for nine holes of golf and social events. Some members continue for 18 holes on our play days.

The group's home course is Illinois State University's Weibring Golf Club, but we mix in other area courses for variety including Ironwood, Prairie Vista, and others. Weekly play alternates between individual scoring and various scramble formats. **We plan events to appeal to golfers at all ability levels.** We play every Thursday through September, starting with tee times at 8 a.m. The annual membership fee is \$15 with reduced fees for those who join mid-year. Members are welcome to play any Thursday as your summer schedule and health permits.

In 2021, the **first TeeBirds outing will be on Thursday, May 6 at Weibring Golf Club.** We will begin at 7:30 a.m. with registration and information, and then tee off at 8:30 a.m. We welcome golfers at all ability levels. Feel free to come join us anytime during the season up through September. Just check our website play schedule for the time and course and show up or send an email to [dwilliam@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:dwilliam@IllinoisState.edu). We will work you in.

Check out our website at [isuteebirds.net](http://isuteebirds.net), or contact membership coordinator Chuck McGuire at [crmcgui@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:crmcgui@IllinoisState.edu) for more information. **Come join and give us a try!**

## In memoriam

Donald Armstrong .....	3/14/2020
Dennis Bain.....	11/28/2020
K. Reid Baker .....	9/25/2020
Gilbert Black .....	11/15/2020
John Crew.....	11/21/2020
William Dehority.....	11/7/2020
Florence Dennis.....	12/18/2020
Edmund Dorner.....	11/11/2020
Stephen Finley.....	10/16/2020
George Foeller.....	12/8/2020
Carol Friedman.....	10/21/2020
Frederick Fuess.....	11/17/2020
William Gnagey.....	11/14/2020
Delora Griffin.....	10/18/2020
Glenn Gritzmacher.....	1/11/2021
Edna Johnston.....	1/7/2021
Bette Keyser.....	1/8/2021
Michael Lovell.....	12/1/2020
Fred Ripper.....	1/3/2021
James Roderick.....	12/1/2020
Jim Scott.....	10/15/2020
C. Edward Streeter.....	11/25/2020
Alpha Sweeney.....	11/9/2020
Richard Whitcomb.....	10/9/2020
Dianne Williamson.....	10/16/2020
Henry Zintambila.....	12/9/2020



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