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From the ISUAA president

Fall semester at Illinois State is always memorable. The freshman class is settling in. The sound of the Big Red Marching Machine practicing is in the wind. Family Weekend and Homecoming festivities remind us why we love the quad and the changing seasons. Pumpkin Spice everything is back!

Patti and Milledge Hart describe in their book, *The Resolutionist, Welcome to the Anti-Retirement Movement* a view opposite to the traditional one of retirement. Why should we explore this? Because we aren't our grandparents' version of retirees! We aren't ending a career and shutting down. We're "finding satisfaction...and resolving to devote all our energies to personally chosen pursuits."

Retirement Resolutionists are exploring new interests and embarking on new adventures. We're intentionally filling our time rather than having it filled for us. Dreaming less and doing more. Using "no" as a complete sentence without guilt. Creating a new elevator speech introduction that talks about what we focus on now, not who we used to be. Mine has gone from being Barb at the Bone Student Center to Barb with the Prairie Fire Theatre board. Or Barb who chairs the worship and music committee at church. At a recent political fundraiser, I was Barb, the president of ISUAA. What is your new elevator speech? What are you doing that supports your new priorities? Managing yourself is, after all, your new job.

ISUAA will be with you this entire journey looking out for your rights and protecting your benefits. We're here to be a referral service when asked, and we offer some social interaction with our membership.

This is a great lead into our holiday luncheon on December 7, 2022. More information and a reservation form are included in this newsletter. I sincerely hope you'll join us. While it's great to experience a wonderful program, it's also important to remember there will be people there who came hoping to see YOU. Our series of meetings, programs, and meals are a great way to keep those Redbird connections alive.

We continue our commitment as an organization to the School Street Food Pantry. You'll find more information inside on how you can help our students who are struggling to meet their basic needs.

Your ISUAA and SUAA board members have been busy during this election season talking with candidates, reminding them not just that we're here, but that we'll be watching their votes and their comments. You've given your time and your money to Illinois State, and we're here to honor your commitment and do our best to protect your investments.

Once again, I hope you'll join us at our holiday luncheon. I look forward to chatting with you there.

Enjoy every minute of this fall season and remember, it's a great day to be a Redbird!

Barb Dallinger
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How time flies

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

150 years ago–1872

Jesse Fell reported to the Board:

“That the University Farm, containing about 90 acres, had been leased to F.K. Phoenix, for five years, from April 1, 1872, for \$350 per year, payable December 1 of each year.”

The report did not include additional information about how the University would manage training on the farm around the company. The annual lease equaled roughly \$7,900 in 2022.

Proceedings of the Board of Education of the State of Illinois, Meeting Minutes, December 5 and 6, 1871, pg 5-6.

100 years ago–November - December 1922

- The first student chapter of the Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA), founded at Illinois State Normal University, celebrated its 50th anniversary. Festivities included communal gatherings, banquets, and a program that featured the organization’s national secretary, Oolooah Burner. *The Vidette*, November 1, 1922 (Vol. 35, No. 8, pg 1).
- The second annual Homecoming was held and reported to be a success. Along with a play by the Jesters, YWCA, and Varsity club banquets, a special guest joined the festivities. The “elder daughter” of second president Richard Edwards (Ellen Edwards) attended and participated in activities for the University’s literary societies, Wroughtonian and Philadelphian. (*The Vidette*, November 15, 1922 (Vol. 35, No. 10, pg 1).
- President Felmley announced plans to advocate for funds to build new campus facilities. Building requests included a new gymnasium, a new hall of science, an addition for Fell Hall, and “domestic science cottages,” what would eventually become Rambo House. The estimated cost for the new facilities topped \$600,000, the equivalent of over \$10.5 million today. *The Vidette*, December 20, 1921 (Vol. 35, No. 14, pg 1 and 4).

75 years ago–November - December 1947

- *Vidette* reporter Betty McDaniels scouted the library to investigate how many students sleep in the library. Her survey revealed that the sleeping network of students “maybe found infiltrated throughout the north and south reserve rooms, in the upstairs reading room, and particularly in the browsing room.” While 50% downstairs and 75% upstairs are found sleeping, 99.44% nap in the browsing room. According to McDaniels, first period, fifth period, and late evening hours are when to find more sleeping students in the library. *The Vidette*, November 6, 1947 (Vol. 60, No. 8, pg 4).
- Wives of married male students planned an initial meeting to start a club. The call, in the form of 200 postcards to married women of ISNU students, cited the need for fellowship and knowledge-sharing among members. Many men who returned from WWII were at the University using their GI Bill

funds: “As wives of future teachers, these young women know they will be expected to participate in community affairs, and they plan that the club’s program will provide information and experience which will equip them to do this.” *The Vidette*, November 19, 1947 (Vol. 60, No. 10, pg 1).

- Several holiday events were planned before the campus “exodus” at the end of the month. Among them, the Women’s Recreation Association sponsored the Kris Kringle Ball, and the Women’s League and U Club presented programs in Capen Auditorium. *The Vidette*, December 19, 1947 (Vol. 60 – misprint 59, No. 13, pg 1).

50 years ago–November - December 1972

- Students prepared to deliver the first edition of the *Index*, the magazine replacing the former university yearbook *The Index*. The change came amid rising costs to publish an annual book and lack of interest by the student body in purchasing a costly publication. Assistant Editor Larry Lottino explained that students needed to forget the old yearbook and embrace the new quarterly magazine. *The Vidette*, November 1, 1972 (Vol. 85, No. 26, pg 19).
- Dormitory room rates increased at the November Board of Regents meeting. Students in multiple-occupancy rooms faced a \$30 increase, while those in single occupancy received an increase of \$105. Calls for an additional \$5 each term were not acted on. Supporters cited decreased funds for dorm resident projects which were items many residents strongly advocated. *The Vidette*, November 21, 1972 (Vol. 85, No. 37, pg 1).
- Dr. Charles E. Morris announced the approval of 15 proposals for innovation in the classroom. Of the winners: Betsy Parriberg, “adaptation of commercially produced audio tapes to video for the hearing impaired”; Mildred Boaz L. Brosnahn, “in-class grading of papers using transparencies”; Robert Walsh, “video-taping of panels of student, faculty and textbook author for class use.” *The Vidette*, December 5, 1972 (Vol. 85, No. 41, pg 8).

25 years ago–November - December 1997

- Members of the Black Writer’s Forum held Poetry Night in the Circus Room at the Bone Student Center. Students and faculty members shared stories and creative works describing their lives, experiences, and issues important to them, including racism, diversity, and academic struggles. Students also took advantage of an open mic that invited anyone to share their creative works. *The Daily Vidette*, November 6, 1997 (Vol. 110, No. 65, pg 1).
- Lucia Cordell Getsi, newly named ISU distinguished professor, spoke at the Bone Student Center about the importance of art in society. Getsi spoke on government involvement in removing art and creative endeavors, “They must destroy aloneness, which is the condition of art, the condition in which the mind is focused inward.” She also advocated for

increased art awareness and creation in public schools, saying one poetry reading a year was inadequate. *The Daily Vidette*, November 18, 1996 (Vol. 110, No. 67, pg 3).

- Nine Greek houses participated in “Get Lit for the Holidays,” a charitable event sponsored by the CERES sorority and the FarmHouse fraternity. The money raised supported the Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization and the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Judging for the houses included “the enthusiastic members of CERES and FarmHouse” who followed behind the judges’ car on a hayrack and sang holiday carols. The top two winners were Phi Sigma Kapp and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. *The Daily Vidette*, December 3, 1997 (Vol. 110, No. 81, pg 3).



SENIOR PROFESSIONALS *Illinois State University*

Senior Professionals spring 2023

By *Laura Kowalczyk*
Coordinator, Senior Professionals

Senior Professionals’ lifelong-learning adult-enrichment winter program will be offered in a hybrid format, with participants choosing to attend in person or via Zoom.

Food Insecurity and Collaborative Efforts to Address the Issue
1:30–3:30 p.m., January 19, 26, February 2, 9 (Thursdays)

Family, Faith, and Food: The Midwest Food Bank Model to Fight Hunger

Tara Ingham, executive director, Midwest Food Bank
January 19

From the first days on the family farm in 2003, Midwest Food Bank has partnered with the community to provide food and supplies to those in need. The unique mission and operational model propelled the growth to serve 2,100 food pantries and nonprofit partners across 12 locations in the U.S., Haiti, and East Africa today. Midwest Food Bank celebrates 20 years of community partnership in 2023. This session shares the history, growth, and the community impact that one family’s legacy and countless volunteers have made on food insecurity.

A Person with Food Has Many Problems; A Person with No Food Has Only One

Rick Wills, GROWMARK retiree, instructional assistant professor, Agriculture and Marketing, ISU
January 26

Throughout the world, except in time of war, people with money have food. Unfortunately, in much of the world extreme poverty is the norm, and hunger is rampant. Using experiences with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Farmer-to-Farmer

endeavors in Asia and Africa, Dr. Rick Wills will share ways USAID is working to improve the lives of persons in developing countries. Discover how an ISU Ag course—Resources, Food and Society: A Global Perspective—brings awareness of the problems of food equality from a local to a global perspective to students across campus.

Farm, Food and Community Development: A Roadmap to Food Security

Raghela Scavuzzo, associate director of food systems development, Illinois Farm Bureau
February 2

Changing the landscape of the current food system and creating access to fresh healthy foods for all, while ensuring fair pricing for farmers growing the food, are ongoing challenges. Discover how community-led, grassroot efforts are helping to build more sustainable food systems utilizing farmers, food banks, restaurants, and other community partners. What role does growing specialty crops play in providing much-needed food access? How does market development, advocacy, policy reform, and training factor into these endeavors?

Advocating for Food Security
February 9

For February 9 speaker and program details, visit SeniorProfessionals.IllinoisState.edu/Educational-Opportunities.

For class descriptions, pricing and registration information, visit SeniorProfessionals.IllinoisState.edu/Educational-Opportunities. For additional information, email lakowa2@IllinoisState.edu or call (309) 438-2818. A limited number of scholarships are available.

Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts events

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

Illinois State University Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts is pleased to announce a selection of its 2022–2023 events. Follow Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts on social media at linktr.ee/ISUFineArts and keep up to date with Fine Arts news by visiting our website and event schedule at FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/Events-Activities.

This year, the School of Music and School of Theatre and Dance will jointly present the musical *Bonnie and Clyde*. Music by Frank Wildhorn with lyrics by Don Black. Book by Ivan Menchall. Directed by María Amenábar Farias

November 3–5 at 7:30 p.m.
November 5–6 at 2 p.m.

School of Music

Treble Choir, Men’s Glee, and Belle Voix Concert: Help Me to Fly
November 6 at 3 p.m.
Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Jazz Ensemble I & II

November 11 at 8 p.m.

Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

University Band and Symphonic Band Concert

November 30 at 8 p.m.

Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Symphonic Winds Concert

December 1 at 8 p.m.

Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Wind Symphony Concert

December 4 at 3 p.m.

Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Music for the Holidays

December 10 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and December 11 at 3 p.m.

Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

School of Theatre and Dance

Arbor Falls

By Caridad Svich

Directed by Robert Quinlan

November 11–12, 15–17 at 7:30 p.m.

November 12–13 at 2 p.m.

Fall Dance Concert: *interACTION*

December 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m.

December 3 and 4 at 2 p.m.

University Galleries

11 Uptown Circle, Normal

Visit Galleries.IllinoisState.edu for a full list of events and programming including artist lectures and workshops

On view through December 18

Beyond the Norm 2022

In celebration of N.E.W.'s 45th year

On view through December 18

Designing Discoveries

In celebration of Design Streak Studio's 40th anniversary, featuring a selection of projects created since the founding.

On view January 17 through April 2

Anna Von Mertens

On view January 17 through March 3

Avantika Brown

Central Illinois Regional Airport (CIRA) Student Art Gallery

On view September 27 through January 21

Reception: October 26, 5–6 p.m.

Student Art Gallery hours are consistent with the operating hours of the Central Illinois Regional Airport.

Crossroads

Crossroads celebrates the diverse built environment, landscapes, and stories of the Prairie State by showcasing three exceptional perspectives of Illinois State University Wonsook Kim School of Art photography students Megan Osborne, David Mecner, and Sarah Vock.

A royal alumni connection

A reunion on the quad turned into 51 years of companionship, family, and love for the 2022 Homecoming alumni king and queen, John '69 and Marilyn (Mueller) Freese '70.

The couple initially met during John's senior year when he served as chairman of the ISU Student Senate. Marilyn worked as a



clerk for the Student Senate Office, and the two would make small conversation. John graduated that semester with a political science degree and entered law school in the fall. It wasn't until he returned for a campus visit the following year that their friendship blossomed. He ran into Marilyn on the quad as she studied for her senior finals and prepared to graduate with her elementary education degree. Before her graduation, they had their first date and continued regular visits for a year until they married in 1971.

It was no surprise it took the couple so long to meet as both stayed busy with their academics, extracurriculars, and volunteering

Check out the Annuitants Association website

Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu

- Announcements—Why join?—How to join
- Contacting your legislator
- Legislative news
- History of ISUAA—Organization—Newsletters
- Survivor assistance information
- Parking on campus
- Meetings and events schedule



around the community. Along with serving on Student Senate and various honor societies, John was appointed as one of two students to the committee drafting the new ISU constitution for faculty and students. He remembers the time spent as a dear memory along with being named one of the first four Bone Scholars in 1967 with the honor recognized by President Robert Bone himself. Marilyn built lifelong friendships as she participated in residence hall activities including being a floor representative for her hall's judicial council. Along with her job with Student Senate, she worked for the Feeny Dining Center and volunteered at the Western Avenue Community Center.

After graduations and a wedding, John earned his law degree, and the couple moved to California where John served as an attorney for the United States Navy. The couple returned to Bloomington-Normal four years later with their first child. John started at a private practice while Marilyn raised their three children. Once their youngest started school, Marilyn taught for Unit 5 school district. John became an associate circuit court judge, and 10 years later, he was elected as a circuit court judge. He retired in 2004 as chief judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, with Marilyn fully retiring from teaching a year later.

Following retirement, the couple volunteers with several community organizations. They enjoy the time they get to spend with their three children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, several of whom reside in Bloomington-Normal. They serve on the University's community partners committee, enjoy evenings at the Illinois Shakespeare Festival, and were members of Redbirds Rising: The Campaign for Illinois State national committee. They give extensive praise to the University for providing them the education, connections, and values that make them who they are today. To be sure others have the opportunities they had at ISU, the couple established a scholarship within the Department of Politics and Government, and they continue to support several other areas of Illinois State including the University's Horticulture Center and WGLT.

The ISU University Club

By Bob Preston and Kay Wilson

The University Club is open to all faculty, staff, administrative professionals, and annuitants. The group provides a congenial venue to learn about the University and the local community and have the opportunity to get to know our very diverse and interesting colleagues from across the University. They provide a comfortable and friendly environment to gather on a weekly basis to socialize and meet old

Save these dates

Holiday Luncheon—December 7, 2022

Spring Luncheon—March 22, 2023

Summer Dinner Meeting and Elections—June 7, 2023

friends and new colleagues. Their calendar of events can be found at uclub.IllinoisState.edu/calendar.

Welcome desk honors president emeritus and former first lady

By Laura Freyman

President Emeritus Dr. Larry H. Dietz and Marlene Dietz were honored for their longtime dedication to Illinois State on August 26, 2022, with the unveiling of the Dr. Larry and Marlene Dietz Welcome Desk. The welcome desk is located within the Bone Student Center, which was renovated during Dietz's presidency.

"It is very fitting that the welcome desk in this space is named for Larry and Marlene Dietz, as they are very gracious and welcoming people and have been wonderful ambassadors of Illinois State University," said Illinois State President Terri Goss Kinzy, Ph.D.

Larry Dietz joined Illinois State University in 2011 as vice president for Student Affairs. He became the University's 19th president in 2014 and served in that role until his retirement in 2021. Many milestones were achieved during the Dietz administration, and his time was highlighted by the development of a new cybersecurity degree, the planning and approvals for a College of Engineering, and funding secured for the Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts during a historic fundraising campaign that raised more than \$180 million. Dietz's student-first, values-based leadership undergirded his presidency and commitment to the University.

As first lady, Marlene Dietz enriched the campus with her warm presence and servant leadership. She actively took part in fundraising and friend-raising events with a tireless commitment to the Redbird community.

Larry and Marlene Dietz spoke at the gathering, expressing gratitude for the honor.

ISUAA directory update

Please use this form to correct information in the 2021-2022 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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“We are so very grateful to be recognized in this way. It was an absolute privilege to lead Illinois State University and we could not have done it without the support of so many faculty, staff, and friends,” said Larry Dietz.

Gifts from Illinois State’s Foundation board of directors enabled the welcome desk naming, which was approved by the Board of Trustees on October 15, 2021. Foundation Board Chair Eric Burwell ’90 noted Dietz’s accomplishments, including his leadership during Redbirds Rising: The Campaign for Illinois State, and the 2015–2017 State of Illinois budget impasse.

Burwell said he hopes the introduction of the Dietz Welcome Desk will complement the Bone Student Center as Illinois State’s “living room.”

“The Dr. Larry H. and Marlene Dietz Welcome Desk is an excellent addition to Illinois State’s campus and will honor the long-lasting contributions of the Dietz family for years to come,” said Burwell. “With this project, the Foundation Board demonstrates its ongoing gratitude for the Dietzes’ permanent impact on Illinois State.”

Helping Hamper

By Jan Cook

At the Fall Breakfast we collected food, including a lot of rice and toothpaste galore. The loot filled the hatchback of my wagon, and more than half of the space held toothpaste! In addition, there were donations of \$86 dollars in cash.

Helping Hamper for the Winter Meeting will again benefit the School Street Food Pantry. They can use all kinds of nonperishable food items, but for winter, I suggest that we promote healthy breakfasts by emphasizing hot cereals, raisins, and canned fruit.

Thank you so much!

Author and historian Greg Koos to speak at Holiday Luncheon

Join us December 7 as we welcome former director of the McLean County Museum of History, Greg Koos. Koos will discuss his recent book, *Freedom, Land, and Community: A History of McLean County Illinois, 1730-1900*. In his book, Koos tells the story of the diverse peoples and events of this county. Using sources contemporary with the events described, it relates the struggle to shape the land, build community, and secure freedom as these communities knew and defined it. Native peoples, women and men, African Americans, Irish and German immigrants all sought and contested for their freedom. People whose voices have not been heard in previous works about Central Illinois are included here.

Greg Koos served and led the McLean County Museum of History in Bloomington, Illinois from 1977 to 2016. His work there was recognized with numerous state and national awards. His historical research has been published in the United States and Ireland. Koos lives with his wife, Carol, in his hometown of Bloomington.



We will once again be at the Alumni Center, and lunch will be assorted sandwiches from Panera. As always, there will be a drawing for door prizes, and donations will be accepted for Helping Hamper. Please use the reservation form on the back of the newsletter to reserve your place. We hope to see you there.

Thank you to our ISUAA Board Members 2022-2023

President: Barbara Dallinger

Vice President: John Walker

Secretary: JoEllen Bahnsen

Treasurer: Neil Gridley

Directors: April Anderson-Zorn, Marie Dawson, Victoria F. Harris, Tal Parmenter, Beth Theobald, Brian Wilkinson

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SUAA State Association Delegates: John Walker, Barb Dallinger, Gail Lamb, Charles McGuire



For more information, visit Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu

HELP REDBIRDS KEEP RISING!

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- ISU EXCELLENCE FUND—supports the University’s area of greatest need (3065065)
- RED AND WHITE SCHOLARSHIP FUND—general scholarship fund (2327001)
- COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT/OTHER: _____

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- VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS
- A single gift in the amount of \$ _____.
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Signature

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In memoriam

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Borg, John.....	8/27/22
Carter, James	7/22/22
Dunn, Phyllis.....	7/29/22
Haycraft, Peggy	8/23/22
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Thompson, James.....	9/11/22
Walters, William	7/14/22

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 some-one follow up with you.



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ISUAA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 7
Alumni Center

Featuring Greg Koos, author and historian

"Freedom, Land, and Community: A History of McLean County Illinois, 1730-1900"

Name(s) of those attending _____

Please reserve _____ meal(s) at \$18 each. A check for \$_____ payable to ISUAA is enclosed.

Entrees: Assorted Panera box lunches

Please mail the reservation form along with your check to ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61790-8000. **Reservations should be received by November 19, so please mail early.** If you would like confirmation of your reservation, please list your e-mail address.
