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ISUAA—serving annuitants and survivors since 1971

President's message

No doubt the state budget crisis will continue to dominate our time this next year and the issues that arise from this crisis will continue to occupy significant portions of our time. During the past year, we have faced the sudden imposition of a dental premium through the unilateral action of the governor and a proposal to enact a health insurance premium for annuitants of as much as \$500 per month for annuitants who are not eligible for Medicare and who elect coverage under the Quality Care option. Fortunately, the effort to impose these premiums appears to be dead for the time being. However, state funding of the pension systems appears to be a continuing concern at the present time, and as of this writing, unless the legislature can agree to a funding package, SURS may face the risk of needing to liquidate some assets in order to pay current pension obligations.

Significant challenges lie ahead and we need your help and support, and the support of your friends and colleagues. If you know someone is a participant in SURS, whether they are a current employee or an annuitant, and they are 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 to have your dues automatically deducted from your monthly 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.

Christ Schwelle has stepped down as president after serving two two-year terms in this capacity. Under his leadership, ISUAA has grown and prospered. It was most fitting that Schwelle was recognized with a Distinguished Service Award at the Annual Dinner. I am pleased that he has offered to provide advice and counsel to me as I step into this role and that he will continue to serve the association as a newly elected director.

I also want to offer my congratulations to Jan Cook, also a recipient of a Distinguished Service Award. I am pleased to offer my appreciation for all the work outgoing members of the board have provided and to express my best wishes for the future. Thanks to Carolyn Bartlett for her work as secretary and to Janet Kuhns as a director.

I hope to see you at the Fall Luncheon on September 1. President Al Bowman will be our guest speaker. He is both a member of ISUAA and a great supporter of our association. 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.

Thank you to the College of Fine Arts for sponsoring this issue of the newsletter and for offering event ticket discounts to ISUAA members. A listing of some of their events is provided in this newsletter. Please support these events by purchasing tickets and remember to ask for your annuitants discount.

Larry Alferink

40th anniversary offers ISUAA discounts for College of Fine Arts performing arts events

It's the 40th Anniversary of the College of Fine Arts and once again we are pleased to announce a special ticket rate for ISUAA members to events at the Center for the Performing Arts Theatre and Concert Hall. ISUAA members are able to receive the Illinois State student ticket rates of \$12 for tickets to any School of Theatre production and \$6 to any School of Music concert (*except as noted).

Center for the Performing Arts 2010–2011 Theatre Productions

<i>The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee</i>	Oct 7–10; 12–16
<i>Les Liaisons Dangereuses</i>	Nov 11–14
Illinois State Dance Theatre Fall Concert	Dec 9–11
<i>Merrily We Roll Along</i> (Directed by Illinois State Alum Garry Griffin)	Feb 10–13; 15–20
<i>Rock and Roll</i>	Apr 1–3; 5–9
Illinois State Dance Theatre Spring Concert	April 28–30

*2010–2011 Center for the Performing Arts Music events with \$10 tickets:

- Music for the Holidays Concert* TBA
- Jazz Festival with Special Guest Artist* TBA

Tickets may be obtained by calling the ticket office at (309) 438-2535 or visiting during our regular business hours—11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday–Friday. ISUAA members must inform the box 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. Please note that all dates, times, and prices are subject to change. For a complete listing of dates and times, please visit IllinoisState.edu/finearts.

This season promises to be enjoyable and memorable, and we at the College of Fine Arts look forward to seeing you help us celebrate 40 years of education and entertainment. See you at the show!

Brandon Burling
Ticket Office Manager

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ISUAA Organization 2010–2011

ISUAA Board

President	Larry Alferink	(12)
Vice president	Sharon Quiram	(11)
Secretary	Peggy Hundley	(12)
Treasurer	Sue Killian	(11)
Director	Jude Boyer	(11)
Director	Martha Burk	(12)
Director	David Doss	(11)
Director	Christ Schwelle	(12)

Committee chairs

Awards	Richard Dammers
Golf	Pete Whitmer
Insurance	Yvonne Hougham
Legislative/SUAAction	Larry Alferink, Parker Lawlis, and Dave Wiant
Membership	Paul Schertz
Nominating	Christ Schwelle
Pool	Paul Dohrmann
Programs	Sharon Quiram
Social	Shirlee Bottomley and Dona Meador
State Assoc. Directors	Larry Alferink, Jan Cook, Paul Schertz, and Chuck Taylor
Survivors Advocacy	Mary Liverman and Edna Johnston

ISUAA Taskforce Teams/Resources

Archive	Jude Boyer and Jo Ann Rayfield
Auditor	Chuck Taylor
Chapter Directory	Jude Boyer and Dona Meador
Foundation Liaison	Barbara Todd
Mailing List	Kathy Pollock and Paul Schertz
Newsletter	Larry Alferink, Richard Dammers, and University Marketing and Communications
Social Security Issues	Robert Hunt
Website	David Doss

Annuitants Association website

- Why join ISUAA
- History of ISUAA
- How to join
- Survivor assistance information
- Newsletters
- Parking on campus for retirees
- Meetings and events schedule
- Contacting your legislator
- Legislative platform

www.Annuitants.ilstu.edu

David Doss, Web page coordinator



How time flies

Compiled by Jo Ann Rayfield

50 Years Ago | July–September 1960

- July—The Teachers College Board approved an operating budget of \$6 million for ISNU for the 1960–1961 fiscal year.
- September—A Student Health Insurance plan was put into place for all full-time students.

25 Years Ago | July–September 1985

- July—The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools announced the continued accreditation of Illinois State for 10 years.
- ISU's Metcalf Project to enhance reading comprehension and writing skills among elementary school children was one of 17 model teacher preparation programs recognized by the AACU for its excellence in integrating research findings with instruction.
- August—Fifty-eight faculty members won 90 grant awards worth more than \$3 million (in fiscal year 1984 to 1985), a record amount and a 42 percent increase over the previous fiscal year.
- September—Fall enrollment reached a record of 20,419 students. The Student Health Service received accreditation from the Association for Ambulatory Health Care.
- The Board of Regents requested \$86.3 million for Illinois State for fiscal year 1987.

15 Years Ago | July–September 1995

- August—David Strand began his term as interim president
- August—International House celebrated its 25th anniversary
- September—The Board of Regents approved a fiscal year 1997 operating budget request of \$118.6 million for Illinois State.



Senior Professionals fall 2010

Class line up

Academy of Seniors

The following are Academy of Seniors classes that are held throughout the fall at the Illinois State Alumni Center. There are four two-hour sessions. Cost for the four sessions is \$45.

September—Susan Westbury “Women’s Life in Early America”

October—Panel Discussion “Keeping Our Courts Unclogged”

November—Richard Haglund “A Symphonic Suite of Music History”

January—Michael Weis “Presidential Greatness”

Mornings with the Professors

These lecture classes are held at the Illinois State Alumni Center from 9:30–11:30 a.m. You can purchase admission to all the lectures for \$45, or you can pay \$15 at the door for selected lectures.

October 1—Mark Wyman “A Different West”

October 8—Robert Bradley “The Obama Imprint on the Supreme Court” * Note time 1:30–3:30 p.m.

October 22—Robert Nelson “Earthquakes: Whole Lot o’ Shakin’ Going On”

October 29—Jan Susina, Karen Coats, and Roberta Trites “What Your Grandchildren Should be Reading.”

November 5—Dan Leifel “Living Through the Battle of the Bulge”

For more information on classes you can visit our website at SeniorProfessionals.IllinoisState.edu/adultenrichment or contact the Office of Senior Professionals at (309) 438-2818.

Planned giving

The Illinois State University Foundation has Charitable Gift Annuities that may offer a better rate of return than your current investments and guarantee payments for the rest of your life, while making a gift to Illinois State. Depending on your tax situation, establishing an ISUF Charitable Gift Annuity may also provide an immediate tax deduction and other tax advantages. For more information, contact Barbara Todd, executive director of internal and annual giving, at (309) 438-2592 or btodd@ilstu.edu.

Fall retiree event

The newest campus leaders, Vice Presidents Dan Layzell (Finance and Planning) and Erin Minné (University Advancement) will be the featured speakers at the annual University Advancement fall retiree event on Wednesday, September 22. The breakfast event will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Brown Ballroom of the Bone Student Center. All Illinois State retired employees and their guests are invited to attend this complimentary event. Advance reservations are required and can be made by contacting Barbara Todd at (309) 438-2592 or btodd@ilstu.edu.

University Club fall 2010 events

Jude Boyer

Gourmet Dinners

Japanese cuisine will be featured on Saturday, September 25, in the Founders Suite, Bone Student Center. The dinner on Saturday, October 23, will feature French cuisine, to be held in the Founders Suite, Bone Student Center. Full information about each menu and reservation details should be available to all by August 25 at www.uClub.ilstu.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 27, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., in the Faculty/Staff Commons, 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 Faculty/Staff Commons. Special discussion/information topics are noted on the University Club Calendar 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 www.uClub.ilstu.edu.

Alumni Relations events

Homecoming 2010

The campus community will celebrate 90 years of Homecoming during the week of October 11–17. Join the celebration, as the campus will “Roll Out the Red” with a variety of activities and programs. For a complete schedule or to register online, visit IllinoisStateHomecoming.com or call (309) 438-2586.

HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, October 15

Homecoming Hospitality

8 a.m.–1 p.m., Bone Student Center

8:30 a.m.–7 p.m., Alumni Center

Alumni Day Luncheon

Noon–2 p.m., Bone Student Center, Brown Ballroom

Tickets are \$15 per person, with preregistration required.

Live Glass Sculpture Creation featuring Mack Glass

1–7 p.m., Schroeder Plaza

Bring your recyclable glass donations and watch as art is created.

Hoopfest

7 p.m., Horton Field House

Free admission.

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

7:30 p.m., Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets available by calling (309) 438-2535 or visiting www.ticketmaster.com.

Prism Concert

8 p.m., Center for the Performing Arts

Enjoy the talents of music faculty and students.

Call (309) 438-8833 for tickets.

Saturday, October 16

Homecoming Hospitality

8 a.m.–1 p.m., Bone Student Center

7:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Alumni Center

Town & Gown 5K Run

7 a.m., College Avenue and University Street

Registration is required at IllinoisStateHomecoming.com.

Live Glass Sculpture Creation featuring Mack Glass

8:30 a.m.–2 p.m., Schroeder Plaza

Bring your recyclable glass donations and watch as art is created.

Parade Step Off

9:30 a.m., College Avenue and University Street

Tailgating

11 a.m., Designated tailgating locations

Homecoming Academy

1:30–4 p.m., Alumni Center

Politics and Government Professor Bob Bradley and annuitant

Terri Ryburn

Reservations are not required.

Redbird Football vs. North Dakota State

2 p.m., Hancock Stadium

Call (309) 438-8000 for tickets.

Roll Out the Red Gala

6 p.m., Marriott Hotel and Conference Center

Tickets for this black-tie optional event are \$75 per person.

Call (309) 4328-2586 or visit www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/gala.

Sunday, October 17

Homecoming Hospitality

9 a.m.–1 p.m., Alumni Center

Twin City Tours

10:30 a.m., Alumni Center

Preregistration is required. Call (309) 438-2586.

Redbird Volleyball vs. Bradley University

2:05 p.m., Redbird Arena

Call (309) 438-8000 for tickets.

ISUAA directory update

Please use this form to correct information in the 2009–2010 Chapter Directory (coral cover). Please respond ASAP. If the information in the 2009–2010 directory was correct/complete, you do not have to complete this form.

Name _____

Phone _____

Spouse's name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Annuitants Association election results and annual meeting summary

The Illinois State University Annuitants Association annual meeting and dinner was held on June 2 in the Old Main Room of Bone Student Center. Larry Alferink was elected president, Sharon Quiram was elected vice president, and Peggy Hundley was elected as secretary. Christ Schwelle was elected to a position as a director and Martha Burk was re-elected to this position. Continuing in their positions on the board are Sue Killian, treasurer, and Jude Boyer and David Doss, directors.

Jan Cook and Christ Schwelle were recognized as recipients of the Distinguished Service Award. Cook has served on the ISUAA Board of Directors, as president, as a member of the SUAA Membership Committee, and as treasurer of the SUAA Board. She has coordinated the Helping Hamper program and helped to initiate a survey on Civic Engagement of our members that will prove helpful as we talk to legislators. In an effort to keep local dues as low as possible, Schwelle sought and obtained sponsors for the newsletter. He also served as a SUAA Foundation director in addition to his work advancing the association during his two terms as president.

Schwelle provided a brief summary of the health insurance issue and thanked all of those who took the time to contact members of the legislature opposing the imposition of premiums. He noted that this issue appears to be dead, at least for the time being.

Retiree information hotline

Have a question? Need an answer? Call (309) 438-4311, the phone line answered by University Advancement 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.

Survivor Planning workshop

ISUAA's Survivor Advocacy Team has scheduled a Survivor Planning Workshop at 9:30 a.m. on September 1. For your convenience, the workshop is scheduled immediately preceding the Fall Luncheon. The focus of the workshop will primarily be on SURS procedures, including assistance in filling out the papers required for survivors' benefits. This small group presentation will be led by the Survivor Advocacy Team members. ISUAA members may reserve space at the workshop by completing the form below.

Reservation form

9:30–11:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 1

Name(s) of participants

Address

E-mail _____

Phone (_____) _____

Mail to ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL 61790-8000
no later than August 23.



Helping Hamper

By Jan Cook

The Helping Hamper for our September luncheon will be for the Crisis Nursery at the Children's Foundation in Bloomington, which cares for youngsters during family emergencies like fires, auto accidents, or the illness of a caregiver. Their babies, toddlers, and primary age clients can use healthy foods and snacks like cereal, applesauce, fruit juices, and Jello. The staff appreciate receiving low sugar foods, since many of the children are under stress and get more keyed up when they eat a lot of sugar.

The kids also enjoy brightly patterned paper plates, cups, and napkins, of any theme. Football? Graduation? Great!

And if you know someone who has outgrown the diapers part way through a package, do grab the leftovers. Sometime in any week, there will be a client who wears that size.

Our June collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Main and Locust garnered a bounty of fruit, cereal, pasta, and canned goods, as well as enough deodorant, soap bars, and disposable razors to fill the pantry's shopping cart to the top. "It is great that you folks think of that. It makes a difference to people to feel clean in hot weather."

We continue to collect Box Tops for education for the PTO at Thomas Metcalf School. These are the small rectangles, up to postage stamp size, found on packages of General Mills, Kleenex, Cottonelle, Betty Crocker, ZipLoc, and other brands. 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 nametags at the entrance to our luncheon. Thanks!

Legislative updates

Representative Dan Brady was an invited guest at the May Board Meeting. He was invited to provide his perspective on issues facing the legislature and to listen to board concerns on issues facing annuitants. Discussion primarily focused around potential outcomes of budget negotiations, payments into the pension systems, and the possible imposition of Health Insurance Premiums by The Emergency Budget Act proposed by the governor. Brady indicated that as The Emergency Budget Act was currently written, the governor would not have to power to impose the cost of health insurance premiums on annuitants. He also indicated that unless an agreement can be reached on borrowing, payments to the pensions systems would be a problem.

Larry Alferink and Christ Schwelle also attended a fundraiser for Senator Dan Rutherford, Republican Candidate for State Treasurer with funding provided by SUAAction. As a member of the legislature, Rutherford has opposed changes to the pensions of current employees and annuitants, and we attended to provide a voice on issues of importance to our members.

In memoriam

Patricia Berndt	May 18, 2010
Roger Burmaster	March 18, 2010
Nathaniel Clark.....	April 29, 2010
Ethel Feicke	May 1, 2010
Harry Jackson.....	April 4, 2010
Harvey Mays	May 5, 2010
Gerald Pickett	April 10, 2010
Olgert Pocs.....	May 5, 2010
Katherine Shaw.....	March 31, 2010
Gwen Smith.....	April 10, 2010
Sherry Stephens	January 1, 2010
Stella Stone	April 7, 2010

Gladly We Give

Thank you to the many Illinois State University retirees who supported their campus passions during fiscal year 2010. The Gladly We Give faculty/staff/retiree annual giving initiative completed another successful year by again increasing the number of donors.



Whether your gift supports scholarships, faculty professional development, WGLT, Redbird Athletics or any area of campus, you are helping protect and build the legacy of Illinois State University. For additional information, please contact Barbara Todd at (309) 438-2592 or bttodd@ilstu.edu or go to IllinoisState.edu/gladlywegive.

Thank you,
Barbara Todd
Executive Director, Internal Campaigns

www.Advancement.ilstu.edu

ISUAA fall luncheon reservation form

Wednesday, September 1, 2010—11:30 a.m.

Room 118, Alumni Center

Featuring President Al Bowman

Name(s) of those attending _____

Please reserve _____ meal(s) at \$13 each. A check for \$ _____ payable to ISUAA is enclosed.

Entrees

____ Swiss Steak _____ (name)

____ Spinach and Ricotta Cheese Stuffed with Marinara _____ (name)

____ Please indicate dietary restrictions _____ (name)

Fruit cup as dessert for those on dietary restriction

Please send your reservation form no later than **August 23** to: Shirlee Bottomley, 507 E. Taylor St., Bloomington, IL 61701-5334 or Irene Niccum, 301 S. Towanda Ave. #C, Normal, IL 61761-2110.

Please, no late or phone reservations.

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, please contact Paul Schertz at Schertz@mchsi.com or (309) 963-4610, or Larry Alferink at alferink@ilstu.edu or (309) 454-3814.

For automatic dues deduction (current retirees only, currently \$2.42/month; \$4.50 with spouse). This is available only to current retirees receiving a SURS annuity. I hereby authorize the State Universities Retirement System (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 _____ UID# _____

For payroll deduction (pre-retiree employees only; currently 2.90/month; \$5.40 with spouse August–May). This is available to current Illinois State 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# _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

_____ 086-724 (\$2.90) _____ 086-725 (\$5.40)

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

ISUAA Calendar

July 14, 2010 • 2–3:30 p.m.

ISUAA Board with Committee Chairs
Room 119, Alumni Center

September 1, 2010 • 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Survivor Planning Workshop
*Carl Kasten Room, Alumni Center**

September 1, 2010 • 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

ISUAA Fall Luncheon with President Al Bowman
*Room 118 Alumni Center**

September 8, 2010 • 2–3:30 p.m.

ISUAA Board with Committee Chairs
Room 119, Alumni Center

September 22, 2010 • 7:30 a.m.

Fall Advancement Retiree Breakfast with Dan Layzell,
vice president Finance and Planning, and Erin Minné, vice
president University Advancement
Brown Ballroom, Bone Student Center

October 11–17, 2010

Homecoming Week

November 10, 2010 • 2–3:30 p.m.

ISUAA Board with Committee Chairs
Room 119, Alumni Center

December 1, 2010 • 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

ISUAA Holiday Luncheon with Illinois State University
Madrigal Singers
*Brown Ballroom, Bone Student Center**

January 12, 2011 • 2–3:30 p.m.

ISUAA Board with Committee Chairs
Room 119, Alumni Center

To Be Announced

Lunch and Learn Programs*
Social Security/Medicare for SURS Participants

* Reservation required



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