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ISUAAA—serving annuities and survivors since 1971

President's message

Our thanks go to Campus Recreation for sponsoring this newsletter. The new Student Fitness Center has been a fabulous success, serving a phenomenal number of students while also providing fitness opportunities for a large number of Illinois State faculty, staff, and of course our membership. If you wish to maintain your health and fitness, or wish to enhance it, please consider paying the fitness center a visit. If you have not seen the new facility, consider stopping in and asking for a tour.



Illinois State experienced a large wave of individuals retiring before the end of June. The State Universities Retirement System (SURS) experienced the same wave statewide. While many were avoiding the decrease in the money purchase formula that went into effect in July, many also retired because of uncertainty about state pensions and benefits. Perhaps many accepted the common myth that once you have retired, your pension and benefits are guaranteed for life. Like all myths, this is not true. In fact, these individuals retired even though Senate Bill 1313, which imposed retiree health insurance premiums, was passed before the end of the May legislative session, and Senate Bill 1673, which would have forced a choice between keeping some form of health insurance benefits or a 3 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) in retirement, was up for a vote during the May legislative session. Many retirees do not belong to the Illinois State

University Annuity Association (ISUAAA) and the State Universities Annuity Association (SUAA) because they mistakenly believe that their pensions and benefits are secure, protected by Article 13 of the Illinois Constitution. Please correct this misinformation and tell them that they need our help now more than ever before. It is clear that there will be further attempts to reduce your COLA.

State directors were faced with a vote on a dues increase at the fall SUAA meeting. SUAA has been running budget deficits of around \$20,000 for the past several years, and the deficit has increased significantly this year. See SUAA dues increase on page 9.

If you are an Illinois resident and you receive this newsletter before the November election, please exercise your right to vote for the candidate of your choice. It is also very important that you vote on Constitutional Amendment 49 on pension reform. SUAA strongly opposes this amendment.

We are again delighted to be able to provide the Madrigal Singers as entertainment at the Holiday Luncheon. We hope you will be able to attend as this promises to again be a very enjoyable event. I look forward to seeing you there!

Larry Alferink, ISUAAA President



Not just for students

Campus Recreation is offering another exciting semester of activities. In addition to the many recreational opportunities included in a membership to the Student Fitness Center, Campus Recreation offers recreational basketball for faculty, staff, and annuitants of Illinois State University. Games are held at Horton Field House from 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the fall semester. The fall fee for “noon-ball,” as it is more commonly known, is \$60 and can be paid on-site or at the Bob and Julie Dobski Welcome Center in the lobby of the Student Fitness Center. For more details or first time registration, call (309) 438-5106.

Annuitant memberships to the fitness center include full access to all strength and cardio equipment, sport courts, group fitness classes, the swimming pool, the climbing wall, the running track, and more. Spouses and domestic partners may also be added to any membership. The membership rate for annuitants is \$120 per semester, \$80 per summer, or \$320 per year. “This is a tremendous facility with plenty to do,” said Dick Payne, a retired administrative clerk in Milner Library. “I specifically enjoy walking the track and using the weights. The staff are all friendly and very helpful, and I really enjoy the interaction with the different members, students and nonstudents alike.” For more information, visit the membership section of CampusRecreation.IllinoisState.edu, call (309) 438-7529, or stop by the Bob and Julie Dobski Welcome Center in the Student Fitness Center.

President Bowman featured at fall luncheon

Illinois State University President Al Bowman was the featured speaker at the Illinois State University Annuitants Association (ISUAA) fall luncheon September 5. More than 100 people attended the event. Bowman noted that the University continues to make important advances in spite of state budget issues. Student applications remained very strong again, resulting in total enrollment very close to the overall 20,500 enrollment target. He noted that our grant support was the second highest ever. Work was completed on the new Cardinal Court project, providing apartment-style living for our students. Students have moved in and there was a substantial waiting list of students who desired to live in this new facility. Work has begun on the expansion of the east side of Hancock

Stadium. This project is expected to be completed by next August, in time for the football season. The economy, combined with the University’s reputation, has contributed to hiring an outstanding class of new faculty members, helping to ensure a bright future for the University.

Survivor’s advocacy workshop a success

The Survivor Advocacy Team held a workshop September 20. Several members attended and learned how to work their way through the maze of State Universities Retirement System (SURS) paperwork that needs to be completed by the surviving spouse when an annuitant dies. Team members are also available if you know a surviving spouse who needs assistance with this paperwork at these difficult times. Please suggest that they contact Mary Liverman. Consider attending a future workshop to help in your own preparation.



Madrigal Singers headline ISUAA Holiday Luncheon

The annual Illinois State Universities Retirement System (ISUAA) Holiday Luncheon, scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 5, in the Brown Ballroom, will again feature the Illinois State University Madrigal Singers, directed by Karyl Carlson. A reservation form for the luncheon is included in this newsletter.

This year’s Madrigal performances, titled “Madrigala,” will be held at the Alumni Center, December 7, 8, and 9. Desserts will be served by Biaggi’s and Kelly’s Bakery & Café, and drinks will be available throughout the evening. University Galleries is presenting an exhibit of winter scenes to set the stage for the musical good cheer. Tickets are \$15. The traditional Jester and Wench will serve as emcees for the evening. Music will include Madrigal favorites, as well as a special commission for the Madrigal Singers by College of Fine Arts alumnus Dennis Tobenski.

A number of ISUAA members have played key roles in the success of the Madrigals over the years, the most notable being the late John Ferrell, who served as director for many years. As a token of appreciation for the Madrigal Singers’ performance at the Holiday Luncheon, ISUAA will make a donation to the Illinois State

University Foundation account in honor of his contributions to the Madrigal Singers.

As the calendar and tax year nears its end, ISUAA members are encouraged to consider a donation to the foundation, perhaps targeting an account, such as the John Ferrell Scholarship, that may have special meaning to them. Beth Snyder, assistant director for annual giving, can help you find the right account for your donation. Contact Snyder at (309) 438-5725.

Legislative report

Governor Pat Quinn called the legislature into special session August 17 to act on pension reform. The House was already scheduled to meet to deal with removing a member for a disciplinary action. The legislature could have considered a stripped-down version of Senate Bill 1673 that applied only to state employees who participate in the State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) and members of the legislature. The bill as it was approved by the Senate last spring would have avoided the issue of cost shifting to universities, community colleges, and school districts that was part of Senate Bill 1673. The bill still would have required a choice between retaining the 3 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) or state-subsidized health insurance and the other provisions of Senate Bill 1673 that were applicable for current employees. The legislature also could have voted on Senate Bill 1673, either with or without the cost-shifting provisions. The governor did not meet with the legislative leaders in an attempt to hammer out an agreement before the special session. Given that no progress had been made over the summer and to pass pension reform would have required a three-fifths majority rather than the simple majority in effect during the May legislative session, almost no one except perhaps the governor and the local newspaper expected anything to happen, especially after the governor did not support the more limited Senate bill.

The legislature will come back for the fall veto session for three days at the end of November and three days early in December. Pension legislation is not expected to be considered during the fall veto session because again it would require a three-fifths majority to pass such legislation. Thus, it is expected that pension reform will come up during the January lame duck session when only a simple majority will be required for passage. Senate Bill 1673 may be brought back, but at this time it is not known what modifications will have been made to attempt to gain more support. You may recall, this bill would require retirees to choose between keeping their current COLA and losing state health insurance or accepting a reduced COLA based on simple interest and having state-subsidized health insurance. Current employees would face the additional choice of allowing future pay increases to be computed in their pension if they accept the reduced COLA. Additional proposals that might be considered include two bills introduced by Representative Elaine Nekritz that has the same provisions as Senate Bill 1673 but allows for the cost shifting to be phased in over a longer period of time. In addition, Representative Mike Fortner has introduced House Bill 1604. His proposal would require the legislature to use funds paying off the pension bonds to pay down the pension debt once the bonds are paid off. He also would cap the salary that applies to the defined benefit pension, and employees would pay 6 percent of their salary into a defined contribution plan for any salary above that cap. This is a version of a hybrid plan. Finally, a coalition of unions has proposed that employees pay an additional 1 percent toward their pensions in exchange for a guarantee that the state would make the required annual payments. Quinn and Senator John Cullerton have rejected the last two proposals, so whether some version of either proposal will find its way to legislation in the future is unknown. Stay tuned and be prepared to inform your representatives if these bills are unfair, create unreasonable burdens, or violate constitutional protections.

Annuitants Association website

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

www.Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu

Jess Ray, Web page coordinator

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Welcome To The ISUAA! [Give Now](#)

The ISU Annuitants Association (ISUAA) is the local chapter of the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) and serves employees of Illinois State University that participate in SURS, retirees that receive a SURS pension, their spouses, and survivors.

Membership

Membership is not restricted to annuitants. Current employees are welcome to join the association and support our programs. These include:

- Work with SUAA to protect pensions and benefits
- SUAA Mini-briefings on legislative issues
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Annual Meeting & Dinner
- Fall, Winter & Spring Luncheons
- Survivor Assistance program
- Social Security Information Sessions for employees

This additional means of communication with members and others is not intended to take the place of our four newsletters per year or the regular meetings of the Association. However, it will provide additional opportunities to post new information between editions of the newsletter and our regular meetings and to emphasize certain items of importance.

Impact of proposed COLA reduction

Senate Bill 1673 would require individuals to make a choice to keep their 3 percent compound cost of living adjustment (COLA) and lose state health insurance coverage or accept a reduced COLA and receive subsidized state health insurance. Senate Bill 1673 would limit the annual COLA to 50 percent of the urban Consumer Price Index computed as simple interest with a maximum COLA of 3 percent. The current COLA is 3 percent compound interest. This is the same COLA that individuals hired after January 1, 2011, who participate in “tier II” will receive after they retire. The table below may help in determining what impact the reduced COLA would have over time. The table shows what happens to each \$1,000 in pension benefits received at the beginning of retirement after 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years. It provides a comparison of the 3 percent compound interest in the current COLA to what would happen if the COLA were simple interest and the interest rate was 1, 2, or 3 percent. Of course no one knows what the average urban Consumer Price Index will be over the next 30 years, but the average Consumer Price Index over the past 30 years was approximately 3.38 percent, so 50 percent of that would provide a rough estimate that we might expect the COLA to average around 1.7 percent. But again, no one knows what the future will hold. However, you may find it useful to compare what your pension would be after 30 years assuming you retained the current COLA with a 2 percent simple interest COLA. Simply multiply your pensions by the figure provided and divide by 1,000.

Years in Retirement	3% Compound interest	3% Simple interest	2% Simple interest	1% Simple interest
1	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
5	\$1,126	\$1,120	\$1,080	\$1,040
10	\$1,305	\$1,270	\$1,180	\$1,090
15	\$1,513	\$1,420	\$1,280	\$1,140
20	\$1,754	\$1,570	\$1,380	\$1,190
25	\$2,033	\$1,720	\$1,480	\$1,240
30	\$2,357	\$1,870	\$1,580	\$1,290

You also may find it useful to have an estimate of insurance costs should you wish to consider keeping your current COLA and forgo state health insurance. If you are eligible for Medicare, Medicare Part B supplemental insurance costs approximately \$126–\$139 per month in Central Illinois at age 65, depending on the carrier, and costs \$285 per month at age 85 or older. This is for the top of the line Medicare supplement plan. Less comprehensive plans that provide less coverage would cost less. Understand that Medicare Part B does not cover prescription medications or eye care. Those policies would need to be purchased separately and would probably not provide identical coverage to what the state provides. Nevertheless, it is not difficult to determine those costs and to determine what the policies offer should that be necessary. You might also find

Retiree information hotline

Have a question? Need an answer? Don't know whom to contact? 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.



it useful to know that when asked, House Speaker Michael Madigan said he would opt for the current COLA.

Health insurance contracts extended

The Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) has announced that the temporary contracts with Health Alliance HMO, Health Alliance Illinois, and Coventry HMO have been extended. These contracts were due to expire at the end of September. The extension is until the end of June 2013, or until the health insurance process is completed. For those of you covered by these providers, this will likely be good news.

Academic Senate learns about Annuitants Association

Illinois State University Annuitants Association (ISUAA) President Larry Alferink was again a guest of Illinois State's Academic Senate at its August 31 meeting where he provided an update on what has happened over the past year. He described the role ISUAA plays as an advocate for the pensions of both current employees as well as those who have retired. He reminded the Senate that current employees who participate in the State Universities Retirement System (SURS) are welcome to join ISUAA. He described the adverse legislation considered by the legislature this past spring and will likely come up in future sessions. He focused in particular on Senate Bill 1673. He also focused on House-Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 49 and encouraged all present to vote on this in the November elections.

SB 1313 health insurance update

No progress has been made to date in establishing health insurance premiums for retirees as required under Senate Bill 1313 that passed during the spring legislative session. The state has indicated these premiums would be subject to a collective bargaining agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). The full AFSCME contract is being negotiated, and it is our understanding that negotiations have not yet addressed the premiums. An Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) spokesperson indicated this summer that the premiums would not be applied retroactively to July, but a spokesperson for Governor Pat Quinn's office recently refused to make this commitment.

In the meantime, three lawsuits have been filed challenging this bill, and more may be pending. One was filed by a retired appellate court judge, and the outcome of this case may be based on special provisions regarding benefits for the judges and may not apply more broadly to other state employees. A second lawsuit was filed by five non-unionized state employees. The third suit was filed by AFSCME alleging that Senate Bill 1313 violated Article 13 of the constitution and may have the broadest applicability to SUAA members. The only previous court case dealing with health insurance benefits was a decision by a lower court judge in Will County. Thus, these cases will likely establish legal precedent regarding whether Article 13 is limited specifically to pensions or whether the constitutional protection also applies to other benefits.

Annuitants' pool

Now that cooler weather is here, it is a good time to consider participating in annuitants' pool. On Mondays from 2–4 p.m., a small group gathers at the Bowling and Billiards Center to play pool.

This is a very informal group who play at varying skill levels. Once the group gathers they decide the games (eight ball, nine ball, etc.) to be played that day. For more information, contact Paul Dohrmann at pfdohrm@IllinoisState.edu or (309) 452-2322. Join the group, learn a new game, or improve your skills. They welcome newcomers!

Leaving Normal

For those heading south, west, or even north for the winter, don't forget to update your forwarding address with the U. S. Postal Service so your newsletters can be forwarded. The Illinois State University Annuitants Association (ISUAA) is working to get the newsletters posted on our website as soon as possible so that you can read the newsletters and obtain the luncheon registration forms electronically. The next two newsletters are scheduled for mailing in the first week of February and the first week of May. If you know you want to attend the March 7 Spring Luncheon but will be away for the winter and don't want to take a chance on forwarded mail, contact Dona Meador now to arrange reservations. If you cannot attend the luncheon, understand that ISUAA attempts to cover the cost of the luncheon from the per-plate charges collected from those who attend.

Numbers count!

Help ISUAA/SUAA grow in numbers and influence. Urge your friends and colleagues (retired or still working) to join ISUAA/SUAA. Membership information/forms are available at/from:

ISUAA website: www.Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu

SUAA website: www.suaa.org

"Join Now" online application

Frank Waterstraat: (309) 827-6442

Helping Hamper

Jan Cook

The Helping Hamper at our December holiday luncheon will be for the benefit of the Clare House Soup Kitchen. They serve more than 100 lunches each Tuesday and Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bloomington. The soup kitchen would be happy to receive packaged pasta or rice, canned broth, or canned vegetables for the soup; coffee or tea for hot drinks; and canned or packaged fruit. Fruit is expensive, and almost no one else donates it. The last two years we sent them a lot of snack-sized boxes of raisins.

At our September luncheon, we filled the Crisis Nursery hamper with diapers, paper party plates, napkins, colorful cereal, single-serving fruit snacks, food, snacks, children's toothpaste, crayons, and cash.

In September we collected an even 300 Box Tops for Education for Thomas Metcalf Laboratory School, worth \$30. We also collected 137 Campbell's Soup Labels for Education, which can "buy" useful items from Campbell's school catalog. Good job!

At the December holiday luncheon we will be happy to collect your fresh Box Tops and Labels for Education. Box Tops are found on many General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker products, Progresso soups, Ziploc bags, Cottonelle, Scott, Viva, and Kleenex products. Soup labels are on Campbell's products.

Thanks to all of you!

2012–2013 Directory

The 2012–2013 Annuitants Directory should be just about ready for mailing by the time you read the November newsletter. Barring any last-minute delays, you should receive your copy prior to Thanksgiving. Please let us know if you do not receive your copy. While every effort is made to ensure accurate directory information, errors do occur. Please review your information in the new directory and let us know of any inaccuracies. With some 1,400 members, this is a major task so we thank you for helping to ensure that your information is current. Instructions for notifying the Illinois State University Annuitants Association (ISUAA) of changes can be found on the inside of the back cover.

Updating the directory is a time to add new members and unfortunately to remove those who have died during the past year. It is also a time when we do our best to follow up with those individuals who have let their dues lapse, inviting them to submit their dues payment in time for inclusion of their name in the newest directory. We thank everyone who has their dues automatically deducted by the State Universities Retirement System (SURS) or by Illinois State's Payroll, or who pays those dues promptly. If your name is not included, you may have forgotten to pay. That is why automatic dues deduction is such a benefit as it is one less thing to remember. Of course, if your name is not in the directory, you probably also didn't get this newsletter!

YES, MY GIFT MATTERS.

GIFT DESIGNATION

- ISU EXCELLENCE FUND.** Supports the University's area of greatest need (3065065)
- RED AND WHITE SCHOLARSHIP FUND** (2323000)
- COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT/OTHER:** _____

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ending on ____/____/____ (month/day/year),
to be paid: monthly quarterly semi-annually annually

Name on card Account number

Expiration date Signature

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

DONOR INFORMATION

Name(s) University ID (if known)

Address

City State Zip

Preferred email address

() mobile home

Preferred phone number

FURTHER GIVING INFORMATION

- ___ My spouse works for a matching gift company:

- ___ I would like more information on including Illinois State University in my
estate plans.
- ___ I have already included the University in my estate plans.

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Please mail this form to the Illinois State University Foundation, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL 61790-8000.

Annuitants invited to participate in Founders Day Convocation

Annuitants have been invited to participate in the 2013 Founders Day Convocation at 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2013. This will be in Brown Ballroom in the Bone Student Center at. Appropriate academic regalia, according to the highest-earned degree, is required. Those who need to rent regalia should contact the Barnes & Noble University Bookstore in Bone Student Center at (309) 452-0535 by January 15, 2013. Those who do not hold an academic degree can order a robe to participate in the ceremony. If you have questions about the convocation, please contact Julie Barnhill, director of presidential and university events, at jtbarnh@IllinoisState.edu or (309) 438-8790. A complete schedule of Founders Day activities will be available.

Annuitants invited to attend ISU's Annual Teaching and Learning Symposium

All emeriti educators are warmly invited to join their colleagues at the Annual University-Wide Teaching and Learning Symposium,

scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at Illinois State University's Bone Student Center.

The theme for this year's symposium is "Changing Teaching; Changing Learning: Helping Students Become Knowledge-Able," and the keynote speaker is Michael Wesch, associate professor of anthropology at Kansas State University. Wesch is responsible for two videos that have gone viral on YouTube, "A Vision of Students Today" and "The Machine is Us/ing Us." These and other examples of Wesch's work are available through the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology's (CTLT) website at CTLT.IllinoisState.edu/programs/tlsymp/sympJan13.php.

"We hope that many of our emeriti faculty will join us for the 2013 Symposium," said Claire Lamonica CTLT interim director. "This event is designed to showcase the work of current faculty members and to instill a sense of community among all ISU faculty, past and present. Our emeriti participants contribute in a number of important ways simply by being there. In return, they get a chance to visit with former colleagues and to meet recent additions to the faculty."

The annual university-wide Symposium, organized by CTLT, includes more than 30 concurrent sessions and a poster session during which Illinois State educators share research findings, ideas,

insights, and innovations related to teaching and learning on our campus. A highlight is the noon luncheon (complimentary for all registered attendees), featuring the keynote address and the announcement of the Outstanding University Teaching Award recipients.

Please join us for all or part of the day, but don't miss the luncheon. Registration is free but required, and can be completed by calling the CTLT at (309) 438-2542 or by emailing Chasity Logan at clogan@IllinoisState.edu.

Help prevent a dues increase

Due to the rising cost of postage, the Illinois State University Annuitants Association now provides the option of email notification when the newsletter is available on our website as a PDF file. It will still be available as printed hardcopy for those who prefer the printed copy delivered by mail. Email notification generally occurs about one to two weeks before the printed copy is delivered to your mailbox.

If you are willing to accept the change by receiving your copy of the Annuitants Newsletter by email rather than U.S. mail, please contact Larry Alferink at alferink@IllinoisState.edu.

University Club spring 2013 events

Jude Boyer

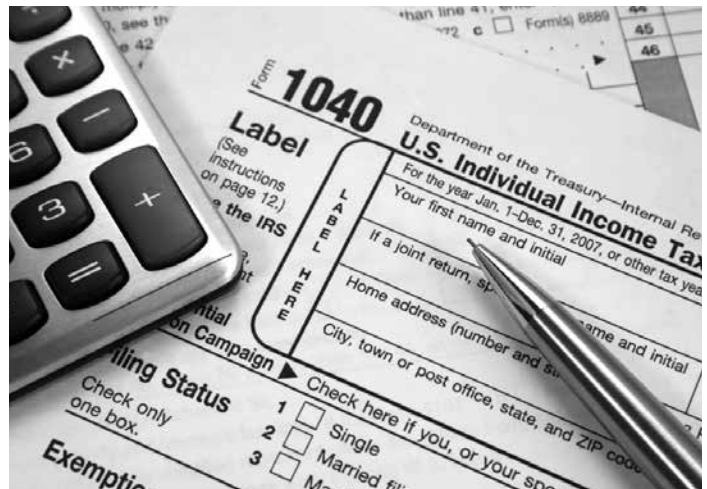
Gourmet dinners: Brazilian cuisine will be featured at the Saturday, January 26, dinner to be held in the Bone Student Center's Founders Suite. Lebanese cuisine will be featured at the Saturday, February 23, dinner, also to be held in the Founders Suite. Information about each menu and reservation details will be available approximately December 15 on the University Club at Uclub.ilstu.edu.

Discussion hours: The last discussion hour of the fall semester will be December 7 during which this year's scholarship winners will be introduced. Join us to meet these wonderful students! The first discussion hour of the spring semester will be held 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, January 18, in the Bone Student Center Faculty/Staff Commons. Please join us for refreshments and lively conversation. Discussion hours are held on most Friday afternoons of the academic semester. Special discussion and 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 uClub.IllinoisState.edu.

Legislative committee meets with legislators

Members of the legislative committee met with Representatives Dan Brady and Jason Barickman in August. The discussion focused around the possibility of pension reform legislation such as Senate Bill 1673 passing during the special session on August 17, a discussion on House-Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 49, and a variety of other issues. Both legislators indicated they would



Some taxing questions

Q: How can I reduce my state and federal income taxes and provide support to the University?

A: If you itemize tax-deductible expenses on your 1040 tax return, charitable gifts made before January 1, 2012, may reduce your 2011 tax "bite." Checks can be mailed to the ISU Foundation office or you can use your credit card at IllinoisStateAlumni.org/ccon. Gifts of paid-up life insurance can provide a tax deduction without dipping into your current cash resources. Gifts of appreciated securities (such as corporate stocks) can save you even more on your taxes because the donor does not have to claim taxable capital gains on gifted securities. Please be mindful that life insurance, appreciated securities, and other noncash gifts can take time to process, so start the process well in advance of the end of the year to ensure that such gifts can be counted in 2011.

Q: Can I make a tax-deductible gift to the University and receive tax-favored payments in return?

A: Yes. Establishing a charitable gift annuity through the ISU Foundation may provide you with a tax-deductible gift, and you will receive payments that may be only partially taxable. Additional tax savings may be realized by funding the annuity with appreciated securities, thus avoiding some capital gains taxes.

For more information about these questions or other options for giving to ISU, please contact the ISU Office of University Advancement at (309) 438-4450 or visit their website at Advancement.IllinoisState.edu/Giving.

not vote for the Senate bill that only applied to State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) participants and members of the legislature, and neither predicted the passage of any pension bill during the special session.

We also met with Senator Bill Brady to discuss how the state got into such an extensive degree of pension debt and the problems with the ramp-up program initiated during former Governor Jim Edgar's administration. Senator Brady indicated that he favored the provisions of Senate Bill 1673 but does not support cost shifting to local school districts or to universities.

How time flies

April Karlene Anderson, University archivist
Jo Ann Rayfield, University archivist emeritus

150 years ago | September 1862

- On June 25, 1862, Illinois State Normal University's first president officially resigned. Still fighting in the Civil War, Charles Hovey wrote to the president of the board of education, Samuel Moulton, on June 16 from his camp near Batesville, Arkansas, Hovey writes, "Dear Sir: It will be entirely impossible, with my plans for the future, for me to again resume duties in the Normal University; and I beg you to tend to the Board over

which you preside, my grateful acknowledgements of the thousand kindnesses which they extended to the first Principal of the University." At that June 25 meeting, the interim president, Perkins Bass, also resigned. The board then unanimously elected Richard Edwards to become the second president of the University.

100 years ago | September 1912

- Football, which had been banned two years prior, was again allowed on campus thanks to a vote by the faculty at their meeting of the term. Football was banned by the faculty when it was learned that members of the team were found to be using ringers, among other violations.
- University High School was on track to surpass the previous year's attendance of 155, though it was thought that boys still outnumbered girls.
- It was suggested in the September 11, 1912, *Vidette* that new students pay attention to their workload lest they fall victim to a physical breakdown. "Not that the student will succumb to nervous prostration, but her vitality and buoyancy of spirit will become drudgery rather than a delight."

75 years ago | September 1937

- Three graduates took positions in Hawaii. Joe Jacobsen moved to Honolulu to teach physical education, John Ellinger moved to Makawao to teach industrial arts and Wilbur Evans moved to Lahaina to also teach industrial arts.
- A new program was started the fall term of 1937 where a librarian would go to all freshman English classes and instruct new students on how to use library resources. The librarian charged with giving the presentations was assistant librarian Mildred Kerr.
- An open letter goes out to the freshman class in the *Vidette* asking for new recruits for the cheer squad. The cheer squad in 1937 isn't made up of women but of men who literally stand on the sidelines to yell and cheer in the hopes that spectators will follow along.

50 years ago | September 1962

- The University switches to Direct Inward Dialing (DID) which allows phones on campus to dial directly to any office, room, or dorm. Callers will no longer have to go through a switchboard when dialing another room.
- The University purchased a house at 309 North Street to be used by art students working toward a master's or doctorate in art. Watterson Towers now occupies the area where this house once stood.
- The Teacher's College Board approved 10 graduate assistant appointments for ISNU. The Social Sciences Department got four students and the Art Department received two. Biological Sciences, Education and Psychology, and the library each got one. The final student worked as a residence hall counselor.

25 years ago | September 1986

- Rushes were being held by several fraternities, three of which that are no longer on campus: Sigma Nu, Sigma Tau Gamma, and Phi Sigma Kappa.

In memoriam

Candice	Cain.....	8/12/2012
Dorothy	Carrington.....	5/31/2012
Paul	Collins.....	8/1/2012
Helen	Cooper.....	7/2/2012
Helen	Fritzen.....	8/25/2012
William	Furniss.....	8/8/2012
Victor	Hamlow.....	7/25/2006
Raymond	Hunt.....	7/28/2012
Floyd	Kiper.....	8/16/2012
Grace	Miller.....	8/5/2012
Mildred	Pratt.....	8/6/2012
Patricia	Schnitker.....	6/30/2012
Phebe	Scott.....	8/17/2012
Elsie	Stone.....	9/7/2012
Anna	Tussing.....	7/8/2012
Dorothy	Wells.....	6/20/2012
David	Wiant.....	7/5/2012

- Three of ISU's university museums were consolidated into one museum and moved to the Supervalu grocery store to make one large museum. The three museums making up the mega museum were located in the basements of Cook Hall and Williams Hall and the Hudelson Museum of Agriculture. The new museum closed not long after this move.
- Ron Wellman became the athletics director. Wellman only served for five years before moving on to become the athletics director for Wake Forest University, where he has stayed for 20 years.
- The new arena being built across from Horton Field House is given a name—Redbird Arena. The name was chosen by a student-led naming committee, which presented the name to President Lloyd Watkins who in turn presented it to the board of regents for approval. The name was approved at the September meeting.

SUAA dues increase

Due to recent state actions on state health insurance contracts or by proposed health insurance and pension legislation, the demands on SUAA's resources have increased significantly. As a result, SUAA has been running deficit budgets for the last several years and has been using assets from reserve funds to cover these increased costs. However, given the continued growth of these demands, these deficit budgets are no longer sustainable, and the Board of Directors took action on October 10 to increase SUAA dues to address the immediate budgetary concerns. SUAA dues will increase by 50 cents per month, or \$6 per year. One dollar of this amount is intended to increase SUAA's reserve fund which has been tapped to address recent demands on SUAA's budget.

Combined with ISUAA dues, annual dues will now be \$35 per year (\$66 with spouses), effective on January 1. Individuals who pay by check will need to pay the increased amount on their annual renewal date. Current employees who use payroll deduction will have \$3.50 deducted from their monthly check for each month for ten months (\$6.60 a month with spouses) beginning in January, and retired members who have their dues deducted from their SURS pension will have \$2.92 per month deducted each month, beginning on January 1. The SUAA Executive Committee will be working on developing a plan for a longer term solution to address future budget issues.

ISUAA calendar

December 5, 2012

11:30 a. m.–1:30 p. m.

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

January 9, 2013

2–3:30 p. m.

ISUAA Board
with committee chairs
Room 119, Alumni Center

March 6, 2013

11:30 a. m.–1:30 p. m.

ISUAA spring luncheon
*Old Main Room, Bone
Student Center**

March 13, 2013

2–3:30 p. m.

ISUAA Board with
committee chairs
Room 119, Alumni Center

To be announced:

Spring Social Security workshop
Spring Benefits Fair
ISUAA annual dinner*

*Reservation required



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Holiday Luncheon reservation form

Featuring the Madrigal Singers

11:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Brown Ballroom, Bone Student Center

Name(s) of those attending _____

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

Entrees

____ Heartland pot roast with mashed potatoes, carrots, celery, and onions in pan gravy _____(name)

____ Vegetable lasagna (plated) _____(name)

____ Please indicate dietary restrictions _____(name)

Fruit cup as dessert ONLY for those on dietary restriction, if requested. _____yes

Reservations must be received no later than November 23. Please mail no later than November 21, to Shirlee Bottomley, 507 E. Taylor St., Bloomington, IL 61701-6101, or Irene Niccum, 301 S. Towanda Ave #C, Normal, IL 61761-2110.

Late reservations cannot be accepted.

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