Carbondale chapter establishes scholarship to honor Dr. Jack W. Graham

At the Fall General Meeting, the SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant Association approved the funding of a $1,000 scholarship to be given annually to an incoming freshman or transfer student. The membership unanimously voted to name this award in honor of long-time SIUC professor, Dr. Jack W. Graham, who died on September 21, 2008. Dr. Graham, known not only as a scholar, but as a kind and gentle man, by all who knew him, served the university and students in a variety of capacities for 57 years since his arrival at SIU in the fall of 1951.

As a retired faculty member, Dr. Graham was active with the SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant Association, numerous community organizations and the First United Methodist Church of Carbondale. Through his benevolent works, Dr. Graham touched the lives of thousands of students, citizens, and colleagues, both nationally and internationally, making the world a better and brighter place.

The Dr. Jack W. Graham Scholarship is one of five $1,000 scholarships the Emeritus and Annuitant Association currently awards to SIUC students annually.

In other business, Scholarship Chair Imogene Beckemeyer, introduced Ms. Jamie Nash, who is a current recipient of one of the EAA annual scholarships. Ms. Nash, a senior from Cobden, IL., planning to graduate in December 2008, is a history major who would like to teach at a southern Illinois high school and also hopes to coach softball. Jamie, a student employee in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, was the 2006 SIUC and State of Illinois Student Employee of the Year. She also works in the Union county Sheriff’s Department and is involved with voluntary activities too numerous to list. Ms. Nash addressed the membership and gave an inspiring accounting of her academic career and outlined an ambitious list of future goals. She graciously thanked the Association for the scholarship saying it had enriched her college endeavors.

AFSCME master agreement protects us again

The tentative agreement (as of mid-September, 2008) between AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) and the State of Illinois fully preserves the current framework for retiree health benefits for all current retirees, current employees, and future hires. The formula for retire health premiums will not change and premiums will remain fully subsidized, with no contributions from retirees, for those employees with at least 20 years of service.

Management (the State of Illinois) pushed for massive health care cost shifting, pushing for increases in deductibles, copays, etc. AFSCME was able to avoid this push. Management was also pushing for a long list of new HMO deductibles and copayments and a large change in prescription drug costs. Under the new AFSCME master agreement, office visit copays remain unchanged, except for a $5 increase that applies only to specialists, effective January 1, 2009. Hospital copayments are increased by only $25 per visit, inpatient or outpatient surgery, effective July 1, 2009.

There is a new annual $50 prescription deductible per covered individual, effective January 1, 2009. Once the deductible is reached, drug copayments are frozen for generic drugs ($10), while preferred brand names prescription copays will increase $2, effective January 1, 2009 (to $22) and another $2 (to $24) effective July 1, 2009. Non-preferred brand prescription copayments go up by $4 (to $44) effective January 1, 2009 and another $4 (to $48) effective July 1, 2009.

Despite a push by management for drastic increases in all deductibles, a new hospital admission deductible, an emergency room deductible increase, and a large increase in the deductible for prescriptions, the AFSCME bargaining committee beat back all the proposals so that annual plan deductibles for employees, dependents and retirees remain unchanged.

There will be modest increases in monthly payments in both the HMO and QCHP, so retirees who pay premiums will have proportionate increases as well.

There are significant improvements in the dental plan, with modest increases in premiums and deductibles. Hearing benefits will be increased by $50 for the audiologist’s fee and by $100 for the cost of hearing aids (to $600) effective July 1, 2009. Vision benefits include a modest improvement, effective July 1, 2010.

Complete details on all the changes are available at the SIUC EAA web-site:
http://www.siu.edu/~siuc-eaa/
Greetings,

Our Fall General Meeting on September 26 had an unusually full agenda. In addition to having a guest speaker, Interim Chancellor Sam Goldman, we also had a political forum with three local state legislators.

Dr. Sam Goldman gave a warm and heartfelt state-of-the-university message: SIUC’s first major capital campaign has successfully ended with over $100 million contributed; SIUC undergraduate students are actively engaged in research; world-class research faculty are teaching in our Carnegie Research Institution; outstanding music, theater, art, and humanities programs are generating amazing work. “What is the best way to get to play in Carnegie Hall? Enroll in SIUC’s music program.” (Our students and faculty have performed there during the past year.) Dr. Goldman assured us that 2008 is a good time to be at Southern—Saluki pride is alive and well!

Three state legislators participated in the political forum -- State Senator David Luechtefeld, State Representative Mike Bost, and State Representative John Bradley. Each legislator spoke for about five minutes, and then they fielded questions from the audience for about thirty minutes. The political session was informative, and EAA appreciates the effort the legislators took to come to the meeting and share their thoughts with us.

The legislators were sympathetic to our objective of full funding for state pensions and agreed that they are obligated to do it. Representative Bost spoke apologetically about the “holiday” from pension funding that the state took several years ago, joking that this was no holiday for retirees. Senator Luechtefeld, describing the near-paralysis in Springfield, agreed that funding state pensions must occur before the state takes on any new projects. Representative Bradley, who recently helped defeat a capital spending bill that would have been very good for SIUC, explained that he wanted money gained from leasing the state lottery to go toward paying off pension and other debt instead of paying for capital improvements around the state. According to Bradley, the money saved from those debt payments would free up state income for capital improvements. Representative Bost questioned his math.

Carolyn Donow
SIUC EAA President

State Representative John Bradley (D), (speaking), State Senator Dave Luechtefeld (R), and State Representative Mike Bost (R) attended the Fall General Meeting.

Civil Service Council schedule fundraisers for scholarships

It is that time again when Civil Service employees will be working to raise funds for the Civil Service Council Education Assistance Fund.

Once again, they will be selling Mascot Pecans. These pecans are delicious, and they make a great treat for the buyer or to give as a Christmas gift. They have limited quantities of pecan caramel clusters, butter toffee popcorn with pecans, chocolate covered pecans, 7-way assortment tins and extra large pecan halves. The goodies will be available for pickup after October 30 in several locations on campus. Those interested may contact Becky Armstrong in the Professional Constituencies Office at 453-5249 to get a list of pick-up sites. An order form is also available on the Council’s website: www.siu.edu/~cscouc/

Tickets for the annual holiday raffle will be available for purchase beginning November 5. Please contact any Council member or the Professional Constituencies Office (453-5249) for tickets and a list of the prizes. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5.

Proceeds from all fund raising activities go to the Civil Service Education Assistance Fund which provides financial assistance to eligible dependents of SIUC Civil Service employees.

EAA Benefits Committee Reestablished

Jim Swisher has offered to reestablish the EAA Benefits Committee to help solve benefits problems for individuals (insurance, annuities, survivor benefits, pensions, etc.). Occasionally they may organize workshops on these subjects. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact Dr. Swisher by phone at 529-5958 or email at jims@siu.edu.
The State Universities Annuitants Association Fall Meeting

The State Universities Annuitants Association Fall Meeting was in Urbana on October 23, 2008. Attending from our SIUC EAA Chapter were Bruce Appleby, Carolyn Donow, and Nancy Hartman.

Ralph Martire, the keynote speaker, pointed out that Illinois’ budget problems and economic underperformance can be directly attributed to inadequate revenues. Noting that Illinois’ economic performance lags the other states in the Midwest, Martire, the Executive Director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, attributes that condition to Illinois’ low level of state and local revenues. Taken as a percentage of personal income, those revenues rank Illinois 42nd among the states and second lowest in the Midwest. If Illinois is to remain a “great state,” Martire said, we have to raise income taxes and change the sales tax base to include the service sector.

During the business session, directors voted not to have a SUAA meeting in the spring. Revisions to the SUAA constitution adopted at the annual meeting in June provided for the possibility of having two instead of three state meetings annually. President Richard Johnson led a discussion about having regional meetings in the spring instead of the state-wide meeting. Although nothing has been decided about when or whether there will be regional meetings this year, this seems to be the wave of the future.

SURNS - State Universities Retirement System

A Joint Statement of the Teachers’ Retirement System of the State of Illinois, the Illinois State Board of Investment, and the Illinois State Universities Retirement System

On October 9, 2008, Jon Bauman (TRS), William Atwood (ISBI), and Dan Slack (SURS) sent a media release about the stability of Illinois retirement benefits. Their statement follows.

Members of the Illinois state retirement systems can rest assured that their retirement benefits remain secure despite the current volatility in the global financial markets. The benefits delivered by the state pension systems are constitutionally protected and cannot be reduced due to investment losses or for any reason. Those protections also exist under the contracts clause of the U.S. Constitution.

Additionally, the state retirement systems have structured their investment portfolios to effectively endure market declines over the long term.

The Teachers’ Retirement System, the Illinois State Board of Investment, and the Illinois State Universities Retirement System each have investments in a number of different asset classes. This diversification has minimized recent investment losses and maximized returns when the financial markets have performed well. Each system employs a stable of investment professionals that have the expertise and experience needed to effectively navigate the plans through the unstable market conditions.

Finally, while the systems recognize the grave realities of the current financial markets, we are well-equipped to look beyond the fear that has permeated our society in order to make investment decisions that are in the best interests of our members. The state retirement systems remain stable and our benefits are reliable.

Pension News from Dan Slack

Dan Slack, Executive Director of SURNS, spoke to Directors at the SUAA Fall Board Meeting in Urbana, Illinois. Although the damage to investments has been done and there is no quick fix to the mess, Mr. Slack assured the SUAA Directors that our pension portfolio is properly structured. SURNS has no investment in hedge funds and, as a whole, our funds are invested conservatively.

SURNS report for FY 2008 reflects the volatility of recent financial markets. In May 2008, SURNS investments were up 1% for the year; at the end of June, SURNS investments were down 4.5%. That decline was slightly better than benchmarks which were down 5%.

Answering a question from the audience, Mr. Slack said that the state cannot “sweep” SURNS funds to fund other state projects. That is against state and federal law. Our problem remains that legislators can decide not to fund our pension, a problem with which we are certainly familiar.

A bit of good news from the state is that Governor Blagojevich signed HB5088. That bill amends the State Finance Act so that unclaimed property that returns to Illinois will be added to state pensions. This money will be in addition to, not in lieu of, any state contributions required under the Illinois Pension Code. This provision begins July 1, 2010.

Breaking news DAN SLACK TO LEAVE SURNS

At the UIUC Chapter, SUAA, Annual Fall Meeting, Dan Slack, Executive Director of the State Universities Retirement System, announced at the close of a joint presentation/question and answer session with Rick Winkle, that he will be leaving SURNS near the end of this year. He will be taking a position as CEO of a Police and Fire Retirement benefits organization in Denver, Colorado. The deal was finalized last Wednesday and the SURNS Board of Directors were officially notified on Thursday.
Chapter Happenings

You are invited to the annual Holiday Luncheon
December 10
Please note change of location to the Dunn Richmond Center
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
The registration form is enclosed.

Bookstore Greeters

Once again, some of us will be helping at the University Bookstore when school starts in January (of 2009!). We need your help in securing the scholarship money given to us each semester by the University Bookstore for our help with getting students to check in their book bags and back packs during the first week of classes. January 12 through 16, 2009, are the dates.

We need to get more people involved in and signed up to do this work. Some people have had to work four hour shifts in order to have a full roster. Four hours of lifting the back packs may be and is good exercise, but it can be too strenuous for even the most fit. Our goal is to have enough volunteers so that no one will have to work double shifts. Please talk to friends and other retirees who might be able to help, encouraging them to sign up, too. Remember, this is where we get the money that allows us to give five scholarships a year to deserving undergraduates.

In the center of this newsletter is a registration form. Please fill this out and mail it in to the address on the bottom of the form by November 14, 2008. If you wish, you can email Bruce Appleby at BruApp@aol.com to give your preferences or to ask any questions you may have.

We need your help on this project, the only “money maker” in which the SIUC EAA is involved. It’s for a good cause and most people who do this work enjoy it. Two or four hours of your time during that one week is little to give for such a good cause.

EAA institutes and names fifth scholarship

For the past several years, EAA has awarded $1000 scholarships to four outstanding SIUC students. At the September EAA Executive Board Meeting, treasurer Don Stucky suggested our foundation account had enough funds to award a fifth scholarship. The Board agreed.

At the Fall General meeting, Dr. Stucky made a motion to increase the number of EAA scholarships from four to five. The motion was seconded and, after a short discussion, the members approved it. A second motion was made and approved to name the fifth scholarship for our colleague, Jack Graham, an active EAA member until his untimely death a few days before the Fall meeting. The funeral for Dr. Graham was at the same time as our Fall meeting, an unfortunate situation since many members were torn between attending the meeting or the funeral.

If you wish to contribute to the Jack Graham Scholarship, make your check payable to the SIU Foundation/EAA Graham Scholarship and mail to SIU Foundation, Colyer Hall, SIUC, MC 6805.

Reported by Carolyn Donow

Golfing with the Emeriti

The Fall 2008 Emeriti and Annuitant Association Golf Scramble was held at Crab Orchard Golf Club, Carterville, Illinois on Wednesday, October 1, 2008. Twenty-nine individuals (seven teams) participated and shared the good Fall weather and good fellowship. There were 13 women and 16 men golfers. The winning team with a low score of 62, which was 8 under par, was Jean Kroening, Gil Kroening, Farrel Olsen, and Jim Legacy. The 2nd place team with a score of 63 was Keith McQuarrie, Ron Mahoney, Herman Williams, and Arnold Ross. The 3rd place team with a 67 consisted of Charlotte West, Marie Ballard, Loretta Ledbetter, and John Ledbetter. In a close contest the team of George Mavigliano, Renee Mavigliano, Ann Johnson, and Richard Bradley won the Most Golf prize with a 75 (only five over par). Individual prizes were Longest Drive (Men) by Eugene Mantovani, Longest Drive (Women) by Margaret High, Closest to the Pin (Men) by Gil Kroening, Closest to the Pin (Women) by Connie Howell, and the Longest Putt (gender neutral contest) by Renee Mavigliano. All participants shared in a hearty ham, beans, and cornbread lunch in the clubhouse where prizes were awarded. For all those who couldn’t make it this time and missed the good fellowship and the good weather we will be holding a Spring outing in 2009, on a date and site to be determined. Details and a registration form will appear in the Spring EAA Newsletter.

- Oval Myers and Farrel Olsen

September Blood Drive exceeds goal

The Emeritus and Annuitant Association is pleased to report its fall blood drive, held at the SIU Student Center on September 25-26, 2008, exceeded its 50 pint goal by 12 pints. As blood is always in demand we hope our next drive will be just as successful. Kudos to the following volunteers who worked at the September drive: Imogene Beckemeer, George Brown, Doris Freitag, Georgia Kelley, Wilma and Duncan Lumpman, Nadine Lucas, Mary Mantovani, Jackie Mueller, Roland Person, Nancy Pfaff, Regina Shelton, Emil Spees and Roy Weshinsky.

Next Blood Drive scheduled for January

Mark your calendars now! The Emeritus and Annuitant Associations’ Blood Drive will be held on Monday, January 26 and Tuesday, January 27, 2009, on the first floor of the Student Center. Blood supplies continue to be short so we need to work harder to exceed our daily goals. Come on students, faculty, retirees and staff members! Lets strive to have another great drive.

To volunteer to work at the next blood drive, please complete and return the enclosed volunteer form.

-Mary Mantovani

We need your e-mail address

As prices for postage and paper continue to increase, it becomes more imperative that we are able to communicate with our members via e-mail. We ask if you have e-mail that you subscribe to our List Serve so we can get important messages to you in a timely manner. Please send an e-mail to nancyhartman@juno.com to have your name added to the List Serv.
Harry Miller returns to campus
by Herb Donow

On Monday, September 29, an old friend returned to SIUC, thanks to the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. Harry Miller, recently retired from academic posts in Egypt and Kuwait, delivered a lecture on “Higher Education in the Middle East” at a noon meeting in the Carbondale Holiday Inn.

In 1992, Harry Miller, then associate vice president for Academic Affairs and Research, left SIUC for a post in Egypt, a move that caught many of us by surprise. Harry and I had, for several years, worked closely together on producing the employee handbooks, I as editor, he as the keeper of the purse and valued sounding board.

With interests in the area of adult education and literacy, particularly in developing nations, Harry was a logical fit for his new position as dean of the Center for Adult and Continuing Education at The American University in Cairo. But probably what made him ideal as a scholar/administrator/ambassador to the Middle East was his enthusiasm and good nature, qualities that have left countless friends and fans in his wake from Carbondale to Cairo and from Kuwait to Spartanburg, SC, where he now lives.

Most of the crowd that came to hear his talk at the Public Policy program were old friends, and some had even visited the Millers while they were in Cairo and, later, in Kuwait.

The principal topic of his talk was opportunities for American universities in the Middle East. In years past, students from the Middle East came to the States to study, but costs and U.S. security restrictions have made study in the U.S. increasingly difficult. So if Mohammed can’t come to the mountain, the mountain (i.e., American academic programs) can come to him.

Not only are there fourteen American Universities scattered throughout the Middle East and North Africa, but there are branch campuses of U.S. universities in Qatar and the United Arab Emirates and affiliated programs at numerous other universities. After a dozen years at American University in Cairo, Harry went to Kuwait as vice president for academic affairs of the Gulf University for Science and Technology.

“Wow,” I thought, “Harry’s command of Arabic must be super to be able to run staff meetings in Egypt and Kuwait.”

“Only good enough to buy some spice in a souk,” he assured me. “Everything at the universities is in English.”

Because of politics and religion, public education in the MENA region leaves much to be desired. Therefore, private schools and universities must fill the void. One problem is that the institutions tend to have huge enrollments – The American University in Cairo has about 35,000 students – and very large classes. Job opportunities for graduates are not as plentiful as they once were when most university graduates headed into government employment. Opportunities for such employment have declined as has government financial support.

The challenges facing the people of the MENA region – and the educators in the various American Universities and the branch campuses – are those well-known to observers of the Middle East: the Iraqi War, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, religious fundamentalism, terrorism, extremes of wealth and poverty, and autocratic governments. American-style higher education, which feeds on democratic principles and open exchange of ideas, is faced with a radically different culture in its Middle East ventures. It was clear to most of us that it takes a special person to land in such a complex and potentially dangerous environment and thrive. It makes one wonder if Harry couldn’t have survived as an SIUC chancellor for more the usual brief encounter.
Congratulations to SIUC’s 2008 retirees

The SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant association congratulates and extends best wishes to the following 135 SIUC employees on their recent retirement. The Association sends an open invitation to each one of you to join our chapter and help us advocate to protect our SURS retirement benefits.

Retirees listed by hometown and years of service are as follows:

Albuquerque, NM: Christina M Desai, Associate Professor, Library Affairs, 15 years; Uday Desai, Professor, Political Science, 29 years.

Alto Pass: Richard A. Rivers, Professor, School of Accountancy, 29 years.

Anna: Nancy Marie Ralls, Accountant III, SIU Foundation, 24 years.

Benton: Della Marlene Dale, Clerk, ASA Aviation Management and Flight, 4 years.

Boca Raton, FL: Manjunath Pendakur, Dean, College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, 6 years.

Buncombe: Billy Abernathy, Stationary Engineer, Physical Plant, 20 years.

Carbondale: Michael C Batsinski, Professor, History, 40 years; Michael J. Bigler, Mailing Services Supervisor I, Campus Mail Service, 20 years; Betty J. Bishop, Office Systems Specialist I, ASA Off-Campus Academic Programs, 20 years; Constance Kemp Bosworth, Physician, Student Health Center, 11 years; Freddie Bowens, Dishroom Supervisor, University Housing, 17 years; Larry S. Briggs, Associate Professor, School of Art & Design, 23 years; Seymour Bryson, Associate Chancellor-Diversity, 42 years; Donna E. Butler, Publications Editor, Center for Archaeological Investigations, 22 years; Mei-Hui Lee Chong, Director AIS Office, 28 years; She-Kong Chong, Professor, Plant, Soil, and Agricultural Systems, 28 years; Ronald E. Cremeens, Executive Director of Audits, Internal Auditor, 33 years; Paulette Curkin, Coordinator/Coordinator of the GLBT Resource Center, Student Development/Associate Chancellor-Diversity, 21 years; Diane C. Davis, Professor, ASA School of Information Systems & Applied Tech, 32 years; Sava Djuric, Building Service Worker, Physical Plant Service, 23 years; Norma Jean Ewing, Associate Professor, Educational Psychology and Special Education, 34 years; David L. Gename, Associate Director, Touch of Nature, 6 years; Tom W. Girtman, Distribution Services Supervisor, Purchasing, 30 years; Catherine M. Grenfell, Academic Adviser, College of Education Student Services, 26 years; Richard L. Hampton, Police Officer, Department of Public Safety, 9 years; Shyanne Hine, Forest Custodian, Physical Plant Service, 24 years; Jeff W. Holder, Purchasing Director, Purchasing, 24 years; Candis S. Ibsenber, Executive Director, Broadcasting, 26 years; Fred R. Ibsenber, Professor, ASA School of Allied Health, 25 years; Brian J. Kearney, Assistant Professor, School of Information Systems & Applied Technologies, 19 years; Patrick J. Kelley, Professor, School of Law, 27 years; Charlette Susan Kohler, Associate Director, Office of Economic and Regional Development, 21 years; Suzanne Lord, Associate Professor, School of Music, 12 years; Garrett McArthy, Building Service Foreman, Physical Plant Service, 24 years; Michael C. Murray, Associate Director, SIU Foundation Carbondale, 24 years; Thelma Lee Oafar, Communications Services Specialist I, Information Technology, 31 years; Wm. Floyd Olive, Senior Lecturer, Center for English as a Second Language, 25 years; Joan Phemister, Building Service Foreman, Physical Plant Service, 17 years; Cheryl Ann Presley, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, 23 years; Karen K. Prichard, Associate Professor, Educational Psychology and Special Education, 27 years; Richard L. Pryor, Carpenter, Physical Plant Service, 28 years; Kurt Steven Richter, Carpenter, Physical Plant Service, 12 years; Evelyn L. Roseman, Admissions & Records Supervisor, Records and Registration, 30 years; Linda B. Seibert, Chief Academic Adviser, College of Business and Administration, 29 years; Marilyn S. Septon, Admissions & Records Officer Records and Registration, 5 years; Edward . Shay, Professor, School of Art and Design, 29 years; Vevon A. Sierman, Swimming Pool Tender, Recreational Sports and Services, 27 years; Richard Lee Snell, Driver, Physical Plant Service, 22 years; John E. Swiger, Maintenance Laborer, Physical Plant Service, 10 years; R. Larry Townsend, Director University Press, 8 years; William S. Turley, Professor, Political Science, 32 years; William C. VanMetre, Building Service Foreman, Physical Plant Service, 30 years; Herman Williams, Assistant Director, Recreational Sports and Services, 30 years; Stephen M. Williams, Admissions & Records Supervisor, Records and Registration, 26 years; Stephen L. Yearbrough, Director Division of Continuing Education, 17 years.

Carterville: Deborah Kay Adams, Clinical Assistant Professor, ASA Off-Campus Academic Programs, 29 years; Frederick B. Barham, Police Corporal, Department of Public Safety, 23 years; Tom Counce, Swimming Pool Tender, Recreational Sports & Services, 29 years; John W. Diamond, Building Service Foreman, Physical Plant Service, 23 years; Vera Ruth Felts, Academic Adviser, MEDPREP/Medical Education Preparatory-SMC, 28 years; Randy Glisson, Assistant Director, Internal Auditor, 34 years; Mary Judith Tippy, Library Specialist, Library Affairs, 18 years; Larry L. Yewell, Kitchen Helper, University Housing, 7 years.

Chicago: Ronald H. Carthy, Associate Scientist, Illinois Clean Coal Institute, 11 years.

Cohden: Sharon A. Harward, Administrative Aide, College of Engineering, 25 years; John William Howell, Building Service Sub-Foreman, Physical Plant, 13 years; Robynn Nawrot, Field Representative, Rural Health & Social Service Development Center/SOM Family & Community Medicine, 22 years; Iris S. Siegel, Chief Rehabilitation Counselor, Project 12 Ways, 20 years; Donna Faye Vance, Office Systems Specialist II, English, 24 years.

Colp: Lucille Rafe, Assistant Instructor, Head Start, 27 years.

Creal Springs: Edward Martin Buerger, Associate Vice Chancellor, Alumni Services, 24 years.

Dahlgren: Judi L. Cockrum, Office Administrator, Mechanical Engineering and Energy Processes, 25 years.

De Soto: Marsha Fay Coffel, Microfilm Operator/Technician III, Microographies, 17 years; Marshall Gene Coffel, Flight Line Attendant II, ASA Aviation Management and Flight, 8 years; Janice E. McAdams, Administrative Clerk, ASA Off-Campus Academic Programs, 31 years; Tommy G. Williams, Administrative Aide, Career Services, 30 years.

Du Quoin: Shirley M. Baldridge, Housing Representative, University Housing, 25 years; William G. Eastman, Specialist III, Collection, Bursar, 11 years; Ronald D. Rudloff, Refrigeration Mechanic Foreman, Physical Plant Service, 10 years; Frances L. Stanley, Technical Editor, Philosophy, 11 years.

Eastman, GA: Frieda Fowler, Assistant Professor, Sociology, 2 years.

Eldorado: Raymond Lee Dobre, Building Service Sub-Foreman, Physical Plant Service, 20 years.

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Forest Park: Sarah Barrett, Office Systems Assistant III, ASA Off-Campus Academic Programs, 9 years.

Glen Carbon: Iqbal Mathur, Professor, Finance, 30 years.


Gorham: Janice M. Evans, Office Manager, Theater, 22 years.

Herrin: John A. Ammon, Building Service Sub-Foreman, Physical Plant Service, 13 years; Georgia Jane Johnson, Officer III, Purchasing, Purchasing, 26 years; Ronald J. Kennedy, Police Officer, Department of Public Safety, 24 years.

Hurst: Michael A. Calvert, Building Service Worker, Physical Plant, 21 years.

Imperial Beach, CA: Sidney Ann Klessinger, Academic Adviser, Workforce Education and Development, 28 years.

Jacksonville, FL: Wenona Whitfield, Associate Professor, School of Law, 26 years.

Johnston City: Marilyn S. Farthing, Office Systems Specialist II, Financial Aid Office, 18 years.

Kanaka: Mary K. Rogers, Chief Rehabilitation Counselor, Evaluation and Developmental Center, 26 years.

Marion: Roger William Hines, Superintendent of Building Maintenance, Physical Plant Service, 28 years; Michael Masoner, Associate Professor, Accountancy, 30 years; Michael B. Wiemken, Communication Technician II, Information Technology, 11 years.

Mcminnville, TN: Judy F. Wood, Customer Service Representative III, Student Center, 7 years.


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Nashville, TN: Henry J. Romersa, Senior Lecturer, Radio & Television/School of Music, 29 years.

Paducah, KY: William C. Coscarelli, Professor, Curriculum and Instruction, 30 years.

Poughkeepsie, NY: Jean C. Mangun, Associate Professor, Forestry, 12 years.

Royalton: Peter K. Delaney, Building Service Sub-Foreman, Recreational Sports and Services, 26 years; Glenn R. Morgan, Building Service Worker, Physical Plant Service, 12 years.


Thompsonville: Richard Lee Guye, Chief Plant Operating Engineer, Physical Plant Service, 11 years.

Vergennes: Bradley Ernest Rogers, Senior Applications Analyst, AIS Office, 27 years.


Wolf Lake: Paul Edward Pinnon, Director, University Farms, 20 years.

**Calendar of Events**

December 10, 2008 -- Holiday Luncheon - Noon, Dunn-Richmond Center
January 12 - 16, 2008 -- Emeriti Bookstore Greeters, Student Center Bookstore
January 28th and 29th, 2008 -- Blood Drive, Student Center

**Emeritus apparel available**

Emil Spees has a new batch of Emeritus golf shirts and vests for all your university activities. Costs for the Emeritus apparel is as follows:

- **Pro Celebrity Sport Shirt (Ladies)** in maroon is $22 in S, M, L, XL, 2XL.
- **Pro Celebrity Sport Shirt (Mens)** in maroon is $22 in S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL.
- **August Vest** in maroon is $14 in S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL.

Contact Emil at 3925 Chautauqua Road, Carbondale, IL 62901, Phone at 618-549-5980 or Email: spees1@aol.com for more information.

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Help your chapter by recruiting a new member today.

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- Spouses and survivors of retirees
- Active academic professionals, administrators, faulty, and all support staff

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Websites to Mark
- State Universities Annuitant Assoc. (SUAA) www.suua.org
- State Universities Retirement System (SURS) www.surs.org
- SIUC Human Resources www.siu.edu/~humres/
- SIUC Credit Union www.siucreditunion.org/
- Illinois Education Association www.ieanea.org/
- SIU Alumni Association www.siu alumni.com
- Illinois State Government www.illinois.gov/
- SIUC-EAA www.siu.edu/~siuc-eaa/
**REGISTRATION**

**BOOKSTORE GREETERS – SPRING SEMESTER, 2009**

*Please respond by November 14, 2008*

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I prefer to work:  
Day: ____________  Shift: ______________
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Day: ____________  Shift: ______________

I am willing to work multiple shifts:  
Yes _____  No _____

Multiple shifts I am willing to work:  
Two _____  Three _____

I am willing to lift the book bags and backpacks.  
Yes _____  No _____  Don’t care _____

**Name:** __________________________________________________________

**Address:** _________________________________________________________

**City/State/Zip Code:** _____________________________________________

**Email Address:** ______________________  **Daytime Phone:** ______________

Please return to:  
SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant Association  
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*Questions?: Call Bruce Appleby at 549-6436 (or BruApp@aol.com).*
Blood Drive 2009

Mark your calendars now! The Emeritus and Annuitant Associations’ Blood Drive will be held on Monday, January 26th and Tuesday, January 27th, 2009 on the first floor of the Student Center. Blood supplies continue to be short so we need to work harder to exceed our daily goals. Come on students, faculty, retirees and staff members! Let’s strive to have another great drive.

There is a reply form elsewhere in this newsletter for those volunteering to work.

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BLOOD DRIVE

Dates: Monday, January 26th, 2009 and Tuesday, January 27th, 2009

Two Shifts Daily: 10:00 am – 12 noon & 12 noon – 2 pm

My first choice is: Day___________________Shift___________________

My second choice is: Day___________________Shift___________________

If these times are not available, I could work at another time. Yes__No__

Name: __________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

E-Mail Address: ___________________________Daytime Phone: ____________

Please return by December 3rd, 2008
Emeritus and Annuitant Association

Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 10, 2008
Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Dunn-Richmond Center

$ 15.00 per person
Reservation deadline is December 5.

Emeritus and Annuitant Association
Annual Holiday Luncheon Registration Form

Wednesday, December 10, 2008
Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Name ___________________________________________ Name __________________________

Phone ________________________________ E-mail Address __________________________

Enclosed is my check for $_______ for _____ reservation(s) at $ 15.00 each.

Please return bottom portion in the envelope provided by December 5, 2008 to:

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