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Morris Library Renovation Nearing Completion

The clock is counting down on the completion of the \$56.5 million renovation of Morris Library. In March, floors three, four, and five opened to patrons, and the first and second floors as well as the basement are expected to be re-occupied by personnel and services by November. A ceremony—or two!—celebrating the completion of the renovation is planned for early 2009. Floors six and seven await appropriations from the state legislature.

In addition to the traditional services, the Library's first floor will feature an Information Commons area and an Internet café. The Information Commons will offer a variety of seating to accommodate individual or group study, and wireless Internet access will be available. Chartwells, the provider of food services at the Student Center, will be the vendor for the Internet Café and will feature a gourmet coffee in a casual bakery-bistro setting. Another unique feature of the first floor will be the kinetic, wind-powered sculpture of Chicago artist Evan Lewis. Wings of Knowledge will be housed in the atrium of the new north entrance.

Throughout the renovation certain essential services of Morris Library, i.e., circulation desk, public computers, information desk, etc., continued to function while a construction zone enveloped those areas. As old brick and mortar fell, and dust and noise tested employee resolve, the Library staff persevered. Only two features of the previous library have remained unchanged in the renovation—the stairwells and the Hall of Presidents and Chancellors. On the occasion of having Library personnel and services reunited under one roof, Library Affairs Dean David Carlson commented, "Seemingly, the Library staff has been scattered to the four corners of the campus—it will be so wonderful to have nearly everyone within walking distance again."

The majority of the Library's 2.8 million volumes that had been relocated to McLafferty Annex will be returned to Morris within the next twenty-four months. Other services that had relocated to McLafferty, such as government documents, acquisitions, preservation, cataloging, and interlibrary loan will transition back to Morris in early fall.

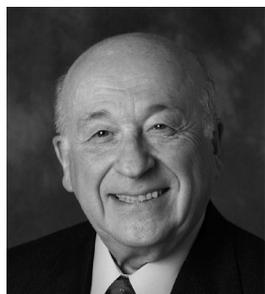
The building's contractor has installed a video camera that provides a live view of the building, and the user can control the camera. Those online can view the progress of the north face of Morris at <http://www.siu.edu/future/morris/control.html>. The curved formation in the foreground is part of the entry plaza that will include a two-tier, cascading water feature. For more photos of the renovations, see page 7.



The new north face of Morris reflects the addition of about 50,000 square feet of space.

A Different Hat for new Interim Chancellor

Goldman to speak at Fall General Meeting



Dr. Sam Goldman

Professor Samuel Goldman wore many hats during his tenure with SIUC and last April he sported a new one. After a retirement of five years, he became the Interim Chancellor on the Carbondale campus. Dr. Goldman follows Dr. Fernando Trevino who was reassigned to another position within the University system. When Dr. Goldman was asked how all is going since he has been in the position for three months, he answered, "Well, I'm enjoying it very, very much."

Goldman came from Ohio University in 1980 to become dean of the former College of Human Resources. He changed hats and joined former President Albert Somit's staff, focusing on regional research and service, and then served as professor in the Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education. He was on the Faculty Senate's Judicial Review Board and was a member of SIUC's strategic planning

committee, Southern at 150: Building Excellence Through Commitment.

In 2003, Dr. Goldman retired and became active volunteering in the southern Illinois area. He served as Chair of the Carbondale Human Relations Commission from

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**Carolyn Donow
President**

Greetings,

I was gone during our SUAA annual meeting in June, but EAA was well represented by Bruce Appleby, Bob Radtke, Emil and Edie Spees, and Ruth Pommier. See articles by Bruce and Ruth for news about the annual meeting.

I've just returned from two weeks in Spain with my thirteen-year-old grand niece, Haley. The trip was a gift to Haley, who has spent her first 9 years of school in a Spanish immersion school. Since I don't speak Spanish, she was a tremendous help in hotels, train stations, and restaurants. After visiting the historical highlights of Spain, we spent the last four days on the Costa de Sol, relaxing in the white towns and on the beaches. I forgot to warn Haley that the beaches are topless, so she was a bit surprised the first day at the beach. Hope all of you have enjoyed your summer.

EAA voted No to a State Constitutional Convention

In April, SUAA asked that EAA poll our membership about whether we think that SUAA should support another Con-Con. At our general meeting in April, the membership voted that we were not in favor of having another Con-Con.

Every twenty years, voters in Illinois are asked if they want another state constitutional convention (Con-Con). The election in November 2008 will be twenty years since the last vote, so the question will be on the ballots. If a 3/5 majority of those voting or a majority of all voters in the election approve, there will be another state constitutional convention. The last vote in 1988 failed 2.7 million to .9 million.

Our current state constitution was adopted in 1970. Dawn Clark Netsch describes a two-year effort by a fifty member committee to prepare the public for that vote in 1968, nine public meetings across the state, and numbers of research papers. There has been no preparation for this vote.

Voters are fed up with the political climate in Illinois, but that is not a good reason to rewrite the state constitution. Netsch says we don't have a constitutional crisis in Illinois, we have a leadership crisis. We have a sound document to guide operations but our leaders aren't following it. The serious problems suggested as a reason to have a Con-Con can be addressed by legislation or constitutional amendment.

If Illinois voters were to approve having a Con-Con, special interest groups would try to alter the constitution to suit their needs—groups who are frustrated that legislators aren't discussing their agendas. These issues would include, for example, pension reform, stem cell research, recall of elected officials, graduated income tax, abortion, gun control, death penalty, same-sex marriage. With legislators and the governor not able to pass a budget, how can we expect convention delegates to perform any better? The current climate is not a good time to rewrite our state constitution.

I checked to see when our neighboring states last rewrote their constitutions. It seems that their practice is to amend, not rewrite, their constitutions: Indiana 1851; Ohio 1851; Kentucky 1891; Tennessee 1870; Missouri 1945; Iowa 1857; Wisconsin 1848; Minnesota 1857; and Illinois 1970.

Carolyn Donow

Goldman, continued from page 1.

2003-2006 and was appointed to the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau. He is a certified clergy volunteer at many area facilities including St. Joseph's Hospital in Murphysboro and Herrin Hospital. He has won numerous awards for his contributions in education and community service.

He was appointed to the SIU Board of Trustees in 2005. He served until he was offered the opportunity to join the Carbondale campus again in a new role as Interim Chancellor. When questioned about his feelings on leaving the Board of Trustees' position, he stated, "I have no regrets giving up my seat on the BOT, but I do miss my friends on the Board, and I miss the interaction with them. I thoroughly enjoyed my work with the Board."

Dr. Goldman said if there were anything he would like to share with hundreds of retired faculty and staff it would be, "When we reach a certain age and retire, it is imperative to be very active and mentally challenged. It keeps me going."

Samuel Goldman has two grown sons, Joseph, Assistant Director of Golf Operations at a resort in Hawaii, and Peter, who attends Northeastern Illinois University and is a sculptor.

Chancellor Goldman will speak to the Emeritus Association at its Fall General Meeting on September 25.

By Pansy Jones

Appleby to serve on SUAA Executive Committee

Bruce C. Appleby, Immediate Past President of the SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant Association, was elected as delegate-at-large to the executive committee of the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) during the annual board of directors meeting in Springfield on June 18.

Appleby will serve a one year term as a member of the executive committee, in addition to serving on the executive committee of the SIUC branch of SUAA.

SUAA now has 14,671 dues paying members, with a potential of 41,934 members. As has been true for many years, the SIUC chapter is the fifth largest in the state, with a membership of 782. There are 68 active chapters of SUAA, including civil service, administrative/professional and faculty of all the universities and community colleges in the state.

Thank You

The Association thanks Bill McMinn for his service on the EAA Board of Directors and welcomes JP Dunn as he begins his Board term.

Board of Directors holds annual meeting

The State Universities Annuity Association (SUAA) board of directors held its annual meeting in Springfield on June 17 and 18. Emil Spees, Edie Spees, Bob Radtke and Bruce Appleby represented SIUC at the meeting. Ruth Pommier also attended the meeting.

Dan Slack, executive director of SURS (the State Universities Retirement System), presented a mixed picture of the funding for SURS. The required contribution from the state government for FY2009 is \$450,216,000. There is a shortfall of \$28,027,000 in what the legislature actually gave to SURS, which will be obtained by continuing appropriation. This assumes the budget went as it appeared to be going on June 17.

During FY2007, there were 185,213 SURS members, 72,092 of whom were still employed while 43,395 people received SURS pensions. The membership is quite diverse, with 78% of SURS retirees living in the state of Illinois. \$953,000,000 in benefits were distributed in FY 2007 and there's a real possibility that over \$1 billion will be distributed in FY 2008. Fifty percent of SURS membership is made up of professors and teachers and 50% is civil service and administrative/professional. Fifty-seven percent work at the universities, 35% work at community colleges or the City Colleges of Chicago, and 8% work at other entities, such as the state scientific surveys. The average monthly retirement benefit is \$2,328.

For further information on SURS, SUAA, and the state of our retirement system, consider signing up for the listerv run by J. E. Terwilliger, retiree of Eastern Illinois University. His web site, known as *SUAA TALK*, gives real insight into the systems and, perhaps even more importantly, the press reaction to issues of pensions for state employees. Go to <http://lists.eiu.edu/mailman/listinfo/suaatalk> or just email jeterwilliger@eiu.edu to get on the *SUAA TALK* list. You'll not regret it.

The SUAA Board of Directors approved many changes in its constitution. Membership of the executive committee was redefined, procedures for board of directors meetings and budgetary procedures were also redefined.

SUAA Foundation

By Emil Spees

The SUAA Foundation Board met on June 17 at the Annual SUAA Meeting in Springfield. The Foundation exists to serve SUAA members, chapters, and the state office staff.

Members are served by way of financial need requests for matching funds due to a personal tragedy. The Foundation serves chapters by providing financial assistance for training, information sharing, and administering a Survivors Program, with training provided by SURS personnel at no cost to the chapter, however other costs for training sessions may be requested from the Foundation. On going costs to sustain the service can be requested from the Foundation. The Foundation has served the state office staff by providing needed furniture upon the request of the SUAA Board. It also recently provided research assistance and will expand this service to individual members (via chapter recommendation), chapters, and the Executive Director. Research must support the goals and purposes of SUAA and requests must be approved by the Foundation Board prior to the beginning of the research or of follow up studies of previous research.

Foundation contributions come from members who wish to support Foundation programs and from memorials. Donations are tax exempt to the extent permitted by law.

Debating the Con Con

As reported previously in this newsletter, this coming November Illinois voters will be asked if they are in favor of having a constitutional convention (Con-Con) to change the constitution of the state. If the vote is to not have a Con-Con, then nothing will be done. If the vote is to have a Con-Con, then an apparatus will be put in place, leading to an election of delegates and a re-writing of the state constitution.

On Tuesday of the State meeting, a debate on Con-Con was held. Jeff Mays, President of the Illinois Business Roundtable, and Steve Preckwinkle, Director of Political Activities for the Illinois Federation of Teachers, presented the Con-Con arguments. Bruno Behrend and John Bambenek, Co-founders of the Illinois Citizens Coalition and co-authors of *Illinois Deserves Better*, presented the Pro Con-Con arguments.

On the Pro side, the side arguing that we should have a Con-Con, Behrend and Bambenek presented their point of view, which states that a Con-Con will end gerrymandering and bring about legislative reform. In particular, they felt a new constitution would bring about the possibility of recall and possibly end the flat tax. They challenged Springfield (referring to the city as the government) to do what they're supposed to do and felt strongly that too much power is given to the legislative leadership and the governor.

On the Con side, the side arguing against having a Con-Con, Mays and Preckwinkle pointed out that a system already exists for changing the constitution and that there have been 41 changes in the constitution since it was rewritten in 1970, with ten of those being amendments. They argued that even if there is a Con-Con, there is no certainty that there will be any changes and, most particularly, there may not be changes in those issues a citizen might feel need to be addressed.

The ratification process means that nothing can happen unless the voters support it. After the constitution is rewritten, voters will have to vote as to whether or not they want the changes being proposed.

Of great interest to the board of directors of SUAA, the audience for this debate, was the possibility of changes in our pension system as a result of a Con-Con and of changes in the constitution. There was general agreement between the debaters that those currently retired will not see changes in their pension benefits. What might happen to health benefits is unsure, as they could change as a result of the AFSCME negotiations which were going on at the time of the meeting.

Since Illinois is a low tax state, current employees (those not yet retired) could see changes in their benefits, though that appears to still be a topic of debate itself. Again, there was agreement that new employees will likely see a change in their potential benefits, changes which will be declared at the time of employment.



The day after the debate, the board of directors, representing the 68 different chapters, voted that SUAA make a public statement of not supporting a Con-Con, urging its members to vote NO in the November election.

SUAAAction News

Carbondale's SUAAAction committee sent a letter to members on February 11, 2008 asking for donations to SUAAAction, the political action committee of SUAA. This year, from January 1 through May 30, our chapter donated \$7,675, compared to \$4,487 last year—a healthy increase. Total money raised this year for SUAAAction through 39,189 donations was \$251,137.

Thanks to all who donated to this fund. Lobbying costs money, and donating to SUAAAction is one way we can get our concerns about pension and health benefits in the forefront of legislators' minds.

Chapter Happenings

Golfing with the Emeriti

Oval Myers and Farrel Olsen

The Spring 2008 Emeritus and Annuitant Association Golf Scramble was held at Jackson Country Club, Murphysboro, Illinois on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. Thirty-five fun-loving souls (nine teams) participated and shared the good weather and good fellowship. For the first time there were more women golfers (20) than men (15).

The winning team with a low score of 63, which was 8 under par, was *Gil Kroening, Jean Kroening, Farrel Olsen, and Jim Legacy*. The 2nd place team with a score of 68 was *Dick Kuehl, Joyce Myers, and Oval Myers*. The 3rd place team only one stroke behind with a 70 consisted of *Harvey Welch, Chuck Frank, Ginny Solverson, and Bob Radtke*. There was a tie for 4th place with a score of 72 between the team of *Linda Cook, Sally Parrish, Bette Ligon, and Cathy Anstett* and the team of *Jack McKillip, Peggy Melone, Al Melone, and Vince Lacey*. In a closely contested battle the team of *Jan Henry, Jim Henry, Julie Ilnier, and Larry Staples* won the Most Golf prize (verily in most games the high score wins) by one stroke.

Individual prizes were Longest Drive (Men) by *Al Melone*, Longest Drive (Women) by *Julie Ilnier*, Closest to the Pin (Men) by *Jim Henry*, Closest to the Pin (Women) by *Cathy Anstett*, and the Longest Putt (gender neutral contest) by *JoAnn Oliver*.

For all those who couldn't make it and missed the fun, please join us at our Fall outing.

Fall golf outing October 1

The Fall 2008 Emeritus and Annuitant Association 4 person Golf Scramble will be held at Crab Orchard Golf Club, Carterville, Illinois on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 (rain date of Thursday October 2, 2008). Cost is \$28.00 per person (green fees and cart with ham and bean lunch included in the price). If we need to use the rain date, then the cost will still be \$28.00 for green fees and cart, but we will need to purchase our lunch from the regular menu. There will be a \$5.00 fee to cover prizes and mulligans. Please bring exact change for this.

Tee time is at 8:30 AM. Please arrive by 8 AM to register and pay fees. Teams will be comprised of 4 players. You may enter as an individual and be placed on a team or enter as a member of a team. Special events will be held on selected holes. After golf enjoy lunch and fellowship at the Club House where awards will be presented.

To join us for a fun day of golf at a course which few of us play regularly, complete and return the enclosed form.

For further information contact Farrel Olsen at 529-5134 or farrelolsen7@gmail.com or Oval Myers at 549-5997 or omyers@siu.edu

Calendar of Events

August 18 - 22, 2008 - Bookstore Greeters. Student Center Bookstore

August 25 - 26, 2008 - EAA Blood Drive. Student Center

September 13, 2008 - EAA Trip to Kirkwood, Mo. Stages Performance of *The Music Man*

September 19, 2008 - Marianne Webb & David N. Bateman Distinguished Organ Recital Concert. 7:30 p.m., Shryock Auditorium

September 26, 2008 - EAA Fall General Meeting. 10 a.m., Dunn Richmond Center & Luncheon.

October 1, 2008 - EAA Golf Outing. Crab Orchard Golf Club, Carterville.

October 11, 2008 - SIUC Homecoming - Look for the EAA Chapter Table

October 28, 2008 - Emeritus Faculty Lecture featuring Professor Al Melone. 7 p.m., Law School Auditorium

Emeritus Faculty Lecture - Oct. 28

Professor Emeritus Albert Melone of the Department of Political Science will deliver the 2008 Emeritus Faculty Lecture. The working title of Professor Melone's lecture is, "Getting the Constitution Right: Intellectual Missteps and the Abuse of Presidential Power." The lecture will be delivered on Tuesday, October 28th at 7 pm in the Law School Auditorium. There will be a reception following the lecture. Everyone is cordially invited to attend a reception following the lecture.

Next Blood Drive scheduled for August

Mary Mantovani & Pansy Jones

Mark your calendars: the next drive will be Monday, August 25th and Tuesday, August 26th at the north end escalator area on the Student Center first floor. Blood supplies continue to be short and we need to work harder to exceed our daily goals. Retirees and staff, let's strive to have a great Drive. One pint of blood can save three lives.

Bookstore Greeters

By now, everyone who signed up to be a Fall 2008 bookstore greeter has been assigned her/his work assignment(s) and the work schedules have been mailed back to the volunteers.

If you didn't get a request letter or form and you would like to help with this worthwhile project, call Bruce Appleby at 549-6436 or email BruApp@aol.com.

School starts on August 18 and we'll be doing the bookstore routine for that entire week. As you probably know, the University Bookstore gives the Emeritus and Annuitant Association \$600 each semester for helping with the hectic first week of school. That \$1,200 a year goes to the four scholarships we give each year to deserving undergraduates.

Please be sure to show up at the times assigned you. When there are no-shows, it puts an unnecessary burden on those who did show up. As usual, we thank everyone for participating. If you have any questions, would like to help, or can recruit someone who hasn't helped before, call Bruce at 549-6436.

EAA awards scholarships

Imogene Beckemeyer, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, announced the names of the four 2008 scholarship recipients at the Spring General Meeting.

The \$1,000 scholarships will go to Andrew B. Giritharan, majoring in Physiology; Sean Z. Goodin, majoring in philosophy, political science, and physiology; Samuel E. Hughes, Physiology major; and Sarah B. Wells, Physiology major. The recipients will be introduced and recognized at the Fall General Meeting.

EAA Homecoming table

The Association hopes to again sponsor a table at Homecoming this year. Please look for us and help cheer on the Salukis.

EAA out and about

Trip to see Meredith Wilson's *THE MUSIC MAN* - September 13

The Emeritus and Annuitant Association is sponsoring a trip to Kirkwood, Missouri to see *THE MUSIC MAN* on Saturday, September 13, 2008. The bus will leave the south end of the Arena's South Parking lot at 11 a.m. for the 4 p.m. Stages performance. This trip is limited to the first twenty people to register so get your reservations in now. Contact Dee Brown at 549-4555 for tickets or complete the enclosed registration form and submit to Dee Brown. Cost for the trip, which includes bus transportation, lunch at the Hometown Buffet in Kirkwood, and ticket to the performance is \$80. A media overview of this delightful, all time favorite follows.

Breakout the brass as fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill rolls into town in *The Music Man*. This tribute to small town America features the story of a smooth talking conman who hoodwinks the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he vows to organize, despite the fact he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. An All-American story perfect for the whole family, *The Music Man* includes such sing-a-long favorites as *76 Trombones*, *Till There Was You*, *Trouble*, and *Pickalittle*. Sure to delight audiences of all ages, this show-stopping production is not to be missed.

Campus Clues for Emeritus

New payroll deduction plan goes into effect for current employees SUAA membership dues

After a lengthy effort by the EAA Board of Directors to gain administrative approval for current employee payroll deduction for SUAA membership dues, final approval was granted in June.

Beginning in October, SIUC employees who are participating in SURS will be able to have SUAA dues deducted from their payroll checks. The new procedure will enable annual dues to be deducted in equal payroll deductions over a three month period, October through December, of each year.

The Chapter's Board of Directors felt the payroll deduction plan was crucial in order to encourage and increase current employee SUAA membership, whose future retirement benefits are at stake. The association will have a link to the new payroll deduction form on its website in advance of the October through December payroll deduction period.

Employees who have questions regarding this new procedure can contact Mary Nippe at the Department of Human Resources, 805 S. Elizabeth St., Mailcode 6520, Carbondale, IL 62901, (618) 453-6683.

Notes from Civil Service Council

By Pansy Jones

Mark Wetstein is the new president of the Civil Service Council. Other officers are: Vicki Nelson, vice president; Patrick Brumleve, secretary; and Elizabeth Cheek, treasurer.

Past Presidents of the Council beginning in 1978 are Lee Hester, Joann Marks, Phyllis McCowen, Jerry Looft, Max Waldron, David Saunders, Robert Brewer, Muriel Narve, Roger Hines, Debra Quamen, Pansy Jones, Karen Jennings, and Jay Brooks.

A vote was taken on June 4 whether the Council should draw up a resolution to support a 10-hour day, four-day work week. The motion was defeated. Newly elected and old members are beginning to participate on various committees within the University.

The Council meets the first Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. usually in the Balcony Conference Room in Anthony Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Emeriti may need new DAWG tags

SIUC will discontinue using social security numbers (SSN) as the primary ID for all faculty staff and students. The new ID will have a system generated ID number known as the DAWG Tag.

The transition to the DAWG Tag began Memorial Day weekend 2008 and will continue through the Fall 2009 semester. Beginning Fall 2009, the DAWG Tag will become the method by which campus members are identified in SIUC's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems, applications and databases.

According to staff in the ID Center and in Morris Library, emeriti who want to use Morris Library, the Recreation Center, or register for classes will need to get a new ID. There may be more reasons we need to get new cards, but those are certain for now. Although campus offices will use DAWG tags, retirement benefits and health insurance will still use SSN.

Morris Library's data base changed on June 30th, so that they no longer have SSN. I was able to use my old ID card to check a book out of Morris Library on July 6, but the staff person had to look up my name in a special database. To get a new ID card made, use the schedule below. The website for more information is www.infotech.siu.edu/

August 11, through August 22, 2008

New ID cards will be made in the Kaskaskia/Missouri Room on the 2nd floor of the Student Center according to the following schedule:

08/11/08	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
08/12/08	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
08/13/08	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
08/14/08	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
08/15/08	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
08/16/08	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
08/17/08	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
08/18/08	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
08/19/08	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
08/20/08	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
08/21/08	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
08/22/08	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Tentative Dates August 25, 2008, through September 30, 2008

New ID cards will be made in the ID Card Office on the 2nd floor of the Student Center during normal working hours (8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.).



A Capitol Experience

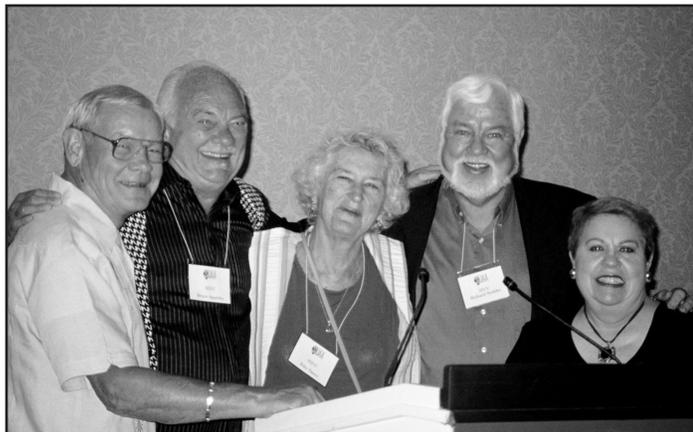
A CAPITOL EXPERIENCE was the theme for the 2007-2008 Annual Meeting of the State University Annuitants Association (SUAA), when it convened in Springfield June 17 and 18. Among the nearly 100 people in attendance were five members representing SIUC. They were **Bruce Appleby, Ruth Pommier, with her husband Richard, Robert (Bob) Radtke and Emil and Edie Spees**. The Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center was the site of the meeting, which was coordinated by Executive Director Linda Brookhart, assisted by SUAA staff members Christine Batty, Amanda Schachte and Ashley Krstulovich.

The first speaker of the day was senior Capitol lobbyist Dick Lockhart who, using a giant tablet as a visual prop, provided an informative, and often humorous, overview of the workings of State government. Introducing his presentation as “Sex and the Political Process,” a spin on a popular television series and recent movie release, the audience quickly engaged in Lockhart’s style and freely asked questions, which were answered concisely and sometimes mixed with wit.

Following the morning session, buses were provided for transportation to a luncheon at the Executive Mansion, where the key note speaker was State Comptroller Daniel W. Hynes. After a sobering report on the status of State finances, Hynes mingled with the diners before flying back to Chicago for afternoon meetings.

(To digress, briefly, for anyone wondering what might be served at the Mansion, luncheon that day consisted of a salad of mixed greens with julienne carrots, green peppers, red onions, cherry tomatoes, and a vinaigrette dressing. An entrée of chilled spinach, tomato and wheat rigatoni, with a Mediterranean dressing over tomatoes, chopped olives and grilled chicken breast was served with sour dough rolls. Dessert consisted of generous squares of bread pudding on which cream could be poured. Coffee and ice tea were also served. The luncheon was held in the second floor ballroom, off the State dining room.)

After allowing the group time to independently tour the Mansion’s public rooms, buses returned them to the hotel for the afternoon session, which opened with remarks from Dan M. Slack, executive director of the State Universities Retirement System. Slack addressed the issue of under funding of state pensions in Illinois but advised the group that SURS is among the most solvent of all the retirement systems as a result of earlier, sound investment practices.



Chapter members from SIUC who attended the SUAA annual meeting in Springfield are (l-r) Emil Spees, Bruce Appleby, Edie Spees, Bob Radtke, and Ruth Pommier.

A two hour debate followed on the pros and cons of allowing voters to decide in the November 2008 general elections if Illinois should amend its Constitution. Speaking in support of a Constitutional Convention (Con-Con) were Bruno Behrend and John Bambenek, co-founders of the Illinois Citizens Coalition, while Jeff Mays, a former State representative, now President of the Illinois Business Round Table, and Steve Preckwinkle, Director of Political Activities for the Illinois Federation of Teachers, spoke in opposition. Lobbyist Lockhart served as moderator.

In a room highly charged with strong feelings on both sides of the issue, proponents argued that a Constitutional Convention was the only way to “enact popular changes such as citizen initiative and recall.” Opponents stated their position that the current Constitution, which was ratified in 1970, is working, and calling a Con-Con would be expensive and could bring about changes that would be less favorable to State employees. The prevailing sentiment in the group by the end of the debate was with the

opposition, causing proponent Bruno Behrend to state that he had been warned this would be a “tough audience.” This prompted a member in the back of the room to retort, “An *experienced* audience!”

At 4 p.m. there were break-out sessions for the Membership and Legislative committees, after which participants were free until dinner at 6:30 p.m. at one of Springfield’s most distinguished private clubs, the Sangamo Club, which is frequented by Capitol and city dignitaries. Complimentary drinks were served before dinner, which featured Beef Burgundy. Keynote speaker was Bernard Schoenburg, political columnist for the State Journal-Register, Illinois’ oldest newspaper.

The second day of the General Meeting was a work day which, following a breakfast buffet at the host hotel, focused on the Annual Business Meeting. SUAA President Terry Weidner presided as minutes of the spring meeting were approved, an election of officers and members-at-large was held and various reports were heard. These, and other business, including the Adoption of a Code of Conduct, Budget Approval FY 2008-2009, a vote to approve changes to the SUAA Constitution, a vote regarding the State Constitutional Convention, action on Committee Recommendations and appointments to the Executive Committee, will be covered in reports or articles submitted by other SIUC members who attended the Annual Meeting.

Congratulations to SIUC’s Bruce Appleby, who was elected to a one year term as member-at-large. His service to the chapter and to SUAA is recognized and appreciated.

Morris Library renovations near completion

Story and photos by
Gordon Pruett,
Morris Library Staff



Current construction on Morris deals with the atrium of the new north entrance, the entry plaza, and the water feature.



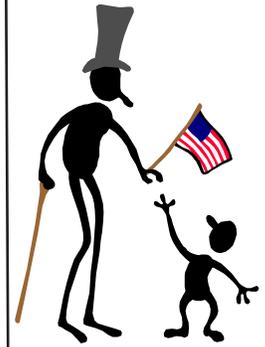
The new rotunda will offer a expansive reading area bathed in natural light.



The fourth floor's map library houses more than a quarter million maps and nearly 100,000 aerial photographs, as well as atlases, plat books, gazetteers, and globes.



More than 100 public computers are a popular feature of Morris.



Contacts for local state legislators

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Distinguished Organ Recital Series Concert to be held September 19

The Marianne Webb and David N. Bateman Distinguished Organ Recital Series concert will be held on Friday, September 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in Shryock Auditorium. Admission to the concert is free.

This year, the concert will feature renowned organist, Martin Jean, Professor of Organ at the Yale School of Music and Director of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. For additional information or pre-concert dinner reservations, please contact the Office of Constituent Relations and Special Events at 618/453-5306. This is a great opportunity to experience an evening of beautiful music performed on the Marianne Webb Pipe Organ.

Sport your Saluki Pride in an Emeritus Shirt or Vest

The beginning of Fall semester and lots of campus activities are right around the corner so gear up now with Emeritus apparel for all those upcoming events you will be attending.

Emil Spees has a new batch of Emeritus golf shirts and vests for all your university activities.

Prices for the Emeritus apparel are:

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Our current chapter membership is 785.
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 Help your chapter, and yourself, by recruiting a new member today!

Membership in the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) is open to

- Retirees from Illinois public universities, community colleges and other SURS agencies
- Spouses and survivors of retirees
- Active academic professionals, administrators, faculty, and all support staff

Membership is held through our local chapter SIUC Emeritus and Annuitants Association. Annual SUAA dues are currently \$21 and local EAA dues are \$6.

- Know someone who would like to join?** They may either
- Call the SUAA Central Office at toll-free 888-547-8473
 - Go to www.suaa.org and click on "Join Now"
 - Call Carolyn Donow at 457-7695
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Emeritus and Annuitant Association Fall General Meeting & Luncheon

Friday, September 26, 2008
10 a.m.

Dunn-Richmond Center

Featuring Speaker

Dr. Sam Goldman

SIUC Interim Chancellor

&

Invited Local Legislators

Luncheon following meeting

\$10 per person

Reservation deadline is September 17.

Fall Meeting Luncheon

Friday, September 26, 2008 - Dunn-Richmond Center

Please list each person's name.

Name: _____ Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for _____ reservations (\$10 each).

Please make checks payable to SIUC Emeritus & Annuitant Association.

***Kindly return bottom portion and payment by September 17, 2008 to
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Day Trip to Kirkwood, Missouri
for Stages production of Meredith Wilson's
The Music Man
Saturday, September 13, 2008

This trip includes an early afternoon lunch at the Hometown Buffet in Kirkwood prior to the 4 p.m. performance, the performance ticket, and bus transportation. The bus will leave from the south end of the SIU Arena's South Parking Lot at 11 a.m.

\$80/person - Reservation/Deposit deadline - ASAP

This trip is limited to 20 people.

Yes, I/We would like to participate in the trip to see The Music Man.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Enclosed is my payment for \$ _____ for _____ person(s).

Kindly return your completed reservation form and payment to Dee Brown, 600 E. Cindy Street, Carbondale, IL. 62901. Make checks payable to **SIUC Emeritus & Annuitant Association**.

For more information about this trip, please call Dee Brown at 549-4440.



GOLF REGISTRATION

Golf Outing (4-person scramble)
Wednesday October 1, 2008
Registration time: 8:00 AM
Crab Orchard Golf Club

Rain Date:
Thursday, October 2, 2008
Registration time: 8:00 AM
Crab Orchard Golf Club



Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

I would like to play with the following persons:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Individual entries are welcome. Everyone will be placed on a team. Cost is \$28 per person (green fees, cart and ham & bean lunch included) plus a \$5.00 registration fee to cover prizes. For rain date, the cost remains at \$28.00 for green fees and cart, but lunch to be purchased from the regular menu. Golf fees should be paid directly to the club and the registration (prize) fee to Farrel or Oval that morning. For further information contact Farrel Olsen at 529-5134 or farrelolsen7@gmail.com or Oval Myers at 549-5997 or omyers@siu.edu

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