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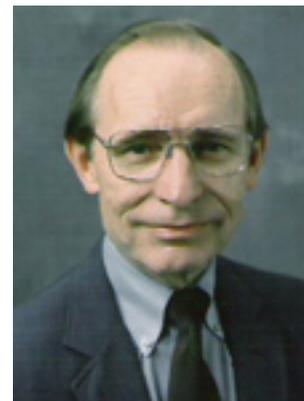
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John Jackson to speak on *The state of the State* at Fall General Membership Meeting

Those of us who live in Illinois are wondering what it will take to get our state back on track. The State is in deplorable financial condition, yet it appears our lawmakers are more focused on their own political gain than they are in handling the many pressing issues of the people of Illinois. Instead of providing answers and working on the State's business matters, it seems most of the news out of Springfield continues to be legislators pointing fingers at each other.

The Association is hoping to get some straight answers about the political infighting from one of SIUC's top political analysts and experts, Dr. John Jackson, III, who will speak on *The state of the State* at its Fall General Membership Meeting on September 25. Dr. Jackson, who was previously Interim Chancellor at SIUC from June 1999-June 2001, is currently Emeritus Professor of the Department of Political Science and holds the rank of Visiting Professor in the departments of Political Science and the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. He is often called upon by the radio and TV media to provide political analysis of elections and other political events.

The meeting will be held at the Dunn Richmond Center at 10 a.m. with a luncheon in the atrium to follow. To attend the meeting and luncheon, see the enclosed registration form.



John Jackson III
Emeritus Professor of Political Science and Visiting Professor of Political Science and The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

Emeritus group travels to Grand Rivers, KY to see musical

One of the many enjoyable and rewarding benefits that our SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant Association offers is bus trips to the theater to see stage plays. On Sunday, July 12, we took a trip to Grand Rivers, KY to attend a performance at the new Badgett Playhouse that was recently built there. If you have never been to Grand Rivers it is definitely worth a trip to take a walk back in time and enjoy some Kentucky hospitality.

Grand Rivers is a small town on Kentucky Lake that is known for Patti's Restaurant, home of the 2" thick pork chop, flower pot bread and sky-high meringue pie. There are antique, specialty and gift shops, and gardens sprinkled along the quaint 3 to 4 block long main street. The town also features Green Turtle Bay Marina and has a nice sail boat basin. Badgett Playhouse is right across Main Street from Patti's and offers a variety of stage productions throughout the year.

As always Dee Brown arranged for us to have front row seats, center stage. As we waited for the curtains to open, we were proud to see the name of our association scroll across the screen acknowledging our attendance. And once those curtains opened, it was over two hours of great music from *The Fabulous Fifties*. The nostalgic costumes, hair styles, and superb talents of the cast had the audience on their feet, doing the hand jive and dancing in the aisles!

It was a wonderful time and as our bus was about to pull out for home, two of the main actors jumped aboard to thank us for coming! Talk about down home hospitality...it doesn't get much more down home than that.

As if that wasn't enough for our money, we had another stop to make at the Willow Pond Restaurant, known for its 'all you can eat' catfish dinners. Again, Dee out did herself in arranging for a bountiful meal. Needless to say, we were happy and stuffed travelers on our way back to Carbondale. Thanks, Dee, for all you do to see we have the best when we travel.

There are two more theatre trips scheduled for the year. We will travel to Kirkwood, MO in September to see *Guys & Dolls* and in November we will return to Grand Rivers, KY to see *Tuna Christmas*. Look for more details on these trips on our website and in this newsletter.



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Robert Radtke
SIUC EAA President

Greetings,

In this, my first message as president, I would like to do what I think every president has done for the past several years, and that is to encourage each of you to help sign up new members and to encourage you and your friends not to forget to renew your memberships when you get your renewal notices. In that regard, signing up for dues deduct eliminates the necessity of sending in your annual dues and the concomitant possibility of forgetting to do so. Our membership numbers have been slipping over the last 5 years, going from 848 in FY04-05 to 759 in FY 08-09. Recruiting new members is not only a board responsibility, but a responsibility of each of us. Membership forms are available at this SUAA website: http://www.suaa.org/assets/pdf/suaa_application1.3.pdf

I would also especially emphasize recruiting current employees. Current employees and new hires are the ones most vulnerable to the state's current fiscal crisis and the continuing attempts to solve that crisis by reducing pension system costs. I will talk about some of the pension cost reduction plans in a bit, but now I would stress that membership numbers are important. The larger our organization

(SUAA) is, the greater its impact on the legislature and the governor. The larger our local EAA is, the louder our voice with our local legislators. Elsewhere in this newsletter Carolyn Donow talks about the importance of contacting our local legislators and the methods and message to employ.

As Carolyn also mentions, the state pension systems (not only SURS) are much on Springfield's mind these days. The state is seriously in arrears in its pension payments. At the end of 2008, the state's pension plans had \$80 billion in unfunded liability (SURS = \$14.7 billion), with a 40% funding ratio. This ratio is one of the poorest in the country. Recent news reports indicate that the state has assumed several billions of dollars of bonded indebtedness primarily to pay its pension obligations. The good news is that the state has recognized its obligation to fund the pension systems. The bad news, of course, is that it has gone deeper into debt to do so. That path is clearly not sustainable. Obviously, the state has to increase revenue or reduce expenditures, or both. SUAA has gone on record as supporting the governor's proposed income tax increase. It has also gone on record to maintain current pension and health care benefits. However, there are counter proposals. You have seen what has happened to the governor's income tax increase proposal, at least so far. There are significant proposals to decrease costs at the expense of retirees.

The governor, for one, has advanced a two-tier pension proposal. Current retirees' pensions would not be affected under his proposal (and current wisdom is that these are pretty much set in stone, except for health care benefits and the state income tax deferral). New hires under the governor's proposed two-tier plan would have a reduced benefit formula of 2% of final average salary, a maximum pension of 70% (not 80%) of final average salary, which would be based on the highest 8 years (not 5) of average salary, with salaries above \$150,000 per year not pensionable, with unreduced pensions at age 67 (not 65) with 10 years and age 62 with 35 years of service, a COLA of 50% of the change in the consumer price index or 3%, whichever is lower based on the original pension, i.e., not cumulative (not 3% cumulative), and no subsidized post-retirement survivor benefits. For these reductions, the employees' contribution would be reduced to 7% (not 8%). This is just one proposal being considered. I am sure there will be other cost saving proposals with similar or more drastic impact. The Republican minority has indicated that pension reform is high on their agenda.

There are also proposals to reduce health care costs, including requiring retirees to pay significant health care premiums, and increasing deductibles and co-pays. These are all reasons to maintain an active membership in SUAA and the SIUC EAA, to get the message out and recruit new members to strengthen that voice. We need to let our voice be heard. As your new president I urge you to join me in working to this end.

EAA elects officers and new board members at Spring General Meeting

Officers for the coming year of the Carbondale Emeritus and Annuitant chapter were elected at the Spring meeting as follows: Robert Radtke, president; John Pohlmann, vice-president; Nancy Hartman, secretary, and Don Stucky, treasurer. Carolyn Donow is past-president.

Also elected as Board members were: Merilyn Hogan, Mike Hanes, and Carol Burns. Continuing Board members are: Doug Bedient, Pansy Jones, and JP Dunn.

The Association thanks the following Board members whose terms were up for the service they rendered while serving on the Board: Dee Poston-Brown, John Magney, and Paulette Curkin.

Appleby re-elected to SUAA Executive Committee

The Association is proud to announce that Bruce C. Appleby, former president of the SIUC EAA, was re-elected to the executive committee of the State Universities Annuitants Association by the board of directors of the organization at its annual meeting in Springfield, June 24, 2009. He will serve a two year term on the executive committee.

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What the Legislature Did

At the end of the legislative season this year, with the upcoming veto session in October, the legislature passed a number of bills which have direct effect on those already retired and those who will be retiring soon.

The Pension Systems Modernization Task Force, which was established through a House Joint Resolution, is charged with finding ways to change pension benefits in order to modernize TRS (the Teachers' Retirement System), SERS (the State Employees Retirement System) and SURS (the State Universities Retirement System). Repeated several times during its July 17 meetings was that the findings of the group will not affect current annuitants.

Two reports that seem to have a strong effect on the deliberations of this task force are the Wisconsin Legislative Council's 2006 Comparative Study of Major Public Employee Retirement Systems (<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc>) and Pensions – A Report from the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability on the Financial Condition of the State of Illinois Retirement Systems (http://www.ilga.gov/commission/cgfa/cgfa_home.html).

Dick Lockhart, lobbyist for SUAA, doesn't have high expectations that anything of significance will emerge from the Pension Task Force. He seems to base these comments on his extensive experience watching and monitoring the Illinois legislature and his perception that a "task force or commission or study group" is too often used to defer or delay or even defeat a legislative issue. This doesn't mean that SUAA can ignore the task force. It means we must monitor its actions and be prepared to respond to any developments that might affect SUAA members.

On July 15, Senate Bill 1292 became PA 96-0043. This bill authorizes \$3.466 billion in General Obligation Bonds to be used for the purpose of making the State's Fiscal Year 2010 required contributions to designated retirement systems. The net proceeds of the sale will allow another \$2.230 billion to be directed to State funded human services programs and community-based human service providers. According to an Associated Press story the weekend of July 25-26, this basically means that the tax money that would have gone to pensions could be used for other expenses and that the state will provide all it should for pensions payments for this next year. It also means that next year the state will have to come up with the \$3.466 billion it borrowed this year plus about a \$600 million payment on this year's loan.

As many social services agencies are cutting back on their staffs and taking furlough days (days off when the workers are not paid), the legislature will take 12 unpaid furlough days, which represents an approximate 5% cut in pay.

PENSION SYSTEM MODERNIZATION TASK FORCE

Appointed by the Governor, the Pension System Modernization Task Force has been charged with determining recommendations to make the five state pension systems for state employees more responsive to the times and more efficient in their operations. Addison Woodward, a member of the executive committee of SUAA and Richard Johnson, President of SUAA, are attending this task force's meetings to monitor its work and to give us warning of potential issues as it meets and makes suggestions--which may or may not be acted upon by the Governor and the legislature. In this column, I am reporting on Dick Johnson's response to the July 29 meeting.

The task force's Investment Policy subcommittee meeting focused on an "Analysis of Investment Fee Savings and Transition Costs due to Potential Consolidation into the Illinois Public Employees Retirement System." Earlier this year, Illinois Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias proposed to consolidate the five state pensions systems. An assessment of this proposal by AON Investment Consulting indicates that by year 10, savings through consolidation would grow to between \$50 to \$60 million, offset by costs of consolidation of \$30 to \$50 million. As Dick reports, "the members of the task force were visibly underwhelmed by the savings produced through consolidation especially considering the risks and lack of diversification involved."

The Benefits subcommittee focused on the Oregon 3 tiered pension system, a defined benefits system that originated in 1981. Because of their concern with the growing costs of benefits, Oregon undertook the defined contributions system for new hires in 1996 and again in 2003. The state's level of contribution was the center of the discussion, particularly because the state's total contribution, when social security is included, exceed the contributions Illinois is currently making. Dick reports that this finding "... impressed the task force members."

The Funding subcommittee's discussion centered on possible money producing enterprises that might help the state's fiscal problems: the lottery and "racinos"--race tracks, casinos, slots and various combinations thereof--and the potential for any of these sources to address the magnitude of the problems Illinois faces.

Dick reported that "the two-ton gorilla is now very much in the room" and is the increasing references to the \$80 billion unfunded liability of the state to the pension systems and the inability of any possible funding source to come close to dealing with a problem. Thus far, the task force has had no discussion of possible income or sales tax increases. Despite many references to the "two tiered" systems, there has been no discussion of benefits and the role they play. Dick concluded with the comment that one of the annuitants on the task force, Ed Rosenthal from TRS (Teachers' Retirement System) has been a very good contributor, attentive to the interests of his constituency, and that SUAA will work closely with Rosenthal to further SUAA interests. As expected, the union representative on the task force continues as "smart, active forces" in the discussion.

I am now the past-president of EAA and will begin my stint as the legislative chair. Along with several other members of EAA, I attended the annual SUAA meeting in Springfield in June. The week of our meeting, Governor Quinn called legislators back to Springfield for a special session. Although Quinn was invited to speak, he could not make it, but John Cullerton, President of the Senate, took time from his hectic schedule and spoke during our lunch.

Cullerton shared an amazing fact with us: *Illinois has the lowest rate of state employees to size of population of any state in the nation.* So, when some people scream that Illinois needs to cut state programs, we can throw that bit of information at them.



Carolyn Donow

Contact Legislators!!!

At the annual meeting, our SUAA lobbyist, Dick Lockhart, stressed how important it is that we SUAA members contact our state legislators. Annuitants are in the crosshairs. In all his many years as a lobbyist in Springfield, he has never seen so much negativity toward public pensions as is flooding Springfield this year. If you prefer to write a letter, addresses for our local legislators are on page 2 of this newsletter. If you prefer to visit legislators, either in their district office or in Springfield, Dick has prepared a list of pointers to help those of us who are a bit timid about such contacts. The important point for all of us, though, is to *make our voices heard in Springfield.*

15 Do's and Don'ts on Being an Effective Legislative Advocate *Prepared by Dick Lockhart, Lobbyist for SUAA*

1. For meetings, be punctual, and don't over-stay your time.
2. Be polite and respectful. Do not get into an argument.
3. Don't criticize any legislator, politician, interest group or lobbyist.
4. If you say you will do something, do it, or provide the reason for not.
5. Provide information as to organizations who support your position and those who don't, but be sure it's accurate.
6. Do not leave the impression that you are unwilling to meet with your opponents to try to find "common ground."
7. If your issue costs money, say so.
8. Follow up with information and an expression of appreciation for the legislator's time.
9. Don't make threats. If you make a promise, deliver it!
10. Do not be reluctant about talking to a legislator because you think he or she will ask you something you may not know. Most of you will know more about the issue than the legislator does. However, if a question is asked and you are unsure of the answer, find it and provide it.
11. Provide a Fact Sheet and information as to where the legislator can find additional information.
12. If your organization is represented in Springfield by a lobbyist, be sure to mention the name of that person.
13. Do not complain about the legislative process -try to understand it, difficult as that may be.
14. Before the end of your meeting, be sure to ask the legislator whether he or she will support your position. If "yes," express appreciation; if any other response, tell the legislator you will provide additional information, do so and then follow-up.
15. Avoid saying anything that could be construed to indicate the exchange of campaign support for a vote.

Talking Points for Contacting Legislators.

State University Retirement System Members Advisory Committee (SURSMAC) adopted a resolution about our current pension system. The major points in their resolution can be used as talking points when we contact our legislators:

- The State of Illinois has significantly underfunded its pension systems by legislative and gubernatorial decisions creating an unfunded liability, that has resulted in the largest dollar amount in the nation;
- The state's contribution to public faculty and staff's benefits is less than in most states because it does not contribute the FICA tax of 7.65%;
- The State's contribution to the SURS pension system is equivalent to a private sector employer providing social security and approximately 3.35% of salaries into a retirement program such as TIAA/CREF;
- Illinois faculty at public institutions fall behind their IBHE comparison peer groups in benefits;
- Participants have continually paid their full share to the retirement system and the interest on their contributions served to decrease the state's liability for pension shortfalls;
- Failure of the state to make its mandated contributions is the dominant cause of the shortfall in full funding of the state pension systems.

SURSMAC calls upon the legislature and governor to recognize the necessity of fully funding its pension obligations in amounts established in existing state law. The legislature and governor should recognize the negative impact on retention of faculty and staff by requiring any increase in contributions from current employees, thus further widening the gap in salaries and total compensation compared to peer institutions.

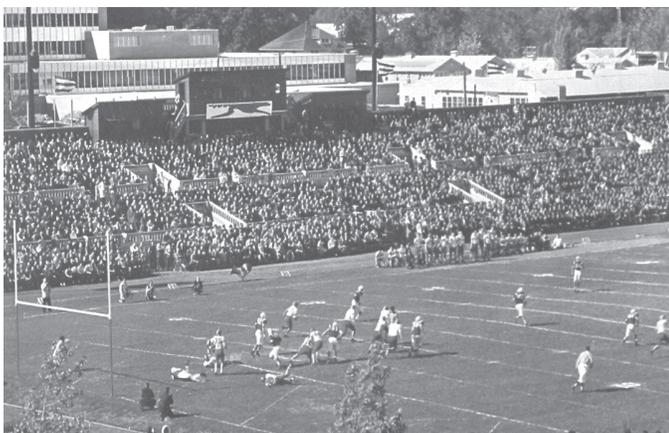


Special thanks go to SIU Hall of Famer and former SIU sports information director, Fred Huff, for contributing this article and sharing his thoughts about the last football season soon to be played at McAndrew Stadium. Huff, who retired from SIUC in 2001 after 35 years of service in Saluki sports, is a member of the Emeritus and Annuitant Association. He continues to play a vital role with campus athletics by volunteering his expertise and extensive knowledge of SIU sports, in a variety of ways. Since retiring, Huff has also written the book, Southern Illinois University Saluki Sports History...100 Years of Facts & Highlights, published in 2005. Read on for a sentimental look at The Mac, as it is readied for its last stand this fall as the Home of Saluki Football, -- as only Fred Huff, pictured to the left, can recount.



There was a time when we feared McAndrew Stadium would be allowed to slip off into the sunset without proper -- if any -- last rites. Those of us who care, who feel a personal attachment to the venerable old facility for one reason or another, can take a deep breath of relief.

Present athletics director Mario Moccia and his staff -- all new guys on SIU's campus -- are making a determined effort to make certain the 73-year-old facility receives proper recognition this season. In fact, while once concerned, we now are hopeful the farewells don't overshadow the true importance of the 2009 football season . . . winning games. As has been the case the last seven seasons, the football Salukis will be bidding for another spot in the NCAA's post-season playoffs.



McAndrew before the east stand was built.

McAndrew Stadium, not named in honor of the long-time SIU athletics director, football and basketball head coach until after his death, has been the scene of more than a thousand events . . . from football games to track meets, from graduation commencements to political rallies.

It's true that the facility is tired. It has a right to be. But it was elegant in its heyday.

We all, no doubt, have our favorite memories. I even remember being on the grass turf as a 12-year-old in 1941. It was Boy Scout Day, but please don't ask if the "Maroons" won or lost. I don't remember. I prefer to remember "Mark Hemphill Day" in 1980 when a record crowd of 17,000-plus were in the stands to honor Mark who had been seriously injured there a year earlier. Then just a few years later Rey Dempsey's national-championship bound Salukis won a couple of games in dramatic fashion. There were a lot of last-second victories, superb individual efforts, thrilling team performances that will never totally leave me. Confident that you all

have your own special memories, here's hoping you're able to return for at least one of the Salukis' home games this season.

Mike Reis, long-time radio voice of SIU athletics, and I have developed a list of what we considered being the 25 most exciting games in the stadium's history. A shorter list of five will have been selected to be reviewed, one at a time, at games this season. They will be determined by fans' votes prior to the start of the season.

The winner? It truly doesn't matter that much as we all will still have our favorites firmly etched in our mind. Mine are not limited to football as I remember so well an evening/night dual track meet with Kansas when Lew Hartzog's team defeated the nationally-ranked Jayhawks 86-55 in 1966.

As for football . . . who can forget Amos Bullocks in the early 1960s, SIU's stunning 16-13 upset of Tulsa in 1967, Andre Herrera's six-touchdown outburst against Northern Illinois in 1976, Burnell Quinn's running style in the late 1970s, Rick Johnson's passing in the early 1980s while leading the Salukis to a national title, Chuck Harmke in the late 1980s followed by Scott Gabbert, Yonel Jourdain, Tom Koutsos and so many in recent years when the football Salukis have been so successful. There's simply too many games, too many names to mention. Every fan that ever saw a game in McAndrew has a right to have his/her own favorite. The stadium has been a wonderful home. And when the fireworks sound the end of the line on the evening of Nov. 14, there'll be a tear in our eye. Possibly yours, too.



Chapter Happenings

*Fall General Membership Meeting
Friday, September 25, 2009
Dunn-Richmond Center - 10 a.m.
Luncheon to follow meeting*

Scholarship Committee completes annual scholarship selections

The winners of four \$1000 EAA Scholarships were announced at the April 24 General Membership meeting of the Association. The scholarship committee met in March after individually evaluating 61 completed applications (of 77 received).

The 2009-2010 holders of these scholarships (colleges and majors listed after names):

- Bradley A. Bauer, College of Liberal Arts - Political Science;
- Todd G. Epps; College of Liberal Arts - Music Education;
- Colton H. McNichols, College of Science - Physiology;
- Emily M Toennies, College of Science - Biological Sciences.

Selection is based primarily on academic achievement, while noting leadership qualities.

With endowment funds having a lower value after the economic downturn, the 2010-11 scholarships may have to be reduced in number or decreased in value.

Members of the scholarship committee were Imogene Beckemeyer, Chair; Denny Hays; Duncan Lampman; Inge Rader; Emil Spees; and Roy Weshinsky. -Imogene Beckemeyer

The Association is happy to announce that Steven Evers, a Trico High School graduate and SIUC freshman in PreMed, is the recipient of the first Jack Graham Scholarship. Terri Harfst, Coordinator in Enrollment Management, worked with the Association in making the selection for the \$1,000 award.

Blood Drive

The EAA Blood Drive held on Monday, May 4, 2009 replaced the Drive scheduled for January 27, 2009. The January 27th date had to be cancelled due to weather. Thanks to the following for volunteering: Duncan & Wilma Lampman, George Mavigliano, Jackie Mueller, Roy Weshinsky and Mary Mantovani.

The next Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, August 24 & 25, 2009 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm on the first floor of the Student Center, south end by Blimpies. Let's start the school year off with a bang! Plan to donate blood. Remember: ONE pint can save up to THREE lives." -Mary Mantovani

We need your e-mail address

As prices for postage and paper continue to increase, it becomes 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.



EMERITUS GOLF NEWS

The Spring 2009 Emeritus and Annuitant Association Golf Scramble was held at Jackson County Country Club, Murphysboro, Illinois on Tuesday, May 5, 2009. Twenty three fun-loving golfers, 12 ladies and 11 gentlemen, showed up and shared the pleasant weather and good fellowship. Lunch was served and prizes awarded on the patio (It really was a nice day).

The winning team of Charles Frank, Ginny Solverson, Leo Gher, and Don Tindall had a low score of 66, which was 5 under par and dominated the field. The second place team was Al Melone, Peg Melone, Jack McKillup, and Barbara Yanico with a 77. The third place team, only two strokes behind with a 79, was Kay Brechtelsbauer, Larry Staples, Jean Paratore, and Elaine Vitello. The Most Golf prize was closely contested with Farrel Olsen, Jim Swisher, and Sue Swisher ultimately winning with an 84. Individual prizes were Longest Drive (Men) by Don Tindall, Longest Drive (Women) by Margaret High, and the Longest Putt by Jean Paratore. Closest to the Pin (Men) and Closest to the Pin (Women) were contested, but alas no one made the green.

For the many of you who couldn't make it this time and missed the fun we will be holding a Fall outing in 2009.

Fall Golf outing planned

The Fall 2009 Emeritus and Annuitant Association 4 person Golf Scramble will be held at Stone Creek Golf Club, Makanda, Illinois on Thursday, October 1, 2009. (rain date of Thursday October 8, 2009). Cost is \$35.00 per person (green fees and cart). Lunch will be \$6. There will be a \$5 fee to cover prizes and mulligans. Please bring exact change for this.

Tee time is at 8:30 AM. Please arrive by **8:00 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.

Come join us for a fun day of golf at a course, which few of us play regularly. Complete and return the enclosed form as instructed. For further information contact Farrel Olsen at 529-5134 or farrelolsen7@gmail.com or Oval Myers at 549-5997 or omyers@siu.edu.

After golf enjoy lunch and fellowship at the Club House where awards will be presented.

-Oval Myers and Farrel Olsen

Emeritus Faculty Organization Speaker

David Yepsen, the new Director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Emeritus Faculty Organization. The meeting is at 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 25th in the Dunn-Richmond Center. Mr. Yepsen will discuss plans for Simon Institute. All are welcome

-John Pohlmann

EAA out and about

We are going to see



This September trip is signed, sealed and all but delivered!

Call Dee Brown at 549-4440 if you have registered for and need additional details for the trip to Kirkwood, MO for the Stages production of *Guys & Dolls*. At press time, ticket orders have been closed.

The trip agenda for *Guys & Dolls* follows:

- ***The bus will leave the SIU Arena SOUTH parking lot at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2009***
- ***Lunch prior to the Stages matinee.***

We are going back to Grand Rivers and the Badgett Playhouse!

Contact Dee Brown to reserve your tickets for the hilarious production of *Tuna Christmas*. This



down-home comedy will keep you laughing as two actors play 20 different parts that require over 40 costume changes! Come with us to Grand Rivers on November 19 for a Thursday evening performance. We'll give you time to grab a bite to eat (on your own) at Patti's before curtain time. Only \$55 per person. See the enclosed registration form for additional details.



EAA unveils new website

Like a number of other things on campus that are under construction is fall, so is our Association's website. Recently, Marianne Shields, Chief Clerk in the Constituent Relations and Special Events office, assumed the responsibilities of webmaster for our website. Since then, she has been busy giving our site a new face lift and bringing the information that is accessible to our readers up to date. We hope to have all the new information available real soon. In addition, the URL address for the EAA website has changed to: <http://eaa.siu.edu/>

We would like to thank our previous webmaster, Becky Molina Armstrong, in the Professional Constituencies office, for initially creating our website and maintaining it for several years. The Association certainly appreciates the time she devoted to our web needs.

Paul Simon Public Policy Institute seeks volunteers

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute is actively seeking retirees interested in public policy matters to volunteer their time and expertise as researchers on topics of mutual interest. The institute seeks to work with members of Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement, the Emeritus Faculty Organization and Emeritus and Annuitant Association on projects related to ethics in Illinois politics, campaign finance reform, health care in rural and underserved areas, the future of U.S.-Cuban relations, and the cost of higher education, among others.

To volunteer your services or for more information, contact institute project coordinator Christina Rich at (618) 453-4078 or clrich@siu.edu. To learn more about the Paul Simon Institute, visit www.PaulSimonInstitute.siu.edu.

Calendar of Events

- September 25, 2009 - Emeritus Faculty Organization Meeting - 8 a.m., Dunn-Richmond Center
- September 25, 2009 - EAA Fall General Meeting - 10 a.m., Dunn-Richmond Center
- September 26, 2009 - SIUC/EAA Day trip to Kirkwood Mo. for the Stages *Guys & Dolls* performance.
- October 5, 2009 - SUAA Fall Meeting - Holiday Inn, Urbana, IL
- October 10, 2009 - Homecoming - SIU vs Illinois State
- November 19 - EAA trip to Grand Rivers, KY to attend the evening performance of *Tuna Christmas*
- December 9, 2009 - EAA Holiday Luncheon, Student Center - Ballroom B

Emeritus apparel available

Emil Spees is the one to contact for Emeritus golf shirts and vests. Costs for the Emeritus apparel are 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.

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Pansy Jones

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