

# EMERITUS & ANNUITANT NEWSLETTER

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## Chancellor Fernando M. Treviño speaks at Fall Meeting

Chancellor Treviño addressed nearly 100 Emeritus & Annuitant Association members at the Fall General Meeting held at the Dunn-Richmond Center on September 21. Dr. Treviño gave a brief overview of his prior higher education background and expressed his pleasure at being appointed to the post of chancellor at SIUC. He commented on having recently attended the annual Retirement and Service Award Dinner and how impressed he was with the level of commitment by SIUC employees to the University. He commented that SIUC employee commitment can't be beat anywhere. He praised the Association for continuing that level of commitment beyond ones work life.

Dr. Treviño reported that although resources continue to be very tight, the faculty/staff received 3% raises. He also reported that the number of students from southern Illinois is up this year. In regard to Saluki Way, he said it should include academic facilities as well as athletic facilities.

Chancellor Treviño addressed several questions from the floor before having to leave for another appointment. He was well received by the Association which wishes him well in his new position as chancellor.

In other business, the Association voted to approve Doug Bedient and Bill McMinn to the Board of Directors. In addition, Membership Chairman Bob Radtke announced that the Chapter's membership goal for the year is 1000 members. A luncheon followed the business meeting.



Chancellor Treviño speaks at the Fall General Meeting.

## SIUC Homecoming



The Emeritus and Annuitant Association sponsored its first table inside the Alumni Tent at this year's Homecoming on Saturday, October 6. President Carolyn Donow, Past President Bruce Appleby and Emil Spees manned the table which featured postcards that Emeriti could write to former colleagues.

The Association plans to continue to have a table at future Homecoming celebrations with the purpose of recruiting new members and providing SIUC Emeriti with an opportunity to keep in touch with former colleagues.



## Civil Service Council sponsors fundraisers

The Education Assistance committee of the Civil Service Council will be conducting three fundraisers this fall.

They began selling Mascot Pecans on October 31. The nuts include chocolate covered pecans, butter toffee popcorn with pecans, pecan caramel clusters, and pecan halves. Prices range from \$4.50 to \$8.50 per item. The Council members again will sell beautiful poinsettias with a deadline for orders of November 21 and pickup on December 3. Red, pink or white will be offered and the cost remains a low \$15 per plant. Council members will also sell tickets for the holiday raffle with the drawing on December 5. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

The funds raised through these fundraising projects will go toward supporting civil service employees' students who attend SIU. The Council members appreciate any support you can give.

To get more information on these endeavors you may contact Elizabeth Cheek at [elizabethc@pso.siu.edu](mailto:elizabethc@pso.siu.edu) or 453-2027.

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**Carolyn Donow**  
President

## Greetings,

EAA was represented at the October 9th SUAA meeting in Urbana by Carolyn Donow, Bruce C. Appleby, Emil Spees, and Edie Spees.

Dan Slack, SURS Executive Director, was one of the featured speakers at the one-day meeting. The good news from Dan is that SURS' investment return for fiscal year 2007 was 18.3%, this being the fourth year of double-digit returns. Over the last twenty-two years SURS' investment return has averaged over 9%. Another good news item is that SURS has received the appropriated pension funds for the first few months of this fiscal year. No one in the legislature wanted to take a pension holiday this year, a phenomena that was certainly helped by SUAA's grass roots lobbying. One of the problems that state pension funds face in FY 08 is GASB 45—a change in accounting standards that may affect our legislators' views about our pensions and health benefits. See the accompanying article explaining this worrisome problem.

The keynote speaker was Jeffrey Brown, the William G. Karnes Professor in the Department of Finance at UIUC. Professor Brown's research focuses on public and private insurance markets, including social security and annuities. He addressed the many problems of eliminating the Windfall Elimination Provision/and the Government Pension Offset legislation. Although SUAA has worked to try to eliminate the WEP/GPA, Professor Brown persuaded many in his skeptical audience that the unintended consequences of this elimination may not be in our best interest. Any major change in our benefits may prompt the state to stop funding SURS and move university employees to Social Security, a change that most of us would not want. Or, the federal government could insist that university employees join Social Security to get more income into a stressed Social Security Program. Another problem with eliminating WEP is that Social Security benefits are based on a non-linear calculation of an individual's average monthly earnings. Since the purpose of Social Security is to keep low-wage earners from being destitute in their old age, the benefit formula pays a higher return (90%) on the first \$680 average monthly salary in 2007 than it does for higher earnings (ranging from 34% to 9%). Because SURS earnings are not counted in the Social Security formula, the return on our Social Security earnings would be much higher than the return on a person whose entire salary was subject to Social Security. The chances of Congress eliminating WEP are slim to none, according to Jeffrey Brown.

SUAA has hired a new contractual lobbyist for FY 2007-2008. Mr. Dick Lockhart will soon celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a professional lobbyist and founder of the lobbying firm called Social Engineering Associates, Inc. which is located in Chicago. The opening date for the General Assembly will be January 9, 2008. "As 2008 is an election year and the primary is February 5, I do not expect much to happen, legislatively, before the primary, but under the current political circumstances, nothing is certain . . . Obviously, legislation can be very controversial, internally and externally. As a professional lobbyist for over 40 years, it is vitally important that all SUAA components function without partisan bias and that all operate openly, complying with all legal and ethical standards." Mr. Lockhart expects to be in the Capitol every legislative day.

*Carolyn Donow*

## GASB-45: Why worry?

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued new federal standards for Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) that applies to every state. GASB - 45 sets new accounting guidelines that will affect how unfunded or future pension and health benefits are reported.

In the past, states have reported health care and other benefits based on what the state paid out that year only. According to GASB - 45, states must now report health care and other benefits based on what actuaries expect the state will have to pay in the future, not just what was paid out in one year. This accounting change will make Illinois' report look as if our state employee benefits have increased by about 25 billion dollars. No increase will have occurred, just a change in accounting standards.

A major worry is that this meaningless bump in the report will raise the public's hackles—"state employees' benefits are out-of-control." Law makers may take advantage of this to reduce benefits or to increase the amount that employees must pay for benefits.

SUAA will monitor the impact of GASB-45 in discussions about pension and health benefits in the General Assembly and the Governor's office. EAA members should be aware of GASB 45 and ready to explain this seemingly "increase" in state employees' benefits. (See Legislative Goal # 4)

### Contacts for local state legislators

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## **SUAA Board of Directors**

### **SUAA Legislative Goals, FY 2008**

At the SUAA October 9 meeting, the Board of Directors approved legislative goals for SUAA members. The general focus of the FY 2008 goals is to maintain the integrity of the State Universities Retirement System for present and future annuitants and survivors. The goals are:

1. Develop SUAA positions on budgetary reform and/or revenue enhancement proposals that might be considered in the forthcoming session of the General Assembly.
2. Maintain health benefits offered through the state employee group health plan and the college insurance plan.
3. Continue to monitor progress of current WEP/GPO repeal legislation. Issue Legislative Alerts, as appropriate.
4. Monitor the impact of the implementation of the GASB 45 accounting guidelines in the discussion of pension and health benefits issues in the General Assembly or by the Governor or other member of the executive branch.
5. Support SURS legislation to restore the two-year sick leave credit option for those retiring under the years of service option for members in universities and community colleges, the increase of the death benefit from \$1,000 to \$5,000, and other SURS legislative proposals.
6. Develop a legislative call to action network of Chapter Legislative Chairs who will advise chapter members when to contact their representative concerning pending legislation. (*EAA's Legislative Chair is Bruce C. Appleby.*)
7. Continue to review developments regarding the convocation of an Illinois Constitutional Convention.



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## **Pensions: A Report from the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability**

By Bruce Appleby

The Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability is a bipartisan joint House and Senate commission, charged with providing the General Assembly information relevant to the Illinois economy, taxes and other sources of revenue and debt obligation of the State. In July of 2007, it released its report on the financial condition of the public employee retirement systems (note the plural) of Illinois. This report, as well as many others having to do with the economic condition of the state of Illinois, is available at <http://www.ilga.gov/commission/cgfa>.

This particular report covers the period from FY 1998 through FY 2006. During that time, the unfunded liability of the five State retirement systems increased by \$27 billion. The main factors in this increase were insufficient employer contributions (contributions from the State), lower-than-assumed investment returns in three years, and benefit increases.

The financial condition of the State retirement systems centers on the funded ratio: net assets divided by accrued liabilities. As the report explains, a system with a 100% funded ratio is fully funded because its assets are sufficient to pay all benefits earned by employees. The funded ratio of the State retirement systems combined was 60.5% as of June 30, 2006.

The report clearly explains how even if the State continues funding according to current law, the accrued liabilities of the State retirement systems will increase from approximately \$108.8 billion at the end of FY 2007 to an estimated \$463.5 billion at the end of FY 2045. During that same time period, assets are projected to increase from \$64.6 billion to \$417.1 billion.

As the Illinois Retirement Security Initiative, a project of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability points out, we shouldn't be fooled by the fact that Illinois lawmakers approved a new state budget in September which appeared to fully fund pensions. ("Appears to" because the money has been appropriated but not received). Merely funding the system for FY 2008 does not mean Illinois has paid off its \$40.7 billion unfunded pension liability. State pension obligations could use almost all of the natural revenue growth the State can expect.

Again, the Illinois Retirement Security Initiative points out that the State has a poorly designed tax system that does not grow with the economy, generating less revenue than needed to maintain current public service levels and to make the required pension payments from year to year. Once again, we see that Illinois must modernize its tax system. The current "pension ramp" seems to irresponsibly backload costs, deferring the problem to future generations. As the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability pointed out in a report of November, 2006, "without modernizing current revenue streams, the State simply will not have the financial capacity to pay its unfunded pension liability plus maintain current services."

Clearly, the state has "borrowed" billions of dollars from the pension systems at the cost of the funding of education, human services, transit and health care. The state tax system must be modernized.

In 2004, James Hacking, then Executive Director of SURS, stated "Give the magnitude of the state's budget deficit, the only other realistic alternative to the governor's pension bonding initiative would seem to be a broad-based sales and/or income tax increase." As retirees and even more importantly as future retirees, we must be willing to work for these needed changes. Without them, our pensions and health benefits are in real danger.

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# Chapter Happenings

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## Holiday Luncheon set for December 12

Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
SIUC Student Center  
Ballroom B  
The registration form is enclosed.

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## Bookstore Greeters

### More volunteers needed at the beginning of the semester

At the beginning of Spring semester--January, 2008--the bookstore greeters will be doing their usual thing. All details are pretty much as before. We need more people to volunteer and would like to especially encourage new retirees to become a part of this service group.

We--the SIUC EAA--get \$600 from the University Bookstore for helping at the beginning of each semester. This \$1,200 a year goes directly into our scholarship fund and is basic to our giving four scholarships each year. In addition to helping build the scholarship fund, most who are involved with this volunteer work just plain enjoy it. Being a part of the new semester without having to construct a course syllabus or prepare handouts or check schedules is a lot of fun and gives you a chance to be involved.

Many of you volunteered to serve when you filled out the form at the annual fall meeting in late September. A few more of you have contacted Bruce Appleby directly about helping. Still more of you received a letter in early November asking you to once again sign up. If you haven't returned the sign-up form yet, please do so immediately.

The dates for the work will be Monday, January 14 through Friday, January 18, 2008. The time slots are 8 to 10, 10 to 12, 12 to 2, and 2 to 4 each day. If you don't feel comfortable lifting the heavy book bags and the lap top computers, say so. We also need people to stand and greet the students as they come in. We also need to know if you can work more than one time slot. Many people work two slots during the week and some work three.

It's important that you sign up immediately. The schedule needs to be made out before the end of November (as Bruce will be out of the country during December). In early January, you'll get a notice of when you are expected to work during the week of January 14 to 18, 2008.

If you haven't signed up or haven't received a form, don't let that stop you. You can contact Bruce directly at 549-6436 or [bruapp@aol.com](mailto:bruapp@aol.com).

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## SUAAction: Protecting Retirement Rights through Oversight\*

Our local chapter of SUAAction will start a campaign to raise funds for SUAAction sometime this winter. You will receive a letter from our local SUAAction committee asking for funds to advance SUAA's lobbying efforts. In keeping with federal and state laws, all SUAAction funds are separate from SUAA funds, so this campaign will not use any EAA, SUAA, or state funds.

The SUAAction committee for the Carbondale chapter currently consists of eight people: Carolyn Donow, Chair, Steven Kraft, Nancy Hartman, Pansy Jones, Ruth Pommier, John Jackson, David Christensen, J.P. Dunn and David Kenney.

This committee will focus on fundraising for SUAA political action and guiding our local chapter in how best to maintain close relationships with our local legislators. Currently EAA has been active in corresponding with legislators and lobbying on Higher Education Lobbying Day. The local SUAAction group will coordinate and increase those efforts.

I am pleased so many EAA members have agreed to work on this committee. We welcome as many interested people as possible to help us "oversee" our legislators. If any other member of EAA would like to serve on this committee, please contact me. (Carolyn Donow, 1 Potters Road, Makanda, IL 62958; 457-7695; [cdonow@siu.edu](mailto:cdonow@siu.edu))

\* Gene Humke, Co-Chair of SUAAction

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## Emeritus Faculty Lecture held in November

Rob Jensen, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, will deliver the 2007 Emeritus Faculty Lecture. The title of Rob's lecture is "Your Memory: Teflon or Velcro: Reflections on Memory Research at SIUC". The lecture will be delivered at the Law School Auditorium on Thursday, November 8 from 7 - 8:30 pm. A reception will follow the lecture. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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## Golfing with the Emeriti Results of 2007 EAA Fall Golf Outing

The Fall 2007 Emeritus and Annuitant Association Golf Scramble was held at Kokopelli Golf Club, Marion, Illinois, on Monday, October 8, 2007. Seven four-person teams participated in the event and shared the good weather and good fellowship. The 1st place team with a low score of 63, which was 9 under par, was composed of Farrel Olsen, Jim Legacy, Joyce Myers, and Oval Myers. Only one shot behind at 64 was the 2nd place team of Chuck Frank, Ginny Solverson, Harvey Welch, and Leo Gher. Two teams tied for 3rd place with 67, one team consisted of Keith McQuarrie, Ron Mahoney, Anne Johnson, and Fred Isberner and the other team was composed of Dick Daesch, Ken Ackerman, Dick Bradley and Bob Arthur. The team of LeeAnn and Bill Vicars and Vivienne and Don Hertz captured the Most Golf award. Individual prizes were Longest Drive (Men) by Dick Kuehl, Longest Drive (Women) by LeeAnn Vicars, Closest to the Pin (Men) by Fred Isberner, Closest to the Pin (Women) by Ginny Solverson, and the Longest Putt by Leo Gher. For all those who couldn't make it this time and missed the fun we will be holding a Spring outing in 2008. Details and a registration form will appear in a future edition of the EAA Newsletter.

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## Next Blood Drive scheduled for January

The next Drive is on January 28th and 29th, 2008. Blood is always needed so let's strive to have another great Drive!

The August, 2007 Blood Drive was held on August 27th and 28th in the lower level of the SIU Student Center. The Drive was considered successful since a two day total of 67 pints were donated. The two day goal was 25 pints per day. T-shirts were given to those who donated.

Thanks to the following volunteers: Imogene Beckemeyer, Bill Doerr, JoAnn Flanigan, Doris Freitag, Marge Hendricks, Doris Klopp, Mary Perkins, Nancy Pfaff, Regina Shelton, Emil Spees, Eileen Trout-Irwin, Roy Weshinsky and Mary Mantovani.

A registration form is enclosed for our next drive. Please continue to volunteer.

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# EAA out and about

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## Crazy For You

A beautiful October day was the setting for our fall trip to the St. Louis Botanical Gardens and to Kirkwood Missouri's Civic Center to see the musical *Crazy For You* performed by the St. Louis Stages Performing Arts Company. Twenty people enjoyed the trip.

Our first stop was The Botanical Gardens which was hosting the annual Best of Missouri Market Vendor Fair. Our group not only had the chance to enjoy the fall beauty of the gardens but to also browse through tents full of booths featuring all sorts of food, wine, crafts and hand-made products.

After four hours enjoying the Gardens offerings, we were off to Kirkwood for the 4 p.m. performance of *Crazy For You*. With our center stage front row seats, we could almost reach out and touch the actors who performed brilliantly. The music and costuming were simply stunning. After a chock full day of activity, a stop at the Cracker Barrel on the way home was the perfect ending to a perfect day.

We encourage you to take advantage of the EAA trips as they are relaxing, affordable, and a great way to get away and visit with friends. Our trips are open to retirees as well as current SIUC employees who are active members of SURS.

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Emeritus group that traveled to St. Louis on October 6, 2007.

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## Homecoming at SIU –and I hadn't even been away

by Herb Donow

Being married to the president of an organization means you have to go places early in the morning carrying the tools of her trade. In this particular case, the place was the Alumni tent on Homecoming Day and the job was to set up the table promoting the SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant Association. Getting there meant taking various detours around roadblocks on Highway 51 and appealing to members of the Saluki Patrol to allow us through blocked roads so I wouldn't have to lug 20 pounds of Tootsie Rolls a quarter of a mile.

But we got there – president Carolyn Donow with me in tow – soon to be joined by past president Emil Spees and Edie Spees. Having hauled the goods, we were ready for the hordes of alumni, still an hour or two away from arriving. So we had time to schmooze. I started wandering around the tent visiting some of the other tables. My first stop was the Class Ring table. I told the young woman behind the table that I once had a college class ring – 50 years ago. But I didn't have it long. About a year or so after I bought it – it was gold and cost me \$25 – I left it in the shared bathroom adjoining my apartment. End of ring.

"How much would such a ring cost me now," I asked.

"Probably over seven or eight hundred dollars. That was a shame you lost it," she commiserated.

"Well," I shrugged, "when my first wife left me, she took my gold wedding band. If I'd had the

college ring, she probably would have taken that too." She looked at me admiring my philosophical take on one of life's misfortunes.

I moved on. At the next table, I admired a framed picture of southern Illinois – entitled "Egypt."

"Did you know when people started mistakenly referring to southern Illinois as 'little Egypt'?" I asked. The young woman tending the table started to explain about the rivers, but I broke in to set her straight. "That was why it was called 'Egypt. But," I went on, "it came to be called 'little Egypt,' probably in the 1890s after a popular hootchy-cootchy dancer of that name achieved great fame at the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. The name attached to numerous other dancers in that genre and probably, because of its widespread celebrity, became associated with southern Illinois." Needless to say, the young woman was impressed with my erudition and gray beard.

By the time I got back to my post at the Emeritus and Annuitant table, the alumni had begun to arrive. I had a nice chat with a very tall man who had graduated about 20 years ago in the photographic technology program. After having worked in the field for a number of years, he and many of his kind lost their jobs to digital photography, and so this redheaded giant wound up doing what any sensible college-educated fellow would do – became a brewmaster at a Chicago area brewpub. Before he went on his way, we looked through a staff directory and found some information about one of his professors, now retired. I felt that at last I had done what I was there for – link an alumnus with an emeritus.

But after the marching Salukis, who had just arrived in the Alumni tent, concluded their rousing rendition of the SIU Fight Song, I forgot my mission when I found myself surrounded by the Saluki cheerleaders. Not one to pass up such an opportunity, I started telling them stories about cheerleaders. After that, the rest of the afternoon must have seemed anti-climactic to them.



Photo by: Jim Morris  
Date: 10/16/2007  
EAA Homecoming



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# Congratulations to SIUC's 2006 retirees

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**T**he SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant Association congratulates the following SIUC employees on their recent retirement. The Association extends best wishes to each of them and extends an open invitation to join us in our on-going pursuit to maintain our pension system and support the needs of SIUC.

SIUC honored 136 retirees at a retirement dinner and service recognition reception on Wednesday, Aug. 29 in the Student Center Ballrooms. Chancellor Fernando M. Treviño hosted the evening's festivities. Jak Tichenor, a producer with SIUC's Broadcasting Service, served as master of ceremonies. The event honored employees who retired between Aug. 1, 2006 and Aug. 31, 2007.

The retirees listed by hometown and years of service are as follows:

**Alto Pass:** Michael D. Covell, Assistant Professor, Cinema & Photography, 32 years.

**Anna:** Jerry L. Goddard, Assistant Professor, Family & Community Medicine, 21 years.

**Arlington:** Ruth M. Pommier, Clerk, University Housing, 18 years.

**Ava:** William J. Bluhm, Lecturer, Curriculum and Instruction, 18 years; Bert W. Jones, Building Service Sub-Foreman, Physical Plant Service, 19 years.

**Benton:** Bonnie H. Wininger, Assistant Instructor (Center Director), Head Start Agency, 21 years.



**Carbondale:** James E. Anderson, Jr., Police Officer, Department of Public Safety, 15 years; Rebecca S. Baker, Publications Production Expediter, Records and Registration, 8 years; Paul E. Bates, Professor, Educational Psychology and Special Education, 29 years; James F. Burnett, Building Service Sub-Foreman, Physical Plant Service, 26 years; Clarence G. Carter, Lecturer, School of Music, 9 years; Robert Cerchio, Director, Shryock Auditorium, 29 years; Maryanne M. Chrisman, Senior Lecturer, Curriculum and Instruction, 18 years; Mark C. Cosgrove, Project Coordinator, Physical Plant Service, 30 years; Richard Davis, Insurance Risk Manager II, University Risk Management, 22 years; Ronna F. Dillon, Educational Psychology and Special Education, 29 years; Maryann Jin-Jen Dorn, Lecturer, Computer Science, 15 years; Charles F. Fanning, Professor and Distinguished Scholar, English, 14 years; Nancy A. Fligor, Library Operations Associate, Library Affairs, 27 years; Dickey Ray Foster, Building Service Worker, Physical Plant Service, 8 years; Joan E. Friedenberg, Professor, Linguistics, 13 years; Joseph A. Gaertner, Plumber Foreman, Physical Plant, 12 years; James M. Glover, Associate Professor, Health Education and Recreation, 23 years; Diann L. Gordon, Developmental Skill Training Specialist, Clinical Center, 20 years; Janis E. Hartline, Medical Insurance Specialist II, Student Health Center, 21 years; Ann H. Karmos, Associate Professor, Curriculum & Instruction, 32 years; Shirley J. Kent, Building Service Worker, University Housing, 29 years; Marianne Lawrence, Editorial Writer, Alumni Services, 7 years; Raymond C. Lenzi, Associate Vice Chancellor, Office of Economic and Regional Development, 17 years; Ernest Leroy Lewis, Professor, Educational Psychology and Special Education, 39 years; Nadine Lucas, Administrative Assistant I, Alumni Services, 35 years; Robert J. McGlenn, Associate Professor, Computer Science, 32 years; William P. McMinn, Director, Recreational Sports and Services, 24 years; Keith M. McQuarrie, Chief Academic Advisor, College of Applied Sciences and Arts, 20 years; Darcy J.K. Murphy, Academic Advisor, Electrical and Computer Engineering, 26 years; Barbara A. Ollar, Administrative Clerk, Library Affairs, 27 years; Jack M. Parker, Professor, Microbiology, 29 years; Mary Hinchcliff Pelias, Associate Professor and Distinguished Teacher, Speech Communication, 25 years; Louis Scott Pike, Superintendent of Building Maintenance, Physical Plant Service, 23 years; Trudy L. Reynolds, Lecturer, Educational Psychology and Special Education, 4 years; Anita R. Riedinger, Associate Professor, English, 18 years; Barbara E. Robinson, Administrative Aide, Career Services, 25 years; Deborah Lynn Robinson, Office Systems Specialist III, Workforce Education and Development, 21 years; Kenneth Lee Robinson, Conference Coordinator, Division of Continuing Education, 18 years; Arnold Ross, Sr., Housing Administrator, University Housing, 31 years; Mark Andrews Schneider, Associate Professor, Sociology, 13 years; Margaret R. Simmons, Professor, School of Music, 30 years; Carolyn A. Snyder, Director of Foundation Relations/Professor, Institutional Advancement/Library Affairs, 15 years; John F. Snyder, Senior Counseling Psychologist/Associate Professor, Psychology/Counseling Center, 39 years; Susan Snyder, Clinical Center Coordinator, Clinical Center, 12 years; Ronald A. Trentacosti, Driver, Physical Plant Service, 21 years; Gertrude Lynn Volk, Professor, Curriculum & Instruction, 19 years; Sandra Elaine Walker, Office Systems Specialist III, Fisheries and Illinois Aquaculture Center, 21 years; John S. Washburn, Professor, Workforce Education and Development, 20 years; Olga D. Weidner, Associate Director, Information Technology, 31 years; Robert Louis Weiss, Jr., Professor, School of Music, 29 years; Dollean York-Anderson, Counseling Psychologist, Student Health Center, 15 years.

**Carterville:** Delores L. Brookhouse, Cooks Helper, University Housing, 18 years; Steve Chapman, Stationary Engineer, Physical Plant Services, 29 years; Jerry D. Huffstutler, Building Service Sub-Foreman, University Housing, 11 years; Denise Jo Rutherford, Financial Aid Advisor IV, Financial Aid Office, 26 years; Deborah Ann Ward, Associate Director, Human Resources, 27 years.

**Cambria:** James M. Manis, Jr., Associate Director for Institutional Advancement, SIU Foundation, 10 years.

**Christopher:** John Anthony Vercillo, Scientific Photographer III, Academic Support, School of Medicine-Carbondale, 18 years.

**Cobden:** David S. Cox, Manager, Information Technology, 20 years; Edna Mae Hand, Storekeeper III, Microbiology, 29 years; Dennis L. Maze, Superintendent of Print Shop, Printing and Duplicating Service, 32 years; Stephen G. Ober, Research Laboratory Shop Supervisor, Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering, 28 years; Richard T. Parrish, Purchasing Officer IV, Purchasing, 22 years; Susan Wirth, Administrative Assistant I, Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean, 29 years; Cynthia Ann Wright, Housing Officer, University Housing, 29 years; Gary Lynn Wright, Supervisor of Residential Custodial Operations, University Housing, 33 years.

**Creal Springs:** Jimmie Lee Hufnagel, Building Service Worker, Physical Plant Service, 5 years.

**De Soto:** Ronald D. Eaton, Maintenance Laborer, Physical Plant Service, 21 years; Luann Ramsey, Press Technician II, Printing and Duplicating Service, 16 years.

**Du Quoin:** Albert L. Allen, Assistant Director, Information Technology, 34 years.

**Herrin:** Bonnie L. Cain, Clerk, Clinical Center, 7 years; Robert W. Chambers, Building Service Worker, Physical Plant Service, 28 years; Jill P. Richardson, Administrative Clerk, Affirmative Action Office, 31 years.

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**Hillsboro:** Jane M. Roseberry, Office Systems Specialist II, Workforce Education and Development, 13 years.

**Hurst:** Howard Lee Brown, Maintenance Laborer, Physical Plant Service, 20 years.

**Jonesboro:** Judith K. Inman, Office Systems Specialist I, Department of Public Safety, 5 years.

**Makanda:** Willa Sue Davis, Office Systems Specialist I, Student Development, 27 years; Vera Ellis, Grounds Foreman, Physical Plant Service, 22 years; Robert O. Hageman, Business Manager I, Office of Economic and Regional Development, 26 years; Edwin J. Hippo, Professor, Mechanical Engineering and Energy Processes, 22 years; Gary W. Lindsey, Maintenance Laborer, Physical Plant Service, 20 years; Jeffrey H. McMurphy, Swimming Pool Tender, Recreational Sports and Services, 29 years; Daniel Frank Mussa, Senior Lecturer, Mathematics, 15 years; Jo A. Nast, Research Project Specialist, Research Development and Administration, 15 years; James Michael Perschbacher, Bookstore Assistant Manager, Student Center, 24 years; Robert Frank Sanders, Assistant Professor, ASA Aviation Technologies, 25 years; Joseph William Tucker, Stationary Engineer, Physical Plant Service, 29 years; James Tyrrell, Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, 40 years.

**Marion:** Lynne Stuart Elliott, Office Systems Specialist II, Head Start Agency, 8 years; Kathryn Milburn-Goldstein, Office Systems Assistant II, Evaluation and Development Center, 4 years; Mauri Norman, Accountant III, University Housing, 28 years; Charles A. Pressley, Painter, Physical Plant Service, 3 years; Paula Kay Rothschild, Medical Insurance Specialist III, Student Health Center, 15 years; William Hill Shanks, IMEC Specialist, Manufacturing Extension Services, 7 years.

**McLeansboro:** Leland Lane Widick, Assistant Professor/Program Coordinator, ASA Aviation Management & Flight, 19 years.

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