From the ISUAA president

By Gail A. Lamb, galamb@IllinoisState.edu

Greetings to you all! A new academic year is coming up. Thankfully many of the challenges the University has been facing regarding COVID-19 are being resolved. Please check the ISU website for the ongoing Coronavirus reports. We can be proud of how well our university leadership has managed these concerns. Thus, we announce that we will once again hold our Annual Fall ISUAA Breakfast meeting—in person! For the first time in four years, we will again meet in the Old Main Room at the Bone Student Center! Please join us—registration form is on the back page!

We are very pleased that new President and First Man Dr. Terri Goss Kinzy and Scott Kinzy will join us for the Fall Breakfast meeting on Wednesday, September 8, starting at 8:30 a.m. President Kinzy will make introductory comments, and share some impressions/updates of ISU as well. We will also hold our annual elections at the September 8 meeting, due to having to cancel the June Annual meeting. See inside for more details.

I hope you have been reading the regular SUAA mini briefings that are sent out by SUAA leadership. The SUAA Annual Meeting was held via Zoom on June 17 and 18. There were more than 100 members in attendance, both delegates and SUAA members. Delegates attending from our ISUAA were Marie Dawson, Victoria Harris, Gail Lamb, and Chuck McQuire. Larry Alferink, as SUAA treasurer, and Jan Cook as foundation chair represented their SUAA roles and ISUAA. Speaker presentations from Aaron Maduff and Peter Hancock will be available on the SUAA website (SUAA.org). The Fall SUAA Meeting will be Wednesday, November 17, at the Illinois State University Alumni Center.

We remind you also that The SUAA Foundation now offers up to six scholarships of up to $1,000 per scholarship annually. The scholarships are awarded for use in accredited degree-seeking programs, eligible technical/trade programs, and eligible certificate programs. The applicant must be an SUAA member in good standing or the spouse/partner, child, or grandchild of an SUAA member in good standing. In addition, the SUAA Foundation offers up to two grants of up to $1,000 per grant annually for professional development activities (travel expenses are excluded). The applicant must be an SUAA member in good standing who is currently employed at an Illinois institution of higher education. Please go to the SUAA website www.suaa.org and click on SUAA Foundation for more detailed information.

We will be welcoming new officers to the ISUAA Board during our elections. At this time I extend a special thank you to Board members who have served during the past year: Larry Alferink, ex-officio; Laura Alferink, social chair; Directors Jan Cook, Marie Dawson, Gary Fish, Victoria F. Harris, Narry Kim, Tal Parmenter; Liam Doherty; Roger Cann, vice president (deceased); Barb Dallinger, secretary; and Neil Gridley, treasurer. Each of these individuals support the work of your ISUAA, and we can all be grateful for their efforts!

Thought for the day, from Maya Angelou

“When you learn better, you are better!”
How time flies
By April Anderson-Zorn
University archivist, Dr. Jo Ann Rayfield Archives
at Illinois State University

150 years ago – 1871
• President Richard Edwards reported that the total attendance at the close of the academic year included 208 men and 256 women in the Normal Department and 150 men and 103 women in the Model School for a grand total of 717 students. “The class admitted at the beginning of the present term is unusually large for this time of year, and contains an unusually large proportion of young men. Heretofore, since the breaking out of the ear, the ladies have constituted from three-fifths to two-thirds of the Normal Department. But in this class there are 63 gentlemen to 38 ladies. It will be seen that in the entire Department the sexes are just about equally divided.”


100 years ago – September–October 1921
• The University’s first-ever Homecoming was announced. Planned events included “a dandy play by the Jester organization; an old fashioned sing. Saturday morning will open with a waffle breakfast; Miss Barton will entertain the women; a great football game is scheduled for the afternoon; Fell Hall will have charge of the Saturday evening party and dance.” The Vidette, September 12, 1921 (Vol. 34, No. 1, page 1).

• The Vidette featured Wahoo, the unofficial mascot of the University. A black and white collie, Wahoo was adopted by the women of Fell Hall and accompanied them between classes. Named for the school’s oldest fight song, the paper reminded its readers to “Adore him – he deserves it.” The Vidette, October 12, 1921 (Vol. 34, No. 5, page 2).

• More than 100 students took part in the first-ever joint party between the residents of Fell Hall and the Varsity Club. From between the residents of Fell Hall and the Varsity Club. From

2 The Vidette, October 26, 1921 (Vol. 34, No. 7, page 9).

75 years ago – August, October, 1946
• As part of its renovation, the dome of Old Main was removed and placed near south campus. Once a permanent foundation was poured, the dome would stand as a monument for new, current, and returning Redbirds. The dome’s new home was “just south of the amphitheater and in the sight of McCormick field.” The Vidette, August 7, 1946 (Vol. 57, No. 32, page 1).

• The Vidette asked its readers if they remember that 10 years prior, “Old Main had been partially modernized in order to preserve it as a usable building; “Franklin D. Roosevelt visited Bloomington;” “A grain and poultry judging contest was held in the basement of Cook Hall.” The Vidette, August 14, 1946 (Vol. 57, No. 32, page 2).

50 years ago – September–October, 1971
• The University announced the retirement of two publications, Student Life . . . ISU and Faculty Life . . . ISU for the new University Handbook. The new handbook “will provide to all segments of the University community information about life at ISU.” The combination of the two publications to reach the entire ISU community was seen as the first of its kind among peer universities. The Vidette, September 23, 1971 (Vol. 84, No. 7, page 2).

• Encouragement by the University for students to use bicycle transportation worked–too well. The Vidette reported numerous that “between 2:30-3:30 a.m., 721 bikes were counted in and around dormitories during a security inventory last week.” Parking Services planned to review other university bicycle regulation plans to create one specifically for the University. The Vidette, October 21, 1971 (Vol. 84, No. 15, page 6).

• Wrapping up a six-day festival honoring poet William Blake, Allen Ginsberg spoke at the campus amphitheater on October 22. The poet performed chants and spoke on social justice issues of the day. The Vidette, October 26, 1971 (Vol. 84, No. 17, page 1).

25 years ago – August–October, 1996
• For the first time in its history, Festival ISU featured a DJ at the day-long event. The fifth anniversary of Festival ISU also featured food vendors such as Dominos, the Great American Cookie Company, and Bixby’s Bagels. In addition to music, WZND sponsored Betty the Psychic, who provided readings to students for a small charge. The Daily Vidette, August 20, 1996 (Vol. 109, No. 10, page 12).

• The Daily Vidette reported continued development of the Fell Arboretum Project, including selecting a 17-person board of directors. Dann Nardi was hard at work in his studio creating a model for the new School Street section of the arboretum called “In Exchange.” The arboretum was one of three priority projects chosen by the University with the Shakespeare Theatre and new science building cited as the other two ongoing projects. The Daily Vidette, September 3, 1996 (Vol. 109, No. 19, page 3).

• The ISU Forensic Unions Individual Events team won first place at the Mid-America Forensic League tournament. The team travels almost every weekend for a tournament with the hopes of earning enough wins to compete at the end-of-year competition. Tom Zeidler called the group the “oldest and most successful student organization on campus.” The Daily Vidette, October 10, 1996 (Vol. 109, No. 46, page 3.)
Fall Kickoff features President Kinzy; also ISUAA Elections/Business

We traditionally welcome the ISU president to speak at this Fall Kickoff meeting, which has been an important part of the ISUAA heritage for many years. This event is an opportunity to reconnect with friends, and hear more about ISU, any new changes and challenges necessitated by COVID-19, and perspectives and news from our new president. We will hold our annual business meeting, including election of officers, general announcements, and presentation of annual awards. The terms of Treasurer Neil Gridley and Directors Jan Cook, Marie Dawson, Narry Kim, and Tal Parmenter are expiring. John Walker had been elected as interim vice president at our May Board meeting. We will vote for new officers. Larry Alferink will present the slate: Vice President: John Walker; Treasurer: Neil Gridley; Directors: Marie Dawson, Tal Parmenter, and Brian Wilkinson. If you want to nominate another, with their permission, email galamb@illinoisstate.edu prior to August 10.

Door prizes will be awarded. We look forward to starting the new academic year with great attendance! Bring a colleague/friend who has yet to become a member! Please refer to the reservation form on the back of this newsletter. If you are not vaccinated, please be sure to wear a mask.

Vote for bylaws addition

The ISUAA Executive Board has approved a new addition to our current bylaws. To be adopted this addition must receive a two-thirds vote of those voting at a regular meeting of the chapter.

Our bylaws were written with the assumption that all of our meetings would be in person attendance. Our experience with the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated this may not always be the case. Robert’s Rules still has requirements that we must meet if we are unable to meet in person. That is why you will be asked to approve this emergency rule during the annual business meeting.

This procedure rule will be listed in section 9 of the ISUAA bylaws, which refers to chapter meetings/procedure, and is consistent with a change in SUAA bylaws. Please see below:

9.05. Procedure in the Event of Emergency. “In the event of emergency or other circumstances, making it dangerous or otherwise impossible to hold the Annual Chapter Meeting as scheduled, the Executive Committee may cancel the meeting until a future date or until the next scheduled Chapter meeting. If the Chapter cannot meet, the president may cancel the meeting and advise the Executive Committee as soon as possible, and the Executive Committee shall then set the date and time of the next meeting.

In the event of emergency or other circumstances making it dangerous or otherwise impossible to hold the Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee is authorized to act on behalf of ISUAA in all respects until the next Chapter meeting. If elections of officers, amendment of bylaws or approval of the budget would have occurred at the canceled or deferred meeting, those actions shall be deferred until the next Chapter Meeting. Chapter meetings may be held electronically as long as all the members have the opportunity to participate during the meeting.”

MCN opportunity

By Elizabeth Kosuth, business administrative associate, MCN

Mennonite College of Nursing at ISU is developing a Center for Senior Advocacy (CSA) as part of a federal HRSA grant. A major focus of the CSA is to launch a peer-to-peer technology training program among community partners throughout McLean County. Using curriculum developed by the St. Louis-based nonprofit Oasis, older adult volunteers can be trained to teach their peers proficiency with technology such as smartphones, tablets, personal computers, internet and email, etc. The aim of this project is to reduce social isolation (a social determinant of health) and help bridge the digital divide among older adults. Instructors are not required to be tech savvy and both training and instruction sessions are less than two hours each. Annuitants who are interested in volunteering as an instructor—or have any interest in or questions about this project—may contact Elizabeth Kosuth at (309) 438-2039, or chkosut@illinoisstate.edu.

In memoriam

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TeeBirds tee off
By Chuck McGuire

The ISU TeeBirds golf league is always looking for new players even in August and September. TeeBirds began playing in May and will complete its season in late September. COVID-19 restrictions on golf were lifted early in the spring, and play has been continuing as usual. TeeBirds are retired or current faculty or staff members, spouses or significant others, and guests. We meet Thursday mornings for nine holes of golf and social events. Some members continue on for 18 holes on our play days.

The group's home course is Illinois State University's Weibring Golf Club, but we mix in other area courses for variety including Ironwood, Prairie Vista, and others. Weekly play alternates between individual scoring and various scramble formats. We plan events to appeal to golfers at all ability levels. We play every Thursday through September starting with tee times at 8 a.m. The annual membership fee is $15 with reduced fees for those who join mid-year. Members are welcome to play any Thursday as your summer schedule and health permits. We welcome golfers at all ability levels. Feel free to come join us anytime during the season up through September. Just check our website play schedule for the time and course and show up or send an email to dwilliam@IllinoisState.edu. We will work you in. Check out our website at isuteebirds.net or contact membership coordinator Chuck McGuire at crmcgui@IllinoisState.edu for more information. Come join and give us a try!

ACADEMY OF SENIORS
A Force to be Reckoned With: Agriculture in Contemporary China
Maria Boerngen, associate professor of Agribusiness, Department of Agriculture
Justin Rickard, associate professor of Animal Science, Department of Agriculture, (will co-present on September 23)
1:30-3:30 p.m.
September 16, 23, 30; October 7

Solving Crime with Forensic Science in Today's World
Robert Bradley, professor emeritus, Department of Politics and Government
9:30-11:30 a.m.
October 26, 28; November 2, 4

Behind the Scenes of our Legal System: Issues that Stretch our Understanding
Note: Sessions are in November and dates/times will be shown in our next newsletter.

MORNINGS WITH THE PROFESSORS
How Do You Get to Sesame Street?
Paul Rudolph, audio engineer, composer, music director, Sesame Street
Leslie Carrara Rudolph, puppeteer, Sesame Street
9:30-11:30 a.m.
September 24

Could What Happened in Texas Happen in Illinois?
David Loomis, professor of Economics and executive director of Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies
9:30-11:30 a.m.
October 1

Introduction to Picasso
Dr. Robert Baller, art collector and Picasso aficionado
9:30-11:30 a.m.
October 8

Our Big, Beautiful, Fascinating World Part II: A Cultural Photographic Exploration
Laurie Bergner, photographer with KodaRoamers Camera Club
9:30-11:30 a.m.
October 22

Exploring Comlara Park's History
Speaker TBD
9:30-11:30 a.m.
October 29

A History of Secret Writing
Katherine Ellison, director of Graduate Studies, professor of Literature and Culture, Department of English
9:30-11:30 a.m.
November 5

For class descriptions and registration information, go to SeniorProfessionals.IllinoisState.edu/educational-opportunities. For additional information, email lakowa2@IllinoisState.edu or call (309) 438-2818. Online registration opens August 5.

Senior Professionals plans to offer two options for lifelong-learning, adult-enrichment programs this fall in-person at the Alumni Center and online via Zoom.
Fall 2021 Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts events
by Stephanie Kobl Ringle, business communications associate, Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts

Illinois State University’s Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts is pleased to announce a selection of its fall 2021 events. Please note that dates and times of events are subject to change. Follow the Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts by visiting our website and event schedule at FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/events.

School of Music

Choral Showcase
3 p.m., September 19
Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Symphony Orchestra
7 p.m., September 19
Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Choral, Band, and Orchestra Concert
7 p.m., September 26
Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band Concert
8 p.m., September 30
Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Wind Symphony
3 p.m., October 3
Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Symphony Orchestra
3 p.m., October 17
Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Symphony Orchestra presents Music for All
10 a.m., October 30
Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Men’s Glee and Belle Voix
3 p.m., October 31
Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

School of Theatre and Dance

Waiting for Lefty
by Clifford Odets
7:30 p.m., September 23–25
2 p.m., September 25–26
Center for the Performing Arts, Theatre

Bulrush
by Eisa Davis
7:30 p.m., October 1–2, 5–9
2 p.m., October 3
Westhoff Theatre

Good Kids
by Naomi Iizuka
7:30 p.m., October 22–23, 26–30
2 p.m., October 24

Sueño
by Pedro Calderón de la Barca
7:30 p.m., November 5–6, 9–13
2 p.m., November 7
Westhoff Theatre

University Galleries: Exhibitions
11 Uptown Circle, Normal
Galleries.IllinoisState.edu

On view August 1 through December 1
TJ Dedeaux-Norris

On view August 9 through December 12
Caroline Kent

The ISU University Club
Bob Preston and Kay Wilson

University Club discussion hours: The University Club is the only ISU social organization open to all faculty, staff, administrative professionals, retirees, and ISUAA members. You are cordially invited to join us online for any or all of our programs. You need not be a University Club member to attend. We meet during the fall and spring semesters during the academic year. The University Club promotes collegiality among our diverse faculty, staff, administrative professionals, and annuitants. We always endeavor to sustain and promote ongoing open and free communication in this community and to support the finest ideals of education and academic life. The new home for the ISU University Club is now the faculty/staff commons in the northeast corner of the second floor in the new addition of Bone Student Center (BSC).

Online speaker presentations via Zoom: During the past year we have continued our tradition of presenting excellent speakers from ISU, the University community, and from experts outside of the University. During the spring semester we met five times via Zoom. Three guest speakers gave excellent presentations including Provost Aondover Tarhule who gave us an Academic Affairs update. Tarhule indicated that many classes at ISU are likely to be returning to in-person instruction for the fall semester, provided that the mitigations for the pandemic continue to be successful. If substantial progress in this regard is made, we can anticipate the University Club meetings may return to the in-person meetings at some point during the fall. Please see our website (UClub.IllinoisState.edu/calendar) for updates in this regard.

University Club Scholarship Awards Ceremony held via Zoom
April 30: We continued our long-standing tradition (30 years) and awarded 10 $500 scholarships to ISU undergraduate and graduate students who were academically top achievers and who were also

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Jess Ray, webpage coordinator
ISUAA Directory

Five years ago, an electronic version of the ISUAA Directory became available. If you requested one and did not receive it, contact Jillian Nelson at jyoun11@IllinoisState.edu. The electronic version can be printed and saved to your computer. Because of privacy concerns, we are unable to place it online. If you wish to continue receiving a hard-copy version by mail, please return the following form by November 1, 2021, with a $5 payment to cover printing and postage costs to: Annuitants Association, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL, 61790-8000

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involved in giving back to the University and Community through service. We were pleased that the awardees were able to attend and that we had the opportunity to show our appreciation for their hard work and achievements. The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Laura Alferink, did an excellent job in selecting outstanding students from nearly 100 applicants.

Fall semester 2021–online programs: Currently we are planning to initiate our fall semester programming in the online Zoom format. We certainly hope to hold one or more in-person meetings later in the semester as the pandemic recedes locally and the vaccination state of our faculty, staff, retirees and students expands. Return to normalcy must be sanctioned by public health and University officials, and of course, by our members. Please see our website (UClub.IllinoisState.edu/calendar) for future updates and for program listings. If you would like to be added to the University Club listserv and receive automatic notification of future programs, please contact Bob Preston (rlpresto@IllinoisState.edu).

Retiree information hotline

Have a question? Need an answer? Don’t know whom to contact? Call (309) 438-4311, the phone line answered by Human Resources just for retirees and surviving spouses. Staff will either direct you to the needed resource or take your name and number and have someone follow up with you.

Half Century Club reunion to be held at Homecoming 2021

By Rachel Kobus, associate director, Alumni Relations

This fall Illinois State will celebrate 100 years of Homecoming, October 11-17, 2021. There are many must-do activities, with Saturday the most action-packed day of the week-long celebration. Planning has begun for many Homecoming events for the campus and community to attend.

One well-known program that will be celebrated at this year’s Homecoming will be the Half Century Club reunion and induction ceremony. Graduates from the class of 1970 and 1971 will celebrate their 50th class reunion on Friday, October 15, and Saturday, October 16, during the annual Half Century Club event. A variety of activities will take place across campus, including dinners, interactive experiences time to reminisce, and a special induction for the class of 1970 and 1971.
Members of the classes of 1965, 1966, 1961, 1960, 1956, 1955, 1951, 1950, 1946, and 1945 who will be celebrating their 55th, 60th, 65th, 70th, and 75th reunions will be honored and receive a special recognition gift.

The annual program gives alumni an opportunity to catch up with classmates, make new acquaintances, participate in exclusive behind-the-scenes tours, and learn what's new at Illinois State. The events are not exclusive to graduates of the honored years. Any alumnus or friend of the University is invited to attend any or all of the Half Century Club activities. Those interested in more information or looking to register can visit IllinoisState.edu/HalfCentury.

All Homecoming and Half Century Club events will follow COVID-19 mitigation policies and public health guidelines. Updated information and announcements will be available at Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu.

Reminder: Renew your parking permit

If you have an annuitant parking hangtag (it’s golden), check to see if it is expiring this August. Now is the time to renew if needed. If you have recently retired, you can obtain this tag from Parking Services. It allows you to park at no cost in the Bone Student Center lot and in guest parking at the lot south of the College of Business building at no charge, as well as other lots around campus.

Helping Hamper

By Jan Cook

At our fall breakfast our Helping Hamper will continue to support the School Street Food Pantry for college students! The students have been asked what they need that the pantry has not provide—early reply: “Rice!” Recent responses include toilet paper, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products. They will appreciate any food or personal products that you can muster!

You may also help the School Street Food Pantry by sending a check made out to ISUAA, with ‘School Street Food Pantry’ on the memo line. Mail it to ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL 61790. We will arrange for the donation to be given to them. A special THANK YOU is extended to every donor!

Retiring? Time to submit new membership form

For those employees who are retiring in the near future and who pay their ISUAA/SUAA dues through payroll deduction, it is important to remember that you will need to complete a new membership form arranging for your dues to be deducted by SURS rather than Illinois State University’s payroll. If you submit your new membership form before you retire, your first dues payment will likely be deducted from your second pension check. The membership form is available at Annuities.IllinoisState.edu (click on the ‘membership’ heading). Thank you for your continued support.
ISUAA FALL BREAKFAST RESERVATION FORM

8:30–10:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 8, 2021
Old Main Room, Bone Student Center
Featuring President Dr. Terri Goss Kinzy; also Annual Elections and Awards

Name(s) of those attending ______________________________________________________

Please reserve ______ meal(s) at $10.00 each. A check for $___________ payable to ISUAA is enclosed.

Entrees:
  ___Scrambled eggs (bacon will be served on the side), breakfast potatoes, breakfast breads, fresh fruit,
    orange juice, coffee, and tea.

Please mail the reservation form along with your check to ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Illinois State University,
Normal, IL 61790-8000. Reservations must be received NO LATER than August 25. No phone or late
reservations, please! If you would like confirmation of your reservation, please list your e-mail
address ________________________________________________________________