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Digital communication is the norm for the current generation of Illinois State students.



The First Word

There are many unsung heroes at Illinois State.

Included among them are employees who quietly exceed all expectations, consistently giving an extraordinary effort to make certain students realize they are valued members of the University family.

What emerges as a result of this commitment? Precious moments such as the graduation ceremony experienced by Kaitlin Haas this past summer.

Kaitlin came to Illinois State with the dream of becoming a history teacher. An athlete and straight-A student at her suburban Chicago high school, she arrived ready and eager to soar.

A determined and driven young woman, there was never any doubt she would complete her studies. Yet her education came to an abrupt end in 2006, when Kaitlin was sidelined by crippling headaches. Doctors diagnosed a terminal brain tumor.

Kaitlin returned home to New Lenox, leaving the campus but never losing her desire to be an Illinois State graduate. With her body steadily weakening, the dream seemed unattainable—until University Registrar Jess Ray '91, M.S. '95, got involved. One phone call from a hospice worker was all it took for Jess to find a way to fulfill Kaitlin's wish.

The Board of Trustees approved bestowing a bachelor's degree in University Studies. Jess partnered with staff in Alumni Relations, the Provost's Office, Student Affairs, Athletics, College of Arts and Sciences, and Barnes & Noble College Bookstore to gather everything from commencement regalia to gifts.

Kaitlin's graduation ceremony was held on June 5th in her parent's backyard. Family members attended along with ISU friends, including her college roommates. There were tears mixed with smiles as Jess led a program that ended with Kaitlin accepting a framed Illinois State diploma. She tossed her cap in the air from her wheelchair after the Redbird fight song was played.

Less than two weeks after that special ceremony, Kaitlin's fight against disease ended. The family found some comfort in knowing her final wish had come true. They have expressed sincere appreciation to the University for showing such compassion for one very special student.

I share the story of Kaitlin Haas '09 for one reason. I want all alumni to understand that the University's pledge to provide personalized attention is not an empty tagline tossed out on marketing materials. It is not a promise from yesteryear that has disappeared as enrollment has increased and programs expanded. It is instead a commitment that makes Illinois State exceptional.

Al Bowman
President, Illinois State University

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Check your Wall lately?

The way students manage their social life has changed radically. Coeds connect by plugging into electronic modes of communication. Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn are some of the networking tools students rely on to build relationships and find jobs. With such growing popularity, the University is increasingly reaching out to alumni via cyberspace. **Cover:** Students crossing the Quad in this age keep their eyes on their cell phones.



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There is undoubtedly nobody who gets more mail than Barack Obama. Mike Kelleher '89 can confirm that fact, as he handles the one million letters, faxes, and e-mails sent to the president every month. As the director of White House correspondence, Kelleher makes certain the president knows what Americans are thinking.



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Safety is always on the minds of consumers who purchase imported items, especially at the grocery store. Tom Deeb '83 has made a career of helping suppliers meet international food standards. He travels off the beaten path, sharing an expertise that allows businesses in struggling nations expand locally and to overseas markets.

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University News

“The memory of two basketball legends lives on with the unveiling of a Redbird Arena statue.”



A crowd stood outside of Redbird Arena on September 19 with the same hushed anticipation one would expect during a tip off, waiting for the unveiling of the Doug Collins '73 and Will Robinson statue.

The statue of Illinois State's legendary basketball duo is a gift from Collins' long time friend Don Franke '71, his wife Belinda, son Matt '04, and daughter Keisha '04. It immortalizes not only the legacy of Collins and Robinson, but also stands as a gesture of friendship and support.

"I've always wanted to do something for Doug, but I didn't know what," said Franke, who is a native of Bloomington-Normal. Franke became fast friends with Collins and the rest of the basketball team while a student at Illinois State. He attended athletic events, and even practiced with the team. Franke grew close to Collins, and came to know and respect Robinson, who was the nation's first NCAA Division I African-American men's basketball coach.

After graduating, Franke remained connected to Collins, still attending Illinois State games. He followed Collins' career into the NBA years as a player and coach, and in his present position as an analyst with TNT Sportscasting. Their families remain close.

Franke became involved in real estate, eventually creating his own construction company building residential homes and commercial buildings in Central Illinois. Much of the student housing around Illinois State is built and owned by Franke, whose family business continues today.

The statue came to be after Robinson died at age 92. Photo requests from media outlets poured into Athletics. One photo that surfaced served as the template for the statue of Robinson kneeling beside his star player, three-time All-American Collins.

Franke and his family heard about the statue, and joined Athletics Director Sheahon Zenger and the Athletics staff in helping the idea become a reality. Franke was pleased to help honor Collins and Robinson, not only for their individual success but their role in advancing the University. It was also a way for the Frankes to support the University as alumni.

The bronze statue, which stands on a four-foot granite pedestal at the north entrance of Redbird Arena, was created in the Rotblatt Amrany Fine Art Studio by Illinois State alum Lou Cella '85. He has sculpted numerous sports legends, including Chicago Cubs legend Ernie Banks. That statue stands at Wrigley Field in Chicago.



Sculptor Lou Cella and Doug Collins joined in the campus celebration at the statue's unveiling held outside of Redbird Arena last fall.



WEB EXTRA

Details of Lou Cella's work on the Illinois State statue can be found in the spring issue of *Illinois State*, which is available online at www.IllinoisState.edu/alumni-magazine.

News of Doug Collins selection as the recipient of the 2009 Curt Gowdy Media Award from the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame is online at www.IllinoisState.edu/alumni-magazine.

NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE AND PLANNING NAMED

Daniel Layzell joined Illinois State this fall as the vice president for Finance and Planning. Layzell served as associate vice president for Planning and Administration at the University of Illinois-Urbana before replacing Steve Bragg, who retired in the spring.



Layzell earned his Ph.D. in higher education administration at Florida State University-Tallahassee. He has taught higher education courses at three universities. His writing on higher education policy and finances has been published in many prestigious journals. He has also presented on higher education nationally and internationally.

“Dan Layzell brings with him vast knowledge and experience in finance, budgeting, and planning, as well as a keen understanding of the state of Illinois budget process,” President Al Bowman said.

As vice president Layzell will take a lead role in conceptualizing and implementing programs that ensure the University’s long-term financial viability. He will also work with others to develop and execute a broad vision and strategic plan for Illinois State.

STUDENTS HELP AFRICAN FARMERS WITH RESEARCH PROJECT

Farmers in the West African nation of Ghana may someday be able to purchase crop insurance because of research conducted by Illinois State professors and students. The work is a part of the college’s PriME initiative to apply business solutions to social issues. University of Ghana faculty are also contributing to the project, which is funded by a grant from the International Labour Organisation in Zurich, Switzerland.

Rising temperatures are an increasing farming problem in poor countries

that rely on agricultural production for economic growth. The research will be used to help develop microinsurance programs that will cover losses farmers in Ghana experience due to droughts or floods.

A relatively new concept in developing nations, microinsurance is an important tool for covering agricultural losses. It can help break ongoing cycles of poverty in rural areas, according to Katie School of Insurance and Financial Services Director James Jones.

Jones, along with a multidisciplinary and international team of faculty and graduate students, is compiling data on weather patterns and crop yields in agricultural regions of Ghana.

The Katie School team is creating a rainfall-indexed insurance product that provides payments based on certain rainfall amounts in a given region. The



WEB EXTRA

Learn more about the history of this project and the daily encounters during the Ghana trip, including photos and videos, by reading a blog created by James Jones. Go online to www.illinoisjones.blogspot.com.

insurance plan would provide a payout to farmers if there was too much or too little rain during the growing season. Crop loss payments would be made based on the data showing the correlation between rainfall amounts and crop yields.

Payments from microinsurance programs are often quite small by American standards—perhaps only a few hundred

dollars—but can prevent catastrophic financial hardship for farmers in countries like Ghana. By helping to make farmers and business people more financially secure, nations can begin to move away from heavy reliance on foreign aid payments.

PROPOSED MINOR PUTS FOCUS ON CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Illinois State is the first public higher education institution in the State of Illinois to acknowledge service-learning as a minor. The area of study will be made possible through a gift from State Farm Insurance Companies Foundation.

The 21-hour minor is still in the proposal stage. With approval from the University’s Board of Trustees and the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Civic Engagement and Social Leadership minor should be available for registration by the 2010-2011 school year.

The minor will allow Illinois State students an opportunity to receive training in the fields of civic engagement and social leadership. Students will be required to complete a course in civic responsibility offered by faculty and staff across disciplines.

“Civic engagement is one of Illinois State’s core values under the University’s strategic plan, *Educating Illinois*, and this new minor is another example of placing our values into action,” President Al Bowman said. “It also represents another important partnership with State Farm, a company that has a long-standing commitment to global, service-learning programs.”

Students will choose from three main emphases, including social responsibility, social entrepreneurship, and political engagement. The curriculum will also be aligned with State Farm’s Semester of Service initiative, allowing service-learning to occur within normal course work.

“State Farm is proud to partner with Illinois State University because we feel that integrating service-learning into the curriculum of teacher education can change the future of education,” State Farm CEO and Chairman Ed Rust Jr. said.

FOSTER CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

Faculty and students from the School of Social Work/Center for Adoption Studies have partnered with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to improve outcomes and enhance foster care services in Central Illinois.

The Permanency Enhancement Project's goal is to increase community involvement and collaboration between social service agencies, juvenile courts, and community stakeholders for the pur-

pose of reducing the time children spend in the foster care system by returning them more quickly to their families or to other permanent homes. The project also encourages communities to become more involved in supporting troubled families through local initiatives and public-private partnerships.

Faculty members involved in the project include Doris M. Houston, Jeanne Howard, Cynthia Edmonds-Cady, and Kathryn Wehrmann. They provide training, technical assistance, and outcome evaluation services to social service agencies in a 50-county region in Central Illinois. School of Social Work graduate

students have completed projects that target community strategies specifically for families of color, who are significantly overrepresented in the Illinois child welfare system.

For more information, go online to www.adoptionresearch.ilstu.edu.

SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES MADE BY OUTGOING MILNER DEAN

Cheryl Elzy, who has served as dean of University Libraries since 1996, will join the provost's staff as the assistant vice president for Academic Affairs in January. A national search to fill the University Libraries position began in August.

Elzy joined Illinois State in 1981 as an instructor in the library science program, before moving to Milner Library as a general reference librarian in 1984. She became interim dean of University Libraries in 1996, and was appointed dean in 2000.

"Dean Elzy brought unprecedented growth to Milner Library during her tenure," Provost Noren Everts said. "Her many successes include bringing myriad electronic resources to the library, raising library faculty and staff salaries, tripling the number of library endowments, and managing expansion and renovation projects at Milner."

Elzy received national acclaim for her leadership in the Digital Citizen Project, testifying twice before Congress. She led more than a dozen presentations on Illinois State's cutting-edge research and testing of techniques to educate students about illegal Internet downloading on college campuses.

NATIONAL GRANT CREATES OUTREACH TO MATH EDUCATION STUDENTS

The Department of Mathematics has received nearly \$600,000 from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The funds are from the foundation's Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) program, and will be used to create scholarships for academically talented, financially needy secondary mathematics education majors.

On average the department will award about 26 scholarships annually

Solar car team continues to compete nationally

Illinois State's Team Mercury raced its solar-powered car, Mercury II, to a fifth-place finish in the Formula Sun Grand Prix competition held this summer at the Motorsports Ranch racecourse in Cresson, Texas. The event was a closed-track race that tested the car's design and endurance.

Vehicles entered in the Formula Sun Grand Prix were powered solely by sunshine, using photovoltaic cells to convert sunlight into electricity. Nine university teams from the U.S. and Canada completed the three-day endurance race. A team of 10 Illinois State students and one faculty advisor participated.

Racing took place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, with teams complet-

ing as many laps as possible during that time. Team Mercury finished 310 laps of a 1.7 mile track. Team members drove 77 laps the first day, 125 the second day, and 108 laps on the third day. The team's fastest lap was completed in three minutes and twenty seconds.

Team Mercury is a multi-disciplinary group of students

who dedicated hundreds of hours to design and build Mercury II. The team's faculty and staff advisors are all from the Physics Department and include Daniel Holland, Brian Clark, David Marx, and Jim Dunham.

Support for the project comes from the University, as well as corporate and private sponsors who donate money, equipment, and materials. Donations can be made online at www.Advancement.ilstu.edu/support.



Team Mercury members race across the country.

for the next four academic years to students majoring in secondary mathematics education. Current and incoming students are eligible for the scholarships, which range from \$500 to \$5,000. Each scholarship is renewable for a maximum of eight semesters of undergraduate study at Illinois State, subject to funding.

Illinois State's proposal addressed the need for highly qualified high school mathematics teachers who stay in the profession and help prepare future scientists, engineers, and mathematicians. An emphasis of the University's program is the recruitment of students from groups underrepresented in mathematics education.

The award reflects well on the quality of education at Illinois State and in mathematics, according to Saad El-Zanati and David Barker. Both are mathematics faculty members. They lead the S-STEM Scholarships team of 11 faculty and education professionals working with scholarship recipients.

They help the student scholars prepare to enter the secondary mathematics teaching profession by offering faculty and peer mentoring, tutoring, biweekly undergraduate mathematics seminars, and other professional development opportunities. Recipients are encouraged to live on the math lifestyle floor in Manchester Hall as well.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION TAKES TOP NATIONAL HONOR

Illinois State's Association of Residence Halls received the School of the Year award at the National Association and University Residence Hall conference held earlier this year. The award is the highest honor a member school can attain. It recognizes the outstanding achievements of a residence hall association on campus, as well as the organization's contributions at the regional and national levels.

Other universities nominated were American University, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, University of Missouri-Kansas City, New York University, Texas A&M, Oregon State University, and the University of Kentucky.

Alumni

PLAN NOW TO KEEP IN TOUCH WHILE AWAY DURING WINTER

Are you headed to a warmer climate for winter? Make certain you receive this magazine and other important Illinois State mailings while away from your home address. Simply send your seasonal address to Alumni Relations, along with the dates for the change of address. Doing so also guarantees that you'll receive information about alumni events in the area you are visiting.

If you annually travel to the same location during the same time period, just one notice is required. If you travel to a different destination each year, please contact Alumni Relations each time you temporarily relocate.

Your name, telephone number, e-mail address, seasonal address, and the start and end dates for the period of your relocation are needed. The information may be submitted by e-mail to adinupd@IllinoisState.edu. Mail should be sent to Illinois State University, Migrating Redbirds, Campus Box 3100, Normal, IL 61790-3100.

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can be made when you log in to your account. Any messages sent to your e-mail forwarding address will instantly forward to your new address. As an added bonus, using this service enables you to join the Illinois State University network on Facebook.

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

Two individuals have joined the Alumni Association Board of Directors, which works in cooperation with the Alumni Relations staff to provide programs, services, and events for alumni.

Katherine Harl and Matt Miglin were elected to one-year terms. Harl '09,



Members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors include, *front row, from left, Dan Kelley, past president; Gary Tiffany, president; and Jerry Kerber, at-large member. Back row, from left, Mary Ann Louderback, president-elect; Janessa Williams, secretary/treasurer; and Terrence Sykes, at-large member.*

of Normal, is the past Student Advisory Council (SAC) representative. Miglin is a senior accounting major. He is the president of SAC and current SAC representative.

Ashley Mayor '08, of Normal, was elected to a three-year term. She has completed one year of service as the past SAC representative.

The following board members were elected as officers: Gary Tiffany '74, president; Mary Ann Louderback '74, M.S. '80, Ph.D. '84, president-elect; and Janessa Williams '89, secretary/treasurer. Dan Kelley '70 is the past president.

At-large executive committee members confirmed include Terrence Sykes '93, Greg Ayers '90, and Jerry Kerber '74.

All graduates are automatic members of the alumni association. Alumni who have made a gift to the Illinois State

University Foundation in the current or preceding year have active membership status and are eligible to serve on the board.

HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING SOUGHT

Candidates for an Illinois State honorary degree that will be presented at Founders Day 2011 are now being sought. Honorary degrees are awarded in recognition of persons who have achieved a record of major distinction at the national or international level in education, public service, literature, business, or the professions.

Letters of nomination should be supported with vitae and/or related materials. The information should be addressed to the associate vice president for Graduate Studies and sent to Judy Keenan, Illinois State University, Graduate School, Campus Box 4040, Normal, IL 61790. Materials are due no later than February 2010.

Development

AG ALUMNUS GIVES TO HELP DEPARTMENT GROW

Ray Brownfield '65 intended to work as an educator after completing an agriculture degree at Illinois State. He instead built a successful career in land acquisition and farm management while employed by several large financial institutions. He continues the work today with John Greene Land Company in Oswego.

Throughout his 40 years in the field, Brownfield has been a strong advocate for agricultural education at all levels. He is a board member for the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, and actively involved with the University's Agriculture Department as well.

A member of the Department of Agriculture Alumni Association, Brownfield has donated his time, expertise, and finances to Illinois State's program throughout the past 20 years. He continued his support with a recent multi-year

pledge tied to the department's 100th anniversary campaign.

Brownfield's gift is part of the department's 100 by 100 Centennial Celebration, which has a goal of raising \$400,000 to support four initiatives, including student scholarships. The funds will also be used to support the University Farm, Horticulture Center, and special projects that include an ag literacy center.

For more information about the celebration fund, contact Development Director Dorothy Witte at dmwitte@ilstu.edu or (309) 438-3134. Donations may be made online by going to www.Advancement.ilstu.edu/support.

COUPLE'S GIFT BENEFITS STUDENTS WITHIN TWO SEPARATE COLLEGES

Alumni David '77, M.B.A. '86, and Karen (Roop) Magers '79 of Bloomington have established annual scholarship funds for



insurance and nursing students. Both scholarship funds will endure through a future planned gift expectancy, creating a lasting legacy at the University.

"Illinois State, which has been a big part of our lives for more than 30 years, is known as a quality institute, and the degrees we received in our professions are highly respected," the Magers said.

David received an accounting degree before completing his M.B.A. in finance. He is the executive vice president and chief financial officer at COUNTRY Financial. He chairs the Katie School of Insurance advisory board. A graduate of Mennonite College of Nursing, Karen is the director of the Bloomington Eye Institute, the outpatient surgery center for Gailey Eye Clinic. She serves on Mennonite College of Nursing's alumni board.

"The Mennonite nursing program has always been recognized as the 'gold standard' for educating nurses, and that continues to this day. The accounting program, Katie School of Insurance, and College of Business are all nationally recognized for their excellence," the Magers said. "We are proud to promote our professions in nursing and business, and the related Illinois State University programs."

For information about these scholarship funds, or how to create your own legacy at Illinois State, contact College of Business Development Director Norris Porter at neporte@IllinoisState.edu or (309) 438-2297. Mennonite College of Nursing Development Director Jenny Ward can be reached at jsward@IllinoisState.edu or at (309) 438-7178.

Athletics

FORMER REDBIRD PLAYS PROFESSIONALLY OVERSEAS

Former Illinois State men's basketball player Levi Dyer '09 has signed a contract to play professional basketball in Germany. Dyer will play this season for Science City Jena in the German Pro A League, which is the second-highest classification in German professional basketball.

Dyer played at Illinois State from 2005-2008, averaging 7.3 points and 2.3 rebounds. Despite his 6-foot-11 size, Dyer was a prolific three-point shooter, ending his career ranked fifth in career three-point field goal percentage, and ninth in three-pointers made. He was an All-Missouri Valley Conference Honorable Mention selection in 2007.

ELDRIDGE CAPTURES HONORS PRIOR TO SEASON'S START

Senior Osiris Eldridge received a lot of preseason accolades prior to the start of the 2009-2010 men's basketball campaign this fall. His first came in July, when he was named to Dick Vitale's All-Rolls Royce Team. Eldridge earned honorable mention, and was the only representative from the Missouri Valley Conference on Vitale's preseason team.



Osiris Eldridge brings excitement to Redbird Arena.

Named the 2009 State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament Most Outstanding Player, Eldridge is a two-time, first-team all-league selection. He was named to the conference's all-defensive team for the first time in his career this past season.

The Chicago native ranked second on the team in scoring last season, with 14 points per game. Eldridge was also second on the team in rebounding with 6.2 boards per contest. He led the Redbirds with 52 steals, and ranked third with 83 assists.

Eldridge has led the Redbirds to 49 wins over the last two seasons, and back-to-back postseason appearances.

FIVE CHOSEN TO JOIN ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

A ceremony was held during Homecoming to welcome five individuals into the University's Athletics Hall of Fame. The 2009 inductees include former student-athletes Kendra Haselhorst-Bull '01, Dan Muller '98, Chris Quigley '72, Melanie Ward '96, and Priscilla Welch-DeLaere '98. Kurt Pegler '87 received the Campbell "Stretch" Miller Award.

Haselhorst-Bull competed on the volleyball team, and was a four-time All-Missouri Valley Conference selection. A resident of Bloomington, she owns Something Special Designs, a graphic and Web design business. Muller was a

member of the men's basketball team. He was a two-time Valley Defensive Player of the Year. Muller is a member of Vanderbilt University's coaching staff, and resides in Franklin, Tennessee.

Quigley was on the University's wrestling team. In 1972 he was the national runner-up in the 126-pound weight class. A teacher and coach at Romeoville High School, Quigley resides in Hennepin. Ward competed on the women's basketball team. She was a two-time first-team All-Valley selection as a Redbird. She resides in Bloomington and is employed with Horizon Hobby, Inc.

Welch-DeLaere, who played on the softball team, remains the career leader in hits at the University. A teacher and softball coach at Pekin Community High School, she resides in Pekin.

Pegler is the sports director at WMBD-TV in Peoria, where he resides. He received the award named in honor of former Redbird athlete Campbell Miller. The award celebrates the contributions of individuals who were not athletes, but who have contributed to the success of Illinois State Athletics.

Letters

Editor's Note: Letters on issues discussed in Illinois State or relating to university news or policies are welcome. All letters should be limited to 250 words or less and are subject to editing. Send e-mail to sjblyst@IllinoisState.edu; fax to (309) 438-8411; or mail to Illinois State, Illinois State University, Campus Box 3420, Normal, IL 61790-3420.

To the Editor,

I read that the Eunice H. Speer Scholarship has been resurrected (Spring 2009). This is great. Miss Speer was my advisor at ISU. She and her sister lived across the street from Hewett Hall. We took all our library science classes in the basement of old Milner (now Williams Hall).

I hope that someday the reference room is restored. It was the most magnificent room on campus with its high ceilings, wood panels, and paintings of all the prior ISU presidents looking down on you.

Mel Vineyard '69

To the Editor,

I received my copy of the *Illinois State* alumni magazine (Summer 2009). I read the article regarding Marian Kneer and her continued support of ISU. Ms. Kneer was my physical education teacher, basketball coach, and friend through high school in East Peoria from 1949-1952.

Since graduating from ISNU in 1956, I have been three times published and this fall, once more with my teacher's memoirs of 50 years. I would love to let her know. It is to her and God using her to get me started in a career I loved, and that loved me back. The book is called *The Other Side of the Desk*. I also am thankful to ISNU for such a super fine education.

Patricia Moushon Rowe '52



As Illinois State's first sustainability coordinator, Enid Cardinal involves students in the campus effort to go green. The addition of a wind turbine at the Horticulture Center, seen in the background, is just one step forward.

Redbirds going green

Sustainability effort becomes campus priority

BY KATE ARTHUR

Enid Cardinal is only one person. She can't do it all, and she's not perfect. But you'll never find bottled water on her desk. And if she sees someone throw a can away, she'll pluck it out of the trash and drop it into a recycling bin.

Cardinal is the University's first sustainability coordinator. Two years ago she moved from upstate New York, where she worked as an environmental consultant advising businesses and not-for-profit organizations. The chance to change a Midwestern university was too tempting. She joined Illinois State with the belief it can become the greenest campus in the state.

"I could have stayed in New York and had an impact, but not as profound of an impact as coming here. This is a community that's really ready to do something," she said. "I'm aiming to put Normal and ISU on the map for sustainability, and I think there's a huge opportunity to do that."

One of Cardinal's challenges is sharing the reality that going green is about more than carrying a canvas bag into the grocery store, using a refillable coffee mug, or turning the water off while brushing your teeth. She hears the lack of understanding and confusion in conversation with people who tell her they're green because they recycle their water bottles.

"It's like fingernails on a chalkboard to me," she said. Although she's grateful they're recycling, she would prefer they fill a reusable bottle from the tap. She really wishes people would realize that sustainability refers to the impact we're having on the earth, and its ability to endure.

Angela Ford '86 understands the scope of the effort. She advises the city of Chicago on sustainability. When she received an e-mail announcing Cardinal's role, she was thrilled but cautious.



The Arbor Day Foundation has named Illinois State a Tree Campus USA, which means the University effectively manages campus trees and fosters the concept of urban forestry within the community.

"I really was excited about our going green, but when I heard we hired a sustainability coordinator, I thought, 'Who's that? A can collector?'" All it took was one meeting for Ford to know where Cardinal was headed.

"She is such a champion, so passionate, so smart. Not only is she full of energy, but knowledgeable. She reaches out to everybody. She's the Martha Stewart of sustainability for ISU," Ford said. "I really think ISU has a great shot of being a real presence in the sustainability arena because of her."

Illinois State is already leading the state in some efforts, such as storm water management. A long strip of asphalt was dug up behind Duffy Bass Field and replaced with sandy soil and vegetation. The bioswale filters water before it heads for the streams and rivers. The University also leads the way with environmentally friendly parking lots created using permeable pavement.



Efforts to capture solar energy are increasingly obvious on campus. Solar panels can be found on Turner Hall, as well as at the Horticulture Center, above.

President Al Bowman declared sustainability a vital part of the University's mission last fall with the release of the 2008 *Sustainability Progress Report*. He acknowledged Cardinal, as well as the faculty, staff, and students who work with the University's Green Team for their efforts in resource and energy conservation, environmental protection, and socially responsible business practices.

They have already proven that promoting an environmentally sustainable campus doesn't have to cost a lot of money. It can be as simple as getting local foods on the plates in the dining halls, purchasing seafood from sustainable fisheries, adding hybrid cars to the university fleet, and encouraging programs like Reggie Ride, which offers free campus bike rentals.

The president's endorsement confirms that going green is not a passing fad, but part of the University's future. Cardinal and Ford think a green campus will be yet another draw for prospective students.

"The next generation is very serious about sustainability, and if ISU is a super green campus, I know that my tuition dollars are going toward the best professors, not buildings that aren't energy efficient," Ford said.

Student interest has been evident and increasing in the nine years since President Vic Boschini Jr. started the Green Team, an advisory committee that works on expanding green initiatives. Student involvement had been limited, but Cardinal is working to change that. The Association of Residence Halls recently added a student sustainability chair to its executive board and hall representatives, and the Student Government Association is adding a sustainability chair to its board.

"I hear so many students saying, 'Why aren't we doing this?' Usually it's because nobody asked us to," she said. "I'm trying to convince students their voice means something."

Students have asked why the campus does not have Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) buildings, which meet a national benchmark for high-perfor-

mance green buildings. Some construction sciences students are LEED accredited professionals.

"There is a cost associated with everything but if students say we should do it, and if we can prove it's worth the investment and show it's a learning tool for them, there's more value to it," said Cardinal, who targets her message directly to student groups.

When addressing a College of Business group, for example, she spoke about corporate social responsibility and socially responsible investing. Nine out of 10 times a student follows up with her, wanting to know how to get involved.

"Part of this work is one person at a time. It's providing as many educational awareness opportunities as possible," Cardinal said. One of her personal campaigns right now is urging students to unplug their cell phone chargers.

"It's just realizing that every action you take does have an impact, no matter how small," she said. "You don't have to tackle everything at once. I can't tackle it all at once. I always tell people that I'm not perfect."

But she is determined to make a change. When Cardinal moved into her two-bedroom townhouse, the first thing she did was change her light bulbs to energy-efficient compact fluorescent lighting. She walks or bikes to work, and hangs her clothes to dry. When she got her neighbor's electric bill by mistake, it was \$100 higher than hers. "We live next door to each other. We have the same infrastructure, so habits can really make a difference," she said.

Growing up in an environmentally conscious family with a mom who loved trees, Cardinal learned to appreciate the natural world. On a visit home from college, she noticed that a patch of woods near her home had been bulldozed for a housing development.

"That was my lightbulb moment," she said.

After doing a little digging she found that the project had filled a large wetland that should have been protected under state and federal statutes. That sparked the biology graduate's interest in environmentalism, and drove her to graduate school to study environmental policy. On a later visit she found out a developer was threatening another protected area. This time she got involved, working with regulatory agencies to prove the wetlands on the property were connected to a waterway, which ended the project.

"I didn't plan on stopping it. I actually told the land owner that I'd work with him if he built around the wetlands, but he said he didn't care. That's when I went the other route," she said. "That's how I make the argument that you can make a difference if you care, and you really want to do something."

Cardinal has found alumni who are as passionate about sustainability as she is, including Ford. She owns her own environmental consulting company, T.A.G., which stands

for The Absolute Green. Ford believes public-private partnerships are critical, and is outspoken about what direction she feels Illinois State should go.

“We need to open the conversation to public-private partnerships instead of looking for more funds from the state. That’s what I want ISU to do. It’s a huge mind shift, but ISU is so big it has the potential to attract a lot of support. I’m trying to bring capitalism down there,” she said, with a laugh. “We have so many extremely successful alumni. Let’s gather them together and see what we can do.”

Ford envisions a university with dozens of green initiatives, and a Web site that would allow alumni and donors to easily get involved. She speaks of the need with enthusiasm, and a sense of urgency.



Reggie Ride gives students, faculty, and staff an alternative mode of campus transportation that is environmentally friendly, convenient, and free.

“I’m afraid some other university will have a huge recycle can drive, seek all kinds of publicity, and for the next five years they’ll be known as the greenest campus,” Ford said.

Initiatives will undoubtedly increase because the green movement will gain momentum as we experience climate change, a shortage of fossil fuels, and evaporating natural resources, Cardinal said.

“When we start paying the true cost of energy, when we start paying the true cost of our water, we’ll see less waste. Some changes are going to come willingly, and some are going to come because they’re imposed on us.”

Determined to be proactive, she is focused on harnessing the energy that can come from the campus community and alumni. “This is my field and this is my expertise,” she said, “but I’m just one person.”

Editor’s note: Enid Cardinal is actively seeking feedback and recommendations from alumni regarding sustainability efforts the University should consider. She is open to ideas that range from curriculum changes to facility upgrades, and would especially like to hear from individuals in the field. Send her your ideas by e-mail at ecardin@IllinoisState.edu or call (309) 438-4425.

University’s commitment obvious over time

Two decades ago Illinois State’s sustainability efforts started with a simple recycling drive. Now there’s a vision to make the campus the greenest in the state. The following timeline shows progress through the years.

1989—University Housing launches its first recycling program in residence halls.

1993—Facilities Management starts a campus-wide recycling program.

2000—President Vic Boschini Jr. appoints the Environmental Task Force to assess the campus’ environmental impact, and make recommendations for minimizing that impact.

2001—The Green Team is established by the president, requiring participation from all four vice presidential areas.

2002—The Green Team Web site is launched (www.greenteam.ilstu.edu).

2006—Illinois State is awarded the Green Government Award by the Illinois Green Governing Coordinating Council for efforts in energy efficiency and overall achievement.

2006—Illinois State signs the Illinois Sustainable University Compact, a pledge that promotes ecology and reduces pollution. The University has already achieved or surpassed several of the environmental goals pledged to reach by 2010.

2006—The Green Team creates the Environmental Stewardship Award, an annual award to recognize campus groups and departments helping to further the sustainability mission.

2006—The first annual Wellness and Environmental Fair is held.

2007—The Illinois State University Wind Team, responsible for creating an undergraduate major in Renewable Energy and establishing the Center for Renewable Energy, wins the Green Team Award.

2007—Illinois State hosts the second annual Sustainable University Symposium, attended by about 200 individuals from colleges and universities around the state. Enid Cardinal is hired as the University’s first sustainability coordinator.

2007—Illinois State’s College of Business is one of the first business schools in the nation to sign the Principles for Responsible Management Education, part of the United Nations Global Compact.

2007—Residence hall students vote on and pass a \$1 sustainability fee. A student sustainability coordinator oversees the annual fund.

2008—President Al Bowman signs the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, a pledge to reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent by 2050, with an ultimate goal of carbon neutrality.

2008—Campus Dining Services receives the Environmental Stewardship Award for green efforts, including revising student meal plans to reduce use of takeout containers and bottled beverages; removing plastic trays from Linkins Dining Center, saving as much as 98,000 gallons of water a year; hosting first local foods dinner; and setting a goal of purchasing seafood from sustainable fisheries.

2008—Two new chiller plants are completed, improving energy efficiency and reducing costs.

Ongoing—Departments and faculty across campus incorporate sustainability into their classes and research.



Meet the president's postman

Alumnus decides what messages make it to Obama's desk

BY MEGAN MURRAY '09

Imagine one million letters, faxes, and e-mails flooding your office every month. Now imagine that absolutely none of it is for you.

While such an outrageous amount of mail is hard to fathom, it is a reality for Michael Kelleher '89. As the director of the White House Office of Correspondence, he has the daunting task of selecting only 10 letters a day for President Barack Obama to read.

The only thing more fascinating than how Kelleher can do such a job is the way he came to it, considering he was a music major when he enrolled at Illinois State. He made the change to political science when he started seriously reading the newspaper.

"I became more interested in what was happening around our state, and around the country. The more I read, the more I wanted to be involved," Kelleher said. "At first I thought I wanted to be involved through reporting. I worked at *The Daily Vidette* for two years, and worked as a reporter before joining the Peace Corps."

It was through the Peace Corps that Kelleher spent three years in Sierra Leone, West Africa. He served in small villages around the regional capital, teaching locals about community health. He built latrines and worked on local vaccination projects, which proved difficult because it was hard to convince mothers that vaccinations are good for their children. He spent time organizing workshops with teachers, reinforcing health con-

cepts by using drama to teach almost entire villages how to make an oral rehydration solution.

"They say the Peace Corps is the hardest job you'll ever love, and that was true for me," Kelleher said. "I wanted to be of service, and it was a special experience. The people of Sierra Leone are extraordinary people. The level of challenges they face getting up every morning is staggering. The fact they survive and thrive is more than a miracle."

After spending three months traveling West Africa, Kelleher returned to the states. He headed to the nation's capital in 1989. For six months he worked for Sen. Max Baucus, then moved to the House side to work three years for Rep. Marty Russo.

Mounds of mail await Mike Kelleher '89 each day at the White House, opposite page.

Below, Kelleher spent time in Sierra Leone, West Africa, while with the Peace Corps.





Official White House Photo by Pete Souza

President Obama ponders one of 10 letters from the public selected for his personal reading by Kelleher from the volume of mail the White House receives. Obama sits at his desk in the private White House residence.



WEB EXTRA

Watch a video of Kelleher explaining the letter process. Go online to <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/Letters-to-the-President>.

After attending graduate school at American University, Kelleher found his way back to Illinois and started working for Dawn Netsch's 1994 gubernatorial campaign. He joined the teaching staff at Heartland Community College in Normal before returning to Illinois State. He was director of the University's Stevenson Center from 1997 to 2003. During that time he sought a congressional seat, but did not win the 2000 election.

"If you think about service as a continuum in your life, running for Congress is a way to be of service. I felt strongly it was a calling, and something I needed to do," Kelleher said. "And although I didn't win, I learned a lot of great lessons that help me in other service opportunities."

It was while running for office that Kelleher met Obama. "We were both running for Congress. He lost his primary and I won mine. I continued to run for Congress, and later for Lieutenant Governor. I went to talk to him and asked for his support. When he ran for the U.S. Senate he came to Bloomington, and I gave him my support. That's how we got to know one another," Kelleher explained.

He eventually joined Obama's Senate staff, but not before moving overseas to the Republic of Georgia. Kelleher spent time there as the director of the National Democratic Institute. His wife, Karin (Howells) '83, whom he met in a music the-

ory class his freshman year, joined him overseas. Their daughters—Katrina, Carol, and Anna—were part of the international adventure as well.

"In Georgia you can see the lingering effects of the Soviet Union structure and culture. It has been an independent nation since 1991, but the mistrust people have for their government and the way that people look at the function of government is totally different," Kelleher said. "When we say the word 'democracy' and they say the word 'democracy,' the images in your head are totally different. It's a completely different structure."

He concentrated on training members of parliament, nongovernmental organizations, and women's groups in institutional and political democratic practice.

"There was a strong discouragement of women in politics. We wanted to make sure that women who were interested in being in politics felt like they had enough information to make good decisions, and be effective candidates for office," Kelleher said. He noted that the work was made more difficult by the fact "there is a tremendous amount of corruption there. It's just the way of life. You have to face it, and pick your fights."

After one year Kelleher was offered a job as the director of outreach in Obama's Chicago Senate office. The opportunity emerged over coffee

“We have as many as 100 volunteers a day who come in and help us. We have a staff of 50, and we just took on 40 interns.”

with Obama’s chief of staff at the time. Kelleher had a small Chicago-based staff that was in constant communication with mayors, county boards, chambers of commerce, hospitals, and churches.

“We wanted to stay involved with communities around the state, learn as much as we could, and really make sure the Senator was aware of what was happening.”

In July of 2008 Kelleher once again moved

“We have as many as 100 volunteers a day who come in and help us. We have a staff of 50, and we just took on 40 interns. Our job is to manage this paper and information flow, and make sure that people are hearing from their president,” Kelleher explained. “President Obama said he wanted to be accessible. He wants to listen to people and their views.”

Kelleher consequently passes along 10 letters a day for Obama to personally read, and write

a response. Kelleher chooses letters that are representative of messages received every day; are representative of what is currently happening in the news; and are compelling messages that tell a story the president needs to hear.

“We get a lot of letters from people saying things are really bad for them,” Kelleher said. People write that they are sick, lost their job as a result of their illness, and lost health insurance. Others are

facing foreclosure. That’s the kind of mail Kelleher makes certain the president reads everyday.

“They don’t say can you help me, but what they do say is can you help people like me. That’s why he’s engaged in working on housing issues and healthcare, and doing whatever he can with his advisors to fix the economic mess we’re in to provide some hope,” Kelleher said.

Through hours of labor and a commitment to let many voices speak as one, Kelleher has found a unique way to pursue his passion for public service. This time his calling is to be a conduit, one man strategically working behind the scenes so that others may be seen and heard.



When mail comes in, it is sorted according to the addressee. There is a mailbox—simply labeled “dog”—for the White House pet.

to Washington, D.C. This time he worked as the director of economic development in Obama’s Senate office until it was closed. During the presidential transition period, he was at the U.S. Department of Commerce, until taking on the White House correspondence director’s responsibilities in January of 2009.

“I got the job because someone asked me. I didn’t even know it existed. I didn’t know what the person did. I had to learn all that,” Kelleher said. What he brought to the job is a determination to make certain every fax, letter, and e-mail sent to the president is read by himself or a member of his staff.



WEB EXTRA

College of Education graduate Meg Murer Tortorello '91 had the privilege of holding the same White House position as Mike Kelleher '89. She sorted through the mail for President George W. Bush for two years, beginning in 2004. “The knowledge and leadership skills I developed at ISU definitely contributed to my success,” Tortorello said. She shares her memories of working at the White House in an online essay. Go to www.IllinoisState.edu/alumni-magazine.



Social networking 101

Join Group 

How student life has gone digital

BY STEVEN BARCUS

Change is a constant at Illinois State. Academic programs have multiplied over time, faculty research initiatives now reach around the globe, and extracurricular activities have expanded beyond anything students of yesteryear could have ever imagined. And that doesn't even touch on the renovated buildings or newly constructed facilities alums from every era are sure to see on any visit back to campus.

One of the most significant changes, however, is a bit more subtle. It's found within the students themselves, who now rely on social networking as a means of staying connected.

The idea of making a phone call on a residence hall party line to find out where friends are headed is as outdated as the once popular Big Four Dances. Students today send text messages. They no longer

look frantically for a piece of paper to trade phone numbers either. Cell phones are instead whipped out and contact information saved.

The days of creating a resume on a typewriter and dropping it in a mailbox are also long gone. Job searches are completed via the Internet. And while The Cage was a favorite place to mingle in decades past, this generation prefers to connect online.

Social networking sites—Web pages that sum up events and happenings important to students in condensed, easy-to-scan posts called news feeds—have infiltrated all facets of student life at Illinois State. The most popular social networking site on campus is Facebook.

I can remember when Facebook started to take off during my undergraduate years. I was sitting in my Watterson Towers dorm room when my roommate told me I needed to make a profile on Facebook. He explained I could put up a photo, share lots of personal information, and write messages on people's pages. To top it off, it's all free.



Hearing all of that, I was able to make up my mind immediately. I didn't want a Facebook profile. What was the point?

After a week of watching my friends use Facebook, (out of the corner of my eye since I decided to be stubborn about it), I became interested. I ended up discreetly creating a profile for the heck of it, and could see the appeal. The information I provided—favorite books, movies, schools attended, work information—connected me to others with similar interests. I was able to communicate with friends by posting messages on their Wall and setting my own status (see sidebar on jargon).

My fears about putting too much information up were unfounded. I was able to list exactly what I wanted and found that there were several security options, so I could choose precisely who sees what. That meant a professor I was friends with on Facebook would never see that I decided to hang out at the Bone Student Center instead of working on a paper.

In no time at all, like most other Illinois State students, the number of friends I claimed on Facebook was well into the hundreds. The nice thing was that with the photos and profile data, I was able to remember who they were, where I met them, what our common interests were, and even wish them a happy birthday thanks to automatic reminders. I established a casual, easily managed connection with people who normally would have faded away over time.

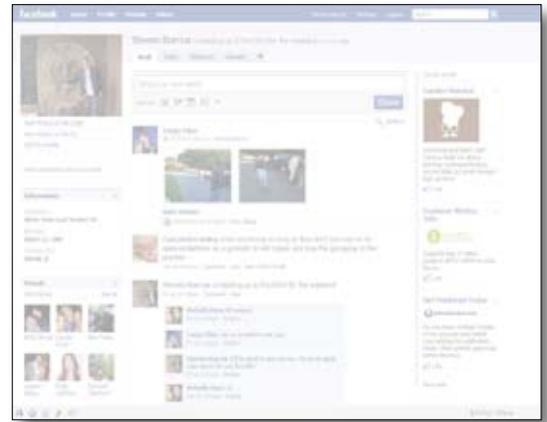
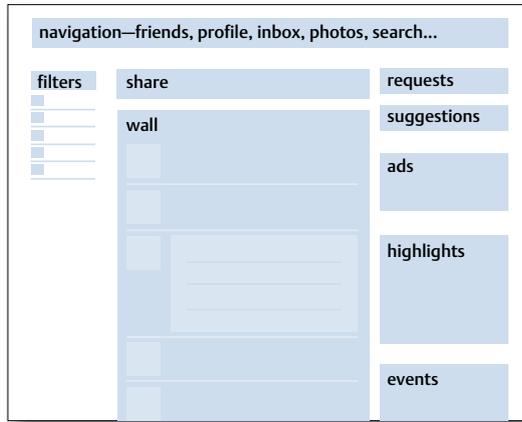
Now a graduate student, I can see how Facebook has permeated every facet of campus life in a relatively short time span. The ability to post full photo albums, videos, and have discussions with friends and friends of friends is just too convenient to pass up.

Even my academic life is affected by Facebook. Many faculty members use it to facilitate discussions outside of class, offering more one-on-one attention. To enhance the exchange of ideas even more, individuals not in the class can participate with classmates and ask questions, creating a

Above, left to right: Two students sit on the Quad and view photos posted by friends. Illinois State fan pages allow users to stay current on university news and events. Facebook as seen on a mobile device.

Right: Facebook is easily navigated, with defined sections that are consistent.

Far right: A typical view of a Facebook newsfeed.



dynamic discussion that could not happen during a typical lecture session.

While Facebook might have something for everyone, Twitter—a Web site that utilizes microblogging—only appeals to certain niches. On Twitter people write and read about significant, and not-so-significant, events as they happen. Posts cannot exceed 140 characters.

I created a user name and a picture-based icon to act as a visual representation. I was then able to send messages to friends to tell them what I was doing or make plans. If you're thinking that this sounds a lot like text messaging, you're right. So why use Twitter at all?

The value of Twitter is in the constantly updated news feed. I follow several friends, Red-

bird Athletics, the White House, and the *Onion*. Throughout the day I receive updates from all of these constituents, and read what their big news is at the moment. Since the White House and the *Onion* generally have more to say than can be summed up in 140 characters, they usually post a link to a site where I can read a detailed story.

Twitter is not for everybody. With the option of text messaging, a tweet to friends might not be the easiest approach. Still it can be fun to build your personal feed following friends, family, celebrities, and virtually anything else you can imagine.

Students are more likely to use LinkedIn. Similar to Facebook, LinkedIn is a Web site that mixes social and professional networking. Rather than creating a profile based on personal inter-

Definition please

Talk to an Illinois State student about life in the digital age, and it's easy to get lost in the terminology. The following definitions help decipher the world of social networking.

Facebook jargon

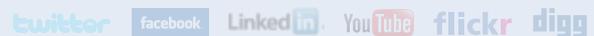
Events: Pages for events that include details of an activity, invites, RSVP options, and comments from invitees.

Fan page: Pages created by individuals around interests, causes, pop culture, etc.

Friend: Anyone who has permission to view your profile. Security options can limit what they can see.

Group: Created to meet people associated with a common cause or interest.

News feed: Information shown to each person when they log on. The feed updates with any changes or additions their



friends have made to their profile in chronological order.

Status: Field at the top of each user's profile page. Users fill in the status area with anything from "sleeping" to "contemplating life, the universe, and everything." Any status changes are recorded on the wall, and can be commented on.

Wall: A major area within a person's Facebook profile where the user and their friends can make short posts, or hold entire conversations.

Twitter jargon

Follower: Users who have chosen to receive another user's posts

Microblog: A post no longer than 140 characters. Similar to "status" on Facebook.

rt (retweet): A Tweet that is reposted by a friend.

Tweet: User post

ests, LinkedIn users showcase their job skills. My profile contains copies of my resume, writing samples, and lists my professional experience.

What makes LinkedIn unique is the option to have others enhance your profile through recommendations from contacts within your personal network. When I created my profile, I asked my supervisor as well as a retired colleague who has a strong reputation as a writer for a recommendation. Each wrote a paragraph about their experience working with me.

The benefit to this is that potential employers are able to read what other people think of my work. People I am connected to can also introduce me to people in their own network. My supervisor, for example, could send a message to his contact saying who I am and talking about my skills. The new contact and I would then be able to connect directly.

Social networking sites are free, convenient, and low maintenance. They provide a long-term



From Twitter to LinkedIn, alumni and students will find many ways to connect to campus electronically.

method for staying connected to friends, and managing those relationships. Like so many other Illinois State students, I am able to be socially engaged, civic minded, and advance myself professionally—as long as I don't stray too far from a computer or Web enabled cell phone.

After all that is what social networking is about—staying connected.

Alumni are reconnecting with expanded online options

Illinois State joined the social networking movement in 2006. Since then the University has grown across the digital frontier, offering more ways for Redbirds to stay in touch with each other and the campus.

More than 30,000 people on LinkedIn list the University as their employer or alma mater. Facebook has more than 17,000 individuals who claim Illinois State as their network, with more than 14,000 listing the University as their alma mater. Other alums connect through fan pages and groups created by many Registered Student Organizations.

The University can also be found on Twitter. The Redbirds have almost 1,000 followers. Redbird Athletics sends daily tweets on scores, player news, and general updates.

Illinois State also has a strong presence through several alumni groups. The Alumni Association group has more than 3,000 members, and offers opportunities to reconnect and network with fellow Redbirds.

There is also an ISU presence on iTunes and YouTube. Blog sites have been established as well, making it easy to post your opinions about campus news or publications.

With so many ways to reach fellow Redbirds, it is no wonder that social networking has become so popular. Become a part of the action!

Facebook

Illinois State University
www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/facebook

Illinois State Athletics
www.facebook.com/ISURedbirds

Illinois State Homecoming
www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/facebookhomecoming

LinkedIn

Illinois State University Alumni Association Group
www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/linkedin

Twitter

Illinois State University
twitter.com/IllinoisStateU

Illinois State Redbirds
twitter.com/ISURedbirds

MySpace

www.myspace.com/isuredbirds

iTunesU

<https://itunesu.ilstu.edu>

Youtube

Go to youtube.com and search for "ISUTube1857"

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Alumni News

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Exporting expertise

Chemist plays key role in international food chain

BY PHAEDRA HISE

On a typical business trip, Tom Deeb '83 will wake up with the sun because he's probably been sleeping outside. The "hotels" in the developing countries he visits frequently don't have windows or doors, and can be so stifling that he sometimes takes his mattress into the yard. He carries his own water and energy bars. "It's like the Peace Corps," he admits.



Tom Deeb '83 has worked with food providers around the world to improve what are often primitive production processes. He's observed Ethiopians shoveling corn, *above*, and visited vendors in simple marketplaces, such as the one where Guatemalan women sold their produce, *opposite page*.

But this isn't volunteer work. It's a successful business for Deeb and his wife, Maria Beug-Deeb, who spend a combined nine months or so overseas each year. Maria is the president and CEO of T&M Associates in Atlanta, Georgia, which consults with U.S. and global food companies on how to improve their supplier's compliance with international food safety standards. Tom handles sales and marketing.

Deeb earned his bachelor's in chemistry at Illinois State, then a Ph.D. in the same subject at Texas A&M. He spent 20 years working in prod-

uct development at DuPont, and two more doing the same at Honeywell. His job for both companies was essentially to study the engineers' crazy and creative lab experiments, and figure out how to turn them into marketable products. Some of the ones he worked on include StainMaster® and Resolve® Carpet Cleaner.

When Honeywell was purchased by Allied Signal in 1999, Deeb's department was closed. He found himself with "an opportunity to go off and do something different." The original plan was to buy a small chemical company and grow it, since he and Maria are both chemists.

She had been running a small consulting company, offering advice on improving food supply chains and food safety. When DuPont asked Tom to set up a food safety consulting business for them, he and Maria took over that project and grew it into T&M Associates. After a year of success, the idea of buying an existing chemical company went permanently on hold.

"Two things during my time at Illinois State University allowed me to do what I do today," Deeb said. "In the Chemistry Department I worked with Otis Rothenberger, and he brought an interesting perspective to science. He emphasized how it can be a positive force on the environment and society."





Deeb's work takes him to remote areas with limited lodging. He is accustomed to sparse accommodations, such as the Zoo Garden Hotel, above, in Nigeria.

One of the greatest challenges is tracking food sources to their origin. Often that means finding local farmers, such as those who harvest acai berries in the Brazilian Amazon, right.



sourcing overseas foods, and expanding their food businesses.

For example, several years ago T&M was working with a company in Armenia named Cheer that was shipping dried fruit to retail customers in Europe. When new European Union regulations went into place requiring companies to trace their food sources all the way back to the ground, one of the company's biggest clients, Migros, asked for that documentation.

The problem was that the Armenian company employed more than 1,500 local women who gathered berries not from a farm, but from countless wild rural locations in the local mountains. It looked impossible to keep track of the myriad locations and employees, and the company faced losing one of its largest clients.

“We’ve helped companies grow from being very small to employing 200 people in their countries, and now they earn more in a day than they used to earn in a month.”

the Middle East, and Africa. I learned about their cultures.”

In his work today Deeb has combined his appreciation of these other cultures with a passion for using science and technology to improve both the environment and society. Essentially T&M helps food suppliers and government agencies improve compliance to food safety regulations. The goal is to help companies deliver safer products.

In addition T&M plays “connect the dots,” making introductions and setting up contacts in developing countries for executives who might feel a little squeamish about camping out in the hotel’s backyard. They also guide companies in

To solve the problem, T&M created a series of simple paper forms to identify where each batch of berries was picked. These were translated into the local language for ease of use. T&M then trained two local consultants on how to use the forms, and how to teach other small food companies to create food traceability programs.

“So the company was able to retain their client, the women were able to continue to derive an income, and the local consultants were able to increase their skills and offer a new service,” Deeb explained.

It’s the kind of work Deeb enjoys most—not just solving a food problem, but doing so with a

solution that can then be expanded and replicated by other emerging companies trying to get a foothold in the world food trade.

Take juice, for example. A company based in the U.S. might hire T&M to help find juice concentrate sources overseas. T&M will look for an overseas company that can meet all food safety regulations. They will then help the overseas company grow its export business to Europe and Asia as well.

“We work with the companies, telling them to supply their local economy first,” Deeb says. “It’s quicker and easier.” Once a company has developed a network of customers in nearby countries, then it’s time to look at America or other far away markets. “You get a higher price for Latin American products that you sell in Venezuela than you do in Wal-Mart,” Deeb tells clients.

When a company can sell processed products like juice concentrate instead of onions or potatoes,



it earns higher profit margins and provides work for more employees. “We’ve helped companies grow from being very small to employing 200 people in their countries,” Deeb said, “and now they earn more in a day than they used to earn in a month.”

Spending so much time in developing nations has given Deeb a fresh perspective on being a U.S. citizen. For example, he was in Africa when Al Gore lost to George W. Bush in the 2000 presidential election. “They couldn’t believe that the man who won the popular election lost, and we didn’t revert to civil unrest,” he says. “They were floored that we could change government without using guns.”

Last fall he was in the former Soviet Union where “they thought the fix was in, and John McCain would win since there was already a Republican in office.” When Barack Obama won, “they were astounded that we elected an outsider,” Deeb said.

Such learning experiences extend through the entire family. Last summer the Deeb family took their children—Elisabeth 18, Julia 15, Anna 10, and Susanne 8—for part of a summer in the Ukraine. There they rented an apartment, and learned some Russian.

“It was an opportunity for them to see an emerging market, the strongest one in the former Soviet,” Deeb said. “And to understand what it’s like for people to live in these types of markets.”

The political and economic issues were impressive, but what surprised the kids most was that they had to haul 12 liters of water every day to drink. “And that you can’t just order food from a street stand and eat it,” Deeb said.

When not overseas, Deeb teaches food safety compliance at Michigan State University. Students studying for a degree in international trade or food safety usually go to work for major food com-



panies, helping import and export. Or they might work for the government, working on establishing food safety standards.

Currently the U.S. exports more foods than it imports, buying basic low-processed foods like fruits and vegetables. “That’s changing,” Deeb said. “We are starting to see more manufacturing capacity overseas, and higher value-added products being imported.”

All in all, it’s been a busy 10 years since Maria and Tom started the company. “The reward is building your own business,” he said. “There is an enormous amount of flexibility. You get to choose projects that are of interest to you as a person, and as a company.”

Equally rewarding, Deeb said, is watching other small businesses grow alongside his. “We’re helping grow talent around the world.”

Deeb partners with local administrators in the countries where he works. He met with representatives of Ethiopia’s National Agricultural Research Organization, *left*, to discuss how the U.S. can provide technical assistance in the production of staple foods Ethiopians need to reduce the nation’s starvation rate.

Treks overseas often include visits to production lines, such as a dairy plant, *above*.

AlumniServices

Alumni Center becomes popular meeting, event venue

It's been not much more than a year since the University's Alumni Center opened. The completion of the 43,000-square-foot building in the summer of 2008 created an impressive front door to campus.

The center was designed to signal that Illinois State alumni are valued, and all visitors are welcome. That goal has clearly been achieved over the past several months. Slightly more than 20,000 individuals have attended almost 800 events at the center since it became available for public use last October.

Alumni, donors, faculty, staff, retirees, students, and friends of the University have been involved in activities that range from professional meetings to campus celebrations, family reunions, private graduation parties, and even worship services. Wedding receptions are the only event not slated at the center, as the University's Bone Student Center and Ewing Manor can more readily accommodate a bridal party.

There were more than 100 events booked in April alone. By August of this year, there was already something scheduled at the center for every weekend through the end of October. Kimber (Bauersachs) Phillippe '92,

M.B.A., '08, the center's director of operations, anticipates demand for the space will only continue to increase as more learn of all the building has to offer.

Situated just off of Interstates 55 and 39, within a mile of the Quad, and with 200 parking spaces adjacent, the center's location and convenience are ideal. The building itself has an impressive great hall area, as well as five rooms of varying size available for rent.

Depending on what table or chair configuration is desired, the rooms can accommodate from 18 to 300 people. One of the rooms is ideally arranged for classes, with laptops available for use.

Internet connection is not a problem, as the entire building is wireless. That feature, along with a welcoming fireplace at the entrance, makes the center an increasingly popular place for individuals to rest or work between appointments.

The center also has a kitchen, which makes catering for events an easy task. Alcohol is allowed. Phillippe helps guests work with approved vendors to arrange whatever food and drink is desired.

Rooms at the center are rented at a flat rate, with alumni receiving a significant discount in price. Additional fees may apply if the room is reserved for after business hours and weekends, or if laptops are needed.

Before planning your next event, call the Alumni Center and discover what the University has to offer. You'll find your alma mater has prepared a special place for you, with the hope you will soon come back to Illinois State!



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An alumni perspective

As I begin serving as Alumni Association president, I think back on my years at Illinois State and remember all the excitement, energy, and interesting things happening on campus. I learned a lot, experienced a lot, and made good friends with whom I still keep in touch. The education I received provided the foundation for my career, my life journey, and my success through the years.

Today Illinois State is a world-class institution. We received almost 15,000 applications for the 3,200 spots in this year's freshman class. The total cost for attending—including tuition,



fees, room and board, books, transportation, and incidentals—is more than \$23,000 per year for an incoming in-state freshman. Even with these high costs, Illinois State ranks as one of the top 100 public universities in the country for quality and value.

That's why I'm excited to announce the Alumni Association's latest project—the Illinois State University Alumni Association Scholarships program. We have committed to building an alumni endowment to fund multiple \$2,000 renewable scholarships for deserving students. The program will help incoming freshmen, graduate students, community college transfer students, and distinguished seniors. Our goal is to help ease students' financial obligations so they can focus on their education. The first \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded this coming spring for fall of 2010.

It takes \$50,000 to fund one \$2,000 annual scholarship on an ongoing basis. We have more than 180,000 alumni living worldwide. If each alumnus donated just \$10, we would raise more than \$1 million, which would provide a scholarship to at least 20 deserving students annually. Not everyone will donate, and some will donate more. Every donation, no matter how small, can make a difference.

I challenge you to reflect back on your days at Illinois State, and how they have impacted where you are in your career and in life. Join us in supporting our future leaders through our Illinois State University Alumni Association Scholarships program. Go online to www.Advancement.ilstu.edu/support to make a contribution. You can help make top-notch education attainable for all, while assisting Illinois State in continuing to recruit the finest students to our world-class university. Go Redbirds!

Gary Tiffany '74
President, Alumni Association

Where are they now?

Editor's note: Beginning with this issue, Illinois State will include a column that helps alumni reconnect with retired faculty and staff. Each column will include contact information, as the individuals featured are eager to hear from graduates.

Is there a former mentor you would like to find? Send the name to Susan Blystone at sjblyst@IllinoisState.edu, call (309) 438-2667, or mail to 1101 N. Main Street, Normal, IL 61790.

Harry Thiel recalls two decades leading the *Vidette*

I am very proud of what the students and staff accomplished during my 20 years at the *Daily Vidette*. I am proud students were given the opportunity to acquire professional skills in all aspects of journalism and business.

From the first day on campus, I was amazed at the support I received to guide and advise the student newspaper. In 1976 the *Vidette* had a strong core of good students, who bought into the idea of doing things right. The newspaper had begun publishing five days a week that fall, and in 1977 it added "daily" to its nameplate.

In 1979-1980 the newspaper acquired its first in-house typesetting terminals and typesetter. In 1994 students and staff moved into a new brick building northwest of the Bone Student Center. This building was financed 100 percent by student-raised advertising revenue.

After retiring on October 1, 1996, my wife, Josephine (Jo) and I moved to Spanish Cove, Alabama. We spent nearly 10 years there. We moved back to Illinois in February of 2006, and now reside in Highland. We still miss the *Daily Vidette*, ISU, Normal, and the many good friends we made there.

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WEB EXTRA

Read more of Harry's reflections about the *Vidette* and his retirement years online at www.IllinoisState.edu/alumni-magazine.

AlumniEvents

Illinois State University Alumni Association

November

12 **School of Communication Alumni Reception**

Contact: Campus Office

Reconnect with fellow Redbirds, visit with your favorite faculty members, exchange business cards, and hear about the exciting new initiatives within the School of Communication. For details go online to www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/communication.

21 **Illinois State football vs. Northern Iowa**

Contact: Redbird Athletics

Don't miss the last home football game of the 2009-2010 season. The Redbirds challenge the Panthers at noon in Hancock Stadium. Reserve your tickets online by going to GoRedbirds.com. Choose "tickets" from the top menu, select the desired number of tickets, and complete your transaction. Tickets may also be purchased by calling (309) 438-8000.

27-29 **Men's Basketball Thanksgiving Tournament**

Contact: Redbird Athletics

Support the men's basketball team as the season gets underway with a holiday tournament. For more information go online to GoRedbirds.com or call (309) 438-8000.

December

12 **ISUBCA Annual Meeting and Holiday Party**

Contact: Campus Office

Join your friends in the Illinois State University Black Colleagues Association (ISUBCA) for the annual meeting and holiday party. For more information go online to www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/isubca.

January

3 **Alumni Slam Dunk**

Contact: Campus Office

Join the Illinois State Alumni Band Club and other alumni at the men's basketball game against Southern Illinois University in Redbird Arena. A pregame reception will be held in Horton Field House. For additional details go online to www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/slamdunk.

Here's a sampling of alumni events on campus and across the country. For the most up-to-date event information or to register online, please visit www.IllinoisState.edu/alumni/events. Detailed information for all university events is available on the University Calendar at www.calendar.ilstu.edu.

9 **Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting**

Contact: Campus Office

This quarterly meeting of the Alumni Association Board of Directors will be held at 10 a.m. at the Julia N. Visor Center. Contact alumni@IllinoisState.edu for more information.

29 **School of Music Alumni Reception**

Contact: Janet Tulley, School of Music

All music alumni are invited to a reception with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. This 6-8 p.m. event at the Hotel Pere Marquette in Peoria is in conjunction with the Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Conference. Contact Janet Tulley at (309) 438-3566 or by e-mail at jtulley@IllinoisState.edu.

30 **Taste of Redbirds**

Contact: Redbird Athletics

Enjoy a Taste of Redbirds event in Horton Field House prior to the men's basketball game against Bradley University. Admission to the event is free, but tickets are needed for food and beverage, which will be provided by Bloomington-Normal-area restaurants and vendors. Go online to GoRedbirds.com or call (309) 438-3639 for more information. Call (309) 438-8000 for game tickets.

February

6 **Schaumburg Waterworks Pool Party—Redbird Family Night**

Contact: Campus Office

Join other alumni, their families, and friends at an indoor pool party at the Waterworks Indoor Water Park in Schaumburg. This event will be a splashing good time for Redbirds of all ages! Space is limited.

18 **Founders Day**

Contact: Campus Office

Join the official celebration of Illinois State's founding in 1857. Among events planned is a convocation in Braden Auditorium. Alum-

ni are invited to join faculty, staff, and students for this annual event.

18 **Alumni Association Awards Ceremony**

Contact: Campus Office

Each year the Alumni Association honors outstanding graduates in five categories for their professional accomplishments and service. Go online to www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/events for more information.

March

4-7 **Missouri Valley Conference Tournament**

Contact: Redbird Athletics

Don't miss the Illinois State men's basketball team in the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis. A pregame reception will be held. Ticket and pregame event information is available by calling (309) 438-8000.

11-14 **Missouri Valley Conference Tournament**

Contact: Redbird Athletics

The Illinois State women's basketball team will play in the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament at the Family Arena in St. Charles, Missouri. A pregame reception will be held. Ticket and pregame event information is available by calling (309) 438-8000.

Contact Us

To register by phone or for more information, please call the office indicated for each specific event.

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(309) 438-3639

You're Invited

Fall 2010 speakers series

Initiated during Illinois State's sesquicentennial year, the University Speakers Series continued with several speakers scheduled to visit during the fall semester. Make plans now to attend the remaining two events! For information contact Toni Tucker at (309) 438-7402, or by e-mail at ttucker@IllinoisState.edu

November 16

Author and inspiring educator Rafe Esquith

7 p.m., Bone Student Center Braden Auditorium



Rafe Esquith is the only teacher to be awarded the president's National Medal of the Arts. He teaches fifth grade at a Los Angeles neighborhood school plagued by guns, gangs, and violence. His students are predominantly immigrants or children of immigrants, living in poverty, and learning English as a second language. Under his tutelage, they go on to attend the best universities. His work has been documented by PBS in *The Hobart Shakespearians* and his book, *Teach Like Your Hair's On Fire*. This event is free.

January 22

CNN special correspondent Soledad O'Brien

6 p.m., Bone Student Center Brown Ballroom



Soledad O'Brien is a graduate of Harvard University with a degree in English and American literature. Part of CNN's Special Investigations Unit, she reports hour-long documentaries on breaking news and ongoing issues. She covers political news as well. She previously worked at NBC *Nightly News*, covering such notable stories as John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane crash, and school shootings in Colorado and Oregon. She also reported on the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster.

She is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. Tickets for the speech and meal must be purchased in advance. Seating is limited. Call (309) 438-8790.

PAST EVENTS

October 22

Q & A with author Louise Erdrich

3 p.m., Milner Library Main Floor



Louise Erdrich is the author of 12 novels, volumes of poetry, children's books, and a memoir of early motherhood. Her debut novel, *Love Medicine*, won the National Book Critics Circle Award. *The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse* was a finalist for the National Book Award. Her most recent novel, *The Plague of Doves*, is on The New York Times bestseller list. She lives in Minnesota with her daughters and owns Birchbark Books, an independent bookstore.

September 30

An Evening with Morgan Spurlock

7 p.m., Bone Student Center Braden Auditorium



Morgan Spurlock's career in film, nonfiction literature, television, and theatre was sparked by *Super Size Me*. The documentary followed Spurlock eating only fast food for a month. It became the sixth highest grossing box office documentary of all time. As a follow-up he wrote *Don't Eat This Book*. Both works have influenced public behavior and policy makers on issues of obesity. Spurlock is also the creator and producer of the first two seasons of the series *30 Days*.

September 17

Freakonomics author Steven D. Levitt

7 p.m., Bone Student Center Braden Auditorium



Steven Levitt is an economics professor at the University of Chicago, and recipient of the American Economic Association's prestigious John Bates Clark Medal. Levitt authored *Freakonomics*, which became a cultural phenomenon. Hailed by critics, it spent more than two years on *The New York Times* bestseller list. More than three million copies have sold around the world, in more than 30 languages. He is a brilliant but uncomplicated man who uses simple questions to reach startling conclusions.

September 3

Hemingway author and scholar Susan F. Beegel

6:30 p.m., Milner Library Sixth Floor



Susan Beegel holds a Ph.D. in literature from Yale University, and is editor of *The Hemingway Review*. An adjunct associate professor of English at the University of Idaho, she has authored or edited four books, including two on Hemingway. She has been a consultant to the National Endowment for the Arts series on *A Farewell to Arms*, and the PBS documentary *Ernest Hemingway: Rivers to the Sea*. Beegel has discussed Hemingway on C-Span's American Writers series as well.



WEB EXTRA

Find out what each speaker shared with their campus audience by tuning into podcasts. They are available online at www.IllinoisState.edu/alumnimagazine.

WGLT alumnus honored for international quake coverage

Brendan Banaszak '02 arrived in China last May with a team of journalists assigned to give National Public Radio (NPR) listeners a sense of Beijing prior to the Olympics. Instead he and his colleagues became breaking news reporters, gaining national acclaim for their coverage of the devastating earthquake that rocked Sichuan Province, China.

The 7.9-magnitude quake killed up to 90,000 people, and left five million people homeless. It hit on May 12, 2008, which was the day Banaszak arrived in the country as a producer of NPR's afternoon newsmagazine

All Things Considered. He helped broadcast the first sounds of the catastrophe.

The team's extensive reporting on the devastation and relief efforts aired across all of NPR's programs. The work resulted in the Peabody Award, which Banaszak received earlier this year in a New York City ceremony. The Peabody is the oldest award in broadcasting, and is considered among the most prestigious honors in electronic media.

"It's wonderful having the work of our China reporting team honored with a Peabody Award," said Banaszak, who worked at WGLT while a student in the School of Communication.

A part of the school, GLT is a public radio station licensed to Illinois State. Founded in 1966, GLT has provided invaluable training to students for decades. It broadcasts on 89.1 FM and 103.5 FM, with online streaming available at www.wgl.org.

Banaszak was a student announcer for GLT, and host for *All Things Considered* from 1999 through 2002. He now resides in Washington, D.C., and continues to produce the same NPR flagship magazine. *All Things Considered* can be heard on GLT from 4 to 6 p.m.,

Mondays through Fridays.

The fact his work is still aired on the station where he got his start is significant to Banaszak, who returned to campus this fall for GLT's annual Radio Faces event. He remains involved because he appreciates the experience he gained at Illinois State.

"I wouldn't have been anywhere near China, or anywhere else in my career, without the skills I learned at GLT," Banaszak said. "It was in the GLT newsroom, and late nights at Normal Town Council meetings, where I learned the basics of radio and reporting. It was that initial experience working in public radio at GLT that helped me get a foot in the door at NPR."

GLT News Director Willis Kern '80 supervised Banaszak's work at the station. "Brendan was always asking good, solid, thought-provoking questions," Kern said. "I'll always remember his approach to the job on September 11, 2001. I knew then big things were in store for him. It's no surprise to me that he's being bestowed such a high broadcast honor."



40s

Mary E. Selk '44, M.S. '54, was inducted into the Bloomington School District's Hall of Fame in 2008. The honor recognized her 31 years of teaching vocal music, and administrative work in the district. She has also been named the 2008 Volunteer of the Year at Heritage Manor in El Paso for music activities. Selk is retired and resides in Normal.

50s

George F. Schmink '50 is a retired member of the United Methodist clergy. He and his wife, Paula, reside in Harrisburg.

Joanne (Hayden) Anderson '55 retired after more than 20 years with Maxwell Air Force Base Department of Defense Elementary School. She and her husband, Norman, reside in Prattville, Alabama. They have two adult sons and eight grandchildren.

Mary Alice (Baxter, Cuerden) Belov '59 and her husband, Peter, are the owners of BelTek Corporation. They work and reside in Golden-dale, Washington.

60s

John H. Swart '62, M.S. '64, retired from Saint Leo University in 2008, and now holds the title of professor emeritus. He and his wife, Donna, reside in San Antonio, Florida.

Judy Logue-Young '63 is a secondary teacher with Los Angeles Unified Schools. She is teaching a new class, titled Arts Matter, which encompasses a variety of art forms. She resides in Long Beach, California.

Robert Grisolano '65 is retired, as is his wife, **Nancy S. (Lloyd) '65**. They reside in Oak Creek Wisconsin.

Bob Mielke '66, M.S. '69, is a senior fiscal operations analyst for Pinellas County Head Start in Largo, Florida. He and his wife, Carol Ann, reside in Spring Hill, Florida.

Michael B. Askew '67 has retired from IBM Corporation after 34 years of service as an IT specialist. He resides in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Ron Bluemer '67, M.S. '72, is a history instructor at Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby. He has taught for more than 40 years, with 10 years at the community college. He has authored a ninth book on Illinois Valley history. Titled *Buddy Can You Spare a Dime*, the book covers the Great Depression

in the Illinois Valley. He and his wife, Peggy, reside in Granville.

Sandra L. (Weber) Bumpus '69 is a legal assistant with Dunn Law Firm in Bloomington, where she resides.

Judy (Cook) Kopriva '69 taught in Illinois for 10 years before relocating to California to work for The Gas Company. She is now retired after nearly 30 years with the company in customer service. She is a grandmother. She and her husband, Larry, reside in Placentia, California.

Raymond P. Rogina '69, M.S. '72, has retired from a career as a business education teacher, department chair, and union president for School District 303. He is a part-time instructor at Aurora University. He and his wife, Diane, reside in St. Charles.

70s

Jeffrey A. Kelly '70 is a food inspector of exports with the United States Department of Agriculture. He and his wife, Shirley, reside in Theodore, Alabama.

Judy Moses Speers '70, M.S. '95, Ed.D. '08, is the director of education at OceansWide in New Castle, Maine. She resides there with her husband, **Gary '88**, who is retired.

Richard Heckinger '71 is a senior policy advisor in the financial markets group at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. His career has included serving as the chief operating officer of the Stock Exchange in Hong Kong. He volunteers with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. He has been inducted into the Leyden High School District 212 Alumni Wall of Fame in Northlake. He and his wife, **Karen A. Fitzner '70**, reside in Sawyer, Michigan.

Alexis (Brunk, Edwards) Kalish '71 is retired. She and her husband, Mike, reside in Bloomington.

Cleta (Stewart) Riggins '71, M.S. '80, has retired from teaching, but works as a substitute. She is active in volunteer work for a variety of organizations, including Veterans facilities in Iowa and Illinois. She works to support troops overseas, and gives historical talks to grade school students. She is involved with DAR and SAR. She and her husband, Robert, reside in Princeville.

Marty (Morrow) Saupe '72 is an office nurse with North Point Pediatrics in Indianapolis. She is a member of the Special Olympics

Share your good news

Alumni are encouraged to share news on job changes, promotions, special honors, retirements, marriages, births, and adoptions. Information will be published in the earliest possible issue, based on the order information is received and as space permits. Information submitted more than one year following the event will not be published. Engagements and pregnancies will not be published.

There are three easy ways to submit your information: 1) Go online to www.Alumni.ilstu.edu, select "Redbird Connections," and click on "class notes." Information submitted using this method will also be posted online; 2) E-mail your news to sjblst@IllinoisState.edu or aslevitt@IllinoisState.edu; or 3) Mail your news to Class Notes, Illinois State University, Alumni Relations, Campus Box 3100, Normal, IL 61790-3100. Please include your graduation year, major, maiden name when applicable, and daytime phone number for verification purposes.

For additional information, contact Alumni Relations at (309) 438-2586 or (800) 366-4478, or by e-mail at alumni@IllinoisState.edu.

Hendricks County Leadership Board. She resides in Brownsburg, Indiana.

Thomas L. Baba '73 retired from teaching at Highland Park High School. He is the principal of Central High School in Wisconsin. He resides in Gurnee.

Patrick G. Callahan '73, M.S. '77, retired after serving as an administrator at the junior high and high school levels. He supervises student teachers at Monmouth College, and was elected to serve on the Knoxville CUSD 202 school board. He and his wife, Valerie, reside in Knoxville.

James P. Crossen '73 is a claim specialist with Berkley Risk Administrators Co., LLC, in Council Bluffs Iowa. He and his wife, Janice, reside in Omaha, Nebraska.

Karin (Lowe) Beil '74 has retired from teaching after 34 years with Arlington Heights School District. She continues to substitute. Her husband, **Scott '74**, has been working in the field of hospital supply distribution for 34 years. They reside in Arlington Heights.

They are the parents of two adult children.

Patricia L. (Griffis) DeWalt '74 is a retired associate director with the University of Illinois. She worked in technical training, technical support, and information technology management. She and her husband, Joseph, reside in Urbana.

William Smith '74 has retired after 34 years of teaching grades K-12 with the Decatur School District. He ended his career as a high school math teacher. He and his wife Patricia, reside in Decatur.

Rebecca L. Johnson '75 has been elected president of the American Board of Pathology, and chair of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Pathology Residency Review Committee at Berkshire Health Systems in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. She resides in Richmond, Massachusetts.

Donna K. (Apel) Bishop '76, M.S. '04, is a self-employed registered dietitian. She resides in Atlanta.

Rich Bolinder '77 has served as women's basketball coach with

Oakton Community College in Des Plaines for more than 20 years. He reached 500 wins in his career in 2009. His wife, Lisa, is the team's assistant coach. They reside in Hoffman Estates.

Michael J. Profilet '78 works as a cashier/clerk with Kroger in Bloomington, where he resides.

Janet K. (Klempin) McGann '79 is a middle school teacher of language arts and reading with Broward County School District in Florida. She has two sons, and resides in Davie, Florida.

80s

Dan Cotter '80, M.S. '81, is a veteran newspaper executive and industry consultant who worked for nearly a decade as chief operating officer of Urban & Associates before leaving the position in 2009. He now has his own company, DMCotter Research & Strategy, Inc. The company owns Suburban Focus Group-Boston, which is a qualitative research facility gaining national praise. He and his wife, Kathy, reside in Sharon, Massachusetts.

Gary Bretzman '82 is president of Automotive Incentive Management, Inc. He began the auditing/consulting business that caters to new car dealerships. The business has expanded to five states. He and his wife, Shauna, reside in Phoenix, Arizona. They are the parents of two children.

Randolph Gordon '82 is a self-employed attorney. He resides in Morris.

Robert P. Roth '82, M.S. '85, has worked more than two decades in the utility, coal, energy trading, and consulting industries. He is the senior director of the PIRA Energy Group's North American Coal Practice. PIRA is a leading global energy consultancy. He and his wife, Kim, reside in Tampa, Florida.

Steve Byrne '83 has completed his 30th year in education. He has been a high school principal with District 77 for the last 12 years in Mankato, Minnesota. He resides there with his wife, Debbie.

Steve Bauer '84 is the vice president of marketing and communications with One Chip Photonics Inc., based in Canada. He previously served as vice president of global

communications with SAP, and as vice president of marketing and communications at Catena Networks. He resides in Downingtown, Pennsylvania.

Andrew Kensington, Esq. '84, who last attended the University under the name Clark A. Kerr, has been included in the 2009 edition of *Who's Who in American Law*. He resides in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Marc Pasteris '86 is vice president of finance and facilities/CFO at Eureka College. He has completed the executive M.B.A. program at Washington University. His wife, **Carol (McMenamin) '81**, is a teacher

Companies. They reside in Bloomington.

Doug Johnson '87, M.S. '91, M.F.A. '92, is the executive director of the McLean County Arts Center in Bloomington. He delivered the commencement address at Lincoln College in Normal in 2009. He and his wife, Kristen, reside in Normal.

Chris L. Meadows '87 has been promoted to division manager of raceway systems with Panduit Corporation. He and his wife, Lynn, reside in Manhattan. They are the parents of two children.

Perry L. Schoon '89, Ph.D. '97, is dean of the College of Education



A group of Illinois State students came together to work during the summer of 1979 as Preview Guides. The job created friendships that remain strong 30 years later. Members of the group reunited this summer to reflect on the moments shared as they introduced incoming freshmen students to campus. At the reunion held in Springfield were, *from left*, Barbara (Tipsord) Todd '79, M.S. '84; Barry Shultz; Dan Cotter '80, M.S. '81; Kathy Cotter; Pete Rapinchuk; Laurie (Kernan) Rapinchuk '80, M.S. '81; Dave Colee '72, M.S. '82; Rodney Todd, '78, M.S. '86; Sandy Colee; Jenny (Gilroy) Miller '81; and Deborah (Dowling) Shultz '80. Barb, Dan, Laurie, Jenny, and Deb were guides. Dave worked as an administrator overseeing the Preview program.

with Peoria Christian School. They reside in Peoria Heights.

Christine L. (Ronayne) Shelton '86 is a teacher with Gilbert Elementary Schools in Arizona. She is working to complete a second master's degree in elementary education. She and her husband, Samuel, reside in Gilbert, Arizona.

Eric Hoss '87, M.B.A. '90, is the director of financial services with State Farm Insurance Companies. He has published a job interviewing book titled, *Removing Doubt in an Interview*. He had the cover designed by an Illinois State student from Design Streak. His wife, **Teri (Schaefer) '90**, is a marketing analyst with State Farm Insurance

and Allied Professions at Western Carolina University. He previously served as senior associate dean of the College of Education, and as associate dean for assessment and technology at the University of Texas at Arlington. He and his wife, Kelly, reside in Cullowhee, North Carolina.

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Christopher M. Gast '90 is the vice president and controller PPD with Elkay Manufacturing Company in Oak Brook. His wife, **Sandra Showerman-Gast '91**, is a general manager with Pyrosales in Woodstock, where they reside.

Kevin C. Bergquist '92 is a director of communication services in the Office of Medical Development and Alumni Relations with the University of Michigan Health System. He and his wife, Aimee, are the parents of two sons. Simon Abner was born in November of 2008. They reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Christine (Wutz) Knuth '92, M.B.A. '04, is an assistant to the dean for student services within the College of Business at Illinois State. She and her husband, Richard, reside in Normal.

Jenni Chapman Baldin '93, M.S. '04, teaches second grade at Springfield Public Schools. She also coaches the Chatham Glenwood High School swimming team, which qualified for the state championships in 2009. She earned National Board Teacher Certification in 2008. She and her husband, Joel, reside in Springfield.

Ty M. Riley '93 is a CPA and tax manager of financial institutions with Clifton Gunderson LLP in Peoria. He and his wife, Kerrie, reside in Germantown Hills. Jannette Whitcomb '93 is an environmental health program coordinator with the City of Aspen in Colorado. She resides in Carbondale, Colorado.

Jon D. Burrow '95 is a regional sales manager with ITW Military Products in Des Plaines. He returned home in December of 2008 after serving a year with the United States Navy in Baghdad, Iraq. He completed an M.B.A. at Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. He and his wife, Alexis, reside in Bartlett.

John Desjarlais, M.A. '95, teaches English and journalism at Kishwaukee College in Malta. He published a contemporary mystery, *Bleeder*, in 2009. His medieval thriller/romance, titled *Relics*, was released a second time in 2009. He resides in Byron.

Kimberly (Cosentino) Hornberg '95 has been promoted from assistant principal to the principal of a District 47 elementary school in Crystal Lake. She and her husband, Erick, reside in Algonquin. They are the parents of three daughters.

Taunia May '95 is a medical sales specialist with Eisai based in New Jersey. She resides in Loves Park.

Brad Pickens '95, '99, M.S. '04, teaches a fifth-grade, self-contained classroom in the Paxton-Buckley-

Loda School District. He and his wife, Sheila, reside in Paxton.

Jennifer (Knight) Risher '95 is a child care teacher working with two-year old children at Little Oaks in Metamora. She resides there with her husband, Timothy.

Brad Ropp '95 is a residential project manager with Johnston Builders in Bloomington. He has been elected to a second term as the 2009 president of Bloomington-Normal Area Homebuilders Association. He and his wife, Shelley, reside in Normal.

Sherri Sanders '95 is a system administrator with Northrop Grumman. Her husband, **Dan '93**, is an engineer with FESTO. They reside in Wheaton, and have completed renovation work to recover from a house fire.

Mary P. (Larisey) Weaver '95 is a special education teacher with Eisenhower Co-op CARE Program in Crestwood. She completed a master's degree in special education from National-Louis University. She and her husband, Steven, are parents of two sons and a daughter. Kaitlyn was born in March of 2009. They reside in New Lenox.

Scott E. Bartlett '96 is an academic advisor for the Department of History with the University of Illinois. He resides in Champaign.

Craig Kniffin '96, M.S. '04, is a Spanish teacher with Springfield Public Schools. He and his wife, Rachel, reside in Springfield.

Chris Noonan '96 and his wife, Lindsay Goodwin, were married near Avignon in the South of France. College roommates **Cass LaBounty '96** and **Chris Keith '96** stood at the wedding as witnesses. The couple resides in Santa Monica, California.

Jerry Myers '97 has completed a doctorate in choral conducting at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and a master's in choral conducting/music education at Western Illinois University. He is the director of choral activities and an assistant professor of music at St. Louis Community College at Meramec. He previously served for 10 years on the choral faculty of Washington and Lee University in Virginia. He and his wife, Laura, are the parents of a daughter. They reside in Fenton, Missouri.

Elizabeth Roscoe '97 is the supervisor of corporate media relations with McDonald's Corporation in Oak Brook. She and her husband, Craig, are the parents of two children. They reside in Villa Park.

Christopher Rudin '97 is a production manager with Rudin Printing Company in Springfield, which is his family's printing company. He and his wife, Allison, are the parents of a daughter. Aspen was born in May of 2009. They reside in Athens.

Mark Krogulski '99 is a certified financial planner with Charles Schwab & Co. He and his wife, Nicole, are the parents of one child. Their daughter, Amelia, was born in July of 2008. They reside in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Debra (Czaplewski) Vale '99 and her husband, Edward, are the parents of three children. A daughter, Brooke Taylor, was born in February of 2009. They reside in Round Lake.

Mary A. McNamara Wills '99, M.S. '04, works with State Farm Insurance Companies in Bloomington, where she resides.

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Jeffrey Burton '00, M.S. '04, is an instructor/writer for Strength Maintenance Training Center with the Army National Guard. He instructs new recruiters, and drafts lesson plans for courses he teaches. His wife, **Stacie (Brown) '00**, is a Pampered Chef independent consultant. They reside in Maumelle, Arkansas.

Teresa (Begley) Stetler '00 and her husband, Michael, are the parents of a daughter. Kiera Rachel was born in December of 2008. They reside in McHenry.

Amber Wiegand '00 is an early start teacher with Springfield Public Schools District 186. She resides in Springfield.

Gretchen (Rainey) Anderson '01 has completed a master's degree in nursing/family nurse practitioner. She is a registered nurse with Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where she resides.

Elizabeth A. (Neville) Knuth '01, '04, teaches business classes in Indian Prairie School District 204. Her husband, **Michael '00**, is a manager at Walter Payton's Roundhouse in Aurora, where they reside.

Bradford D. Miller '01 is an attorney who has started his own firm, Miller Bammi LLC, in Chicago. Miller and his wife, Gina, were married in July of 2008. They reside in Chicago.

Jared W. Rader '01 is a truck driver with Robert Fritz Distributors Inc., in Belleville. He and his wife, Naomi, are the parents of a son. Arek Jared was adopted from Poland in

Pause for applause

Fast words for fast food

Jessica Thompson '03 knows social networking is a powerful marketing tool, which is why she uses it to promote McDonald's. A College of Business graduate, she is the official "tweeter" for the fast-food company's McCafe Your Day campaign. Follow her at www.twitter.com/mccafeyourday, where she chats with McCafe customers. The marketing blitz has captured national media attention, which is what Thompson

works to achieve as manager of U.S. Communications for McDonald's USA. She oversees the implementation of strategic public relations and communications programs, including Ronald McDonald House Charities. She is also a founding member and cochair of McDonald's Young Professionals Network.

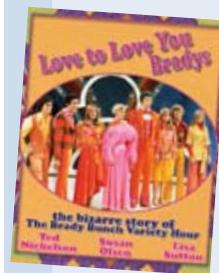


Brady Bunch secrets

Ted Nicholson, M.M. '96, graduated from ISU's Laboratory Schools before completing his graduate degree in musicology. He has built a career as a freelance harpist in California, where he now resides. More than an exceptional musician, Nicholson also writes.

He is the primary author of the book *Love to Love You Bradys: The Bizarre Story of the Brady Bunch Variety Show*. Show star Susan Olsen partnered with Nicholson to

take a look back at the most disastrous offering in television history. Set for release this fall, the book features never-before-published photos and interviews with the cast, crew, and production staff.



Still in the game

Geography major **Ron Weingartner '60** made a living in the world of childhood games and educational aids. He worked in product management at Milton Bradley before becoming vice president of acquisition and inventor relations at Hasbro Games. He retired in 1999, but his creative juices are still flowing from his home in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. Weingartner has developed a word game that will be marketed by Cadaco this year under the trademark Quad*doku. This letter tile game blends the skill of crossword play with the fun of classic word games, doing for word fans what Sudoku does for number enthusiasts.



Setting the stage

What started as a hobby in high school turned into a unique career for **Larry Brown '94**, a theatre arts alum. Brown is a set designer who works on shows across the nation and internationally. Starting with an internship at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City, Brown has had amazing opportunities. He was part of the First National Tour of AIDA after it opened on Broadway, worked on the television show *Ugly Betty*, and created sets for the hit *Confessions of a Shopaholic*. The movie took in more than \$3.1 million in its first four weeks in theaters.



An Illinois State legacy

Ina (Sundberg) Gleim came to ISU in 1922 to obtain a teaching certificate, and in the process started a family legacy that continued for four generations.

Ina became a one-room schoolteacher in rural Illinois near Milford. In 1924 she secretly married Louis Gleim. The couple had two daughters, Luceille (Gleim) Werner '53, M.S. '63; and Mary (Gleim) Small '76.

"The Depression hit the family hard, but providing a college education for their daughters was of the utmost importance," said Luceille, who enrolled in 1946. That was the same year she married Vincent Werner. With the birth of two sons, she did not complete her education degree until 1953.

She taught fourth grade at Long Point while earning a master's degree. Luceille worked for the State of Illinois Office of Education. She directed a reading and writing program adopted across the country. She and her husband reside in Streator, where she maintains an educational office with certified trainers.



Ina (Sundberg) Gleim '22 was the first of her family to attend Illinois State. Graduates from the generations that followed include, from left, Fred Baker, Debby (Small) Baker, Luceille (Gleim) Werner, Mary (Gleim) Small, and Sarah (Baker) Lukach.

Mary also enrolled as a nontraditional student. She and her husband, J. Davis Small, reside in Utica. They had three children: Elizabeth (Small) Herrin, John, and Deborah (Small) Baker '77. When they were in college, Mary came back to campus.

"With my children each pursuing or receiving their college degrees, I thought it was important for me to have my degree. There was something missing," Mary said. She particularly enjoyed taking an ISU art education class with her mother in 1975.

Mary went on to substitute teach. She has participated 16 years as a volunteer teacher for the La Salle County Historical Society's one-room school program, which she and Luceille were instrumental in developing.

Mary's daughter, Debby, also studied education. She completed a semester abroad, and went on to teach second grade at Mahomet-Seymour. "ISU was doing then what it did for my grandmother over 50 years prior," said Debby, who is a substitute teacher.

She and her husband Fred '72, married in 1980 and reside in Streator. A founding member of the Beta Delta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho, Fred completed an agriculture degree. He is the fifth generation to work the family farm in LaSalle County.

The couple had three children, including John, Susan, and Sarah (Baker) Lukach '04, who is the most recent graduate. She studied agriculture, and is an agricultural/commercial loan officer. She and her husband, George, live and farm near Streator. They are the parents of one son.

"The legacy of our ISU family began in 1922," Debby said, noting each generation received the training needed for varied professional careers. "We are grateful to ISU for maintaining its high academic standards, and for the opportunities given not only to our family, but all graduates."



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More of Ina's history is shared online, including memories of her days teaching in a one-room schoolhouse. Go to www.IllinoisState.edu/alumni-magazine.

March of 2007. They reside in New Athens.

Tricia (Henrichs) Rosendale '01, and her husband, **Jacob '04**, are the parents of two children. Their son, Tyler Jacob, was born in December of 2008. They reside in Joliet.

Amy (Randecker) Shapiro '01 teaches fine arts at Bolingbrook High School. She was nominated by a graduating senior of Monmouth College to receive an honorary degree during the college's commencement ceremonies in May of 2009. Shapiro resides in Downers Grove.

Amy VanVooren Smith '01, '03, M.S. '08, is a high school teacher with Unit 5 School District. She and her husband, Jesse, reside in Normal.

John Whittington '01, '04, is a store design manager with ULTA Salon, Cosmetics & Fragrance Inc., in Romeoville. He resides in Chicago.

Andrea (Chapman) Alameda '02 is an assistant professor of health and fitness sciences at Lindwood University in St. Charles Missouri. She resides in St. Peters, Missouri.

Julie (Schneider) Cedeno '02 is a teacher with Affton School District in St. Louis, Missouri. She resides there with her husband, Alex.

William Cuthbert '02 is in the Army. He won first place in the Forest Park 50k Race in Queens, New York. He and his wife, **Julie M. (Brown)'04**, are the parents of a daughter. Sasha Marie was born in November of 2008. They reside in West Point, New York.

Seth Grennan '02, M.S. '04, is a juvenile probation officer with Winnebago County in Rockford. He and his wife, Meggan, reside in Oregon.

Diane M. (Unes) Lamb '02, M.S. '04, works as a hydrogeologist with Hanson Professional Services in Springfield. She has field duties and does report writing related to environmental issues, construction, and geologic/hydrogeologic activities. She is an executive officer for the Illinois Groundwater Association (IGA). She and her husband, Charles, reside in Hanna City.

David Dodson '03 is a site planner with Jacobs Engineering Inc., in Orlando, Florida. He received the April 2009 NASA Client Commendation Award for the planning of the future NASA headquarters building at the Kennedy Space Center. He resides in Windermere, Florida.

Heidi R. (Scher) Pevos '03 teaches second and third grade at Universi-



Members of the Illinois State University Black Colleagues Association came together in July for a dinner hosted by President Al Bowman at the Chicago Cultural Center. Loriah Norman '97 and Reginald Summerrise '86 were among those who enjoyed the opportunity to socialize and network with fellow alums.

ty Preparatory Academy in Detroit. She and her husband, Edward, were married in June of 2008. They reside in Novi, Michigan.

Holly-Rae (Sumner) Van Hoof '03 is a securities products manager with State Farm Insurance Companies in Bloomington. She and her husband, Timothy, were married in December of 2008. They reside in Downs.

Jaimie L. Abney '04 is the director of bands at Streamwood High School. She works and resides in Streamwood.

Marjorie Aitken '04 is a bilingual school psychologist with the Chicago Public Schools. She and her husband, Jerome, reside in Palos Park.

Andrew C. Arnold '04 is the owner of Andy's Pet Shop, Paintball, and Skateboard in Peru. His wife, **Mindy (Maher) '04**, is a manager at Wal-Mart. They reside in Peru.

Jesse J. Arseneau '04 is a copywriter with STARadio Inc., in Kankakee. He and his wife, Lindsay, reside in Bourbonnais.

Alexander S. Aschoff '04 has been awarded tenure at Proviso East High School, where he teaches chemistry. He also coaches golf and wrestling at Proviso East. He and his wife, Karen, were married in March of 2009. They reside in Lombard.

Dave Baiter '04 is a senior audit specialist with Midwest Insurance Company in Springfield. He resides in Godfrey.

Justin Barrows '04 is a trauma associate in fracture management

with Johnson & Johnson DePuy Orthopedics in Northern Chicago suburbs. He has trained at Loyola University Medical Center in joint replacement and trauma. He resides in Lisle.

Angela Basehoar '04 is a 4-H and youth community worker with the University of Illinois Extension in Galva. She resides in Atkinson.

Jason Bay '04 works for Deerfield Construction Group Inc., as a wireless communication construction manager. He resides in Tinley Park.

Laura (Schmillen) Bello '04 teaches special education with Calumet City School District 144. She resides in Schererville, Indiana.

Anthony M. Belz '04 is a guard/greeter at the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology at Brown University. He resides in Providence, Rhode Island.

Kimberly (Zumpf) Biasi '04 teaches reading with the Community Consolidated School District 59 in Des Plaines. She and her husband, Michael, reside in Schaumburg.

Rita Bourell '04 is a career counselor with Wildcat Service Corporation, Bronx Workforce Career Center, in Bronx, New York. She has completed a master's degree in counseling and psychology, and is a certified family counselor. She resides in New York, New York.

Susan (Coley) Bradley '04 works as a project manager with Hubbard One-Thomson Reuters in Chicago. She and her husband, Todd, were married in February of 2009. They reside in Chicago.

Earl Burkybile, M.B.A. '04, is a strategy and operations director with U.S. Technology Development at the Monsanto Company in St. Louis, Missouri. He resides in Pacific, Missouri.

Van Casis '04 works as a border patrol agent with the Department of Homeland Security in El Paso, Texas. He resides in Gurnee.

Mandy (Wagner) Cawby '04 is a special assistant to the Secretary of Health and Education with the State of Kansas. She has two stepsons. She and her husband, Don, reside in Topeka.

Carrie Claudnic '04 is a speech paraprofessional with the Grundy County Special Education Cooperative in Morris, where she resides.

Chad Cochran '04 is a fleet sales manager with Bridgestone Americas in Cincinnati, Ohio. He resides there with his wife, **Nicole (Lahey) '06**.

Stacey Costabile '04 is a reference assistant at the School of Education with Indiana University Libraries in Bloomington, Indiana. She is completing a master's of library science degree and certification for teacher of library and media services at Indiana University. She served as the president of the Indiana University Student Chapter of the American Library Association in 2008. She resides in Bloomington, Indiana.

Derick Cox '04 is a technology education instructor at Prophetstown High School. He also coaches Erie-Prophetstown freshman football, and is the assistant head wrestling coach. He and his wife, Bobbi Jo, reside in Erie.

Mariah Dale-Anderson '04 is a post-secondary director of the Illinois Association FFA in Springfield. She and her husband, Greg, reside in Clinton.

Deirdre Darnall '04 is the assistant director of governmental affairs with the Laborers' International Union of North America, Midwest Region, in Springfield. She completed a master's degree at the University of Illinois in 2008. She resides in Springfield.

Pradeepa David '04 is an instructional assistant professor in the Chemistry Department at Illinois State. He resides in Peoria.

Jennifer DeLara '04 teaches Spanish with Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202. She resides in Plainfield.

Ginger Denney '04, M.S. '06 is a family nurse practitioner with the Family Health Center of Pekin. She resides in Mackinaw with her husband, Joe.

Meghan (Fiscella) Digby '04 is a nurse. She is completing a master's degree in nurse anesthesia. She and her husband, Sean, were married in June of 2008. They reside in Fort Myers, Florida.

Stacy (Swigert) Dillefeld '04 is a kindergarten teacher with the St. Clair R-13 School District in St. Clair, Missouri. Her husband, Luke '06, is an R&D senior technician at Covidien. They reside in St. Louis, Missouri.

Teresa Dobson '04 teaches fifth grade at Wilmette Public Schools. She resides in Chicago.

Janelle Dodge '04 teaches physical science, earth systems, and chemistry at Galesburg High School. She resides in Galesburg.

Michelle Doyle '04 is a work perks specialist with National City Bank in Bloomington, where she resides.

Darin Driscoll '04 teaches high school physical education, wellness, and strength training at Knoxville West High School. He is also the defensive coordinator for the football team, and the school's

strength and coordinating coach. He and his wife, Kathryn, reside in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Michael Durr '04 is an associate digital artist with The Marketing Store in Oakbrook Terrace. He resides in Westmont.

Ryan Elias '04 is a claims representative with State Farm Insurance Companies. He resides in Omaha, Nebraska.

Michelle Elston '04 is an information manager with Morris Bixby Group in East Peoria. She resides in Metamora.

Ruben Estrada '04 is a test analyst with State Farm Insurance Companies. He and his wife, Vonda, reside in Bloomington.

Teri Evans '04 works at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove. She resides in Darien.

Sara Fisher '04 is a youth services librarian at Alpha Park Public Library in Bartonville, where she resides.

Brandon Fitzgerald '04 is an art director who produces material for advertisements with Rivet in Chicago, where he resides.

Erin Fletcher '04 is a school counselor with District 214. She and her husband, Adam, reside in Arlington Heights.



A quest to quench a thirst while exploring Italy led to a chance meeting of Redbirds in Venice this past summer. It wasn't hard for Randy Dunn '80, M.S. '83, right, to make the connection, as Willy Vrba '68, M.S. '70, was wearing an ISU hat. He and his wife, Barb (Mrizek) Vrba '69, reside in In Murray, Kentucky. The three took a break from their vacation to share campus memories.

Diana Racki Frank '04 is a Web designer with Abbey Carpet Company Inc., in Bonita Springs, Florida. She and her husband, Lenny, reside in Naples, Florida.

Kori Freund '04 is a sales manager with CDW in Chicago, where she resides.

Sarah (Schlosser) Furst '04 and her husband, David, are the parents of two sons. Levi Joseph was born in January of 2009. They reside in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Kellyn M. Geagan '04 is a resource teacher with Kirby School District 140 in Tinley Park. She resides in Frankfort.

Shayne (Montbriand) Gerke '04 teaches third grade with Mossville Elementary School. She resides in Peoria.

Tina Gersdorf '04 teaches sixth grade social studies at Jefferson Middle School in Champaign, where she resides.

Jason Gordon '04 is an industrial order filler with McMaster-Carr Supply Company in Elmhurst. He resides in Alsip.

Kimberly Goyske '04 is a marketing communications coordinator with the Tegrant Corporation. She graduated from the DeKalb Chamber Leadership Academy in 2008. She is a member of the DeKalb Chapter Women in Management and the Joseph Glidden Homestead and Historical Center boards. She competed in a half marathon in 2008. She resides in DeKalb.

Michelle (Brown) Green '04 is an ICU registered nurse and a charge nurse at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln. She resides

there with her husband, Joel. They are the parents of a daughter.

Nicole (Johnson) Groeper '04 works for Eddie Bauer in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Her husband, **Jonathan '05, M.S. '07**, is a medicinal chemist with Merck in Rahway, New Jersey. They reside in Metuchen, New Jersey.

Jayson Hagen '04 is a GSI specialist/senior analyst with Metro-St. Louis. His wife, Colleen (McHugh) '04, teaches math with University City High School. They reside in St. Louis, Missouri.

Lindsay (Bareither) Harrah '04 is an internal audit manager with Topco Associates LLC in Skokie. Her husband, **Timothy '03**, is a teacher and dean at Lincoln Way Central High School. They are the parents of a son. They reside in Homer Glen.

Randall Harris '04 is assistant director of the Midwest Region Organizing Committee with Laborers' International Union of North America. He resides in Alton.

Shannon M. Hartley '04 is an accountant with Bay Valley Foods in Mendota, where she resides.

Dan Hartzler '04 is a customs and border protection officer with the Department of Homeland Security in Chicago, where he resides.

Alan Hill '04 is a district sales manager with Syngenta. He resides in Morris.

BreeAnn (Bonnet) Hohulin '04 is a development officer with Illinois Central College Educational Foundation in East Peoria. Her husband, **Jason '06**, is a CPA with Gorenz and Associates Ltd., in Peoria. They reside in Germantown Hills.

Support our troops

Thank you to the individual listed below for his service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Names will be published as they are received. Submit information to Susan Blystone at sjblyst@Illinois-State.edu or by mail at Illinois State University, Campus Box 3420, Normal, IL 61790.

Spc. Emily Eberhart '04

U.S. Army

Ensign Michael S. Hume '08

U.S. Navy

Sgt. Michael R. Sherrard '96

U.S. Air Force



M. Lee Homb '04 works at CDW in Vernon Hills as an account manager. He resides in Chicago.

Craig Janssen '04 is a loan officer with Better Banks in Dunlap. He resides in Roanoke.

Amy Jones '04 is a programmer/analyst for the Boeing Company in St. Louis, Missouri. She resides in St. Charles, Missouri.

Randal Juskv '04 works as a quality engineer at Caterpillar Inc., in East Peoria. He resides in Sparland.

Anne Keldermans '04 is an ALG call center manager with Horace Mann Educators Corporation in Springfield, where she resides.

John King '04 has received a middle school/secondary education initial teacher certification, and is an academic counselor senior in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Louisville. He resides in Louisville, Kentucky.

Christopher Komer '04 teaches applied technology at Consolidated High School District 230 in Orland Park. He resides in Lockport.

Jessica (Schroeder) Kowalewski '04 is a reading specialist with Indian Prairie District 204. She and her husband, Mitchell, reside in Naperville.

Melanie (Ramos) LaGory '04 is a head start teacher with NPD School District 117 in Palos Hills. Her husband, **Edward '04**, is a graduate student at Loyola. They reside in Willow Springs.

Melissa Shea Larson '04, M.S. '06, is a pediatric speech pathologist with OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. She and her husband, DJ, reside in Peoria.

Michael Larson '04 is a production supervisor with Bway Corp/Nampac in Valparaiso, Indiana. He is completing an M.B.A. at the University of Illinois-Chicago. He served as an armor officer in the United States Army for four years, and completed one tour of duty in Baghdad, Iraq. He resides in Chicago.

Kelly Layden '04 is a senior ad trafficker with Apartments.com in Chicago, where she resides.

Jeremy Leder '04 is a postal inspector with the United States Postal Inspection Service in Seattle. He resides in Kent, Washington.

Stephen LeFebvre '04 works with the Department of Defense TACOM as an equipment specialist. His wife, **Jennifer (Kiely) '04**, is a technical writer with the Department of

How we met— Illinois State University connections

There were fewer than 10 students in Latin classes back when Virginia Phillips '50 and Norman West '50 studied the language at Illinois State Normal University. Both were English majors preparing to teach, so their paths crossed often beginning their freshman year.

The two became better acquainted on a bus ride in the fall of 1946. They were headed to a football game that pitted the Redbirds against Eastern Illinois University. They both were in the bands, which were separated by gender. The women had about 125 members. The men's marching band totaled only about 60, as the war took its toll on male enrollment.

The arts continued to draw the couple together. They participated in Capen Auditorium theatre productions under the direction of Mabel Clare Allen, and played opposite each other in *Lute Song*.

During their dating days, Virginia and Norman realized all they had in common. Both enrolled as first-generation college students, raised on farms in Illinois. They each received teacher education scholarships, which covered their tuition, fees, and books.

"If not for that scholarship, it's unlikely we would have gone to college," said Norman, who remembers boarding with W.W. II veterans in what they dubbed "the Smith Hall Annex." Situated above a restaurant, the apartment was just beyond the railroad tracks on Beaufort Street.

Virginia lived in Fell Hall prior to their wedding, which was September 11, 1948. The two married prior to the start of their junior year, and enjoyed a long career as educators following graduation.

Norman's first teaching position was in the Roanoke-Benson High School. They moved to Bensenville-Wood Dale, where Norman was a teacher in the Fenton High School. Virginia taught junior high English, and eventually fourth and fifth grade.

Norman became business manager of the two school districts, then was named principal of Fenton High School, where he spent almost 25 years. He was principal of Wauconda High School before the couple retired to Moore Haven, Florida, where they live today.

Their days are now spent boating, traveling, and enjoying extended family. Beyond their four sons, they have five grandchildren, and one great grandchild. They also have fond memories of the University that brought them together.

"Illinois State shaped our lives. We have always been proud of the great start the University provided for us," Norman said. "Virginia and I are both in our 80s now, alive and well, and always look forward to hearing about all that is happening at ISU."



Defense TACOM. They reside in Rock Island.

Stephanie E. Long '04 is a principal with Fairmont School District 86 in Lockport. The school had been on the academic watch list for five years. During her first year as principal, the school exceeded the state's average yearly progress. She resides in Decatur.

Sarah (Baker) Lukach '04 is a commercial banking officer with First Midwest Bank in Morris. She and her husband, George, reside in Streator.

Katie Madigan '04 is a speech-language pathologist. Her husband, **Jared Lofrano '01**, is a teacher with Rantoul Township High School. They are the parents of a daughter. Madeline Olivia was born in February of 2008. They reside in Rantoul.

Brian Mahoney '04 is an assistant principal with Lincoln Way Community High School District 210 in New Lenox. His wife, **Melissa (Zeiter) '04**, is a senior designer with Whitney Inc., in Oak Brook. They reside in Oak Park.

Edward Marshall '04 is a compliance officer and industrial hygienist for the U.S. Department of Labor-OSHA in Peoria. His wife, **Stephanie (Gonzalez) '04**, is an HR recruiter with ATS Inc. They reside in Peoria.

Theodore McCall '04 works as a financial analyst for Honda Financial Services in Rockford, where he resides.

Ryan McClellan '04 is an assistant principal at Sparta Community Unit School District 140. His wife,

Jamie '04, is a homemaker. They are the parents of a son. They reside in Steeleville.

Laurel McNeilley '04 is an operations team leader with American InterContinental University Online in Hoffman Estates. She resides in Schaumburg.

Cassandra (Petta) Meinert '04, M.S. '08, is an academic advisor with the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. She and her husband, Dustin, reside in Normal.

Rachel Miszewski '04 teaches early childhood/early learning in a self-contained preschool and in at-risk classes in Gurnee District 56. She resides in Antioch.

Janine (Knetl) Mlynarcik '04 is a marketing manager with The Long Company in Chicago. Her husband, **Josh '04**, is employed by Work Kitchen LLC in Flossmoor, where they reside.

Nicole (Vernon) Morse '04 is a graduate school accounting assistant with Mississippi State University. Her husband, **Alan '04**, is an assistant professor with Mississippi State University. They reside in Starkville, Mississippi.

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A group of alumni held their 10th annual "Ryder Cup" golf weekend in Normal in July. Most met while living on 16 Manchester in the late 1970s. They live across the country, yet stay in regular contact. Many of their children have also attended ISU. Participants included, *front row*, Kirk Wood '79, Bill Waite '79, Anna (Verdun) Current '79, Frank DiLeonardi '80, Terry Hitpas '79, and John Whalen '80. *Second row*: Den Patten '78, M.S. '82; Tom Patten '79, M.S. '87; Rob Current '80; Ed Warshaw '80; Carol (Hoadley) Essert '79; Mitch Essert '79; and Clint Wells '08. *Third row*: Laurie (Heike) Turilli '78; Craig Donnewald '79; Larry Turilli '78; Kevin Voss '78; Dan Herbst '78, M.S. '81; and current student Stacey Turilli. Last row: Terri (Bruemmer) Voss '78, Ed.D. '09, with grandson Luke; Kevin Dunn '80; friend Jeff Thompson; Jerry Hallahan '80; Tom Hilmes '79; Colleen (O'Brien) Hilmes '96, C.J. Voss, who attended ISU; and Steve Mauk '79.

Melissa Bianchetta '08 is an assistant manager of sound and lighting for Medieval Times in Schaumburg. She resides in Diamond.

Seth Birgells '08 teaches fifth grade at Colene Hoose Elementary School in Normal. He is a member of the school's core curriculum team, and has oversight of the school's Web site. He is also the assistant varsity softball coach at Normal Community High School. He and his wife, Kelley, reside in Bloomington.

Jeffrey L. Blacet '08 is a permanent substitute teacher with District 108 in Pekin. He and his wife, Tammy, reside in Peoria.

Nicholas Blum '08 is an admissions advisor. He resides in Orland Park.

Kim Bode '08 teaches first grade. She resides in Mahomet.

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Alumnus inspired to support student leaders

Michael Schermer '73, M.S. '78, came to campus as a freshman theatre major in 1969 on the recommendation of a neighbor. He never expected to graduate with degrees in sociology and educational administration. And he certainly never planned to spend the next 30-plus years working at his alma mater.

Schermer quickly became immersed in the campus community, serving as vice president of the student body, working at the *Vidette*, and joining the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. He started a career in Student Affairs in 1974 as assistant to the vice president, and held numerous positions prior to his retirement in 2008.

Within a few months he was back on campus, once again working with students. Now the director of the Career Center, he relishes working to make Illinois State a campus community where students soar to their personal and professional best.

"No matter what we do, make it better for the next folks," Schermer said.

That mantra has guided Schermer as he has worked in the Office of Student Life, Bone Student Center/Braden Auditorium, Diversity Advocacy, Recreation Services, Student Counseling Services, and with student government groups who have come to him with everything from complaints to creative solutions.

For years Schermer has served as a sounding board for students working for positive change. He partnered with undergraduates to start a transportation service for women that eventually became the current Redbird Express, and to push the administration for parking decks that are now essential to easing parking woes on campus.

Through each project Schermer gained an appreciation for young people concerned about an issue while at the University. After watching so many graduates go on to become leaders in their communities, Schermer decided to invest more than \$100,000 in the lives of Illinois State students to enrich their potential.

The Michael D. Schermer Student Leader Excellence Endowment Fund is designated for two student leader initiatives. The gift will be used to give a cash award to the Illinois State Outstanding Student Leader of the Year. It will also allow the University to create a four-year, renewable scholarship for an incoming student with outstanding student government and community service experiences in high school.

"I just want to encourage active involvement," said Schermer, who finds joy in living his mantra. He is creating a brighter future for student leaders eager to pursue their passion at Illinois State.

More than one life can be changed when you provide financial support that enables a student to complete an education and pursue professional dreams. Make a difference today by creating a scholarship, or contributing to the Schermer fund. Contact Executive Director of Development Joy Hutchcraft at (309) 438-8041 or by e-mail at jdhutch@ilstu.edu to find out what you can do. Donations can be made online at www.Advancement.ilstu.edu/support.



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