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The nation's economic struggles are impossible to ignore, as media reports keep news of unemployment rates and Wall Street woes on our minds daily. While discouraging headlines and gloomy predictions trouble all adults, they cripple our college students.

I have never encountered so many students still in the process of completing



their degree who are simultaneously in a state of angst regarding their future employment. Their concern is legitimate given jobs are disappearing, which creates a stress level unlike what graduates of years past experienced.

Illinois State's faculty and staff are responding in several ways to empower our students to

go forward with confidence. The first priority remains as it has since the University's founding in 1857: We provide a solid educational experience that allows students to mature academically, personally, and professionally.

Evidence that this goal is being met exists across campus. Mennonite College of Nursing graduates consistently exceed state and national averages on the professional licensure exam. The Department of Accounting is one of the top programs in the country for student performance on the national CPA exam.

Yet there is still the challenge of finding that first job, which is why Illinois State actively advocates for students—especially through the Career Center. Students appreciate feedback on everything from their resume and cover letters to how their skills and experience can best be marketed. Services are open to alumni as well as current students. Go to [CareerCenter.IllinoisState.edu](http://CareerCenter.IllinoisState.edu) for more information.

There is also an increased effort to connect new graduates and alumni with fellow Redbirds who serve as mentors and members of a professional network, which is crucial to any successful job search. The Alumni Association has created a LinkedIn group to unite alums looking for work with those who are able to hire. Join this cyber community of professionals online at [Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/linkedin](http://Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/linkedin).

The University provides internship experiences across disciplines, which often lead to full-time employment, and hosts career fairs. This month we will have recruiters from Fortune 500 companies, small and mid-sized businesses, government and social service agencies, and professional schools on campus. Alumni employers are encouraged to participate in these events.

I offer my sincere thanks to all who are engaged in the effort to help another Redbird find employment. I ask that others contemplate what they can do to assist our recent graduates as they enter the working world. Our students leave campus fully capable, motivated by a strong desire and determination. Be the one to provide the opportunity they need to prove their potential.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al Bowman'.

Al Bowman  
President, Illinois State University



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A family journey as a child sparked an appreciation for the nation's parks within Alfred Runte, M.A. '71, who completed his degree in history. An activist and author, Runte works to preserve treasured open spaces. He partnered with Ken Burns to chronicle the significance of America's grand, yet threatened, park system.

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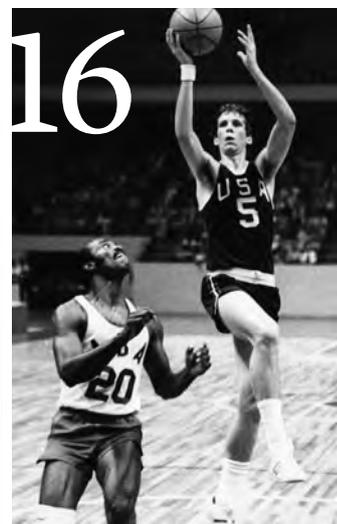
Josh Stevens '06 was chosen to take the Groupon challenge. His goal was to live for an entire year without using any form of money. Stevens bartered with coupons so well that he traveled the U.S. and overseas. His journey ended with a \$100,000 prize and priceless memories.

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The U.S. basketball team lost by one point to the Russians in the 1972 Olympics. The moment was excruciating for Doug Collins '73, who made what should have been the game-winning free throws. Collins recalls vividly how the controversy thrust him—and Illinois State—into the national spotlight.

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While still the place for serious studying, Milner Library has been reinvented. Students reach a librarian by email. They pull laptops from backpacks, plugging into collaboration stations. A vending machine, bean bag chairs, and artistic performances are additional signs that Milner is keeping pace with the needs of today's students.



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## Technology elevates nursing training

Mennonite simulation lab opens

**T**he nation's nursing shortage is expected to reach 1.2 million by 2020. Most nursing college students are trained with outdated equipment, but not at Mennonite College of Nursing (MCN).

The 10,000-square-foot MCN Nursing Simulation Laboratory, valued at more than \$2 million, opened last fall. The facility includes assessment and skill labs, plus a virtual hospital unit with high fidelity patient simulators.

The lab addresses acute and general care nursing scenarios. Set-ups mirror hospital nursing stations, patient rooms, a doctor's office, and exam rooms. There are also two-way mirrors and video capabilities.

"We have a high fidelity patient simulator that bleeds, says 'ouch,' and mimics all sorts of patient symptoms," MCN Dean Janet Krejci said. "The simulator makes it much easier to learn to give shots or insert an IV. The more our student nurses simulate to a virtual site, the more prepared they are for their nursing careers."

Video of nurses practicing a procedure is streamed to an entire class. There is then debriefing and self-evaluation.

Diane Folken, associate director of business and finance and cochair of the simulation lab committee, helped design the lab. She and Krejci worked with several others to create simulations as close to real-world nursing situations as

possible. Now students work through the same patient situations.

"The Mennonite College of Nursing faculty and staff are excited to bring this high-tech nursing laboratory to our nursing students. Technology in today's hospitals, doctor's offices, critical care facilities and long-term care facilities has outpaced many collegiate nursing programs," Krejci said. "After a year of intense and careful planning, we now have a world-class laboratory in which to prepare our students."



### Take a virtual tour

Go online to [IllinoisState.edu/magazine](http://IllinoisState.edu/magazine) for images of the nursing lab.

Download the Tag reader by texting TAG to 71857.

## TV-10 students top statewide competition

For the second consecutive year, TV-10 received nine awards at the 2011 Broadcasters Association Student Silver Dome competition. ISU's student television program captured more honors than any other university television program in the state.

Among the awards were first place for Best Newscast, Best Longform Program, and Best TV Photojournalism. ISU students swept the photojournalism category. The winning newscast was for a piece that covered a fire at the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity last year.

The station's "Ten on 10," which covers entertainment news, captured the longform program award. A second place in the category was awarded for "The TV-10 SportsZone" program. A second and third place were given in the Best TV Spot category, with another second place win in the Best TV News Package category.

## ISU plays key role in improving child services

The School of Social Work has received a \$450,000 contract with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to participate in the Supervisory Training to Enhance Practice project (STEP).

The University will hire five academic professional staff members to coach supervisors and mid-level administrators in child welfare agencies in a 12-county area.

"There is so much at stake when it comes to the welfare of children," Associate Professor of Social Work Kathryn Wehrmann said. "If we can support supervisors and ultimately help develop better services, then we have performed a great public service for children and families in our state."

Wehrmann is the director of the STEP project, which is designed to enhance the ability of DCFS to achieve critical outcomes identified by the Children's Bureau within the U.S. Depart-



Actor LeVar Burton was interviewed by TV10 students during a campus visit last fall.

ment of Health and Human Services. The specialists will assist DCFS supervisors and managers.

"It is the supervisors on the scene who have the greatest influence on the services their workers provide," Wehrmann said.

Requirements for specialists include an advanced degree and licensure in social work or a related human service area. Illinois State's School of Social Work is one of six schools in the state to participate in the STEP initiative.

## University remains strong in national rankings

The annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings released last fall place Illinois State in the top 200 schools in the nation. The University, which was ranked 160 under the "Best National Universities" category, advanced in several subcategories.

The overall ranking includes 280 American universities offering undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees. Among public universities, Illinois State ranks 85. *U.S. News & World Report* rankings are based on academic quality and excellence.

The University rose in the area of graduation rates, which jumped from 69 percent in the previous rankings to 71

percent. The report notes 32 percent of classes have 20 students or less enrolled. That compares to 31 percent last year.

"Any rankings system conveys only a small piece of the Illinois State picture," President Al Bowman said. "As always, we will continue to make progress in areas that are closely connected to our core teaching and learning values."

## Campus staff join effort to stop cyber attacks

ISU Business Intelligence and Technology Solutions Director Matthew Helm has been appointed to Illinois Governor Pat Quinn's Internet Privacy Task Force, the first of its kind in the nation. The 12-member task force will look at what the state can do to prepare and protect Illinois' industry and infrastructure from cyber attacks.

"We'll be working on how we can protect critical systems like the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the Board of Trade from security threats and, if an attack does happen, how we can quickly recover that infrastructure," Helm said.

The team will tackle how the state can attract cyber security firms, ensure the privacy of citizens who visit state government websites, and help local businesses guard against cyber espionage.

## Where are they now?

When the phone rang in 1971 and ISU History Chair Earl Reitan offered me a job, I spoke out in a voice that probably could have traveled from Seattle to Normal without telephone lines: "Yes—I accept!" And that began my 33 years of teaching history at the University.

I had some familiarity with the place already: My parents met at ISNU in the late 1920s and married in 1930.

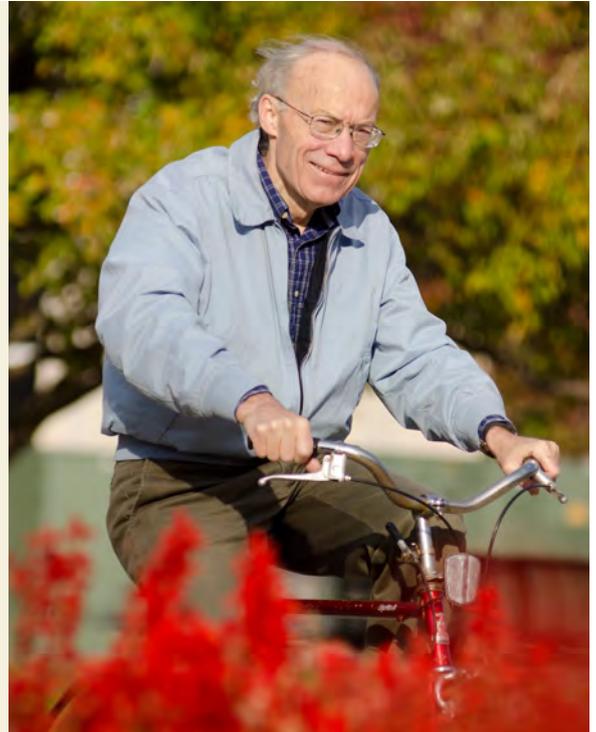
The department was very welcoming, something my wife, Eva, and I appreciated. Everyone helped this newly hatched University of Washington Ph.D. feel at home.

I started teaching U.S. History Survey and Labor History. I had promoted myself as a labor historian on the basis of having been labor reporter for the Minneapolis *Tribune* before entering grad school. My dissertation was on Western hard-rock miners.

The early years were difficult. I took energy from the students, and still have occasional contact with some of them. Others live on in memory for the research they did. I was given new enthusiasm as I saw students researching, probing, working hard at their writing and interpretations. It is said that historians "wring meaning from facts," and my students certainly did.

I consider myself blessed to have been a Distinguished Professor, and to have authored the University's history in the book *The Fourteenth Decade: 1987-1997*. Raising a family of three children in Normal has been the best thing that could have happened to Dan, Ruth, and Miriam, as well as to me and Eva.

Contact me by email at [wdwyman@frontier.com](mailto:wdwyman@frontier.com).



Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus Mark Wyman

Helm hopes that cyber security principles can be integrated into curricula across the Illinois State campus, and that a current national public awareness campaign to educate children about how to stay safe online can be included in teacher education programs.

### Funding fuels efforts to prepare principals

A \$330,000 McCormick Foundation grant will empower Illinois State to help principals align early childhood education with elementary and secondary education. The University's Leadership to Integrate the Learning Continuum (LINC) program will address principals' lack of early education knowledge.

According to a study commissioned by The Wallace Foundation, principals account for 25 percent of a school's total impact on learning. Legislation passed in 2010 made Illinois the first in the nation to certify principals from the span of Pre-K to grade 12.

By 2014 all principal preparation programs must incorporate new content and field experiences that integrate early childhood education and other content areas, such as special education and English language learners.

Illinois State's LINC program, which is part of the Center for the Study of Education Policy, will provide technical assistance to other key higher education institutions to ensure quality as their programs are redesigned to conform to the new legislation. Learn more about Linc at [LeadershipLinc.IllinoisState.edu](http://LeadershipLinc.IllinoisState.edu).

### M.B.A. program's focus on social issues lauded

Illinois State's M.B.A. program has been ranked among the top 100 programs for preparing students for social, ethical, and environmental stewardship in business. The University was slotted 32nd by the Aspen Institute Center for Business Education in its independent, biennial M.B.A. rankings.

The institute's 2011-2012 *Beyond Grey Pinstripes Global 100 MBA Ranking* is based on a survey that measures how well schools are preparing students for the environmental, social, and ethical complexities of modern-day business.

The Aspen Institute found that many schools are adapting their curricula to focus on responsible business practices. ISU's M.B.A. curriculum engages students in critical thinking, ethics, sustainability, corporate social responsibility, and leadership issues.

"Both the broad business community and society at large are demanding higher standards of corporate citizenship and transparency in governance," ISU College of Business Dean Scott Johnson said. "Demands are also increasing for sustainable stewardship of resources. We embrace these trends and recognize the important awareness the Aspen Institute rankings are bringing to an emerging and enlightened new methodology of valuing M.B.A. programs throughout the world."

To the Editor,

I clipped an article about Al Medina Jr. (Pause for Applause, May 2009). He had run the Athens Classic Marathon and noted that he planned to enter again in 2010 for the 2,500th anniversary.

My husband is a marathon runner. I am a spectator. The year 2010 was our 25th wedding anniversary, and we had not yet found any special way to celebrate our marriage. This article planted the seed. I told Will if we went to Greece and he ran that special marathon, I would prepare to run one of the shorter races offered. When I saw there was a walkers' entry, I decided I would prefer walking the whole marathon route. We both completed the October 31, 2010, race with good times, and it was a beautiful way to enjoy Greece! Al's right about the awesomeness of running to the finish in that white marble stadium.

Thank you, Al, for a very special time. And thank you, ISU. Your magazine helps us remain a community in spite of our geography.

**Sue (Burkart) Hofacker '79**

"I am a 1987 alum and a proud Navy veteran. Thank you to all those who were involved with this project. It's good to see we still have a few patriotic Americans and more so on college campuses. Way to go Redbird community. God Bless America! Go 'Birds!

Online comment

**Bruce Anderson, M.S. '87**

*Veterans Memorial Garden dedicated,  
IllinoisState.edu/news*

"Good for you. As an alum whose son is serving in Afghanistan, it's even better knowing you're acknowledging veterans in such a formal manner. The Quad is sacred ground, which makes it even better."

Online comment

**Brett Arseneault '78**

## Alumnus chosen to join Board of Trustees

Finance graduate Rocky Donahue '82 has been named the newest member of Illinois State's Board of Trustees. He was appointed by Illinois Governor Patrick Quinn to fill the vacancy created when Carl Kasten '66 left the board in 2008.

An Orland Park resident, Donahue holds a master's degree in public administration from Roosevelt University. He is the deputy executive director of external relations at Pace Suburban Bus, the regional transit agency providing service in Chicago and its suburbs. He and his wife, Janet, have five children.

## Federal funding enriches prep for Chicago teachers

A Teacher Quality Partnership grant for more than \$1.5 million from the U.S. Department of Education has been awarded to Illinois State's College of Education. The grant will fund a program aimed at redesigning and fundamentally transforming how teacher education majors are recruited, prepared, inducted, and supported for work in the Chicago Public Schools.

This is the third year of a five-year grant for The Chicago Teacher Education Pipeline (CTEP) at Illinois State.



The grant will continue to support the TEACHER+PLUS program, which prepares future educators to teach urban school students in high-need subjects.

"The goal of TEACHER+PLUS is to enhance the idea of a community-centered classroom. It helps future teachers who are interested in serving schools of high need in Chicago navigate a large system," CTEP Director Robert Lee said.

One component of the TEACHER+PLUS program is a four-week fellowship that the U.S. Department of Education noted "is one of the most intensive and innovative models they have seen for pre-service prep of urban teachers," Lee said.

## National grant funds crime scene research

The U.S. Department of Justice has earmarked \$400,000 for Illinois State to aid research and development of new crime scene investigation technology that will benefit Illinois law enforcement.

The funding will allow ISU researchers to explore the use of ambient mass spectrometry designed to help detect and identify items of interest at crime scenes.

Current protocols involve transporting samples to off-site laboratories and extensive preparation before analysis. ISU is pioneering new technology to examine substances in their natural state at the actual crime scene.

"The analysis can now be very quick in terms of looking at unknown substances, and very flexible in terms of what can be analyzed," said Assistant Professor of Chemistry Christopher Mulligan, who is leading the ISU research team.

Findings from this project will be used to develop and deliver an optimized portable instrument for use in crime scene investigation to the National Institute of Justice for evaluation, testing, and review. "This research will really help pave the way to have technology that crime scene investigators will be able to use in the field," Mulligan said.

# Redbird Athletics



## Season of change begins at Hancock

Renovation work slated for football stadium

**F**or the first time since Hancock Stadium was built in 1961, major renovations are planned for the home of Illinois State football. The facility will undergo a \$20-million upgrade that will boost seating to about 14,000. Completion is targeted for the fall of 2013.

“Hancock Stadium is literally the most visible front door to our campus,” said President Al Bowman, who announced the project last fall. “It is the first structure most people see when arriving at Illinois State from Main Street. It is a quickly noticed landmark that should reflect the top quality and high standards of this institution. Unfortunately, it does exactly the opposite.”

With nine million cars driving on Main Street annually, the primary focus will be on the stadium’s east side. The existing east-side stands will be demolished and a new grandstand created, complete with brick columns and glass walls to provide a more inviting presence.

Plans call for a two-story enclosed structure to house a minimum of eight suites, a club level with a minimum 500 seats, a club room, and a media and event production facility.

Outdoor terrace spaces and improved concession areas and restrooms will also be a part of the project, which was planned after gauging fan interest and support through a survey.

“When it was built 50 years ago, Hancock Stadium was a fine, proud facil-

ity,” Bowman said. “But the infrastructure hasn’t received a single significant upgrade and it threatens to become an embarrassment. Hancock Stadium’s functions are too important and its placement on campus too central to allow its deterioration to continue.”

Funding will come from a variety of revenue sources, including student fees. They will not be increased to cover the upgrade. “The fees students already pay to support athletics will be directed toward the Hancock Stadium project,” Bowman said. Funding from outside of the University will be also sought.

For more information on how you can be a part of the Hancock Stadium Renovation Project, call the ISU Athletics Development office at (309) 438-3264.



## NCAA certification earned by Athletics

Illinois State Athletics was one of 27 programs to meet certification requirements by the NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification last fall. The designation denotes that an institution operates its athletics program in compliance with operating principles adopted by the Division I membership.

“It was an easy story to tell the NCAA,” said Associate Provost Jan Murphy, who chaired the University’s certification committee. “We have outstanding student-athletes who work with extraordinary coaches and staff. Add a really terrific self-study committee to the mix, and I am not surprised that we had such a positive outcome.”

Original legislation mandating certification was adopted for all active NCAA Division I schools in 1993 to ensure the integrity of each member institution’s

athletics program, while assisting institutions with improvements when necessary. This is the third time Illinois State has been certified at the highest level.

“We are so pleased with the result, and to again be certified at the highest level is a true compliment to the lengthy commitment of this institution to doing things the right way,” said Leanna Bordner, senior women’s administrator and Athletics certification liaison.

Each NCAA member institution is to complete a self-study at least once every 10 years. Illinois State finished a self-study led by President Al Bowman. Members of the ISU certification committee also completed a review of governance and commitment to rules compliance, academic integrity, gender/diversity issues, and student-athlete well-being.

## Soccer and cross country teams claim Valley titles

The women’s soccer and cross country squads claimed Missouri Valley Conference titles last season.

The soccer team won its fourth regular-season title in the last five years. The Redbirds also earned an automatic NCAA Tournament bid with a win over Missouri State in the 2011 State Farm MVC Tournament.

Freshman Rachel Tejada was MVC Player of the Year, MVC Freshman of the Year, and All-MVC First Team. Senior Natalie McCabe was Defensive Player of the Year and All-MVC First Team.

Senior Jessica Carlson and sophomore Anna Stinson were All-MVC First Team. ISU also captured Coaching Staff of the Year.

The cross country team won its first league title since 1989, placing four runners in the top 10 at the LaVern Gibson Cross Country Course in Indiana. The women were led by freshman Krista DeCeault, senior Aisha Praught, junior Elise Sigg, and sophomore Kristen Zillmer. All four earned All-Valley honors.

## Plan to be a part of Valley basketball tournaments

Tickets for either the 2012 State Farm Missouri Valley Conference men’s or women’s basketball tournaments are still available. They can be ordered through the Illinois State Athletics Ticket Office at GoRedbirds.com, or call (309) 438-8000.

The men’s tournament runs from March 1-4, and will once again be played at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis, Missouri. The following weekend of March 8-11, the women’s basketball team will be ready to make its run for the title at Family Arena in St. Charles, Missouri.

For more information about the men’s tournament, visit [archmadness.com](http://archmadness.com). Go to [mvcstcharles.com](http://mvcstcharles.com) to learn more about the women’s tournament.

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# Earth's advocate

ISU alum protects nation's  
greatest treasures

by Steven Barcus

Our national parks are in danger. Whether from buildings encroaching on our magnificent horizons or companies tearing into nearby natural resources, our nation's greatest treasures are at risk of becoming broken, tainted, and ultimately destroyed.

Activist and author Alfred Runte, M.A. '71, is working to make sure the worst doesn't happen. But it's an uphill battle.

"Our parks aren't protected by the Constitution," Runte said. "They are protected by law, but Congress can and frequently does change its mind on the parks. As beautiful as they are, they are not considered critical to the American economy."



Much of Runte's research, which began at Illinois State, has focused on the history of the national parks. He found they were originally preserved in response to their natural beauty, and because the land was deemed worthless for accepted economic pursuits.

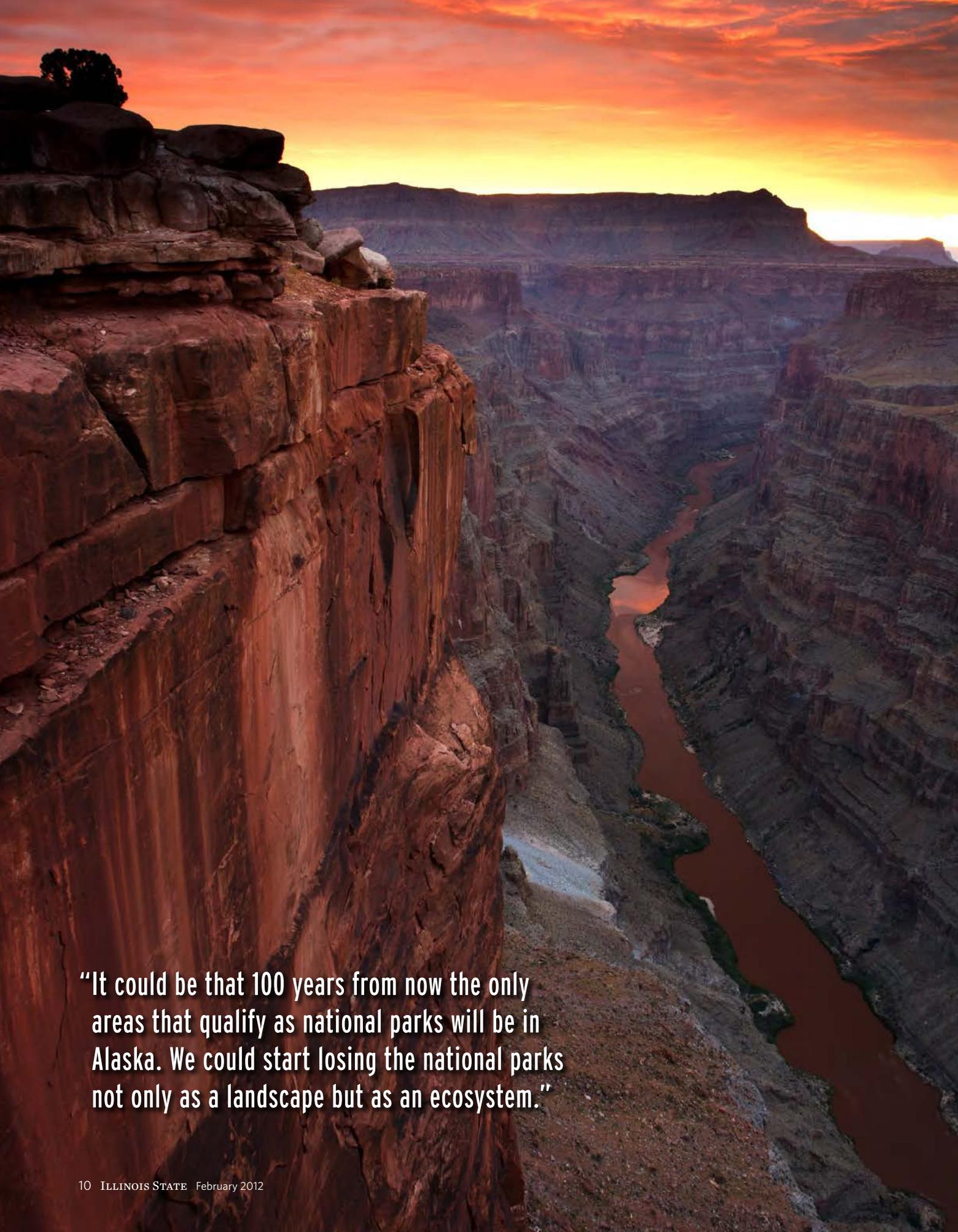
"People in the nineteenth century were thinking about land in terms of natural resources. In some parks, important natural resources were discovered after the fact, but at the time people thought the parks weren't valuable for anything but scenery, which allowed the first parks to be established," Runte notes.

Parks like Redwood National Park in northern California were treasured for their lumber by

settlers. More than 90 percent of the redwoods in the area had been cut down before an effort began to preserve them as a scenic resource. Nor was Redwood National Park the first casualty. In 1913, Congress transferred the Hetch Hetchy Valley, located in Yosemite National Park, to the city of San Francisco for a dam and reservoir.

"Even the Grand Canyon was proposed for damming in the 60s, but that was fought off by the Sierra Club," Runte said. "How long can you keep fighting the argument that the needs of a growing population trump the desire for a vacant landscape?"

Runte's passion for the national parks goes back to his childhood. Born and raised in Bingham-



**“It could be that 100 years from now the only areas that qualify as national parks will be in Alaska. We could start losing the national parks not only as a landscape but as an ecosystem.”**

ton, New York, Runte and his family spent weekends and summer vacations outdoors, walking on the family farm or visiting the Catskill Mountains.

The sudden death of Runte's father in 1958 left his mother, Erika, a single mom. All her life she had wanted to see the West. The next summer, with her sons Alfred and August in tow, she drove the family 10,000 miles in six weeks, visiting Mount Rushmore, the Badlands, Devils Tower, Yellowstone, the Teton Mountains, Crater Lake, Yosemite, the Grand Canyon, and the site of her father's homestead in South Dakota. With August and Alfred "navigating," the family camped the entire way.

"Mom wanted us to do something special as a family, knowing that August and I would soon be grown. Only in retrospect did she realize exactly what she had done—made conservationists of us both. It was when we arrived at Grand Teton National Park that I realized how special the parks really were, part of an even bigger idea including an entire system of parks spread across the land. I realized that as Americans we are fortunate to have something so wonderful," Runte said.

The trip was life changing. August studied forestry, while he took an interest in the parks from a historical point of view. After receiving his B.A. from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1969, Runte completed a master's degree at Illinois State.

"My coming to ISU was accidental," Runte admits. "Just three days before my draft physical, I broke my ankle and could go to graduate school. ISU was the only place I had seriously applied. I was in for a wonderful surprise. When I came here in September 1969, I found the faculty in the History Department to be outstanding. All encouraged my interest in environmental history, pointing me to the splendid sources in Milner Library dating back to the days of John Wesley Powell. It was in fact the centennial of Powell's path-breaking trip down the Colorado River, and I was thrilled to be at the school where Powell had started his career as a geologist and explorer."

Runte's thesis laid the groundwork for his doctoral dissertation at the University of California, Santa Barbara, published in 1979 as *National Parks: The American Experience*. Completely revised and updated, the book has appeared in its fourth edition. Widely praised as the definitive study of the history of our national parks, the book helped grow his reputation as an authority on the parks. It also helped him secure a one-year, \$30,000 grant to complete research on an environmental history of



Yosemite National Park, where he had spent four summers as a seasonal ranger with the National Park Service in the early 1980s.

*Yosemite: The Embattled Wilderness*, was another critical success and was published at a time when the park was in danger of becoming commercialized. Runte's book gained national attention, garnering invitations for him to appear on *Nightline* (ABC News) and *48 Hours* (CBS).

His fight now extends beyond the U.S. borders, as natural beauty is being destroyed worldwide. Runte spoke on parks and protected areas in 2004 in Brazil, which is home to one of the world's greatest rainforests, but it is being cut down at an alarming rate.

"A love of nature is universal. Every major country in the world has national parks," Runte said. "When I went to Brazil I was reminded of the 'worthless lands thesis,' and that my own government didn't save all of the Florida Everglades and the prairies either. I said to the audience, 'Don't preserve your rainforests because we tell you to. Do it for your own cultural pride. Learn from our mistakes.'"

As for those mistakes, there is no better example than Niagara Falls, according to Runte. The falls have been diverted, commercialized, and ruined beyond all recognition of the pristine area that greeted early tourists.

"Niagara Falls was a hard lesson Americans learned. As we began moving West, we knew that we couldn't let another Niagara Falls happen," Runte said. "When Europeans arrived after Niagara Falls was settled, they pointed out that though we had heralded our natural beauty as our heritage and culture, we had still destroyed this place. And that rang true for most Americans."

But Runte fears that lesson is becoming lost.

Al Runte, above, credits the nation's railroads for advancing the park system. Trains carried the earliest park visitors on rails that were placed with respect for the landscape.

The vista from the Grand Canyon, opposite page, is just one scene that inspired Runte during a boyhood journey to several national parks. The view is from the park's North Rim.

Grand Teton National Park, page 8 and 9, remains a favorite place for tourists. Once protected and treasured, Runte fears such beautiful landscape will not exist for future generations.



**“The more diverse a culture becomes,  
the more values shift. We need to make  
sure that new generations see the value  
in these places too.”**

“The more diverse a culture becomes, the more values shift. We need to make sure that new generations see the value in these places too. Otherwise who will support places like Yellowstone 100 years from now? People already use some parks a lot less than they did. They may do extreme sports like kayaking and mountain climbing, but they no longer take the contemplative walk through nature.”

That’s why Runte was eager to work with filmmaker Ken Burns on his Emmy Award-winning PBS series, *The National Parks: America’s Best Idea*. The series details the history of the parks from the mid-1800s to the present day, telling the human story of the parks and what they mean to the American experience.

“It was gratifying after 30 years of writing and research to see someone of Ken Burns’ stature look at the parks and realize that they are really important, and indeed, he needed six episodes and 12 hours to cover their history. I hope someday he does 12 hours more.”

Completing the existing series required consideration of the nation’s railroads, which were the primary means of access when many of the parks were first created. Railroad companies advocated for the parks at their inception, often building their first hotels, roads, and trails.

The close tie between national parks and railroads has led Runte to advocate for the railways as a way to preserve the beauty of the land and share the parks with future generations. He has consequently authored *Allies of the Earth: Railroads and the Soul of Preservation* and *Trains of Discovery: Railroads and the Legacy of Our National Parks*.

“Trains respect the scenery. They follow the landscape. They don’t try to break the river. They don’t blow up a mountain, they tunnel through,” said Runte, who is convinced the battle for our national parks cannot be won solely through railroad restoration or green technologies.

He instead hopes for a change in public attitudes. Rather than viewing the parks as individual tracts of land—*islands of beauty*, as it were—they need to be seen as part of the entire landscape, where the loss of beauty is just as serious.

“It could be that 100 years from now the only areas that qualify as national parks will be in Alaska,” Runte warns. “We could start losing the national parks not only as a landscape but as an ecosystem. At Illinois State, I learned a greater respect for America the beautiful. The prairies and plains of this country are glorious, too. We need all of our landscapes, not just the national parks, to protect the nature that stirs our souls.”

The Redwood National Park in California, *opposite page*, is an example of an area that was threatened prior to federal protection. Runte worked with Ken Burns to create a documentary detailing the history of all U.S. parks.

## Is “green energy” really “green”?

Faced with a growing population, shrinking resources, and increased pollution, change is necessary, scientists remind us. However, while some say that green energy and technologies are the solution, historian Al Runte disagrees.

“The term ‘green energy’ is a euphemism. For example, some claim that a wind farm is green because it doesn’t produce carbon dioxide, but because wind is an intermittent power source, companies need to keep their backup systems running near full capacity. Those do produce carbon dioxide. And what happens when you install that wind turbine? You have to blade the land, build a service road, create a house-sized concrete pad for the turbine to rest in. Energy was used to make the blades, and a truck and trailer were used to get it there,” Runte notes. “If the turbine breaks you have to repeat the process.” Perhaps worst of all, birds, bats, and raptors fly into the turbines, which are something they don’t recognize. It may be green energy, but it can be deadly for wildlife. “Forty years ago, the environmental movement was honest about these so-called side effects. Today, environmentalists are also ignoring limits.”

Runte suggests that some places make sense for a wind farm, such as Illinois, where the wind blows a lot—but not if it destroys the ability of the land to produce and offset carbon absorption.

Automobile companies also mine the euphemism, insisting they are “green.” “When the government says that a car manufacturer must meet a 35 mpg standard, it is not every vehicle. Companies can average it out among the entire fleet to meet the regulation. One person owning a Chevy Volt enables another to drive a big SUV,” Runte said. “A lot of people don’t realize this. That’s the power of the euphemism. It’s meant to keep us from thinking, from being critical about exceeding limits.”

Rather than rely completely on new “green” technologies to even out energy usage, the solution may simply be to use less. “But tell that to a public now sold on the idea that green energy means more jobs.”

The point in all of this is what we are doing to our grand landscapes. “Do we want to look west and see only a solar plant or a wind farm?” Runte asks. In other words, what does it mean to have a national horizon—the assurance of unspoiled open space? “Never have we been without that,” Runte notes. “Will green energy save us, or again just make us complacent about the loss of natural beauty? How much can we change the land before we cease to be ourselves?”





# Counting on coupons



ALUM CLOSES HIS WALLET TO WIN YEARLONG CHALLENGE

By Steven Barcus



## Is it possible to go an entire year without using cash, checks, or credit cards?

Josh Stevens '06 found out when he was selected by Chicago-based Groupon to live and travel for a year using only the company's deal of the day coupons offering discounts to restaurants, activities, and services in metropolitan areas.

An accounting graduate, Stevens found the contest on the Internet and was immediately intrigued. The opportunity to travel and do something unique was one he would gladly accept. The prospect of winning \$100,000 for accomplishing the task had its appeal as well.

"When I told family and friends about this, they were surprisingly supportive," Stevens said. "There was a lot of laughter, and it took a little bit for some to get their heads wrapped around it. Overall, everyone was pretty excited about it."

He submitted a video application showing how much he believed in the power of Groupon. In the video he manages to kill a bear, pull a man back from the brink of death, and stop a gang of gun-wielding thugs, all with Groupons. The video placed him among the final candidates. After proving himself further through sample blogs, interviews, and a trial survival run on the streets of Chicago, Stevens won the right to the challenge.

Stevens swore off his wallet and all of his other worldly possessions in May of 2010. He set out with only a pair of socks, underwear, shoes, and a paper suit made of Groupons. He was given a paper messenger bag with a laptop, phone, and camera. His first task was to travel from Chicago to New York City for a *Today Show* appearance.

"I was given a random assortment of Groupons for different cities that either they wanted me to visit or I wanted to visit. Sometimes I would have one Groupon for a particular place, sometimes two, sometimes multiple," Stevens said, noting it was a challenge to organize the hundreds he collected.

In the year that followed, Stevens sampled restaurants in major cities around the nation. He tried myriad activities including sailing on both coasts, partying for three days at a Dave Matthews concert, driving a NASCAR, taking in an NFL game, flying in a helicopter, and riding in a hot air balloon. Peppered in along the way were massages, pedicures, and even a flying trapeze class. Stevens' motto quickly became "Why not?"

But the year had its challenges. Stevens was limited to five visits from family and friends, and was not given Grou-

pons to account for every need. He developed a network of followers on his blog and social networking sites to trade Groupons for things he might need in a strange city, such as toiletries or a couch to sleep on. His system worked, as he did not spend a single night in a hotel during a month's stay in Seattle, Washington.

"One night in L.A. I needed a place to eat, and most of the restaurants I had Groupons for were either closed or too far away from where I was staying," Stevens said. "So I put out a post describing my situation and someone in San Diego responded. She ordered delivery for me from a Chinese restaurant across the street, and I traded her Groupons for cupcakes and a pedicure."

Other tasks presented problems as well, such as paying for a parking meter, tipping a waiter, and trying to get a passport for a trip to London. But even these obstacles were overcome.

"Whenever there was any apprehension, I just had to push it away," Stevens said. "That was the point of all of this: to meet new people, try new things, and push me outside of my comfort zone."

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After 365 days of living life without money, Stevens returned to Chicago on May 10 of last year in a horse-drawn carriage—paid for with a Groupon—to a cheering crowd and marching band to accept his \$100,000 check.

He will use the money to put his life back together after his yearlong adventure, during which he proved you can do just about anything with Groupons. His girlfriend, Amber Silverman, accepted his marriage proposal—complete with a ring and ring box, both made from Groupons.



**See how the adventure started**

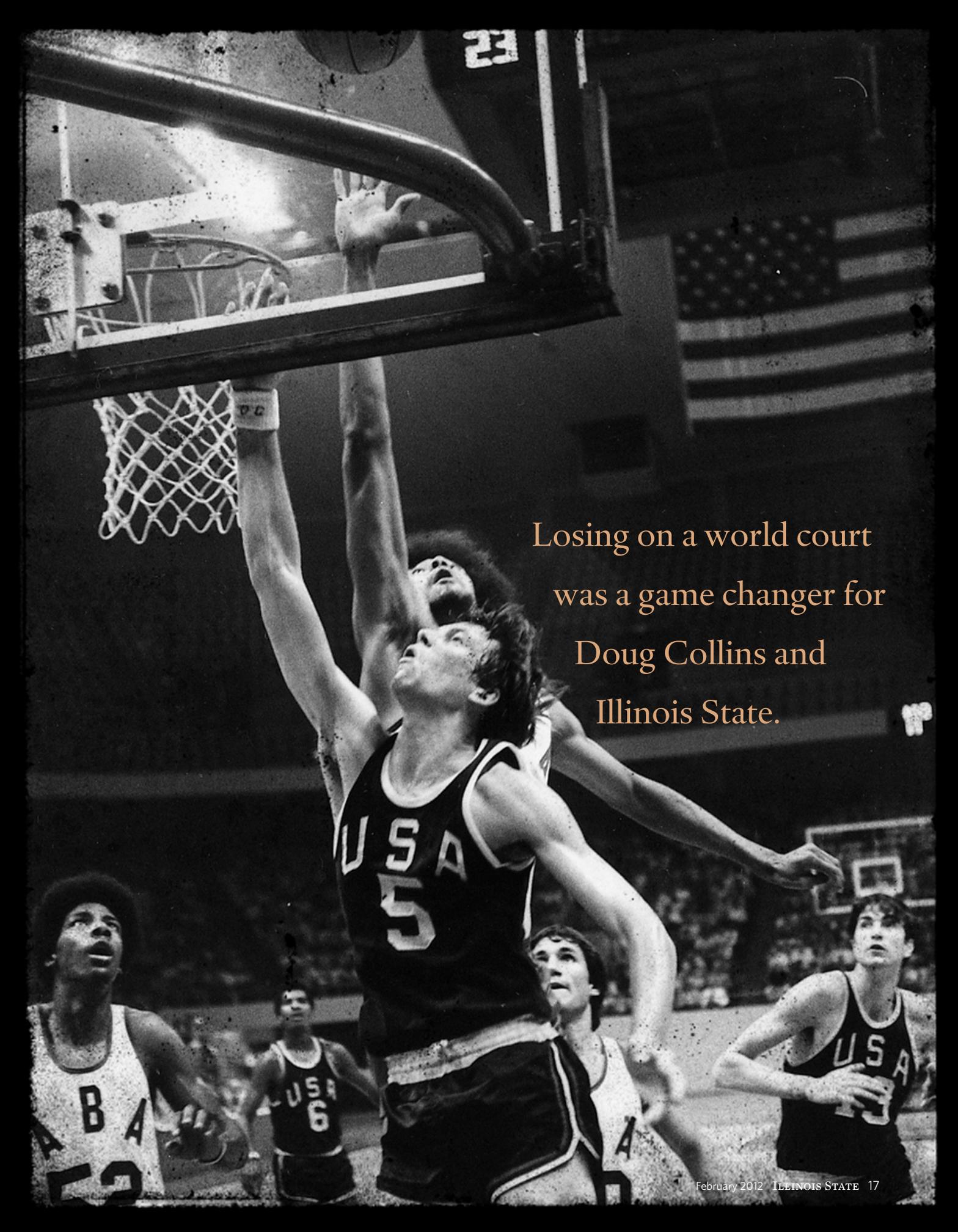
View Stevens' video entry, "The Groupon," on [YouTube.com](#)

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Disappointing  
Olympic  
moment  
turns golden

by Randy Kindred '80



Losing on a world court  
was a game changer for  
Doug Collins and  
Illinois State.

The 1972–1973 Illinois State University men’s basketball media guide included a section titled,



# “All America digs Doug... and we’ve got him.”

Indeed, by the beginning of that season, all of America knew Doug Collins ’73 was a terrific basketball player. Folks from Miami to Spokane also knew he played at Illinois State. Six months earlier, most Americans could not have picked him out of a lineup. Nor had they heard of his school.

What transpired to change that—change everything, really—is something even Collins says he never could have envisioned. Forty years later, his heroic moment at the 1972 Summer Olympic Games in Munich, Germany, easily stands as the most significant in ISU basketball history.

After being knocked unconscious briefly by a hard foul, Collins sank two free throws with three seconds left in the gold medal game against Russia, giving the United States a 50-49 lead.

The points would have been the difference, but a chaotic and controversial ending resulted in a 51-50 Russian win. Having twice celebrated apparent victory, only to see time put back on the clock, Collins and his

crestfallen teammates never accepted their silver medals.

Yet, the 6-foot-6 guard and his school had burst into mainstream America.

“I feel good about that,” Collins said of the impact nationally for ISU. “Illinois State was the place it all started for me. To be able to stand tall and make the Olympic team... that was very important to me personally, but also for what it did for Illinois State.”

Collins’ Olympic experience came as ISU was trying to get a foothold in NCAA Division I. Athletic Director Milt Weisbecker had hired Will Robinson as the nation’s first black Division I head coach in 1970. The Redbirds had been a provisional major-college entry in Collins’ sophomore season of 1970–1971 and officially became Division I in 1971–1972.

While Collins earned All-America honors both of those seasons, averaging 28.6 and 32.6 points per game, gaining a spot on the Olympic team and, in turn, becoming an Olympic hero was “my coming out party,” he said.

It also “put ISU on the map in a lot of ways,” said Roger Cushman, the Redbirds’ sports information director at the time.

“From Doug’s time through the next few years we had something like seven players drafted by NBA teams. We have never had that since and, of course, never had it before Doug,” Cushman said. “The Olympics was the validation of all the so-called PR we tried to get out on him.

“He was obviously such a talent that you wanted to tell the whole world. But who’s going to believe that you have that talented of a player at a place like Illinois State, which was one year removed from Division II? That moment in the Olympics when he was knocked unconscious and





got up and made two really pressurized free throws ... my goodness, the whole world knew just how good he was.”

Collins’ free throws came after he made a steal near midcourt and drove in for an attempted layup. His legs were taken out from under him and he crashed to the floor. He slid and his head went under the padding of the basket support, leaving him unconscious.

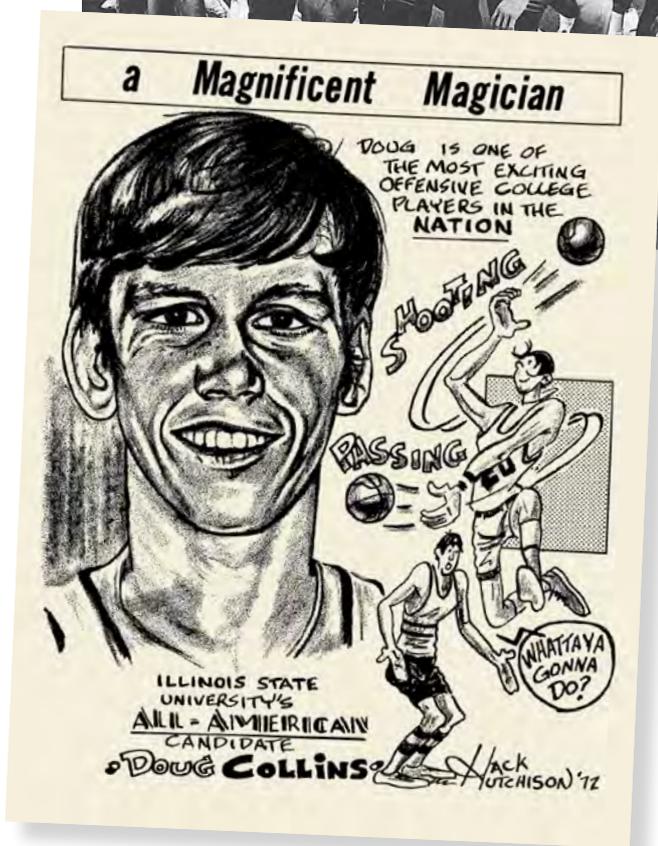
Trainers and U.S. Head Coach Hank Iba came out to check on him.

“There was concern as to whether I would be able to shoot the free throws,” Collins said. “I remember Coach Iba in that gravelly voice of his saying, ‘If Doug can walk, he’s shooting them.’ My thought at that point was there’s no way I can let my coach down and let my country down.”

Collins gathered himself and calmly swished both attempts.

“Honestly, I didn’t feel any pressure,” he said. “For whatever reason, I thought I was in my backyard in Benton, Illinois, shooting them like I’d done all my life. I counted on my routine like I’d always done.”

Little would be “routine” for Collins or ISU after that. He returned from Munich in September for his senior year as a physical education major and was honored at Hancock Stadium. It was among many tributes over the next few months. Nearly every school ISU played on the road that season “wanted to do something to honor Doug,” Cushman said.



Cartoonist Jack Hutchinson captured in 1972 the campus excitement surrounding Doug Collins’ Olympic moment. Collins is shown above, clockwise from top left, on the Olympic court; posed with his *Sports Illustrated* cover; with the Olympic team and coaches; and with his ISU coach, Will Robinson.

“You didn’t have to do anything to interest people in him,” Cushman added. “The name recognition was quite high.”

It soared higher on January 15, 1973, when Collins appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* magazine. There was a photo of Collins in his Redbird letter jacket and the words, “Backcourt Magician.”

Cushman is certain that without the Olympics, the cover would not have happened. Collins agrees.

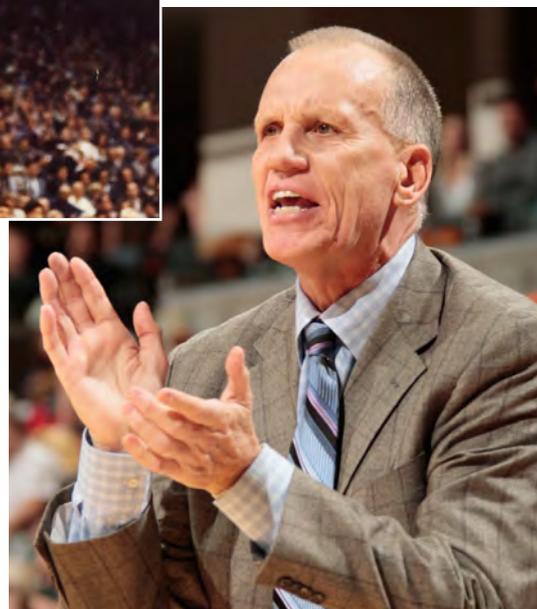
*Sports Illustrated* writer Curry Kirkpatrick was working on a story on the nation’s top college guards. When he came to Normal, Collins scored a school-record 57 points against the University of New Orleans.

“I think that had a big effect on it,” Collins said. “Curry probably called back to his office and said, ‘Let’s put this guy on the cover.’”

“I think once I went to the Olympic trials and proved I could play, I wasn’t just a guy playing at a small school throwing up big numbers. A lot



Collins’ career has included playing for the Philadelphia 76ers, above, and coaching, right, four NBA teams. He is also an award-winning analyst.



year, he was part of a rebuilding process that saw the 76ers reach the NBA Finals in 1977. After taking a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series against Portland, Philadelphia lost the next four games and the series.

Collins earned his third and fourth NBA All-Star Game berths in 1978 and 1979. He was in the height of his career on a team poised to win a championship. “Then I get hurt and my career is over,” he said.

“There’s no way in 1968 I could have dreamed the path I’ve been on in my life through basketball.”

of times people look and say, ‘Yeah, but who’s he playing against?’ But I think the fact I proved myself against the best solidified that I deserved to be in the conversation when there was talk of the best guards in the country.”

A few months later, the Philadelphia 76ers made Collins the No. 1 pick of the 1973 NBA Draft. Joining a team with a 9-73 record the previous

Foot and leg problems hampered Collins over the next two years. He played in 12 games his final season of 1980-1981 and retired at age 30.

“You have to pick yourself up and say, ‘What do I do from here?’” Collins said.

His salvation was basketball, as a coach and television analyst. He has served as head coach of the Chicago Bulls (1986-1989), Detroit Pistons (1995-1998), Washington Wizards (2001-2003) and,

currently, the 76ers. Between coaching stints, he has been an award-winning TV analyst.

“I’ve been incredibly blessed,” Collins said. “Through the heartache of losing the gold medal and injuries shortening my career, I’d do it all over again.

“I’d like for those last three seconds at the Olympics to be different, and in 1977 to not let Portland win four straight. But anything I’ve been asked to do in basketball, I’ve given my maximum effort. My daughter, Kelly, gave me something for my desk that says, ‘When a man does his best, what else is there?’ That says it all for me.”

It has been an improbable run considering that four years before he stood at the foul line in Munich, Collins was a reserve on his Benton High School team. He did not become a starter until his senior year.

He arrived at ISU at 6-foot-2 and Cushman said, “We hoped we had another Jerry McGreal because Jerry was a fine, small-college guard.” Collins grew to 6-6 by his sophomore year and soon took himself, and his school, to unimaginable heights.

“I tell people I’ve outlived my dream,” Collins said. “There’s no way in 1968 I could have dreamed the path I’ve been on in my life through basketball.”

He cherishes his time at ISU, during which he met his future wife, Kathy (Stieger) ’73. Collins donates to his alma mater, and an endowed scholarship bears his name. He takes pride in having been ISU’s first Academic All-American.

His relationship with Robinson is yet another treasured Illinois State memory. The two are honored with a statue outside Redbird Arena. Inside, Collins’ No. 20 hangs from the rafters. The Redbirds play on Doug Collins Court.

“I hope when people walk by that statue they realize I played ball and tried to do things the right way and what Coach Robinson meant in my life,” Collins said.

It all led to an unforgettable Olympic experience with a painful ending. Collins’ son, Chris, an assistant coach at Duke University and member of the 2008 gold-medal winning Olympic team, sought to ease the pain in 2009, the night his father was inducted as a broadcaster into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

“We had a family function afterward,” Doug said. “Chris stood up, reached in his pocket and said, ‘It’s 37 years too late, but you should have this.’ He put his gold medal around my neck. He gave it to me to keep. It was the most powerful moment I’ve had with my son.”

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# Doug Collins

## BOBBLEHEAD

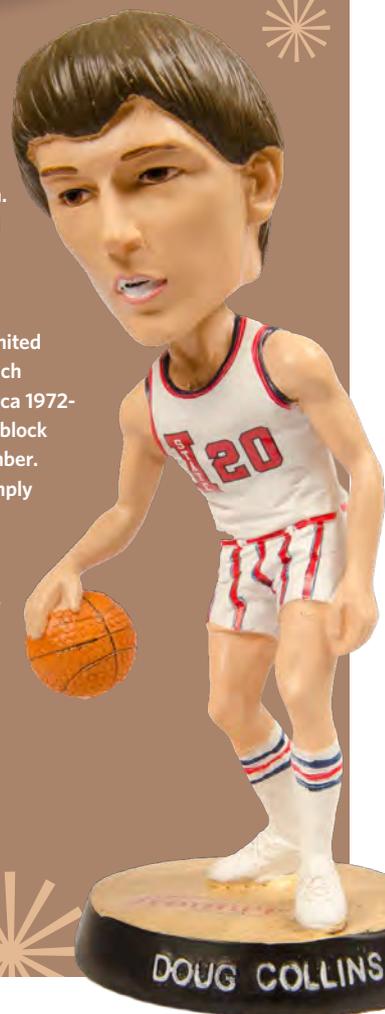
Doug Collins remains the most decorated athlete in ISU history. He averaged 29.1 points in three seasons. Beyond his status as an Olympian, Collins was an All-American and Academic All-American. He was the first pick in the NBA Draft and an NBA All-Star.

But first he was a Redbird.

That fact is still fondly remembered on campus and celebrated uniquely with a limited edition Doug Collins bobblehead. The 7-inch collectible depicts Collins in the team’s circa 1972-1973 classic candy-striped shorts and the block “I-State” logo adjacent to his uniform number.

This nostalgic piece could be yours. Simply take a moment to update your contact information online at [Alumni.IllinoisState.edu](http://Alumni.IllinoisState.edu), or by calling (309) 438-2586. Do so by March 16 and you will be automatically entered into a random drawing. Five winners will be notified by March 23.

The years Collins spent at Illinois State are still fondly remembered on campus, where his success as a student and support throughout his career are greatly appreciated. Don’t miss your chance to share in the memories.





# Inside Look

To say Al Bowman, Illinois State University's 17th president, is a busy guy would be a major understatement. For Bowman, who officially took office on March 1, 2004, workdays running from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. are commonplace. Dinners, award ceremonies, and other events occupy his evenings. Luckily Bowman has a place where he can work in peace and meet with students, faculty, staff, and friends of Illinois State. Located in Hovey Hall, the office of the president is simultaneously a sanctuary and center of activity.

## 1. President Al Bowman

More than the face of Illinois State University, this Colorado native is a skilled photographer and accomplished hiker/climber. Bowman has scaled Mt. Hood, 11,239 feet; Pike's Peak, 14,110 feet; Mt.

Shasta, 14,400 feet; and Mt. Rainier, 11,400 feet. To keep himself in top condition, Bowman runs five miles every morning and lifts weights.

## 2. Few changes

The office looks largely the same as it did when Bowman became president. As the University was in the midst of a budget crunch, he did not want to use funds changing the decor. He never did decide to make changes.

## 3. Brick

This brick from Old Main, the original Illinois State building, was a gift to Bowman from a previous administrator.

## 4. First family of ISU

Bowman's wife, Linda '81, M.S. '83, is an instructor and clinical supervisor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Their daughter, Natalie, is a graduate of University High School

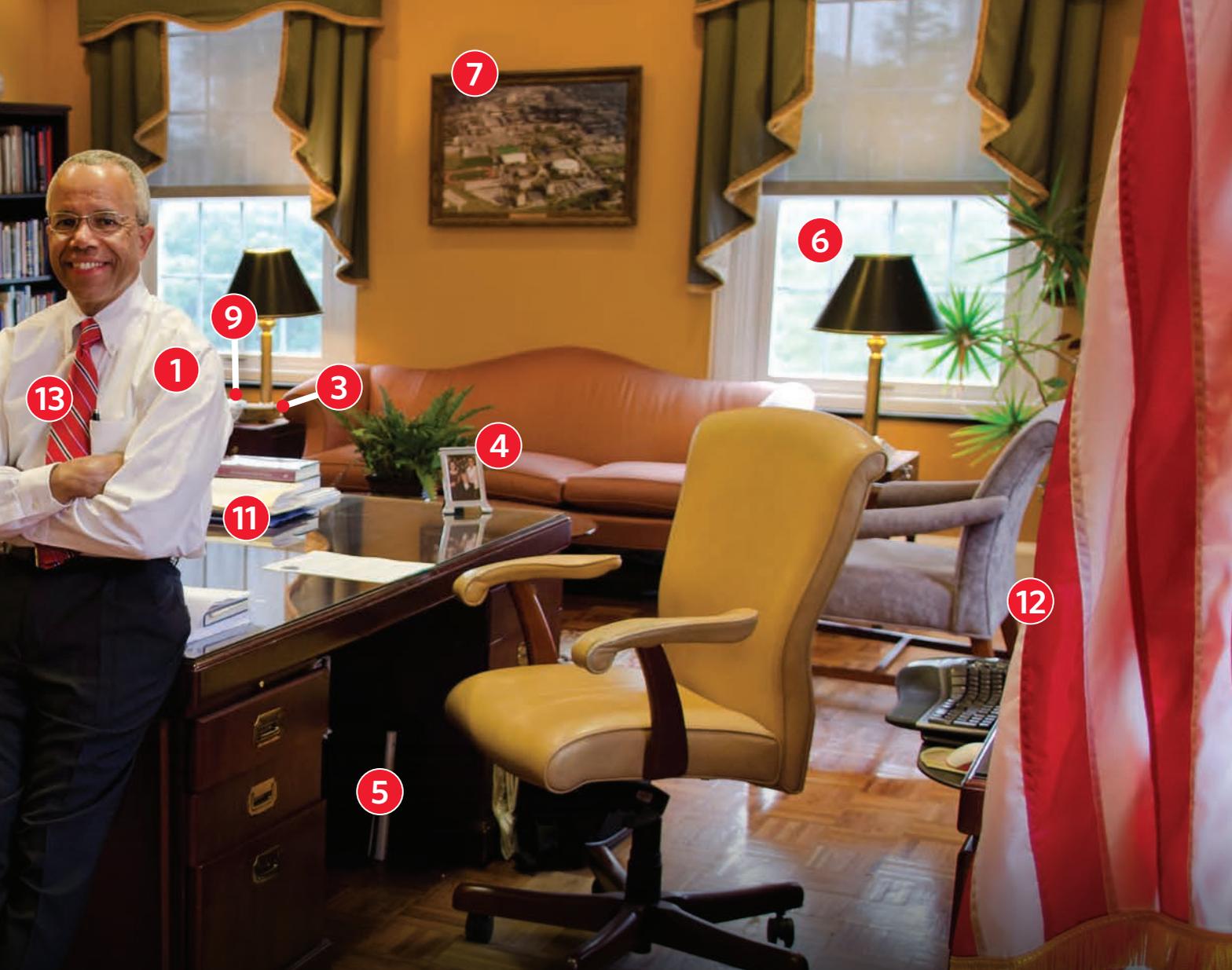
and is a student at the University of Wisconsin. Their daughter, Laura '11, is a University High School graduate, as well as a graduate of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

## 5. Laptop and briefcase

No matter where you see the president, you can be sure his laptop and briefcase are close by. These are his companions for staying on top of ISU business during early mornings and late nights, on and off campus. And in case you were wondering: He's a PC guy.

## 6. Presidential vantage point

The office boasts a sweeping view of the Quad. Bowman enjoys taking breaks from his desk to watch Preview and tour groups visiting campus. Tour guides even like to point out his window to show that the president is close to the heart of campus life.



**7. Bird's eye view**

This shot of campus taken in 1998 has become radically out of date since Bowman has been on campus, with changes including construction of a \$50 million Student Fitness Center and McCormick Hall, the opening of an Alumni Center, renovated campus buildings, and six remodeled residence halls. Bowman also initiated the University's first-ever public/private student housing partnership. The 900-bed, privately-owned, student apartment complex constructed on university-owned land will open this fall. Safe to say a new photo may be in order!

**8. Personal library**

Everyone could use more shelf space, and the president is no exception. The books paint a portrait of the two sides of Bowman's career: speech pathologist and higher education administrator.

**9. Life Savers**

The president is a big fan of Life Savers—so much that he stocks them in two places.

**10. Faculty history**

The diploma dates back to 1902 Illinois State Normal University, and the picture above it is of the entire faculty from that year. Amazing that a century later the faculty has grown by 1,100.

**11. Pile system**

Forget file cabinets! Bowman organizes his mountain of work by pile. Items with immediate urgency are placed on his computer keyboard. Items to be done on that day are next to the computer. Items for the week have another pile. And things that can wait have a pile all their own.

**12. XM radio-classical music (not pictured)**

Quiet, classical music helps Bowman write. How quiet does he like it? His wife frequently accuses him of playing it at a sub-threshold level.

**13. Red tie**

Illinois State's president is always spreading the red, and he has a small army of ties to do it. How many red ties does he have? Only 180.

**14. One sweet license plate**

This plate was an inauguration gift from Secretary of State Jesse White. Is there any vehicle awesome enough for a plate like this? Doubtful.

Changing student needs result in a new chapter for Milner

# LONG OVERDUE

by Kate Arthur

When students were asked what they'd like to see more of at Milner Library, the answer was surprising.

Outlets.

No one said books, and a wander through the six floors tells you why...





Milner provides the technology students expect and need, including collaboration stations for team projects.

## Numbers tell the story

One of the best ways to demonstrate how much Milner Library has changed from the days of housing nothing but books in Old Main, and later Old Union, is to take a look at some fun facts.

The data below reflects usage from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011.

1.6 million	Books in the collection—only 8 percent circulate
590,143	Website visitors
354,327	Visitors through the doors
100,000	E-books, with the count growing almost daily
68,294	Electronic journals
36,741	Visitors asked a question at the reference desk
3,461	Instant message questions received, along with 1,322 email questions
3,390	Electronic devices were connected to the wireless network in a single day
3,000	Doughnuts were consumed during finals week study breaks, along with 1,080 cups of coffee, 850 cups of hot chocolate, and 200 cups of tea
1,500	Seats available
3	Hours is the time you can borrow an iPad or laptop
3	Flash mobs have gathered

Students lean over laptops clicking away, occasionally stopping to highlight in a textbook, answer a text, or take a sip from a Red Bull. One scribbled a formula on a white board. Math education majors worked a geometry proof on a laptop they shared at a pub-height table for four.

Milner Library still smells like books, but there isn't much else to remind graduates of the hours they spent studying there. There's not a blonde oak card catalog with those narrow sliding drawers to be found. Microfiche

## Today it's known as "Club Milner."

machines on the second floor have been replaced by 21 flat screens with DVDs and shelves of titles. There are vending machines on the first floor. And since Milner is open 24 hours during finals, students have sleepovers among the stacks, ordering pizzas and subs that arrive on the third floor.

The flash mob that kicks off finals week would never have been contemplated and certainly not allowed in the stacks decades ago. The 10-minute choreographed scene attracts hundreds of chanting students. Other days they might be rehearsing dance steps in a corner, curling up in an upholstered wing chair with a borrowed Milner iPad, or creating

a YouTube clip holding a Bluetooth wireless microphone in a podcast and video room. The rooms with acoustical panels are designed for digital media artists, who can use the space without advance reservation.

While undoubtedly still the place with a quiet reference room where research is serious business, the library has become so much more that the building is now known as "Club Milner." The name was chalked on the sidewalk one day and quickly embraced by staff and students.

That's fine with Dean of University Libraries Sohair Wastawy, who is encouraged by the affinity students have for Milner—especially at a time when some may wonder why anybody goes to a library with so many resources available online.

Wastawy spends part of each day circulating among the students, quietly observing throughout the building. Each floor has its own personality, from the social atmosphere on the third floor to the maximum-quiet fifth floor, where the only sound is of pages turning and air moving through the ducts. She notes that maybe one out of 100 students is looking at a library book,

## The dean's vision for the library is a crossroads for intellectual, social, and cultural learning.

yet the building's jammed during peak periods.

On a typical day, more than 2,000 students are plugged into Milner's wireless network. Reference questions arrive as texts or through instant messages, giving students personalized and immediate access to librarians. More than 100,000 e-books are available, and iPads and laptops can be checked out for three-hour intervals.

"People have not stopped coming to this space," Wastawy said. "They just use the library in different ways, as a study space where they are able to access information. It is a quiet place, a place that facilitates learning and where they can get help."

A Fulbright Scholar and internationally recognized librarian, Wastawy has been at Milner's helm since June of 2010. She arrived at Illinois State after serving as chief librarian at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina/Library of Alexandria in Egypt.

Wastawy came to campus with the goal of "creating innovative and emergent services for the ever-changing

information environment." Her vision for the library is a crossroads for intellectual, social, and cultural learning. She notes that it is no longer unusual for university libraries to incorporate fine arts galleries, theaters, lecture space, and interactive exhibits.

"We cannot keep libraries the same exact way. We cannot hope that our students will use the old technology. Hope is not a strategy for us," she said. "We need to change; we need to transform; we need to find new ways to deliver information. And we are after the whole person, not just the brain."

While some may be initially surprised by the paradigm shift, students appreciate a library that meets their techno-savvy generation's needs. Math education major Dave Irsay said he can't study in his apartment, so he heads to the third floor where students meet at tables where they can plug in their laptops and wheel around chairs.

"An hour spent here is like three hours at home," he said. "I don't know where I'd study without Milner."

He worked through the geometry proof with Jessica Ronnau of the same major, who pulled the problem up on her laptop, which was linked to a flat screen at their table. "Our teacher does this in class, so

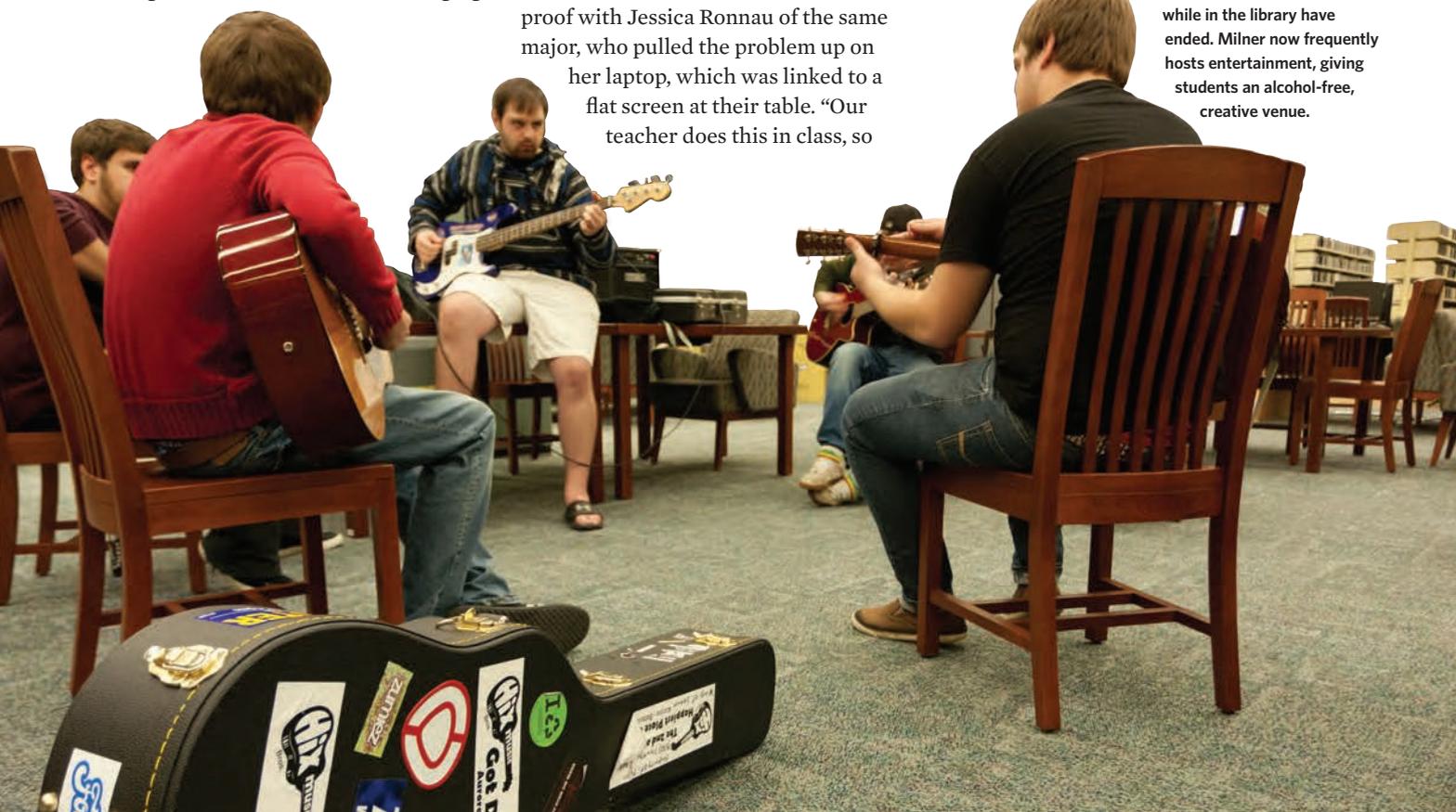
now it's like we're in his seat," she said. "It's a nice sense of community here. We mingle. I like the third floor because you can talk."

On Friday nights, when traffic is down, Club Milner offers far more than a place to collaborate. It's then students come to the library to check out entertainment in an alcohol-free atmosphere. Performances range from stand-up comedians to poetry readings and music nights, with students invited to bring instruments. During election season, they're offered political soapboxes.

"It is really giving the building back to the students," Wastawy said. "It belongs to them and they learn by doing, by hearing, by interacting."

Nighttime library specialist Heather Kosur '07 has seen some of the more humorous of these interactions during her shift, which stretches until 1 a.m. Students have tried to smuggle in small dogs. A group dressed as ninjas made the rounds twice a night during finals week, striking silent ninja poses on each floor.

The days of mandatory silence while in the library have ended. Milner now frequently hosts entertainment, giving students an alcohol-free, creative venue.





“It was a fun and harmless way to let off some steam during a rather stressful time of the semester,” she said. “Those of us at the desk were cracking up laughing.”

That’s a far different environment than remembered by Chris Burke ’92, who recalled being overly tired studying

replaced with tables and “collaboration stations,” which allow students to plug in their electronic devices and see their work on flat screens.

Another of Wastawy’s priorities has been to add seating, as students had been parked on the floor or lining the steps during peak times. Now there’s seating

installed includes scrolls of the DNA helix and the Emancipation Proclamation. Pieces on loan from the University Galleries are displayed throughout the library.

“We wanted to give students a sense of renewal,” said Wastawy, who expresses an urgency in the library’s evolution because of the brief time students are on campus. “Every year you are losing 5,000 people. You have a window of opportunity between two and four years. If you wait, you miss a whole generation, and that is too much to lose.”

Assistant Dean Tom Peters agrees. He joined Milner last year with the realization that his role as librarian will continue to change in tandem with the services students expect and need. It used to be that once librarians helped a student find a book and checked it out, their job was done.

## "People have not stopped coming to this space. They just use the library in different ways."

for finals one night. He leaned a little too far back his chair and fell over, knocking a pile of books off the table. While it got a big laugh, he was quickly kicked out of the library.

Atmosphere isn’t all that’s changed at Milner, which underwent a significant physical makeover last summer. Because students needed more work space, books that hadn’t circulated in three to 10 years were moved to storage. The stacks were

replaced with tables and “collaboration stations,” which allow students to plug in their electronic devices and see their work on flat screens. Another of Wastawy’s priorities has been to add seating, as students had been parked on the floor or lining the steps during peak times. Now there’s seating

for 1,500, including bean bag chairs students move around. The concrete walls in the stairwell have been painted and the 37-year-old carpet was replaced—revealing underneath more than 500 pounds of dirt that was sucked away. And yet there are reminders of the Milner alumni remember. While the card catalogs have disappeared, 209 cards were pulled for a commissioned piece of art in the stairwell. Other art

“The social contract was, ‘you know how to read, there’s natural light, go to it. You don’t need us anymore.’ Now people need help getting the most out of the information they’ve found,” Peters said.

He and Wastawy have no qualms that libraries will become extinct, even as they acknowledge that facts and figures are accessible within seconds of a person putting fingertips to a smart-





Changes made by Dean of University Libraries Sohair Wastawy include the addition of art and a DVD viewing area, above, where the microfiche machines once stood.

phone. Instead of feeling threatened, they see an opportunity to maximize technology with even better customer service, both for those from afar and within the building.

“We still see a lot of people coming to the library because we’re human beings. We need to congregate. You want to go someplace where there are others like you,” said Peters, who is convinced “the future for libraries is to design an information system and let users finish it.”

And they do. For example, users add value to what they find by posting their comments or tagging photos in the virtual world. It’s a radical and welcomed shift from the past, when patrons would be in serious trouble for suggesting another book on a topic by writing on a card in a catalog drawer.

Today, in what Wastawy calls “the new library,” ideas are encouraged and voices amplified—beginning with a white board at the entrance that asks students to respond to posted questions such as what they want to do before they die to where they were when they lost their cell phone. It’s just one of many ways Wastawy has created a vibrant

library at the University’s core.

“We need to continue reinventing because this is the one place that all the students have in common, more than the cafeteria or the dorms or any other social place on campus,” she said. “It’s where they learn. It’s an extension of the classroom.”



### Keepsake preserved

**Renovation work at Milner resulted in rediscovery of the library’s oldest book. Learn the details online at [IllinoisState.edu/magazine](http://IllinoisState.edu/magazine).**

Download the Tag reader by texting TAG to 71857.

## Milner reaches far beyond campus

Although known as the University library, Milner also functions as a public library. Anyone within 50 miles can obtain a library card. Those who are further away can access digital resources online at [Library.IllinoisState.edu](http://Library.IllinoisState.edu).

Some of Milner’s unique collections are digitized, including items from the art and circus collections. Soon you’ll be able to access Illinois State University’s yearbooks that were printed from 1892-1994. Copies of yearbook pages rank as the most frequent request from archives.

In addition to the dedicated library staff, Milner relies on external support to offer expanding services to the campus community and patrons beyond Illinois State’s borders. Friends of Milner also provides crucial support. Started by the community in 1947 to enrich the cultural life of campus, Friends of Milner is now in its 65th year. The group helps fund authors’ visits, exhibits, collections, preservation equipment, and even the purchase of popular DVD titles.

Members are invited to special events and enjoy other opportunities, such as Milner’s restoration of print materials by the Conservation Unit. Visit the library’s website or contact Assistant Dean Toni Tucker at (309) 438-3481 or by email at [ttucker@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:ttucker@IllinoisState.edu) for more information about the various levels of membership.

## Reflections past and present

Alumni and current students shared their favorite Milner moments on Illinois State’s Facebook page. Their comments reflect how crucial the library always has been and remains a core element of campus life. Go online today at [facebook.com/IllinoisStateUniversityStudents](http://facebook.com/IllinoisStateUniversityStudents) and post your own Milner memory.

*Alyssa Palumbo, freshman*

“First time I walked into Milner, I was so amazed by how big it is and was overwhelmed by all the books. I was exploring and climbing up the stairs. I turned to my boyfriend and said, ‘I swear this place is like Hogwarts. The stairs are going to change any second now.’”

*Craig Bertsche '92*

“I was a night supervisor in '91 and '92. We spent several nights chasing the Milner Flasher. Sadly, we never caught him.”

*Lokender Reddy, master’s student*

“When I walked into Milner to attend a meeting for our group project, I was early so I had to wait for awhile. It was a new feeling—a good feeling—the smell of paper, quiet rustling of pages at the desks, and students doing relaxing stretches.”

*Amie Szymanski Zander '99*

“Makes me feel kind of old, but I loved the microfiche machines.”

*Renee Brown, sophomore*

“The instant message on the Milner Library website is the best thing ever invented. I was sick one time last year and still had to work on my English paper and I was having problems finding one last article. I went on the chat with the librarians and they helped me so much!”

*Russ Goerlitz, former student*

“It was my sanctuary to get away from the noise of my apartment complex. Really the only place I could work uninterrupted.”

*Shelly Tarling-Wallace '85, M.S. '97*

“I remember how nice it was to sit in the comfy chairs upstairs by the big windows and watch the sunset as I crammed for several finals.”



# AlumniConnections



## The survey says...

Alumni responses help guide outreach efforts

**T**he campus community works to connect with students so that they never feel like just another name on the roster. Illinois State students consistently praise the personal attention they receive from faculty and staff.

The connection with alumni is just as valued, which is one reason the Alumni Relations office circulates an alumni attitude survey. First done in 2008 and repeated last year, the email survey lets graduates reflect on their collegiate experience and share their ISU perceptions.

More than 4,000 alumni from all colleges and across the country replied to the 2011 questionnaire. Graduates from

the World War II era to present day provided insights that will help the campus better serve alumni.

One message conveyed is that alumni are eager to hear how the value of an Illinois State degree increases with growing respect for the University's programs. Graduates are equally interested in student accomplishments. The Alumni Relations staff communicates both through this publication, *Illinois State*, which will continue to be available in print and online. Alumni stated both formats are appreciated.

Because many graduates do prefer technology to print, Alumni Relations is increasingly expanding the University's

Web presence. Graduates can connect through Facebook or Twitter. They can use the Internet to be involved despite their distance from campus. Alumni unable to get back for Homecoming last fall could watch the parade live online. There are multiple services available, including opportunities for professional networking through the Career Center and LinkedIn.

While much has changed on campus over time, the personal touch remains a priority. That's why each survey response is sincerely appreciated. If you were not included in the sample and have feedback you would like to provide, please call (309) 438-2586.

## Alumni return for annual campus reunion

Graduates from the Class of 1962 will celebrate their 50th class reunion on June 14 during the annual Half Century Club event at the Alumni Center. They will be inducted into the Half Century Club at dinner on Thursday, and join the Half Century Club for a full day of activities on Friday, June 15.

Members of the classes of 1957, 1952, 1947, 1942, and 1937 who will be celebrating their 55th, 60th, 65th, 70th, and 75th reunions from ISNU will be honored at the Friday luncheon and receive a special recognition gift.

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

For additional information, contact Alumni Relations at (309) 438-2586 or (800) 366-4478, or email Stephanie Duquette at [saduque@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:saduque@IllinoisState.edu).

## Sibling Weekend planned for April

The Student Alumni Council will host the annual Sibling Weekend celebration April 20-22. Alumni and friends are invited to enjoy a full schedule of family friendly events.

The Gamma Phi Circus will perform in Redbird Arena on Friday and Saturday. Tickets go on sale mid-February and are available through Ticketmaster, or by calling the Braden Box Office at (309) 438-5444.

For a complete schedule of events, visit [Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/sibling](http://Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/sibling).



## Feedback key to academic programs

Members of the graduating classes of 2011 and 2007 will be receiving a letter from President Al Bowman as an invitation to participate in the Annual Alumni Survey. The information that is provided to the University through the online survey will be used to improve the educational experience at Illinois State.

Personalized instructions for completing the survey will be mailed in

April. Participants will be eligible to win a VIP Homecoming package including two nights at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Uptown Normal, two tickets to the ISU football game, and additional Homecoming goodies. Contact University Assessment Services at [assessment@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:assessment@IllinoisState.edu) or (309) 438-2135 for additional information.

## E-newsletter provides monthly updates

The Alumni Relations office provides a monthly e-newsletter with campus updates and information on alumni programs. The Illinois State e-newsletter is delivered to your inbox on the last Wednesday of the month, excluding December.

To receive the e-newsletter, send an email to [alumni@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:alumni@IllinoisState.edu) or complete the online email preferences form.

## Alumni hosts sought for Redbird Welcome Parties

Redbird Welcome Parties offer an opportunity for alumni to impact current and future Illinois State students. Alumni are sought in strategic Illinois locations to host a party in their home or local venue for incoming freshmen and their families this summer. Party sizes vary. Alumni may cohost the gathering with other graduates to share the cost of expenses and planning responsibilities.

Interested alumni are encouraged to call Alumni Relations at (309) 438-2586 or email [alumni@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:alumni@IllinoisState.edu).





## Global relief effort inspires alum

ShelterBox meets immediate emergency needs

**S**helterBox is unlike any international disaster-relief charity. Created in April of 2000, the nonprofit distributes aid to people affected by natural or manmade disasters worldwide. The agency's goal is to help 50,000 families each year, delivering equipment and materials that provide means of survival during a time when most only have the clothes on their back.

Mark Dyer '84 is one of an exclusive group of 155 volunteers who make up ShelterBox's Response Teams (SRT) around the world. He's always been involved in scouting and Rotary. Five years ago he sold his advertising and marketing companies, wanting to fill his

time with charity involvement. That's when he found ShelterBox.

"It's a pretty amazing charity, but most people have never heard about it. We were the biggest supplier of tented shelter in Haiti alone" following the 2010 earthquake, he said.

Since volunteers are placed into demanding and dangerous environments, four extensive steps are required to get onto a team. The process, which took Dyer a year, includes a selection weekend and a nine-day training course where applicants work with police, customs agents, search and rescue teams, and the Royal Military in Cornwall, England.

Once on a team, members are ready for deployment anywhere in the world in 48 hours. "You get up, pack a bag,

make your arrangements and you go," said Dyer, who has been deployed in Northern Somalia, Niger, Haiti, Columbia, Japan, and within the United States.

Dyer plans to be involved with ShelterBox for as long as possible.

"It's become such a huge part of my life and such a huge part of my family's life." Dyer's wife, Susan (Kincaid) '86, and both of their adult children, Sarah and Eric, volunteer to build awareness for the charity.

"When you're on deployment, when you're in the field, you're on a roller coaster. You have ups and downs," he said. "What keeps me involved is knowing that one more box, that one more donation, will change a family's life."

## 40s

**Jean C. (Yoder) Lambert '48** completed a master's in nursing at the University of Texas in El Paso. She worked as a nursing instructor and administrator before retiring in 1999. She was included in the 1988-1989 edition of *Who's Who in American Nursing*. She resides in Greer, South Carolina.

## 50s

**Robert Fletcher '52** served in the U. S. Army in Japan in the 1950s, working with the Korean Military Advisory Group in Taegu. He was in charge of two Quartermaster School Post Offices and their companies in Virginia. He taught biology for 38 years, primarily at East St. Louis Senior High school. Fletcher has published several articles in various magazines, and reviews biology textbooks. He is interested in genealogy, and volunteered for 10 years at the Family History Library. He resides in Belleville.

**Patricia Moushon Rowe '56** received a master's degree from the University of Minnesota-Mankato. She has taught in public and private schools, as well as Bible study groups. She has authored the book *The Other Side of the Desk: A Teacher Remembers*. She resides in Millersburg, Pennsylvania.

## 60s

**Annette Johnson Moorer '60**, also known as Kionne Wyndewicke, completed a master's in education at National Louis University. She has retired from Chicago schools. She was included in the 2010-2011 edition of *Who's Who of American Women*. She resides in Chicago.

**Charles W. Dunn '62** is an ISU Distinguished Alumnus who served as president of the Student Senate and chaired the committee to change the University's name from Illinois State Normal University to

Illinois State University. He served four terms as chair of the U.S. J. William Fulbright Board under presidents Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and Bill Clinton. The author of 18 books, Dunn's recent work is *The Presidency in the 21st Century*. He is the Distinguished Professor of Government at Regent University and resides in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

**Garry L. Bruce '64** retired after 37 years as a teacher. He has two children and four grandsons. He resides in Verona, Virginia.

**Roberta L. Hanson Berglund '65** is a teacher with Collier County Schools. She is a widow and resides in Naples, Florida.

**Donald E. English '65, M.S. '66**, is a professor within and head of the Department of Business Administration and MIS at Texas A&M University-Commerce. In the past year he has had more than 100 peer-reviewed articles published, and has made more than 100 national and international presentations. He and his wife, Laura, reside in Commerce, Texas.

**Barry A. "B.A." Buttz '66** worked for 34 years in the Decatur Public Schools as a teacher, coach, principal, and central administrator. He is retired. Buttz has written and published *Born to be Damned: The Tapestry of a Gay Man*. The book chronicles his lifelong struggle to find his authentic self, and highlights the battles he waged within his own psyche in order to embrace his birthright as a gay man. He resides in Decatur.

**Stephen Albair '68, M.S. '69, M.F.A. '75**, is a professor at Los Bosidious College. An artist, he has staged three, one-person exhibits in Bangkok, Thailand. His most recent opened in December of 2011. He resides in San Francisco, California.

**Sondra McPherson Rodgers O'Connor '68, M.S. '82, CAS '88**, has retired after 35 years in education. She is an elected official on the McLean

# Pause for applause

## Calling the shots

Former student **Jim Durham** was a 2011 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame inductee. He received the Curt Gowdy Media Award for his work as the voice behind the microphone. Durham went from calling ISU games for WJBC Radio to becoming the youngest announcer in professional basketball history when hired by the Chicago bulls at age 26. He held the job for 19 seasons before becoming the NBA voice of ESPN Radio. Having worked for NBC and CBS as well, he has called Major League Baseball and college games. He has repeated as Illinois Sportscaster-of-the-Year, and won a Chicago Emmy twice.



## Fear is no factor



*Barely Balanced* is billed as an acrobatic act that will "strike fear into the hearts of insurance adjusters everywhere." Former Gamma Phi Circus performer **Margret Ebert '09** is the newest member of the daredevil trio. She now contorts her limbs and juggles knives with the show that is inspired by Jackie Chan, Cirque Du Soleil, and the Marx Brothers. She has performed aerial silks and clowning with Circo Rose Entertainment. With a bachelor's degree in costuming, Ebert has spent time backstage as well, working companies such as Blue Man Group Chicago, Navy Pier, and the Illinois Shakespeare Festival.

## Drawn to the top

**Jane (Kalkwarf) Diaz '73** went from teaching art to helping her husband build a family business that now includes their two sons. Diaz Sign Art is in Pontiac but gained international fame last fall with a win in a global design contest. Youngest son, Joe, was the only American to have his work included among 24 finalists. His creation, titled "Steampunk Stella's" took top honors, which resulted in \$20,000 of equipment for the business that is appreciated locally. Family members, who are past Pontiac Rotary Citizens of the Year, orchestrated a mural-painting project that increased tourism for the city.



## Golden award



**Kelsey Coker '11**, who just completed undergraduate degrees in English and Spanish last year, was hoping for some financial help for graduate school. What she received was a \$20,000 scholarship as the top winner of the Golden Key International Honour Society Graduate Scholar Award. She was one of only 11 considered for the award, which is based on achievements in academics, leadership, and service. From that group, one top scholar is selected. The scholarship can be used for study at any institution in the world. Coker chose to enroll in the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics in Dallas, Texas.



## Reggie Reads

Check out a column dedicated to book reviews of work by alums at [IllinoisState.edu/magazine](http://IllinoisState.edu/magazine). Click on Reggie Reads.

Download the Tag reader by texting TAG to 71857.

## How we met

Pauline Mapes '51 and Wes Drew '51 met during the fall of their freshman year in 1947. Pauline was on stage in a skit called *Campus Life*; Wes was in the audience, captivated. Their first "real" meeting occurred the following year while working on Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. Pauline was in heavy costume, while Wes worked backstage.

"Dating really started our junior year," Wes said. "The year went fast, too fast."

The summer of 1950 separated the two. Pauline, an elementary education major, worked as a school playground director in Joliet. Wes remained on campus for a few more classes toward his speech communication degree. His mind, however, was 95 miles north by way of Route 66—in Joliet.

"Most weekends I got up there to go dancing or swimming, with Rosa Mapes as chaperone," Wes recalled.

The two reunited their senior year in a Homecoming play, *The Hasty Heart*, but student teaching interfered. Pauline taught at Metcalf Elementary School on campus, but Wes was in Geneseo.

With Wes in military service after graduation and Pauline teaching in Bloomington, the two relied on letters to stay connected. She was back on campus for the Homecoming football game in 1951. Wes had a three-day pass and returned as well, allowing for another reunion.

After more letters and phone calls, Wes was ready to present an engagement ring at Christmas. The two married while Wes was on leave in May of 1952. When his military service ended, the couple settled in Peoria, where they still reside. Their family grew to include five children, and has endured the loss of one son to leukemia.

Each fall brings a fond memory of campus for the two, who marked their 60th Illinois State Homecoming in 2011. They are not alone in their allegiance to the University. Pauline's father and a nephew to Wes are also graduates, with a great niece currently enrolled as a freshman.

"ISU is definitely part of our family's circle of life," Wes said.



County Board. She also serves on Bloomington's Salvation Army board and the Vladimir/Canterbury Sister Cities board. She and her husband, Martin, reside in Normal.

**Carolyn (Lauing) Finzer '69** is a self-employed artist, teacher, storyteller, and award-winning gardener. She is also a Eucharistic minister involved in the prayer shawl ministry. She has remained an active registered Girl Scout for 46 years. She and her husband, Melvern, have been married for 42 years. They are a friendship family with North Central College's international studies program. They are the parents of two adult children and reside in Naperville.

## 70s

**Kevin T. Casey '70, M.S. '73**, has 41 years of experience in serving people with disabilities, including his work as a special education

teacher. He served for eight years as deputy secretary with the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. He has also worked in Texas, Connecticut, and Iowa. He is now the director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities with the Illinois Department of Human Services, headquartered in Springfield, where he resides.

**Stewart L. Adams '71, M.A. '74, Ed.D. '03**, has retired from education. He is president of Western Illinois Retired Educators and treasurer of Georgetown Square Homeowner's Association. He resides in Rock Island.

**Susan B. Little '71** taught high school band for 25 years in Illinois and Florida. She is now serving as a senior report specialist with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in Largo, Florida. She interacts with sheriff deputies and the court system, preparing reports for trial and ensuring details will be substantiated in court. She spends each September in England

and volunteers at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. She resides in Clearwater, Florida.

**Donn Stephens '72** has retired from the Springfield public schools, where he taught music. He is an adjunct at Benedictine University. He resides in Springfield.

**Arthur Haizlip '73** has served as a trial attorney with the U.S. Coast Guard in Washington, D.C., and as the senior attorney-acquisition for the Federal Aviation Administration in Oklahoma. He is now the FAA's Central U.S. regional counsel. He is responsible for all FAA ethics and legal matters in Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, and portions of Kentucky and Tennessee. He oversees enforcement actions, environmental compliance, and acquisition. He and his wife, Margaret, reside in Lenexa, Kansas.

**Napoleon Liñan, M.S. '73**, has retired after 30 years with Southern Peru Copper Corporation. He resides in Peru.

**Tim A. Adams '75** is the executive director of Wesley House Community Center. It serves inner city children, providing after-school enrichment and summer camps, as well as a senior citizen's program. His wife, **Linda C. (Kotte) '73**, is the library/media specialist with Gibbs High School. They reside in Knoxville, Tennessee.

**Pamela J. Collman '75** has been promoted to lead field representative for the Bureau of the Census. She works for the Kansas City Regional Office, collecting data for monthly updates to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, HUD, and the Centers for Disease Control. She was honored with the U.S. Census Award of Excellence at the 2011 public service recognition ceremony. Her husband, **William J. '73**, is retired from the Edwardsville School District. They reside in Bethalto.

**Rance D. Carpenter '76** is the director of graduate intern programs at the University of Illinois-Springfield. He took the position after

retiring from the Illinois Department on Aging. He worked there for 26 years and was chief of the Bureau of Community Operations. He and his wife, Ellen, reside in Springfield.

**Carl Hulse '76** has been named deputy Washington bureau chief for the *New York Times*. He previously served as the newspaper's chief Congressional correspondent. He resides in Washington, D.C.

**Brett Arseneault '78** is a senior vice president at Heartland Bank & Trust Co. He is an avid photographer. He has combined his love of photos and ISU to create the book *Images Illinois State University: A Walk Through Time Across Campus*. He and his wife, Karen, are the parents of two children. They reside in Bloomington.

**Rita Lopienski, M.M. '79**, is a board certified activity consultant and music therapist. She has 30 years experience in leading activity programming, including past positions at Beacon Hill in Lombard, Lexington Health Care, Tamarack Retirement Residences, and Pathway Senior Living. She is on the advisory board of the International Council on Active Living, and is a nationally known conference speaker. Lopienski has been hired as director of community life for Plymouth Place Senior Living in LaGrange Park. She resides in Bartlett.

**Anne Petkevich Mahalik '79** has retired after serving 33 years in public service. Her most recent position was as enterprise director, health information management with the State of Illinois Department of Human Services. She is now working in the healthcare industry in Florida, where she relocated. Her son, Patrick, is a student at Illinois State.

## 80s

**Timothy J. Como '80** dedicated 30 years to teaching and coaching in the Fulton County School System in Atlanta, Georgia, before retiring in 2010. He now works for the U.S. Department of Defense, teaching technology at the Brussels Ameri-

can High School. He resides in Brussels, Belgium.

**Gregory Johnson, M.S. '80**, is an artist who has sculptures placed in more than 100 cities around the country, including at the base of Niagara Falls. His bronze work includes a range of subjects, from children at play to war memorials and a life-sized depiction of General George Patton. His work is displayed at a gallery in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, as well as at exhibitions. He resides in Cumming, Georgia.

**Evelyn O. Reed '80** is a special assistant in U.S. District Court-probation. She is a member of the National Black MBA Association Inc., the Smith Robertson Museum/Alamo Theatre Leadership board of directors, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She resides in Jackson, Mississippi.

**Robert Reuter '81** is a black belt in karate. After spending four years researching car dealers while selling cars, he has authored the book *Car Dealers Exposed: Everything you Must Know Before You Buy a Car!* He resides in Brentwood, Tennessee.

**Grace Foote Johns '82, M.S. '83**, completed a graduate certificate in Women's Studies at Illinois State in 2005. She is the assistant to the chair of ISU Department of Physics. She received the 2011 ISU Outstanding Staff Member for Diversity Advocacy award. She and her husband, William, reside in Normal.

**Michael G. McErlean '82** has been named CEO of a joint venture between Hollyhigh International Capital, a mainland Chinese investment bank, and ELI Holdings Inc. He leads the international advisory firm that provides investment, trading, and government relations solutions in China.

**John A. Mueller '83, M.S. '86**, has been promoted to full professor in the Department of Student Affairs in Higher Education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He resides in Indiana, Pennsylvania.

**Kurt W. Izydorek '85** is vice president of finance and the CFO of The Edlong Corporation, headquartered in Elk Grove Village. The

company manufactures flavors for the dairy industry. He and his wife, **Teresa (Soltow) '85**, reside in Hoffman Estates.

**Theresa Kaminski, M.S. '85**, is a history professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. She has authored a second book, *Citizen of Empire: Ethel Thomas Herold, an American in the Philippines*. She resides in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

**Ann Kuehnle '85, M.S. '90**, is employed at Washington Middle School in Springfield. She has authored the book *Remembering Sean*. She and her husband, Tim, are the parents of three children and reside in Chatham.

**Randy A. Varju '85** completed an M.B.A. at Lewis University and is a certified fundraising executive. He has worked as a development professional in the health care field for 26 years. He is president and chief development officer of the Advocate Charitable Foundation for Advocate Health Care. The largest fully integrated health care delivery system in Illinois, Advocate Health Care has 3.7 million annual patient visits. Varju received the Fellow in FAHP medallion in 2011. The award is the highest level of achievement in the field of health care philanthropy. He resides in New Lenox.

**Mychal Coleman '86** is the assistant vice president of human resources at the University of Idaho. He is also a senior lecturer at the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota.

**Tammy J. Palmer '87** is completing her M.B.A. at the University of Phoenix. She worked for 20 years as a state and local tax consultant with the Big Four accounting firms prior to opening her own firm, Palmer Tax Consulting, LLC, in 2011. She resides in Anthem, Arizona.

**Bradley C. Allen '88** is an attorney with the firm of McCarthy & Allen. He resides in Edwardsville.

**James T. Durkin '89, M.S. '91**, has written two novels. His most recent is *The Call of Angels*. He resides in Woodridge.

## 90s

**Dennis Zirkelbach '90** is a global brand manager with Abbott Laboratories. He is working to establish the supply chain for a new division. He is focused on bringing pharmaceutical products to more countries, primarily Russia, India, China, and Brazil. He and his family have moved to Switzerland.

**Leann Seal '91** is the vice president of hotel operations with The Snyder Companies. She was nominated for the 2011 McLean County Chamber of Commerce Athena Leadership Award, which recognizes a local leader for supporting, developing, and honoring women leaders; inspiring women to achieve their full potential; and creating balance in leadership worldwide. She resides in Normal.

**Susan Swartwout, M.A. '91, D.A. '96**, is a professor of English at Southeast Missouri State University, where she teaches courses in creative writing and literary editing, 20th and 21st century American poetry and fiction, and small-press publishing. She established and is publisher of the Southeast Missouri State University Press, and editor of the national literary journal *Big Muddy*. An author, she was named the recipient of the Faculty Merit Award by the university in 2011. She resides in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

**Amelia Dellos '93** has nearly 20 years of experience working in marketing, public relations, and social media. She and her husband, Eric Anderson, started Corn Bred Films, which is a Chicago-based motion picture production company committed to discovering, developing, and producing films originated by artists living in the Midwestern United States. They reside in River Forest.

**Paul Jokisch '93** has completed a master's degree in managerial science at Amberton University in Garland, Texas.

**Tracy A. (Turek) Muller '93, M.S. '95**, is a licensed speech and language pathologist who works for the Springfield Special Education District. She and her husband, Darin,

## Redbird legacy

Members of the Hieronymus-Schrader family hold more than an Illinois State legacy dating back to 1979. They also have a history going back three decades at the student-run newspaper, the *Daily Vidette*.

Kent Hieronymus '79, M.A. '87, was the first to attend ISU, enrolling with plans to become a Spanish teacher. He met his wife, Cari (Ceja) '79, M.S. '92, from Blue Island, who was studying special education. Both are teachers at Olympia High School in Kent's hometown of Stanford.

Kent's brother, Kevin '83, headed to ISU for a physical education degree. Once on campus, a *Daily Vidette* employment advertisement caught his eye. He had taken a journalism class in high school, but had never contemplated pursuing a newspaper career. That changed at the *Vidette*, where he became the sports editor while working under former general manager Harry Thiel.

Growing up near Illinois State and his work as sports editor left Kevin with endless Redbird memories. He fondly recalls as a child witnessing the moves of ISU's basketball legend, Doug Collins '73. He also remembers coach Bob Donewald's men's basketball teams in Horton Field House, and misses the atmosphere of the loud games.

For the past 25 years, Kevin has held the position of sports editor at the *Bureau County Republican* in Princeton. While there was a 25-year gap in the family's ISU attendance following his graduation, the family once again has a member on campus. Kevin's niece, Ashley Schrader, will graduate this spring.

Ashley came in 2008 with the goal of becoming an English teacher. She changed her major to English publishing, and now plans to pursue a career in sports writing. Like her uncle Kevin, she chose that direction after working at the *Vidette*, where she is now the sports editor.

For Kevin, the student newspaper legacy is a special bond between his family and alma mater. "For me, it's cool to see, after all of these years, that someone in the family is doing the job that I did," he said.



Senior Ashley Schrader is continuing a family tradition at the *Vidette*. She is the sports editor, a position once held by her uncle, Kevin Hieronymus '83.

are the parents of four adult sons. The couple resides in Petersburg.

**Jim Murray '93** completed a master's in math education from DePaul University and a master's in curriculum and instruction from Concordia University. He received National Board Certification in 2009. He is a math teacher, assistant football coach, and assistant wrestling coach at Rolling Meadows High School. His wife, **Marlen Garcia '93**, is a sports reporter with *USA Today*. They reside in Des Plaines.

**Mark Czys '94** is a partner with Martin, Hood, Friese & Associates, LLC, in Champaign, where he resides.

**Darla Germanson '94** is a special education teacher with District 831 Forest Lake Schools. She and her husband, Steve, are the parents of a son and daughter. They reside in Lino Lakes, Minnesota.

**Scott Lehman '94** has been named a partner with Crowe Horwath LLP, which is one of the largest public accounting and consulting firms in the nation. He resides in Woodstock.

**Jeff M. Emberton '95** is completing a law degree at Loyola University. His studies have focused on environmental law issues, with research done for a professor who is writing a book on arbitration. He resides in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Latricia Allen Scruggs '95** is a freelance journalist. She and her husband, Anthony, are the parents of a son. Andrew Lincoln was born in May of 2011. They reside in McKinney, Texas.

**Martin Quintana '96** is an attorney. He merged his law practice and became a partner with the law firm of Sutter & Ori, LLC. He and his wife, Doris, are the parents of a daughter. Giavanna Margarita was

born in November of 2010. They reside in Willowbrook.

**Laura D. Yockey '96** earned a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School, graduating cum laude. She has been admitted to the bar in Illinois and Indiana. She is an associate in the business and corporate finance group with Baker & Daniels LLP in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Brian "Rooster" Cox '98** is an elementary school physical education teacher. He is an active Freemason and a Past Master of his local Masonic lodge, as well as a member of several Masonic bodies. He has authored a thriller novel titled *7 Knights*. He and his wife, Julie, are the parents of two children. They reside in Catlin.

**Amy Horsch '98** completed a master's in nursing at the University of Illinois-Chicago. She is a family

nurse practitioner at Carle Hospital. She resides in Fisher.

**Emily F. (Luxton) Jones '98** is a freelance designer. She and her husband, Cyril, reside in Edmond, Oklahoma.

**Brent E. Kinser '98, M.A. '00**, is an associate professor of English at Western Carolina University. He is president of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society. He and ISU Distinguished Professor of English Emeritus Rodger Tarr coedited Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings's *Cross Creek Sampler: A Book of Quotations*. Kinser resides in Cary, North Carolina.

**Mac Condill '99** is owner of The Homestead Bakery and The Homestead Seeds, as well as general manager and production manager of The Great Pumpkin Patch in Illinois. He is a nationally recognized cucurbit expert and innovative agri-tainment entrepreneur. He spoke at the National Heirloom

Exposition in the fall of 2011. He resides in Arthur.

**John A. Hanson '99** has completed a master's degree in leadership and administration at Benedictine University. He is in his sixth year as a high school business education teacher at Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville. He and his wife, Julie, were married in July of 2010. They reside in Romeoville.

**Robyn D. (Headley) Weh '99**, is a health information administrator at Centralia Correctional Center. She and her husband, Jeremy, are the parents of a son. Devin Edward was born in June of 2011. They reside in Carlyle.

## 00s

**Timothy J. Bennett, M.B.A. '00**, has been promoted to product manager for Caterpillar Precision Seals. He oversees operations at facilities in Franklin, North Carolina; Toccoa, Georgia; and South Korea. He and his wife, DeAnn, reside in Bloomington.

**Matthew D. Dukes '00** is an associate software developer with Water Street Solutions. He develops Web applications for use in agricultural market analysis. He was part of a team that won 2011 ENWorld Best Blog award in the roleplaying game/tabletop gaming industry. He is a 3rd degree black belt in Shotokan Karate. He and his wife, Sarah, reside in Marquette Heights.

**Matthew P. Kellam '00** completed his juris doctorate at The John Marshall Law School, where he won the National Moot Court Championship in 2010. He served as a judicial extern, passed the Illinois Bar, and is now a labor and employment associate attorney with the firm of Laner Muchin Dombrow Becker Levin & Tomlinberg, Ltd. He and his wife, Alison, reside in La Grange.

**Jillian N. Nydegger '00** works for State Farm Insurance Companies. Her husband, **Benjamin '00**, works for Rebbec Motors. They are the parents of a son. Kevin Ryan was born in October of 2010. They reside in Bloomington.

**Keli (Zolondz) Best '01** is an interactive media buyer with True Media. She and her husband, Brad, are the parents of two sons. Liam Charles was born in May of 2011. They reside in Columbia, Missouri.

**Stephanie (Shapland) Burnside '01** is a RAC analyst with St. Francis Medical Center. Her husband, **Steven '03**, is a technical director in the Visual and Performing Arts Department at the University of Louisiana. They are the parents of one daughter and reside in Monroe, Louisiana.

**Andrew Jensen '01, M.M. '05**, completed a doctorate in musical arts and conducting at the University of Southern Mississippi. He is an assistant professor of music at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville. He has been teaching, conducting, and performing for more than 10 years, and was most recently the director of choral activities at Arkansas Northeastern College. He and his wife, Cathy, have a son.

**Hayoung A. Lim, M.M. '01**, is an assistant professor of music therapy and the coordinator of the graduate program in music therapy at Sam Houston State Univer-

sity in Huntsville, Texas. She has authored the book *Developmental Speech-Language Training through Music for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder*. She resides in Spring, Texas.

**Lisa L. (Shiner) Marx '01** is a marketing specialist with Farnsworth Group and the director of marketing for Redbird Plumbing. She won the *Central Illinois Business* magazine's Forty Under 40 award. She is a real estate managing broker, and a member of the Public Relations Society of America and American Marketing Association. She freelances and creates custom wedding and event invitations. Her husband, **Chris '02**, is owner and operator of Redbird Plumbing. They reside in Normal.

**Jamie (Jeffries) Brooks '03** is a sales manager with Marriott International. She and her husband, Travis, were married in May of 2011. They reside in Orlando, Florida.

**Michelle M. Hommert '03, M.S. '05**, is a certified AODO counselor and licensed clinical social worker. She works as a clinician and substance abuse assessor with Chestnut Health Systems. She and her husband, Brian, reside in Edwardsville.

**Stacy Dillefeld '04** teaches first grade in the St. Clair School District. Her husband, **Luke '06**, works with Covidien Healthcare. They are the parents of a son. Landon Joseph was born in July of 2011. They reside in Fenton, Missouri.

**Sara L. Flach '04** has worked for JC Penney since 2000. She has been promoted from sales manager of the Springfield store in Illinois to assistant store manager for JC Penney in La Crosse, Wisconsin. She resides in Holmen, Wisconsin.

**Aya Fujiwara '04** is a child life specialist at Hiroshima University Hospital. She writes for the professional publication *Japanese Nurses*. She resides in Hiroshima, Japan.

**Paul Stock, M.A. '04**, is a lecturer and research fellow at the University of Otago. He has published a new edited volume on the global food crisis titled *Food Systems Failure*.

**Jamie L. Healy '05** is a primary special education teacher with Steger School District 194. She is also an adjunct professor in adult studies in special education at Trinity Christian College. She and her husband, Robert, are the parents of a son. Dominick Robert was born in April of 2011. They reside in Crete.



### West Coast reunion

Illinois State memories were shared and friendships renewed at a College of Fine Arts reunion in Los Angeles last year. The California event drew 45 theatre alumni and friends. Emeritus faculty and School of Theatre founders John Kirk and Cal Pritner joined Professor Don LaCasse, Assistant Dean Pete Guither, and Director of Development Brian Gawor in hosting the event.

**Ryan J. Meyer '05** is an assistant vice president of commercial and private wealth management with SunTrust Banks, Inc., in Orlando, Florida. He resides in Winter Park, Florida.

**Erin (Skibley) Seward '05** is an early childhood teacher in the East Aurora School District. She and her husband, Terrance, were married in July of 2011. They reside in Wheaton.

**Dave Gorlewski '06** is a sales account executive with CareerBuilder. He and his wife, Jen, are the parents of twin daughters born in December of 2011. They reside in Lombard.

**Robert L. McNamara '06** completed his master's degree in social work at the University of Tennessee. He is a family therapist at Cornerstone of Recovery in Louisville, Tennessee. He and his wife, Sarah, reside in Knoxville, Tennessee.

**Steve Saul '06** is an English teacher at Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville. He coaches cross country and track and field. He and his wife, **Liz (Parker) '09**, were married in the summer of 2011. She teaches third grade. They reside in Yorkville.

**Kelley (Novak) Wieland '06** is a registered nurse with Obstetrics & Gynecology II, Ltd., in Normal. She is completing training as a massage therapist at Lincoln College, with the goal of incorporating pregnancy massage into her nursing practice. She resides in Bloomington.

**Tara Nestleroad '07** is a designer with Widmer Interiors. She specifies and coordinates furniture and interiors for corporate, medical, and higher education facilities. She and her husband, Brandon, were married in May of 2011. They reside in Urbana.

**Jaclyn K. Rogowski '07, M.S. '09**, is a pediatric speech-language pathologist at the Tucson Medial Center. Her husband, **Kyle J. '08**, is an agent with American Family Insurance. They met in an Illinois State class as students and married in June of 2010. They reside in Tucson, Arizona.



### Circle of friendship

Much has changed at ISU since the early 1990s, as a group of alumni discovered during a campus tour last year. They organized their own 20-year reunion as a way to remember their time in Hewitt-Manchester, where most of them met. Many were employed in the cafeteria there. Included in the group were, from left, Dan Kerber '93 and Claudine (LaBianco) Kerber '91 of Crystal Lake; Jill (VanDeVoorde) Reynolds '91, Moline; Sheri Inlow '91, Noblesville, Indiana; Jennifer (Jackson) Bertoldo '91, Taylorville; Chris Little '92, Midland, Georgia; and Kevin Prendergast '92, '97, '00, Bourbonnais.

**Rosanna Fugate '08** was chosen to participate in the competitive, three-year rotational Leadership Development Program at MetLife. She also serves as the cochair of MetLife INROADS Alumni Network, which is an employee group for former INROADS interns. She resides in Chicago.

**Eileen Huellen '08** teaches fifth grade and is the cheerleading coach at Hermes Elementary School in Aurora. She was named Rookie of the Year for the 2010-2011 school year. She resides in Batavia.

**Allison Linker '08** is a scientist at Unilever. She works in global specification management for the skin care category. She resides in Milford, Connecticut.

**Gina Romine '08** is the pharmacy and business manager at both Christie Clinic pharmacies in Champaign. She and her husband, Andy, were married in December of 2010. They reside in Tuscola.

**Mary L. Wastyn '08** is president of Wastyn & Associates. She started the company that provides integrated fundraising consultation and services for nonprofits, col-

leges, and health care organizations throughout the Midwest. She and her husband, Ron, reside in Davenport, Iowa.

**Ashley Byers '09** is an agricultural credit analyst at ProPartners Financial in Bloomington. She and her husband, **Greg Deal '09**, were married in July of 2011. He farms and sells seed corn. They reside in rural Danvers.

**Natalie Eich '09** is an English teacher at Joliet Township High School. She and her husband, **C.J. '08**, were married in July of 2011. He works in sales with Interglobe Genetics. They reside in Joliet.

**Carli (Disylvestro) Hopf '09** teaches English as a second language to fifth and sixth grade students at Aldine ISD. Her husband, **Cory '07**, works in sales. They met on campus and married in August of 2011. They reside in Houston, Texas.

**Sheeba Safa '09** moved to Turkey after graduating and taught English for a few months. She now teaches freshman English and all four levels of Spanish at Morrisonville High School. She resides in Taylorville.

**Magan K. Vernon '09** is a claims representative at State Farm Insurance Companies. She has authored the novel *How to Date an Alien*. She and her husband, Tim, are the parents of a daughter. Olivia Gail was born in April of 2011. They reside in Bloomington.

## 10s

**Theresa O'Donnell, M.S. '10**, was named second runner-up for the Editor's Choice Award in the Platypus Prize competition sponsored by Jaded Ibis Productions. The prize "recognizes U.S. college students whose innovative writing demonstrates excellence in creative intent, conception, and execution." O'Donnell's work will be included in *The Platypus Prize: An Anthology of the Best Innovative College Writing 2011*. She resides in Bloomington.

**Daniel T. Adams '11** is a business analyst, data analyst, delivery analyst, and developer with Allstate. He has been put on the fast track to become a systems architect. He is developing several internal websites that track employee project allocations, project estimates, and project slotting requests. He resides in Naperville.

**Miranda O. Dimmerling '11** is working as a registered nurse on the vascular GI surgical floor and IMC at Memorial Medical Center. She resides in Normal.

## Our troops

**U.S. Army Sgt. Josh Carlile '99** is deployed to Afghanistan. He is an operations noncommissioned officer in his 11th year of service, and is on his third deployment.

**U.S. Army Capt. Scott M. Preusker '99** serves in the medical department. He is a 2004-2005 Bronze Star Iraq combat veteran and a 2009-2010 Afghanistan combat veteran. He resides in San Antonio, Texas.

**Peter L. Dahlstrom, M.M. '01**, is a musician in the U.S. Air Force and performs in the Europe Band. He and his wife, Stacie, were married in July of 2011.

## In memory

### Faculty/Staff

Gordon J. Brady, Building Services; 8/11

Thomas J. Collins, Grounds; 9/11

Erwin L. Duzan, Physical Plant; 8/11

John B. Farris, Athletics; 9/11

Thomas C. Fitch, Curriculum and Instruction; 8/11

Edmund Heinz, Physical Plant; 8/11

Marquerite (Jones) Hocker, Media Services; 9/11

Helen H. (Earl) Holzer, Media Services; 8/11

Wayne V. Huebner, English; 9/11

Ronald L. Laymon, Educational Administration and Foundations; 8/11

Betty L. Malinowski, Physical Plant; 8/11

Thelma J. (Ringo) Wickenhauser, College of Business; 8/11

### 20s

Elva J. McKittrick '22; 8/11

Margaret E. Ruesch '28; 10/89

Josephine F. (Mooney) Wilson '28; 9/11

### 30s

Florence M. (Householder) Day '31, '63; 10/11

Elvia S. Carlino '33, '35; 5/04

Margaret Glenney '33, '38; 6/00

Mary M. Kasten '34; 3/09

Dorothy Ohlman '34; 10/11

Laverne Wade '34; 6/05

Aleen A. Hostettler '35; 8/11

Edith L. Tuttle Lewis '35, '38; 9/11

Margaret G. Duncan '36; 2/10

Genevieve V. (Schopp) Boian '37, '67; 9/11

Marie A. (Mancuso) Hayes '38; 10/11

### 40s

Fern M. Anderson '40; 9/11

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Merlin "Bud" A. Erdmann '41; 9/11

Ola E. (Barricklow) Hoover '41; 9/11

Helen M. Koesler '41; 9/09

Harriet M. (Drinan) Rohlfs '41, '72; 9/11

Doris Diemer '42; 10/11

Pearl N. Flickinger '42; 9/05

Margaret A. Vannucci '44; 3/11

Rose L. Girdler '45; 9/11

Peggy Marshall Keim '45; 10/11

Edith (Poole) Dierker '46; 8/11

Ruth Brenneman '47; 8/11

Viggo J. Frost '47, M.S. '55; 10/11

Manly A. Tory '49; 8/11

### 50s

Raymond L. Bess '50, Ph.D. '80; 2/11

James D. Began '51, M.S. '58; 7/11

Carol R. (Garner) Peek '51; 8/11

Rachel B. Pomatto '51; 7/02

Jackson E. Chambers '53; 8/11

Merlin A. Nelson Sr. '53; 10/11

Robert A. Ritzheimer '53; 7/11

Hillard "Hy" S. Roznowski '53, M.S. '60; 9/11

Bonita "Bonnie" J. (Fitzpatrick) Dwyer '54; 9/11

Russell H. Riley '54, M.S. '57; 8/11

Lewis P. Pemberton '57, M.S. '67; 8/11

Jerome Haywood '59; 8/11

### 60s

Larry E. Anderson '60; 8/11

Carl L. Cherrie '60; 9/11

Norman Orr '60; 8/11

Margaret L. (Poulton) Esposito '61, M.S. '62; 10/11

Susan B. Alley '62; 2/11

R.E. "Bill" Conroy '63; 10/11

Genevera C. Johnson '63, M.S. '64; 7/11

Barbara A. (Boyer) Byrkit '64; 9/11

Judy A. (German) Hultgren '65; 8/11

Carol S. (Tucker) Mayberry '65; 10/11

Frances M. Steinhour '65; 8/06

David L. Berglund '66, M.S. '72; 4/11

Vicki L. (Myers) Cutlip '66; 9/11

Leo A. Dominic '66; 9/11

Gary G. Gahm '66; 6/11

Robert A. Dean '67; 9/11

John G. Pedigo '67; 12/03

Ruth E. (Parks) Pifer '68; 9/11

Susan L. (Rabideau) Poindexter '69; 10/11

### 70s

Bobette Greeley Bell '70, M.S. '79; 10/11

James E. Hoover '70; 9/11

Ada E. (Rosendahl) Bork '71; 9/11

Keith Funk '71; 8/11

Marie Grunloh, M.A. '71; 10/11

Marvella M. (Bowers) Kohrt '71, M.S. '74; 8/11

Lois B. (Wachter) Meyer '71; 9/11

Thomas D. Noecker '72; 8/11

Janice Richardson '72; 11/10

Douglas S. Wochholz '72; 10/11

Todd D. Oltman '73; 9/10

Craig D. Peterson '73; 7/11

Constance E. Hodgdon '74; 10/11

Kenneth B. Krauel '74; 6/04

Fred F. Malito '74; 12/08

Trudy A. Tiggelaar '74; 4/10

David P. Brown, M.A. '75; 10/11

Karen M. (Scott) Clark '75; 10/11

Avon J. "AJ" Brown '76; 7/11

Girard C. Steichen '76; 10/11

Beth M. (Danley) Centko '77; 8/11

Gilbert "Gene" Giles '77; 8/11

Paula A. (Hauptman) Hagar '77; 8/11

### 80s

Carla J. (Lamb) Himes '80; 10/11

Linda L. (Koestner) Wilson '80; 8/11

Kristen Tomey '81; 10/11

Carol E. Bennett '83; 8/11

Randall J. Rainville '83; 3/06

Aliza D. Beckett '84; 12/10

Laurie A. (Carsten) Holmgren '84; 8/11

Mary M. Beatty '85; 10/11

Judith C. Morrison Vahldick '86; 8/11

### 90s

Scott W. Burke '92; 8/11

Travis A. Crawford '92; 8/11

Timothy D. Benson '93; 10/11

Nancy K. (Ortkiese) Molitor '97; 8/11

Jason E. Swartzendruber '99; 8/11

### 00s

Alexandra L. (Latham) Boon, M.S. '02; 8/11

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# Thanks to you

As a junior at Normal Community West High School, Brianna Jacobs had an experience that had a bigger impact on her life than she could have ever imagined. She was chosen to be a part of the school's Freshman Mentoring Program, which involves a select group of upperclassmen assisting incoming students through their first year of high school.

Jacobs was paired with Michael, who could hear but had a severe speech disability. He communicated through drawings and a speaking box. Their friendship became so meaningful to Jacobs that she veered away from her original hope of becoming a pediatrician. She opted instead for a career helping others, like Michael, struggling to speak.

With Illinois State boasting one of the best speech pathology programs in the state and so close to home, it made perfect sense to attend the University. Jacobs is now a freshman on campus, where she plans to stay for graduate school after completing her speech pathology degree.

"ISU fit me. It was like a home away from home. I'm in the same town and my house is five minutes away, but I still feel secluded, like I'm in my own world," said Jacobs, who is attending as the 2011-2012 Alumni Association Scholarship recipient.

She is grateful for the financial support, which is helping her pursue the dream of helping those living with speech disabilities overcome obstacles to enjoy a richer life.

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