

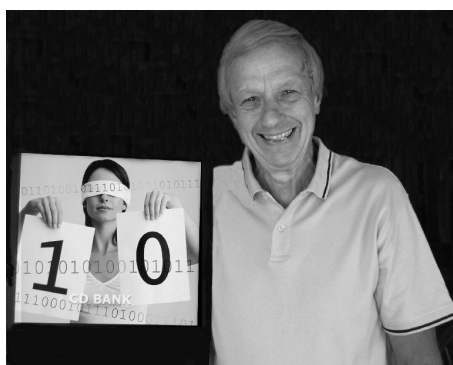
# EMERITUS & ANNUITANT NEWSLETTER

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## Ken Johnson delivers Fall Emeritus Faculty Lecture



**Ken Johnson**  
Emeritus Professor of Physics

Ken Johnson, Emeritus Professor of Physics, delivered the 2009 Emeritus Lecture on November 10. Johnson's topic, *Welcome to the Digital World: How the Lowly '1' and '0' are Profoundly Changing Our World*, traced the recent revolution in communications. The Internet (1969), GPS (1978), digital camera (1982), cell phone (1983), MP3 player (1997), and digital television (1999) have had a profound effect on how people work, live and play. Each of these advances and the advent of e-mail in 1972 and the world wide web (1992) 'killer applications' have all been based on use of computers and the binary system that is their foundation. These various devices use computers and that led to a critical question: Why can't we have a single portable device with a single computer that provides the Services. Johnson reported that the device exists in the 3G smart phone.

The power of the smart phone was related through an incident from Mackinac Island last summer as Ken and his wife Anne participated in an elder hostel. They encountered another student who demonstrated the power of her I-phone. She was uploading pictures for her friends to view on *Facebook*. The search for Fort Mackinac was expedited by her phone's GPS application. The woman, who was not a traditional college age student, then called up video presentations about the Fort and its history. Print materials were accessed on her Internet connection. After the tour of the fort, she then searched for restaurants that featured French cuisine since the fort was established by the French. The phone's GPS revealed the direct walking route from the fort. All of this and more can be accomplished with the 3G phone.

Johnson reported that G4 phones will soon be unveiled. The fourth generation phones will be 10 times as fast as the G3 phones. The next tool that will address the small screen situation will be an I-tablet that will likely be introduced in 2010. The power of binary applications of 1s and 0s seem to have almost no limits. Johnson reported there seems to be no end in sight for the digital revolution that we are now living. We can be assured that our work, play and lives will be changing as digital technology progresses!

*Review by Doug Bedient*

## Jingle Bells Holiday Luncheon

The SIUC Chapter of the Emeritus and Annuitant Association will host its annual Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday, December 9, at noon in Ballroom B at the Student Center. A festive luncheon fare has been planned for your enjoyment with a short musical program to be presented by students from the SIUC Theater Department.



Come join your fellow constituents for a relaxing holiday treat during this special time of year. We look forward to seeing you, and many of our new retirees, at the luncheon.

To register, please complete and return the registration form, included with this mailing, along with your payment to the address shown on the form.

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Robert Radtke  
SIUC EAA President

## Greetings,

This EAA newsletter is going out to all recent retirees from SIUC. I had the privilege to briefly speak about the EAA to the retirees at the fall retirement banquet. If you have not already, I would again urge you to join EAA and help preserve the retirement benefits for which you worked so long and hard. There is strength in numbers. The more members we have, both locally and state-wide, the more likely our voice will be heard by the legislature and the governor's office. This is especially important now with the state government in the mess it is in.

This was highlighted for us again by John Jackson's informative and sobering talk about the "state of the state". It is a mess, and nobody in Springfield seems willing or able to do anything about it. John knows and understands the political process, but he, too, is distraught by the way things are going in Springfield. And the fiscal situation will get worse with having to repay the loans and bonds that have recently been incurred and with the end of the federal stimulus funds. The state retirement plans are certain to be considered as a way to reduce present and future budget deficits. So it is important that we be alert and be heard as the legislature and the governor seek ways out of this fiscal morass.

And finally, I would like to say a big "thank you" to Oval Myers and Ferrel Olsen (and Oval's wife Joyce, too) for the years they have put in planning and managing the biannual EAA golf outings. Their last one was October 1. You did a great job. The new managers of the EAA golf outings are Keith McQuarrie and Ron

## October SUAA Board of Directors' Meeting

The SUAA Fall Board of Directors' Meeting was held in Urbana on October 5, 2009. SIUC attendees were Bruce Appleby, who is on the SUAA Executive Committee, Emil and Edie Spees, and Bob Radtke. As was expected, the news on the legislative front continued to be gloomy. Representative Chapin Rose, Republican from Mahomet, and Senator Michael Frerichs, Democrat from Champaign, addressed the meeting on what might be expected during the veto session. Answer: Not much. Both talked of various potential cost cutting measures, but interestingly, neither mentioned anything about a tax increase. We were told by our Executive Director, Linda Brookhart and Dick Lockhart, our lobbyist, to expect nothing substantive until after the February 2 primary election. A Pension System Modernization Task Force has been meeting and should issue its final report before the end of the year. Again, Linda and Dick warned not to expect too much from this Task Force.

The major business item was a consideration and vote on the SUAA dues increase which was introduced at the June meeting. SUAA's Office expenses and work with the legislature have increased substantially over the last several years, and the last dues increase was 6 years ago. The requested increase was \$4 a year or \$.33 per month for dues deduct. The requested dues increase was approved, raising the SUAA portion of our dues from \$21 to \$25. The SIUC EAA dues are and will remain \$6.00. So, total dues will be \$31.00. The new dues are scheduled to begin January 1, 2010.

## Having a Voice When It Matters

It is no secret that the State of Illinois is in deep fiscal straits. It may seem that annuitants are protected from many of the problems that others face. However, several SUAA members have reported that the budget situation is beginning to confront them. These members shared incidents where health insurance coverage payments have been delayed. When the members access an insurance or HMO website, it appears that no payment is due from a member. But then bills begin to appear asking for payment or warnings that collection agencies will be used to collect. This seems especially prevalent if the provider is out-of-state. When annuitants call the provider and indicate that the bill has been paid by the insurer, we learn that no payment has been provided. Follow ups with the insurer reveal that the payment may have been authorized, but the State has not provided funding for the insurer to make payments. The annuitant is caught between the State, the insurer and the provider.

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**We're in the Money -- When?** Public Act 96-0043 was approved this year to provide SURS with the state's full contribution for FY2010. Good news? Maybe. Maybe not. The state of Illinois is broke and can't pay their contribution, so the state's share is to be made possible by selling pension obligation bonds. HOWEVER, the bonds haven't been sold as of this writing-- Nov. 5. Although SURS is authorized to get money from the General Revenue Fund when other appropriations are deficient, SURS has submitted vouchers for the money and has not received funding for August and September. If the State does not make the necessary money available, SURS will have to sell assets from the pension trust fund, a really grim scenario. In an effort to remedy this dire situation, SUAA and others are writing letters to the Governor, the Comptroller, and leaders in the House and Senate.

**Carolyn Donow**

**Another Task Force?** House Resolution 65 created the Illinois Pension Modernization Task Force to recommend changes to the state pension system. The task force was to meet at least once a month from June to October and deliver a report by November 1. The report wasn't finished by publication time for the EAA newsletter. When it is finished, it will be available on their website-- [www.illinois.gov/gov/pensionreform](http://www.illinois.gov/gov/pensionreform)

**Privacy? What Privacy?** The Illinois Policy Institute will have a new website later this fall – [www.IllinoisOpenGov.org](http://www.IllinoisOpenGov.org). Since all of our names will appear on this website, you may want to log on when it is available. State employee payroll and retirement contributions; vendor names and amounts; and state retiree pensions will be disclosed. This information has already been provided to the Institute by the State Employees Retirement System, the Comptroller's Office and other State departments. SURS will be included later. The Institute was able to gather this information due to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

**Whose Ox Should be Gored?** The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute recently completed a survey of 800 voters throughout the state of Illinois. Part of the survey asked whether participants favored or opposed cuts to various state Programs. The results from this part of the 2008 and 2009 surveys are rather disturbing for those of us who are part of the university community. Results from a portion of this survey are:

	<i>Favor 2008</i>	<i>Favor 2009</i>
<b>Do you favor or oppose cuts to:</b>		
Kindergarten through high school education?	10.7%	13.0%
State Universities:	20.9%	31.9%
Public safety, such as state police and prisons?	16.8%	16.3%
Natural resources, such as state parks and the environment:?	21.2%	32.0%
Programs for the poor people?*	20.6%	20.4%
Pension benefits for state workers' retirement?***	24.1%	39.5%

\*In 2008 survey "Programs for the needy"

\*\*\*In 2008 survey "State workers' retirement"

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Cigna indicated in early November that it is now paying claims from April. So a huge backlog of claims awaits payment. What can an annuitant do? One can provide payment to the provider and await refunds after the insurer pays the provider. But that may not be feasible for some bills or in cases where personal funds are insufficient. Your SUAA Board suggests that there is another useful action.

Join SUAA and know that you are represented when the State, providers and insurers congregate and work to arrive at solutions. The SUAA has been working to assure that annuitants are represented as decisions are deliberated in various constituencies. Join in and make sure that your voice is heard and part of the process.



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## John Jackson discusses 'The State of the State' at Fall General Meeting



John Jackson

The following is a synopsis of the lecture given by John Jackson at the Emeritus and Annuitants Association meeting at the Dunn-Richmond Center on September 25, 2009.



I was asked to discuss the topic of “the state of the state”. My answer in a word is that the state of the State of Illinois is a mess. We suffer long term damage from the so-called “culture of corruption” which has seen three recent Illinois Governors going to prison and the impeachment of the most recently elected governor who if he is convicted of the crimes he is accused of will make it four Illinois Governors who have served prison time. More immediately, the management of the state is in a mess because of the budget crisis which came to a head this fiscal year but which has been building since George Ryan’s era. This year’s budget is a disaster, and it has created chaos and hardship for millions of people,

especially those in public service, the non-profit agencies which serve the clients, and all those who provide services, like medical doctors, druggists, nursing homes, mental health providers and a host of other vendors who are not being paid for their services. Most notably, those who are the most vulnerable, the elderly, the sick, the disabled, and children, are the first to suffer from the Illinois budget crisis.

A brief recap of the figures will suffice. We are widely acknowledged to have a budget deficit of around \$12 billion. In addition, the state is heavily dependent this year on federal funds which are provided under the stimulus plans; however, those funds will run out next year. We initially borrowed \$3.5 billion against the pension system’s funds even though it is already one of the worst funded pension systems in the country. We will have to pay \$600 million in interest on that loan alone. More recently the Governor announced that he would have to borrow another \$900 million just to cover daily operating expenses. The General Assembly debated the Governor’s proposal for an income tax increase which would have generated around \$2.5 billion as proposed. In mid-May the Illinois Senate approved a serious income tax increase; however, the Illinois House rejected it without even bringing it to a vote. The debate since then has included a lot of misleading information about the need to take vague steps to reduce the budget and to cut “waste and fraud” -always unspecified. There are also proposals to broaden the definition of “service” and to collect sales taxes on a much wider range of the services which are routinely provided in a modern economy. The most extensive version of that proposal would generate about \$7 billion. We are clearly going to need a tax increase of major proportion and it will probably need to include both the income tax increase and the sales tax increase proposals in order to address a \$12 billion deficit. Anyone who tells you otherwise is not being truthful or facing reality; however, the debate so far has not been encouraging.

Why can’t we have a more rational debate and one with real solutions instead of slogans? My diagnosis is that we refuse to acknowledge the very real and vital role that the public sector provides in modern life. We have a political culture which celebrates, “rugged individualism” and pretends that we can all get along without government. The so-called “tea bagger” movement is just the most recent and widely publicized manifestation of this escape from reality. The fact is that very few of us can live without the services provided by modern governments. Very few of us would survive very long living primitively in the woods at Walden Pond. We have to understand that government provides collectively what we cannot do for ourselves individually. National defense, police and fire protection, highways and streets, sanitary and storm sewers, education, public health and medical care are just a few matters which come to mind readily. The derecko in southern Illinois on May 8<sup>th</sup> demonstrated graphically the need for public agencies, government at all levels, plus non-profits like the American Red Cross, and religious groups along with private contractors to work together to clean up the mess and restore public services, transportation and communications. No one complained about “creeping socialism” in the days after the storm. We must find elected officials who not only understand that critical role of government, but who are willing to stand up and be counted in defending the role of government and the necessity of paying for it. Those who tell you otherwise are just telling you what they think you want to hear. As voters we have the right to hear a rational and fact based discussion of the Illinois budgetary crisis and not the kind of political cant which only panders to the worst instinct in the population which is the instinct to want the goods and services provided by the government but to insist that someone else will pay for them. It is not at all clear that the people will vote for those leaders who want to be responsible and truthful about the need for realistic budgets, including the taxes necessary to support the goods and services necessary for a modern state and economy to survive and thrive.

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### SUAA now on Facebook

SUAA has a new Facebook Fan page and hopes everyone with a Facebook account will become a fan and post comments! Go to Facebook Groups and key in SUAA to find the fan page.

SUAA’s website is also undergoing upgrades. New features to come are an option to pay dues on-line through PayPal, a new menu that is easier to read, updates on the upcoming primary, and a new mini briefing. Be sure SUAA has your email address to receive updates directly!



# Chapter Happenings

## Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held the first week of Spring Semester on Tuesday, January 19 and Wednesday, January 20, 2010. We hope to have another good turn out for this important event. Please mark your calendars now.

The last blood drive, held in August at the Student Center, resulted in a total of 51 pints of blood collected. Thanks to the following chapter volunteers who helped make the drive successful: Imogene Beckemeyer, Doris Freitag, Doris Klopp, Duncan and Wilma Lampman, Mary Mantovani, Jackie Mueller, Nancy Pfaff and Emil Spees.

-Mary Mantovani

## Bookstore Greeters

Bookstore Greeter volunteers will be working at the Student Center Bookstore once again the first week of Spring Semester - January 18-22. This is one way the retirees continue to support the needs of the students and to earn funds for the scholarships we give annually. It's a fun time to meet and greet the students and each other! We thank our volunteers who continue to make this a successful endeavor and encourage our new retirees to join us. See you at the Center!



-Bruce Appleby

## SIUC EAA Board of Directors

The SIUC EAA Board of Directors meet every other month on the second Thursday of the month. Chapter business related to local and state legislative matters regarding pension and benefits is handled as well as planning and organizing local chapter activities. The names of the Board members are listed on the back cover of this newsletter. Please contact any board director if you have questions or need information regarding our organization.

## EMERITUS GOLF NEWS

The Fall 2009 Emeritus and Annuitant Association Golf Scramble was held at Stone Creek Golf Club, Makanda, Illinois on Wednesday, October 1, 2009. Twenty seven individuals (seven teams) participated and shared the cool but good Fall weather and good fellowship. There were 12 women and 15 men golfers.

The winning teams with a low score tie of 68, which was 4 under par, were Charlotte West, Marie Ballard, Loretta Ledbetter, John Ledbetter, Joe Cash, Lea Ann Kuehl, Richard Kuehl, and Robert Radtke. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place team with a score of 69 was Al Melone, Peg Melone, Jack McKillup, and Jim Glover. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place team with a 70 consisted of Keith McQuarrie, Ron Mahoney, and Arnold Ross. The team of Kay Brechtelsbauer, Julee Ilnier, Anne Johnson, and Judy Rawls won the Most Golf prize with a 78 (only six over par).

Individual prizes were Longest Drive (Men) by Keith McQuarrie, Longest Drive (Women) by Elaine Vitello, Closest to the Pin (Men) by Richard Kuehl, Closest to the Pin (Women) by Anne Johnson, and the Longest Putt (gender neutral contest) by Harry McCloud.

All participants shared in a box lunch in the clubhouse where prizes were awarded. For all those who couldn't make it this time and missed the good fellowship and the good weather we will be holding a Spring outing in 2010 on a date and site to be determined. Details and a registration form will appear in the Spring EAA Newsletter.

Robert Radtke, President of EAA, thanked Oval Myers and Farrel Olsen for their several years of service as Golf organizers and announced that Keith McQuarrie and Ron Mahoney had accepted the role beginning Spring 2010.

-Oval Myers and Farrel Olsen

## Calendar of Events

December 9, 2009 - EAA Holiday Luncheon, Student Center - Ballroom B. Noon to 1:30 p.m.

December 10, 2009 - EAA Membership Committee Meeting

January 18-22, 2010 - Bookstore Greeters. Student Center Bookstore.

January 19-20, 2010 - Blood Drive.

April 30, 2010 - Spring General Membership Meeting - Dunn-Richmond Center.

## Your chapter needs your e-mail address

As prices for postage and paper continue to increase, we are relying more and more on the ability to communicate with our members via e-mail and the Internet.

If you have e-mail, please subscribe to our List Serve so we can get important messages to you in a timely manner. Please send an e-mail to [nancyhartman@juno.com](mailto:nancyhartman@juno.com) to have your name added to the List Serv.



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*A Special Invitation to You... (our new retirees)*  
**Congratulations! Welcome to the next phase of your life—retirement.**

While you are planning your future without reporting to SIUC, please take time to consider joining an important organization, the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA), which continually works on your behalf to ensure your hard-earned benefits. The SUAA is a not-for-profit organization formed in 1971 to advocate a strong and secure public employee pension and health benefit system.

**Three Reasons to Join:**

1. Illinois is in financial difficulty again, and once again public officials are looking at our pension with critical eyes. **WHO SPEAKS FOR PENSIONS? SUAA DOES.**
2. Illinois legislators and the Governor are struggling to cut our devastating deficit. Each proposal is debated hotly. **WHO KEEPS US INFORMED ABOUT TODAY'S STATE BUDGET? SUAA DOES.**
3. This summer, retirees' dental coverage was changed after the open enrollment period was over. Many did not receive the notice of the change in time to drop their coverage. They will have to wait for the next enrollment period. **WHO EXPLAINED THE DENTAL COVERAGE? SUAA DID.**

We have strong lobbying power through SUAA. Through this action, SUAA keeps the legislators and policy makers knowledgeable about our issues. SUAA's power is related to the number of people represented! Membership matters. Large numbers matter.

Your Carbondale campus chapter Emeritus and Annuitants Association (EAA) offers you a **Special Invitation** to join this invaluable Illinois organization. Your membership is vital to protect your interests. The dues deductible plan automatically takes the small monthly amount out of your annuity check. Or, you may pay yearly by check. For just \$27 a year, you can be involved in your retirement future. Be sure to join now, as dues will increase to \$31 a year beginning January 1, 2010.

SUAA is your key to protecting your hard-earned benefits and to receiving the information you need to stay informed of important political decisions.

Thanks for considering this invitation.  
Pansy Jones, *Membership Chair*



Southern Illinois University Carbondale employees who retired between August 1, 2008 and August 31, 2009, were honored at a retirement and service recognition banquet hosted by Chancellor Samuel Goldman at the Student Center on August 26, 2009. The 120 honorees are listed below.

**Anna, IL:** Ann Dauderman, Clinical Instr, Ofc of Teacher Educ, 13 yrs; **Robert Dawson**, Electrician Foreman, Phy Plt, 19 yrs; **Joanne Dillow**, Business Mgr II, Div of Continuing Educ, 32 yrs; **Rebecca Trammel**, Senior Lecturer, Rehabilitation Institute, 15 yrs; **Richard Waller**, Building Srv Foreman, Phy Plt, 13 yrs; **Linda Wright**, Cooks Helper, Univ. Housing, 22 yrs.

**Ava, IL:** Edward Morber, Plumber Foreman, Phy Plt, 20 yrs; **John Smith**, Maint Laborer, Phy Plt, 10 yrs.

**Barrington, IL:** Patricia Wirth-Copp, Ofc Support Assoc, Curriculum and Instruction, 4 yrs.

**Cambria, IL:** Richard Taylor, Building Srv Worker, Student Ctr, 8 yrs.

**Carbondale, IL:** Marcia Anderson, Prof, Workforce Educ and Dev, 38 yrs; **Julie Beck**, Asst to Assoc Athletic Dir, Intercollegiate Athletics, 27 yrs; **Ronald Browning**, Prof, Physiology, 36 yrs; **Michael Bryant**, Bindery Worker II, Printing and Duplicating Srv, 29 yrs; **Bruce Chrisman**, Coordinator, College of Engineering, 26 yrs; **Morris Connley**, Electrician, Phy Plt, 24 yrs; **Judy Drolet**, Prof, Health Educ and Recreation, 26 yrs; **Jeffrey Duke**, Deputy Dir, Student Ctr, 22 yrs; **Rosalia Fulia**, Chief Rehabilitation Specialist, Project 12 Ways, 17 yrs; **John Haller, Jr.**, Prof/Vice President for Academic Affairs/Prof of Medical Humanities, History/Ofc of the President/School of Medicine, 18 yrs; **Rita Hays**, Adm Aide, Animal Science Food and Nutrition, 27 yrs; **Robert Henderson**, Oper Mgr-WSIU TV, Broadcasting Srv, 34 yrs; **Manoranji Jeyaratnam**, Senior Lecturer, Mathematics, 25 yrs; **Steven Kraft**, Prof, Agribusiness Economics, 29 yrs; **Lenore Langsdorf**, Prof, Speech Communication, 20 yrs; **Michael Lawrence**, Dir/Prof, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, 11 yrs; **John Martinko**, Assoc. Prof and Distinguished Teacher, Microbiology, 27 yrs; **Shirley McGlenn**, Instr, MEDPREP/Medical Educ Preparatory, 31 yrs; **Michael Mibb**, Asst to Curator of Herbarium, Plant Biology, 30 yrs; **Mary Montavon**, Lecturer, Linguistics, 5 yrs; **Eva Murray**, Dir, Rainbow's End, 24 yrs; **Braiger O'Neal**, Food Srv Sanitation Laborer, Univ. Housing, 32 yrs; **Mary Rudasill**, Assoc. Prof, School of Law, 23 yrs; **James Scales**, Dir, Career Srv, 28 yrs; **Steven Schmitt**, Assoc Scientist, Research Dev



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and Administration, 20 yrs; **Lawrence Shelton**, Dir, Evaluation and Dev Ctr, 30 yrs; **Douglas Smith**, Prof, Psychology, 30 yrs; **Richard W. Steger**, Prof/Chair, Physiology, 23 yrs; **Richard Steudel**, Asst Dir, Financial Aid Ofc, 20 yrs; **Joseph Surdyk**, Computer System Oper Specialist I, Info Tech, 14 yrs; **Lee Ellen Swayze**, Academic Adv, Pre Major Advisement Ctr, 28 yrs; **Walter Wallis**, Prof, Mathematics, 23 yrs; **Robert Welker**, Prof, Accountancy, 23 yrs; **K. Donnell Wilson**, Project Dir, Project Upward Bound, 29 yrs; **Phyllis Zimmerman**, Collection Specialist V, Bursar, 41 yrs.

**Carterville, IL:** **David Birch**, Chairperson/Prof, Health Educ and Recreation, 7 yrs; **Charles Campbell**, Assoc Dir, Info Tech, 31 yrs; **Steven Crippen**, Driver, Phy Plt, 21 yrs; **Debbie Fields**, Adm Asst II, Research Dev and Administration, 29 yrs; **Lois Gibbons**, Adm Clerk, Student Health Ctr, 29 yrs; **Paul McCamish**, Electrician Lamper, Phy Plt, 9 yrs; **Phyllis Short**, First Cook, Univ. Housing, 15 yrs; **William Thomas**, Assoc Dir, Records and Registration, 23 yrs; **Jerry White**, Carpenter, Phy Plt, 28 yrs; **Patricia Yewell**, Ofc Support Specialist, Univ. Housing, 24 yrs; **Sherry Yow**, Patient Unit Mgr, Student Health Ctr, 12 yrs.

**Cobden, IL:** **Robert Eads**, Garage Foreman, Travel Srv, 28 yrs; **Steven Kraus**, Staff Clerk, Workforce Educ and Dev, 25 yrs; **Stanley Pearson II**, Asst Prof, ASA Sch of Allied Health, 25 yrs; **Carol Reno**, Rehabilitation Counselor, Eval and Dev Ctr, 31 yrs; **Margaret Selinger**, Human Resource Ofcr, Human Res, 21 yrs; **Mary Swindell**, Business Mgr II, College of Liberal Arts, 24 yrs; **Gregory White**, Chairperson, Management, 31 yrs.

**De Soto, IL:** **Robert Baker**, Food Production Mgr, Univ. Housing, 25 yrs; **Cynthia Cook**, Building Srv Sub-Foreman, Univ. Housing, 32 yrs; **Philip Kell**, Specialist, Evaluation and Dev Ctr, 27 yrs; **Marge McFadden**, Ofc Support Specialist, Human Resources, 10 yrs; **Cathy Sanders**, Building Srv Worker, Univ. Housing, 25 yrs.

**Du Quoin, IL:** **Alan Pearsall**, Building Srv Worker, Univ. Housing, 22 yrs; **Donna Reynolds**, Adm Asst I, Ofc of Economic and Regional Dev, 32 yrs; **Patricia Wheatley**, Ofc Mgr, Pre Major Advisement Ctr, 30 yrs.

**Energy, IL:** **Carl Renshaw**, Building Srv Sub-Foreman, Phy Plt, 24 yrs.

**Goreville, IL:** **Rick Roach**, Electrician, Student Ctr, 23 yrs.

**Herrin, IL:** **James Baumgarte**, Researcher I, Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering, 11 yrs; **E.J. Callahan**, Maint Laborer, Phy Plt, 22 yrs; **Roger Missavage**, Dir, Computer Assisted Instruction and Research Lab, College of Engineering, 29 yrs; **Barbara Pfeffer**, Ofc Mgr, College of Science, 14 yrs.

**Hurst, IL:** **Sandra Brown**, Chief Clerk, Univ. Housing, 20 yrs.

**Johnston City, IL:** **Bennie Vick**, Police Sergeant, Department of Public Safety, 15 yrs.

**Jonesboro, IL:** **Dale Lipe**, Food Srv Sanitation Laborer, Univ. Housing, 29 yrs.

**Makanda, IL:** **Deborah Frey**, Senior Lecturer, ASA Sch of Info Systems and Applied Tech, 25 yrs; **James Synowiec**, Painter, Phy Plt, 12 yrs; **Brenda Yucas**, Adm Aide, Univ Core Curriculum, 27 yrs.

**Marion, IL:** **Betty Carrel**, Licensed Practical Nurse II, Family and Community Medicine/Carbondale, 15 yrs; **Steve Chaney**, Driver, Phy Plt, 15 yrs; **Russell Hargraves**, Collection Specialist IV, Bursar, 23 yrs.

**Murphysboro, IL:** **Barbara Anderson**, Human Resource Asst Mgr, Human Resources, 36 yrs; **Cathy Blaise**, Prog Adm Asst, Financial Aid Ofc, 20 yrs; **James Braeutigam**, Automotive Foreman, Phy Plt, 25 yrs; **Michael Calandro**, Building Srv Worker, Phy Plt, 20 yrs; **George Calvert**, Driver, Phy Plt, 13 yrs; **Pamela Crews**, Mgr of University Cashiering Oper, Bursar, 16 yrs; **Leslie Curtis**, IMEC Manufacturing Specialist, Illinois Manufacturing Extension Ctr, 10 yrs; **Wayne Dychkowski**, Senior Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic, ASA Aviation Management and Flight, 10 yrs; **Mary Falaster**, Ofc Administrator, Rehabilitation Institute, 40 yrs; **James Garofalo**, Prof, Ctr for the Study of Crime, Delinquency and Corrections, 18 yrs; **Larry Hughes**, Carpenter, Phy Plt, 27 yrs; **Donna Johnson**, Senior Library Specialist, Library Affairs, 30 yrs; **Christine Labyk**, Asst Dir, Student Health Prog, Student Health Ctr, 29 yrs; **James Lawless**, Dishroom Supervisor, Univ. Housing, 11 yrs; **Barbara Mitchell**, Grill Cook, Head Start, 8 yrs; **Thomas P. Mitchell**, Stationary Engineer, Phy Plt, 28 yrs; **John D. Naas**, Building Srv Sub-Foreman, Phy Plt, 28 yrs; **(Roberta) Lynn Pierson**, Ofc Administrator, Ctr for Academic Success, 27 yrs; **John Reed**, Electrician, Phy Plt, 17 yrs; **Charles Rodriguez**, Asst Prof, ASA Aviation Technologies, 32 yrs; **Dorothy Schemonia**, Housing Ofcr, Univ. Housing, 29 yrs; **Guice Strong III**, Lecturer, Finance, 27 yrs; **Robert Willis**, Building Srv Worker, Phy Plt, 4 yrs.

**Pinckneyville, IL:** **Conrad Ratajczyk**, Electrician, Phy Plt, 20 yrs.

**Pomona, IL:** **Kay Rippelmeyer-Tippy**, Academic Adv, College of Liberal Arts, 24 yrs.

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