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A new era begins

Timothy J. Flanagan is ready to serve as Illinois State University's 18th president.

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FirstWord

I am honored to address alumni and friends

of Illinois State University as the 18th president. Since our first visit to Normal, Nancy and I have been touched by the warmth and hospitality of the Redbird community. We are impressed by the pride that faculty, staff, students and alumni have in this great public university. We look forward to getting to know you, learning about the impact that Illinois State made in your lives, and hearing of your adventures since graduating. We value forming friendships with alums as one of the great gifts of the University presidency.



Presidential transitions are important benchmarks. I am privileged to follow in the footsteps of truly great leaders at ISU. The growth and development of the University during President Al Bowman's tenure was impressive. Illinois State has truly distinguished itself within the higher education community in Illinois, developing an enviable national reputation for academic excellence and a genuine focus on student success. These will continue to be Illinois State's highest priorities and central mission.

There will be challenges, as higher education faces a turbulent economic environment and seismic shifts in areas such as technology, student demographics, and global competition. We will meet these challenges as we continue to provide top quality higher education that prepares students to be productive, ethical, and engaged citizens.

On taking office as ISU's president in 1933, Raymond Fairchild described the school's administration as "purely a cooperative enterprise." He further stated: "I shall maintain an open attitude and my office door shall always be open.... Not revolution but evolution will be the policy of progress at the University...." Fairchild's words constitute good advice for an entering president eight decades later.

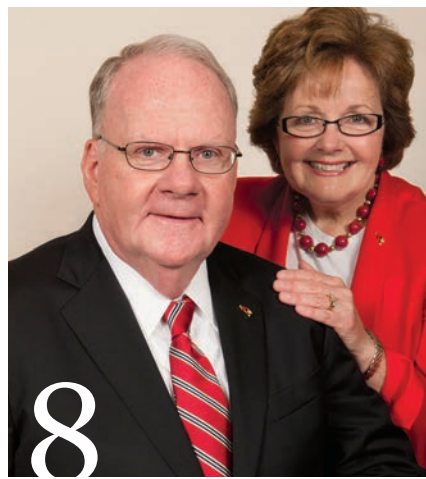
There is much discussion about new "business models" for higher education. Buzzwords such as "disruptive innovation" and "the new normal" abound. I welcome dialogue about ways to strengthen and deepen student learning, about emerging technologies to enhance teaching, and new approaches to containing costs.

The academic tradition of discussion and debate is essential to making wise decisions on these matters. Deliberate analysis and collegial conversation will enable us to preserve and strengthen the essential components of an effective educational experience. So we will have healthy discussion of opportunities and challenges, and I am confident we will make decisions that are best for Illinois State's students.

As Nancy and I begin this next adventure, we look forward to your friendship and support. Alumni are the most important stakeholders of any university, and we know that loyal Redbirds will do their part to uphold the great reputation of Illinois State University.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy J. Flanagan".

Timothy J. Flanagan, Ph.D.
President, Illinois State University



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Candidates from across the country vied for the opportunity to become Illinois State's president upon Al Bowman's retirement. Timothy J. Flanagan left the presidency at Framingham State University to lead ISU. A scholar and a grandfather, he and his wife, Nancy, are eager to become a part of the campus community.
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There is a mystique and majesty to university property that sits on a Bloomington intersection a few miles from campus. Most grads remember Ewing Manor but know little about the home's rich history. Descendants of the Ewings are partnering with the University to return original furniture to the manor, which welcomes visitors.
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Middle and high school students in science classrooms this fall will be influenced by Larry Flinn III '77. He is a silent partner to science teachers in school districts across the country, providing supplies and equipment for safe experiments. He creates those too through the company that started in a home basement.
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The campus speech and hearing clinic helps patients overcome impediments.

A voice for refugees

Ginger Scott-Erlinder '87 produced a documentary detailing Rwanda's struggles.

On the cover: Introduced to the campus community in May as Illinois State's next president, Timothy Flanagan's term officially began August 15.



Fine arts project funded

Construction of complex overdue for college

A campus dream two decades in the making is closer to reality, as Illinois Governor Pat Quinn announced \$54 million will come to ISU for a fine arts complex.

The project includes renovation of existing buildings and construction of space for instruction and performance. Specifics of the complex are not known, as the \$7.5 million needed for planning is included in the grand total.

"The construction project will have a significant positive impact on our ability to recruit and retain high quality faculty and staff members and motivated students," said James Major, the dean of the College of Fine Arts.

A committee will make recommendations for the project, which involves replacing or renovating three buildings of significant age: Centennial East and Centennial West, both built in 1959; and the Center for the Visual Arts, which opened in 1973.

"The footprint for the Fine Arts Complex is large, and considerable university community input will be required to best match evolving academic, programmatic and performance requirements with the available space and resources for this important project,"

Vice President for Finance and Planning Dan Layzell said. "We will also begin discussing how to best maintain College of Fine Arts operations during the construction process."

Students and faculty will be included in designing the complex, which has been discussed since the 1990s. The college has continued to grow since then and now serves more than 1,100 students with 160 faculty and staff members. There are 40 fields of study in art, music, theater and dance, and arts technology.

No timeline has been set for when the project will be completed.



A day to celebrate

Hear the remarks of Governor Pat Quinn, above at podium, as he announced funding for the fine arts complex during a campus visit. Go to IllinoisState.edu/Magazine.

NASA funding advances faculty meteorite research

NASA has awarded Assistant Professor of Geology Tasha Dunn a \$125,000 grant to help find the origins of a rare type of meteorite known as chondrites.

“These are pieces of asteroids that never melted,” Dunn said. “These meteorites are composed of the ingredients that came directly out of the solar nebula when it formed 4.5 billion years ago.”

Dunn teaches planetary geology, petrology and mineralogy courses at Illinois State. She will use the grant to study a small group of uncommon meteorites known as CK chondrites, which are not well understood because there aren’t many in existence.

She acquires thin samples from the Natural History Museum in London to the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. She has worked extensively with academic institutions and museums in France, Russia and Germany as well.



Rare meteorites are the focus of Geology Professor Tasha Dunn’s research.

Mennonite College has first doctoral graduate

Kari Hickey became the first Mennonite College of Nursing (MCN) student to complete the Ph.D. She defended her dissertation in the spring semester, creating an historic moment for the 94-year-old nursing college.

An instructor at Northern Illinois University’s School of Nursing and Health Studies, Hickey chose ISU because of the college’s focus on vulnerable populations. The emphasis aligns with her professional background in community health.

MCN began offering the doctoral program in 2008 to better care for underserved populations and meet a statewide need for more nurses who are prepared as faculty and researchers.

“We know this is the first of many nurse leaders who will receive their Ph.D. degree at Illinois State,” said Janet Krejci, dean of the college. There are 21 remaining Ph.D. students in the college, which now offers the Doctor of Nursing Practice online as a part-time post-master’s program.

Governing board change results in new trustee

College of Business graduate Robert Churney ’87 has been named by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn to the University’s governing board. He was chosen in the spring to replace Bloomington business leader Robert Dobski, who had served on the Board of Trustees since 2008. His term expired in January.

A resident of Bartlett, Churney is an insurance broker on the board of the Assurance Agency in Schaumburg. His term will run through 2019.

Top rankings announced for separate ISU colleges

The graduate and undergraduate programs in two different colleges at the University have been recognized as among the best in the nation.

The College of Education ranks among the top 100 graduate schools in the country in the annual *U.S. News*

and *World Report* rankings. Illinois State placed 91st in the *U.S. News 2014 Best Graduate Schools* publication. The findings are based on expert opinion about program excellence and statistical indicators that measure the quality of a school’s faculty, research and students.

The College of Business has been ranked as well, named 99th nationally in the *2013 Business Week Best Undergraduate Business Schools* rankings. This marks the fourth consecutive year that the college has been ranked by *Business Week* magazine. Illinois State is one of only two public business schools in Illinois in the top 100 this year.

Business Week surveys students and employers to arrive at the rankings. Overall academic quality of undergraduate programs is assessed, along with the percentage of students who go on to pursue an M.B.A. In the 2013 rankings, 45 of the top 100 business schools were public universities, while 55 were in the category of private universities.

Where are they now?

Rodger and Carol Anita Tarr, combined, taught more than 50 years at ISU. Rodger came to the University in 1969, full of vim and vigor and retired full of vim but with less vigor in 2002. Anita earned her D.A. in English from ISU and joined the faculty full-time in 1994, committed to teaching and research in the field of Children's Literature. Rodger was named a Distinguished Professor in 1990.

Both believed strongly in ISU's singular motto—"And gladly wolde he lerne and gladly teche"—and were dedicated to the integration of research into teaching. The Tarrs will be forever grateful to ISU for its unwavering support of their research.

Rodger gained an international reputation for his work in Victorian literature—especially that on Thomas Carlyle—then later for his books on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. He continues his commitment to scholarship and is an advisory editor to the Hemingway Letters project.

Anita has published widely in Children's Literature and related fields, having written prize-winning articles on Virginia Wolfe and Robert Cormier, as well as essays on Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Scott O'Dell and children's poetry. Her central interest is J. M. Barrie, highlighted by a co-edited book on Peter Pan. Anita continues to write reviews and articles.

The Tarrs live on an island near Beaufort, South Carolina, where they enjoy nature's soaring bounty. They can be contacted by email (Rodger: teufeltarr@centurylink.net; Anita: catarr@centurylink.net) or at 32 Spring Island Dr., Cal-lawassie Island, Okatie, SC 29909.



Nursing graduates excel on licensure examination

Mennonite College of Nursing graduates achieved a 98 percent pass rate on the national nursing licensure examination (NCLEX-RN) for 2012. The state average is 91 percent and the national average stands at 90 percent.

The college's graduates have exceeded the state and national averages for the NCLEX-RN the past five years, even after the passing standard was raised in 2010.

"The high number of graduates who pass the licensure exam the first time is due to the extremely committed faculty who work tirelessly for student success," said Mennonite's Dean Janet Krejci.

The college focuses on critical thinking, integration of theory with clinical practice, and mastery in each course before progressing to the next. Mastery exams cover the specific subject matter included on the NCLEX-RN exam.

Team explores options for teaching the arts

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and its affiliate Very Special Arts have contracted with organizations across the nation to deliver arts education programs to students with disabilities. Illinois State is the only university partner in the initiative.

A group of ISU theatre, dance, music and special education faculty and students are working in two Chicago public schools. The group is partnering with K-12 teachers to create a standards-based arts curriculum and related assessments for children with disabilities. The standards will assure that all children, regardless of ability, will have opportunities to express and demonstrate their skills through alternative means.

"Working closely with teachers and paraprofessionals who educate children with a wide range of disabilities on a daily basis affords us the opportunity to learn practical, kid-tested, best practices in the teaching and learning process,"

said Assistant College of Fine Arts Dean Laurie Thompson-Merriman. "This has been a magical and inspiring project."

Federal funding supports project to treat soldiers

A nearly \$178,000 grant from the Department of Defense will allow Assistant Professor of Chemistry Jeremy Driskell to assist soldiers exposed to illness or bioterrorism.

The funds will cover two years of Driskell's efforts to increase the speed of detecting and identifying viruses when soldiers in the field are ill or injured. He and his research team will work with the influenza virus to test the limits of increased detection.

"We're hoping to develop a real-time diagnostic assay, meaning when a soldier is exposed to a toxin or virus or shows symptoms, those in the field would be able to immediately tell what the virus is and whether or not the soldier needs to be sequestered," Driskell said.

International research set for ISU Fulbright Scholar

Erin Mikulec, an assistant professor in the School of Teaching and Learning, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture and conduct research at the University of Helsinki, Finland.



She will spend the spring of 2014 at the University of Helsinki working with the Subject Teacher Education Program in

English (STEP) and the Viiki Teacher Training School to experience secondary teacher training in Finland. Mikulec will also serve as a guest lecturer teaching English in secondary schools throughout the Helsinki area.

The award was announced by the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Mikulec is one of about 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals chosen to travel abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program in 2013-2014.

Planning underway for projects at student center

Work to improve the Bone Student Center has been set into motion with the release of \$2 million to plan the first phase of a revitalization project. The Board of Trustees approved the bond revenue reserve funds to hire architects and develop plans.

Bone Student Center was built in 1973 and serves as a gateway to the University. The first phase of renovation includes relocating the catering kitchen. The vacated second floor space will be renovated as an expanded food court and Student Involvement Center.

The loading dock on the building's north side will be redesigned; entrances on the building's west side improved; a new entrance from the visitor parking lot created; Brown Ballroom dividing walls

installed; and a ballroom foyer/reception area created.

Student chapter honored as best in association

ISU's chapter of the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) is the 2013 Outstanding Student NAMA Chapter. This is the second consecutive year Illinois State has won this award.

There are more than 70 students in ISU's chapter, which is advised by Department of Agriculture faculty members Aslihan Spaulding and Rick Whitacre. Spaulding is the 2013 NAMA Outstanding Advisor.

The chapter award is based upon activities during the academic year. ISU's group conducted an agriculture career fair, hosted a panel of human resource experts, organized a bowling tournament that garnered nearly 300 pounds of canned goods for a local food pantry, and raised funds to support Red Cross efforts to help Hurricane Sandy victims.

Mobile apps an option for WGLT listeners

It is now easier than ever to tune into Illinois State University's public radio station, WGLT. A new GLT Mobile App for any iPhone, iPad or Android device has been introduced.

The apps allow people to listen to any GLT audio, view the program schedules for GLT FM and three music web-streams, and listen to GLT while browsing the Web or email.

"The WGLT mobile app allows our listeners to access everything we offer, wherever they are. And with on-demand features, they can build their own listening schedules," WGLT Individual Giving Director Pat Peterson said.

Listeners can explore GLT's four different streams, on-demand content, search for stories, bookmark a show or story for later, and wake up to GLT with the app's alarm clock.

The app can be found at app stores and is free of charge. For additional information, visit WGLT.org/Apps or call (309) 438-3581.

Mail

To the Editor,

You brought back so many of my memories of President Bone (Bob Bone, February 2013). I was in the crowd the night we sang "Welcome home, Bobby," even though I had no idea who he was. That soon changed.

I met President Bone on several occasions and attended activities at his home. No matter how long it had been between meetings, he always greeted me by name, and the same goes for his wife.

While preparing for graduation, a group I was in hosted a luncheon for our parents. President Bone was invited. He called my dorm room to tell me he would be happy to attend. That was the highlight of our graduation day. Not to mention he was on stage and shook our hands as we received our diplomas!

Your article was spot on about President Bone. He was a truly remarkable man and I was blessed to have known him.

Cathy Groesch '68

To the Editor,

Thank you for the wonderful article about Avanti's (May 2013). I about fell off my chair reading the first paragraph, as I was the WILN deejay that cohosted the Sunday night radio program "Let The Good Times Roll."

I remember talking with Guido about Avanti's sponsoring our program. I lived on Dan Rutherford's floor. Dan encouraged me to ask Guido to sponsor us. I just knew we'd get even more listeners because everyone loved Avanti's. I remember Susan Nelson Brown always calling in and winning!

Dan's quote was right on. I remember him walking down the hall after working and the first thing we'd ask is, "Well, have you got any bread with you?"

Thanks again for bringing back the wonderful memories of Avanti's!

Scott Scholten '78

Read more Avanti's' memories at Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/Avantis.

Redbird Athletics



A change for women's basketball

New coach brings experience and energy to ISU

A former player and 26-year veteran of Division I college coaching, Barb Smith was welcomed to campus in April as the head women's basketball coach. She replaces Stephanie Glance, who left after three seasons to become the head coach at Columbia University.

Smith inherits a program that has enjoyed seven consecutive winning seasons. The Redbirds have been to the Women's National Invitation Tournament six times and secured one NCAA Tournament bid during that seven-year period.

A native of Ohio with a health education degree and M.B.A., Smith played at Ohio State. The Buckeyes won four Big Ten championships and made three

NCAA appearances during her years on the team.

She has served as the head coach at San Diego State and as the associate head coach at Minnesota. She was lead assistant and recruiting coordinator at Colorado, as well as an assistant at Iona.

Smith comes to Illinois State from Saint Louis University, where she was associate head coach. She brings a tremendous pedigree into her second head coaching job and is known as a prominent recruiter, with more than 10 top-20 nationally ranked classes.

"I am very excited to be a part of the Redbird family and to join a program

that has won no matter who has been coaching and no matter which student-athletes have been here," Smith said.

She shared that the team will play "an up-tempo style of basketball." Noting ISU has the unusual standing in the top three of the Missouri Valley Conference, Smith stated the team will aim for another NCAA Tournament berth. The goal is within reach, as Smith sees ISU as "a gold mine" with amazing potential.

"We're not working from the lower end of the conference," she said. "We're going to bust through from the top, and that's exciting."



Meet Coach Smith

Listen to the news conference where the coach was introduced.
Go to IllinoisState.edu/Magazine.



Alumnus is named Director of Athletics

Larry Lyons '86 began a three-year term as Athletics director on July 1. He accepted the position following the resignation of Gary Friedman, who came to Illinois State in 2011.

"It is an honor and privilege to serve the institution in this role," Lyons said. "When you get in this business and work for this institution, it's a labor of love."

Lyons is a CPA and has been at the University for 26 years, including as interim Athletics Director in 2011. He most recently served as the executive associate Athletics director.

In that position, he oversaw business, facility and external operations; human resources; and the Weibring Golf Club. He also supervised athletic training, equipment and strength conditions units, and provided administrative leadership for men's and women's golf and baseball.

Women's golf team repeats as Missouri Valley champs

For the fifth time in six seasons, the Illinois State women's golf team won the Missouri Valley Conference championship. The women finished with 977 strokes, three ahead of Wichita State, to capture the team's 13th Valley trophy at the 2013 competition in Missouri.

Senior Katie Jean led the team with a score of 233, which gave her a second consecutive individual championship. She is the sixth player in Valley history to win the award twice.

Jean earned First Team All-Valley honors and was named the 2013 MVC Golfer of the year. She also received the Elite 18 Award for the third consecutive year. The honor goes to the student-athlete among the top 18 individual finishers with the highest grade point average.

Softball coach soars past landmark win

Softball coach Melinda Fischer '72, M.S. '75, captured her 900th victory in April, making her the winningest coach in ISU's history.

Fischer went from playing softball on the playground to the ISU Athletics Percy Family Hall of Fame. And while proud of her 900-plus wins at Illinois State, she is most grateful to have what many college coaches do not enjoy—longevity.

"This is a university that has invested in me, and fortunately I've been able to give back the best that I can," Fischer said. "You're not in this position at all unless you've had tremendous, loyal people to work with."

A three-sport student-athlete—field hockey, basketball and softball—Fischer helped lead the Redbirds to the 1969 Women's College World Series, where they finished second.

After graduating, Fischer taught junior high. ISU's master's program allowed her to coach basketball and softball, so she came back. She picked up more coaching experience at Eastern Illinois before returning to ISU in the 1980s.

Fischer took over as head softball coach in 1986. Since then her teams have won a combined nine Missouri Valley Conference and Gateway Athletic Conference regular-season championships. The team's NCAA Tournament berth in 2012 was the third-straight for ISU—a first for the program.

Her coaching philosophy is unwavering: Build a fundamentally sound program, do things for the right reasons, do them the right way, learn from your mistakes, and do all of the above as a team.



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INTRODUCING

TIMOTHY J. FLANAGAN

President will partner to maintain Illinois State's momentum

BY SUSAN MARQUARDT BLYSTONE

THERE WILL BE TIMES in the days ahead when Timothy Flanagan checks the campus map before leaving his office for a meeting. As is true of everyone starting their first semester at Illinois State, he may initially mispronounce Schroeder Hall. And it could be awhile before he knows the story of all individuals whose names are emblazoned on the University's buildings.

Ask Flanagan about the significance of Illinois State's history as a Normal school, however, and there is no hesitation. He readily knows and shares the rich legacy that sets apart higher education institutions established to teach the next generation of teachers. The heritage is just one point of pride the incoming president appreciates about the University he begins leading this month.

“The Normal school is an important American creation,” said Flanagan, who takes the reins as ISU’s 18th president after building his career at institutions that began with the purpose of training educators. He comes to Illinois State having served the past six years as president of Framingham State University, which was established in Massachusetts by Horace Mann in 1839 as the nation’s first public teacher preparation school.

“Horace Mann called for institutions suitable for the richest and available to the poorest,” Flanagan said. “I have great admiration for these institutions. They started out with the pragmatic and public purpose to educate teachers for the com-

mon schools. They have, almost without exception, developed into first-rate arts and sciences universities that serve their region and students well.”

“MY FIRST TASK IS TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING. WE WILL MOVE FORWARD IN WAYS THAT FOSTER THE PRIDE OF ALUMNI AND STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY’S REPUTATION BECAUSE THAT TRANSLATES INTO OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES.”

mon schools. They have, almost without exception, developed into first-rate arts and sciences universities that serve their region and students well.”

Flanagan knows Illinois State exemplifies such a transformation and gratefully accepts the challenge of maintaining the University’s growth and excellence. When introduced to the ISU community in May following a national search, he expressed gratitude for “the extraordinary privilege of taking over an institution on a great trajectory that has been so well led.”

“My first task is to keep the momentum going. We will move forward in ways that foster the pride of alumni and strengthen the University’s reputation because that translates into opportunities for graduates,” Flanagan said.

“At the same time, we have to recognize that the economy and the needs of the state of Illinois are changing rapidly. What role will ISU play in addressing those needs? There may be new paths and opportunities for us to contribute.”

The question epitomizes the approach Flanagan brings to his presidency at Illinois State. While he recognizes and applauds the excellent people, programs and planning that have positioned ISU as a leading undergraduate institution in the state and nation, he simultaneously considers what can yet be achieved. “I’m not a status quo person,” he said. “I get up each day and ask myself what can be done to improve the University, to make it a better and more rewarding place for students, faculty and staff, and the community.”

What that means for Illinois State will become clear to Flanagan as he builds partnerships with the campus and community, which he emphasizes will be his mode of operation. “One thing I have learned through the years is that a president acting alone can accomplish very little,” he said.

“I place a very high premium on engaging people in

discussions about the University and am interested in learning from people. What do they want to achieve? Where do they want to go?”

He began the dialogue before arriving on campus, assigning the vice presidents the task of compiling a document titled “50 Things I Need to Know about Illinois State University.”

The information is crucial, as Flanagan wants to understand the goals of every unit across campus. “My role as president is to help realize the ambitions and aspirations that exist, to put resources in place and open doors. The presidency is the antithesis of creating obstacles.”

He knows the struggles all too well from having devoted

his professional life to higher education as a professor in criminology and sociology, and as an administrator.

On track as an undergraduate to become a probation officer, Flanagan was encouraged by a faculty member to pursue graduate school. With a master’s completed in 1974, his goal was to enter the emerging field of criminal justice planning. He instead joined the faculty at Marshall University in West Virginia.

It was there Flanagan embraced his first opportunity to build an academic program, as he was one of three in a newly created criminal justice department. He realized the need for the doctorate to continue in higher education, which led him to complete a Ph.D. in criminal justice at the University at Albany, State University of New York. His graduate work focused on prisons as organizations.

“I was interested in human adaptation under extreme circumstances,” he said. As a dissertation topic, he chose to study behavioral and psychosocial adjustment of people incarcerated for long terms in maximum security prisons. The research gave him significant insight into human adaptation within complicated organizational structures.

“Universities and prisons are fundamentally different organizations, especially in terms of core values, daily activities of residents, and staff and outcomes,” Flanagan said. Yet there are similar challenges as organizations with multiple constituencies, diverse goals, and reliance on inadequate government funding to fulfill a mission so critical to society overall.

“All of higher education is confronting the challenge of disinvestment. Taxpayers are not supporting education as generously as in the past, and the balance is being foisted upon students and their families. Our number one challenge is to maintain excellence while remaining affordable and accessible without burdening students with mountains of debt,” Flanagan

said, emphasizing the need to increase private funding.

He refers to the recession as a mixed blessing for public higher education. Financial worries for families have increased, but public universities are in the spotlight as a more affordable option. "This creates an opportunity to talk about cost, quality and value" Flanagan said. "It is not difficult to make a convincing argument that completing a university degree is still a solid financial and personal investment.

"Nearly all jobs created in the U.S. economy since 2007 have been filled by college graduates. The college degree is an essential ingredient for life. Our work is important to the economic and social wellbeing of Illinois and the nation. Our mission couldn't be more important today than at any time in American history."

He takes Illinois State's helm ready to stress the importance of public higher education to all who will listen, and to specifically broadcast ISU's excellence. He is especially eager to meet alumni, whom he considers to be the University's "most important stakeholders."

"The alumni have built the success Illinois State enjoys today because of what they have accomplished," Flanagan said, expressing his hope that graduates will speak loudly and proudly of their ISU experience. "Alumni can also be an invaluable resource for current students and graduates by making internships available and by using ISU networks for hiring in their businesses and organizations."

He is eager to hear their stories directly. Meeting alums is just one bullet point on his plan of action to immediately engage while still settling into Hovey Hall. He asked the University leadership for a list of 100 people he should meet right away, which reflects his commitment to engage in ongoing conversation with campus and community constituencies. He pledges to openly share key information about the University, including financial and enrollment statistics, as one means of maintaining a consistent dialogue.

Flanagan will also keep a finger on the student pulse, getting out across campus regularly for purposeful interaction and taking his administrative team for conversation in the residence halls to assess the ISU collegiate experience. The effort began with move-in, as Flanagan introduced himself to students and shared his understanding of the anxiety tied to being the new person on campus.

"I feel exactly the same way as the freshmen unpacking in a brand new place," Flanagan said. He has a key advantage over the traditional freshman, however, as he is sharing his ISU experience with his "best friend and the love of my life," his wife Nancy. They met as undergraduates, illustrating a point he shares with current students.

"One of the best parts of a great undergraduate experience is the people that you meet," Flanagan said, adding that he is eager to begin "an energizing learning experience" at Illinois State. He is ready and proud to be a Redbird.

Fast facts on President Flanagan



Timothy Flanagan and his wife, Nancy, married two months after completing their undergraduate degrees in 1973. She holds a doctorate in nursing and has an accomplished career as a clinician and nurse educator. They are the parents of two adult children and enjoy four grandchildren, all under the age of 5. Their daughter, Erin Coglianese, M.D., is a cardiologist on the heart transplant team at Loyola University

Medical Center outside Chicago. Their son, Kevin, is a software architect working for Comcast in Denver, Colorado. The presidential couple also includes Maggie, a 5-year-old golden retriever, as part of the family. Expect to see them walking her on campus and be ready to engage in conversation, as the president and first lady are eager to meet the ISU community.

A scholar

A respected social scientist whose research has focused on crime and justice, Flanagan has presented internationally and written extensively. He has published three books, 40 peer reviewed works in scholarly journals across the fields of criminology, political science and law, and numerous government reports.

Ph.D. and master's degrees in criminal justice from University at Albany, State University of New York

Post-graduate work at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and elsewhere

An administrator

Flanagan's academic career began as an instructor at Marshall University in West Virginia. He has held tenured faculty and administrative positions on campuses in New York, Texas, and Massachusetts. His most recent leadership positions include the following.

2006-2013

President, Framingham State University, Framingham, Massachusetts

Professor of sociology at Framingham

1998-2006

Provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, College at Brockport, State University of New York

Professor of criminal justice at Brockport

Editor's note: President Flanagan's complete vita is available online at IllinoisState.edu/Magazine.



Welcome
to
Ewing Manor

BY KEVIN BERSETT



Historic property remains a community gem

To many it may look like a castle. Others may see a mansion.

The European-style home at the Bloomington corner of Emerson Street and Towanda Avenue is neither. It is the former country manor of chewing gum heiress Hazle Buck Ewing turned world traveler, philanthropist, and pioneering activist.

Named for the couple who built it—Hazle Buck and Davis Ewing—the manor is best known as home to the annual Illinois Shakespeare Festival. Performances have been held for 36 years on the manor's six-acre grounds, collectively called the Ewing Cultural Center.

The 84-year-old home was bequeathed to the Illinois State University Foundation upon Hazle's death in 1969. The Foundation board maintains the property, which remains vibrant because of dedicated volunteers.

They work under the direction of Ewing's facility manager, a position held by several dedicated



Davis and Hazle Buck Ewing with their beloved horses in 1922, top. Their oldest son Ralph, above, shown at age 14 in 1921. The second son, Nelson, bottom, was about 10 when this photo was taken in 1928.

Foundation employees over the past two decades. The job has been in the hands of Toni Tucker for the past year.

Formerly a Milner Library administrator, Toni approaches the home as a collection of ancient texts: dusting weathered edges, unearthing secrets, and cataloging her findings. She is as fascinated with Hazle as she is the home.

A woman of high culture, Hazle was chauffeured in her Rolls-Royce to see opera in Chicago. She had a lifelong dedication to charity, becoming a benefactor of schools and students. She was also mom to two sons she and Davis raised.

Politics were important to Hazle, who became immersed in the women's suffrage fight. Her home was an appropriate setting to meet with dignitaries, such as her cousin Adlai Stevenson II, as it looked like it could have been plucked out of the English countryside. The Channel-Norman design is based on homes the Ewings visited in England and France.

The appearance is largely the same today through preservation efforts that please Ewing's



granddaughter, Cindy Ewing of Carmel, California. She and Toni had a fortuitous meeting in the manor's courtyard last May. Cindy was in Bloomington to attend a Miller Park Zoo meeting. She sits on the zoo board due to another Hazle bequest.

Toni gave Cindy a tour of the home, sharing the dream of restoring the manor to the look of yesteryear. Cindy agreed to partner in the project, noting family members have many manor treasures. She has since been returning mementos inherited after Hazle's death. Among the treasures are an elegant umbrella stand, an English oak dresser, and the original travelogues Davis wrote of the couple's around-the-world trip.

"Our advantage is we have so many of the original pieces, and right now I have what I call a primary source person who was here and talked to Hazle, who knew her and knew her wishes," Toni said.

She in return shares treasures Cindy has never seen, such as what is believed to be the Ewings' only surviving wedding announcement found in an old desk. The document is a memory from happy times for the couple, who were raised in wealthy homes.

Davis came from a prominent Bloomington family. His father was an attorney and U.S. minister



The saddle, boots, and hat were used by Hazle during her adult life at Sunset Hill, now known as Ewing Cultural Center.



The library remains an inviting room at the manor, with built-in bookshelves that are made of hand-rubbed walnut. The desk belonged to Hazle, with many of the books on display owned by the Ewing and Buck families.

The spiral stairway, right, rises up three floors. The wrought iron railings and candle fixtures were custom-made for the home. The stairs are concrete.



to Belgium for President Grover Cleveland. Davis became an engineer and formed a cement company that laid Bloomington's first streets and sidewalks.

Hazle was born in Cleveland. Her father bought a fledging chewing gum company, perfected the recipe, and merged with Wrigley. In return he received 49 percent of Wrigley's stock and a position on the board of directors.

The couple met at a Christian Scientist gathering in Chicago, where Hazle's family had relocated. They married in 1907 and moved to 1522 East Olive Street in Bloomington.

They eventually took in two boys: Ralph, who is Cindy's father; and Nelson, who was embraced like a son but was never officially adopted. Only Nelson grew up at the manor, which was built on 66 acres the Ewings bought in 1923 in an undeveloped part of Bloomington.

"When they built this home it was way in the country," Toni said. "That's why it's called a country manor—not a castle, not a mansion."

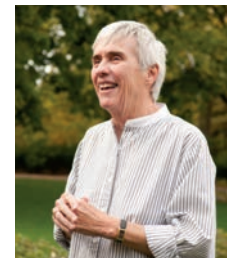
Ideas for the home were gathered when the couple and Ralph journeyed around the world in 1924. Many of Hazle's trip souvenirs, mostly Asian art, decorated the manor designed by architect Phil Hooten as the main feature on the Ewing estate named Sunset Hill.

The surrounding property was designed by famed landscape architect Jens Jensen. He used Hazle's selection of native plants, including bluebells, to lay the foundation for what is now the Genevieve Green Gardens.

The manor was built mostly of concrete by local contractors, supplied with materials from the Midwest, and took 18 months to construct at a cost of \$178,000. The 6,000-square-foot home has north and south exposures, allowing air to circulate. There are 44 rooms, including the family's living quarters. The main section is three stories. It is large but feels cozy due to compartmentalization and choice of building materials: wood, iron, and stone with slate, wood, and brick floors.

The ground floor includes a library, living room, dining room and kitchen. The second floor held all five of the home's bedrooms. The top floor was highlighted by an office for Davis with exposed brick and commanding views of the property. He enjoyed a chemistry lab and photo darkroom in the basement, which was designed to accommodate up to 100 visitors.

There are two wings. One has a stable and carriage house, the other an apartment where the help lived. The whole estate is an interconnected maze with hidden nooks and crannies.



Cindy Ewing, above, is a granddaughter of Hazle and Davis. She is partnering with Illinois State's Toni Tucker, below, to restore the manor to the look of yesteryear.



Hazle's bedroom suite, *above*, included a sitting room, which had a corner sink. This feature is found in two of the manor's five bedrooms, making it easier to wash after a horse ride.

The manor's dining room, *right*, is surprisingly small and cozy. The artwork was a housewarming gift received in 1929 from Hazle's mother, Lillian Brewer Buck.



The manor's exterior has a castle-like feel that is accentuated by an interior courtyard; two archways, created by extensions from the main section to the wings; and two turrets, one of which functions as a lobby and as space for a winding staircase that provides access to the main wing's three stories.

The home's quaintness includes the fact each light fixture is unique. An intercom system Hazle used to communicate with five household employees is still in place.

"It is very homey," said Toni, who delights in hearing Cindy's family memories that make the manor come to life.

She knows which shower always leaked. She remembers joining her cousins in singing from the turret's staircase to their parents one Christmas. Hiding with her cousin inside the residential wing's luggage elevator was quite the childhood adventure, as was learning from her grandmother how to ride a horse at age 4.

"I had a great role model," Cindy said of Hazle, who was a University of Chicago philosophy graduate. While she never had a job per se, Hazle made her mark as an activist and philanthropist.

She paid for local girls to attend college; founded Victory Hall, a home for boys; and started the School of Nations at Principia College. Her activism ranged beyond women's rights into ecology and supporting the League of Nations and the United Nations. Her good deeds are given extensive coverage in Karen Griep Heilbrun's biography *Hazle Buck Ewing: Promoter of Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men*.

No matter how far she traveled, Hazle always returned to the manor.

"She loved it," Cindy said. "It was home base."

Hazle and Davis moved into the home in 1929 and divorced two years later. Hazle lived there the last 40 years of her life with her friend, Julia Hodge, as a companion. She took care of the flowers, plants and sewing, Cindy said, noting that "grandmother was kind but stern. Julia was the warmer of the two."

Over the years, Hazle began selling pieces of the property. The original plans called for 10 other manors to be built, but more modest ranch homes were instead constructed along Sunset Road. Residents of that neighborhood—including Sally Jacob—remain actively involved with the manor. They enjoy meeting Cindy for conversation and potlucks at Ewing when she visits Bloomington.

The hospitality continues a tradition of outreach established by Hazle, who was a fixture in the neighborhood. She welcomed new neighbors



Cindy Ewing is returning many original family pieces for display at the manor, including this umbrella stand made out of brass.



and allowed their children to ride horses with her and use her tennis courts. “She really loved the community,” Cindy said.

Now used primarily for meetings, retreats, and weddings, Ewing Manor is increasingly an academic gem as well. Faculty engage students in everything from historical research to a setting that challenges art students. The manor also continues to embrace visitors.

“This community loves this home,” Cindy said, which explains why tours are popular, as are

special events such as trick-or-treating for children. The addition of a cell-phone tour of Genevieve Green Gardens has increased enjoyment of the meticulous grounds.

The outreach pleases Cindy, who affirms Hazle would be delighted that a welcome mat is firmly in place at her beloved manor.

The living room is one of the largest spaces in the manor. The fireplace is constructed of limestone, with the ceiling made of cement. Davis owned a Bloomington concrete company. The stacking tables, far right, are original to the home.



Inside Ewing Manor

Check out a full photo gallery from inside Illinois State’s Ewing Manor at IllinoisState.edu/Magazine.

Plan a Homecoming visit to Ewing Manor

In addition to attending the traditional Homecoming football game and parade this fall, take time when back on campus to explore Ewing Manor and Genevieve Green Gardens.

Tours of the manor will be offered from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 5. The gardens will be open from 8 a.m. until dusk. There is no entry fee, and free parking is available across from the manor at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 1617 East Emerson Street in Bloomington.

Individuals unable to visit during Homecoming weekend can tour the manor from 4–6 p.m. every Monday between May and October. The gardens are open to the public daily from 8 a.m. to dusk.

On December 14, Ewing Manor will be part of the Christmas at the Mansions event, which also features the David Davis Mansion and a mystery mansion. Tickets cost \$10 per person for the 2–5 p.m. tour and \$12 per person for the 5–8 p.m. tour. For more information, visit christmasatthemansions.com.

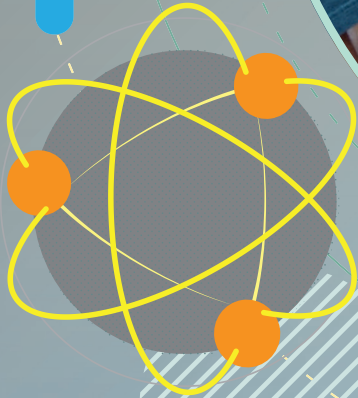
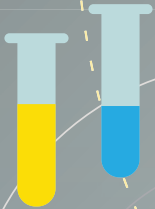
Learn more about Ewing Cultural Center at EwingManor.IllinoisState.edu. To inquire about hosting a wedding or event at the property, call (309) 829-6333 or email Ewing@IllinoisState.edu.



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BY KEVIN BERSETT

TEACHER'S AIDE

GRADUATE EQUIPS NATION'S SCIENCE TEACHERS

Larry Flinn III '77 strides through his company's warehouse in Chicago's western suburbs with the boastless confidence of someone who knows what it takes to build something from nothing.

The business administration major has gone from working in his parents' basement 35 years ago to running the company that is now the preferred supplier of laboratory supplies and equipment to science teachers nationwide.

Today he is the chairman and principal owner of Flinn Scientific Inc., which sells essential teaching materials to almost every school district in the country. A single cart in the company's warehouse holds orders from Lake Forest to Los Angeles,

California; Boulder, Colorado; and Jericho, Vermont.

Flinn Scientific's focus has always been on science education in middle and secondary schools. The company develops and repackages chemicals, designs and creates science experiments,

and builds and distributes all the supplies and equipment a science teacher needs.

"A lot of people think a successful business is about the money. It's not," Flinn said. "The money thing is an after effect from everything else. What really drives us is being able to provide quality products and service to our customers. Science teachers and school teachers are the nicest people in the world. It's an honor to be able to help them and serve them."

Serving teachers has been a growing business for Flinn Scientific, which started with just three workers: Flinn and his parents. His brother, Patrick, joined the company as soon as the business could support a fourth partner. Today there are 170 employees at the 250,000-square-foot headquarters.

The company's product and laboratory safety catalog, which began as a 24-page booklet, is now two catalogs with a combined 2,200 pages. More than 8,000 products are made and distributed in an operation that is a model of efficiency.

Success was built over decades through determination and hard work. The effort began in May 1977 when Flinn's father, Lawrence Flinn Jr., proposed an idea that would change both their lives.

"The day I graduated from college, he said, 'Larry, how would you like to start your own business?'" Flinn said. He planned on selling real estate in Batavia, the suburb where Flinn Scientific is based, when his dad posed the question. At that time his father was a vice president for a very large laboratory supply company.

"He always felt that the school teacher was treated as a second-class citizen," Flinn said. "So as a result he had the vision to start a business where we only focus on teachers and the needs of teachers. And by golly he put everything he owned at risk. His home, his pension, and we borrowed a lot of money and we went to work."

Things started slowly.

"My dad had these grandiose ideas, and the first year every plan that he had bottomed out," Flinn said.

"It just wasn't working. Rather than

After 13 months, they quit their night jobs and moved the company into a 6,000-square-foot warehouse. But things remained bleak for the next five years.

"There were plenty of nights where I didn't know where the payroll was coming from," Flinn said. "I didn't. There were plenty of times where I didn't know how I was going to pay tomorrow's bills."

"Those were the tough years. Today you think, oh, the rent payment was \$600. I've got news for you, that rent payment might as well have been a million dollars some months. It was just so difficult to make."

And yet Flinn and his family never wavered from their passion.

"I think a lot of small-business people don't have focus about what they want to do," Flinn said. "They try to be all things to a lot of people, and as a result they fail. That's sad because they put their life savings at risk."

Flinn also credits his wife for his ability to prevail. In 1979 he married Laurel (Stanard) '79, whom he had met at Illinois State. She was their breadwinner in the early going. She taught middle school in DeKalb during the school year and worked for free at Flinn Scientific during the summer.

Later she raised their children—Kelley, Bryan, and Kevin—at times singlehandedly while Flinn spent a third of the year on the road for work. Today all three are successful young adults.

"She had it covered the entire way," Flinn said. "And she's doing all this and yet she never once complained. What woman in her right mind is going to get married and say, 'Look, you don't need to make a salary for five years. You go and do your thing.' You don't meet many people like that."

The company's prospects did not brighten until the early 1980s when Flinn's father developed ways for teachers to safely handle, store, and dispose of chemicals.

Over the years, the company expanded. Flinn Scientific moved into a 16,000-square-foot facility and then a 70,000-square-foot building. About 15 years ago the company bought the land where its headquarters now sits and built a warehouse that was eventually doubled.

But in 1991, with the business starting to grow, tragedy struck.

Flinn's father, then 61, and his mother were about to take a rare vacation to a home they had just bought in Florida. "The night before he was going to go on vacation, he died of a stroke," Flinn



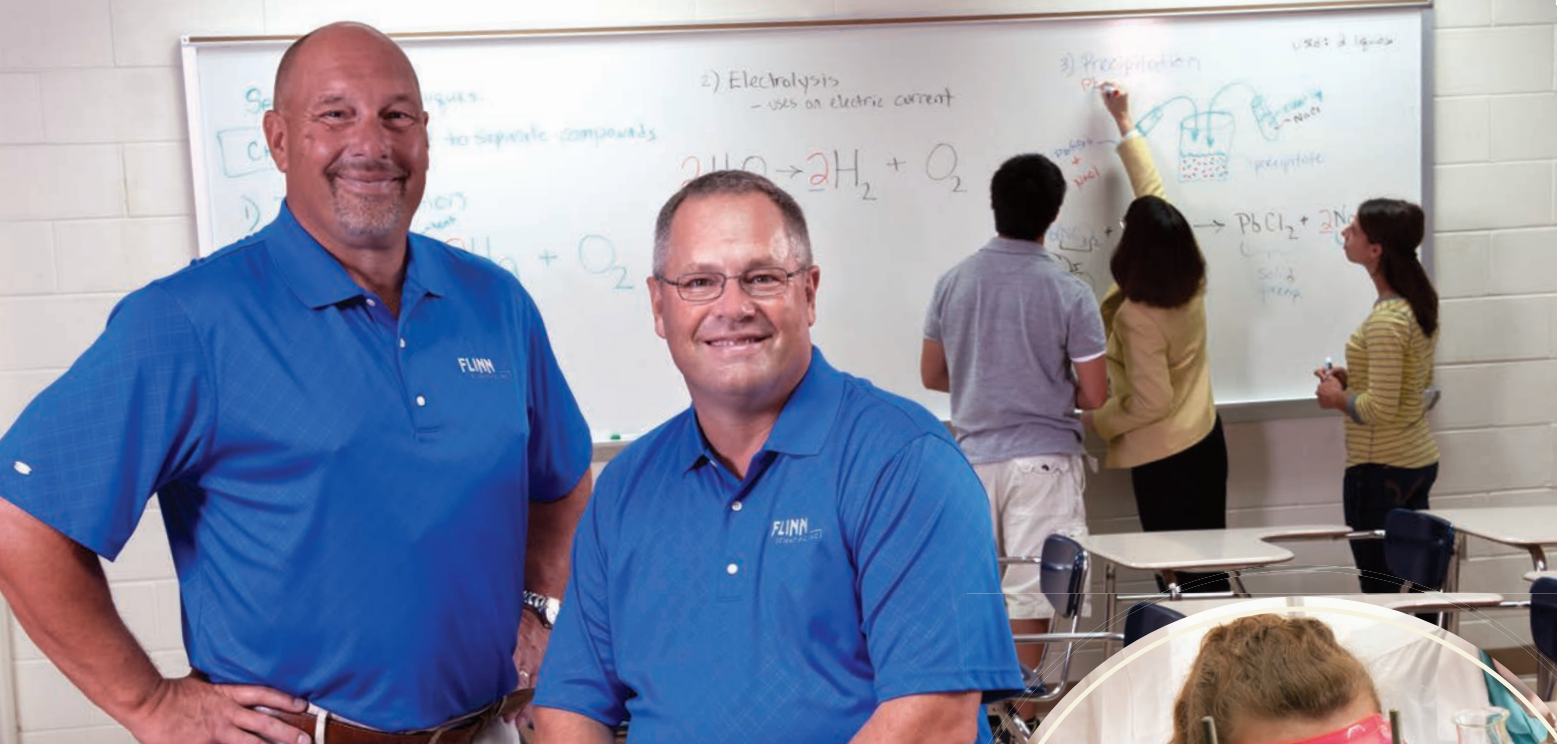
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giving up, we just stuck to it. What I mean by that is we went and got night jobs."

Yes, the high-priced executive and his college graduate son went to work at local factories: the elder Flinn as a janitor and the younger one as a food products labeler. They would work all day at Flinn Scientific and then work until midnight at their factory jobs.

They traveled often, leaving Flinn's mother, Margaret, to answer phones and handle orders at the company's then modest headquarters.

"Believe it or not, the company was started in my dad's basement," Flinn said. "A couple of old, used file cabinets, some doors we had stained that were the tabletops, and a couple of phones. And that was it."



said. “He went to get his briefcase from the office and he didn’t come back.”

His father, to this day, continues to inspire Flinn. They had spent years working together, traveling together, building a company together.

“I got to be his best friend; he got to be my best friend,” Flinn said. “While it was a tremendous personal loss, he had done such a good job of training myself and my brother, Pat, that we were able to continue the business without losing a step.”

Flinn and his brother grew their customer base by working 80–90 hours per week and by reaching out to teachers. Flinn traveled all over the country personally training teachers on laboratory safety and holding demonstrations, while Pat managed the operational side of the business.

The brothers formed a foundation that for more than 10 years held teacher-training work-

“They have a reputation for being the most teacher friendly supply company,” Hunter said. “Teachers trust them. Teachers rely on them.”

Others do as well. Flinn, now 57, has formed a foundation in his wife’s honor that donates more than \$100,000 a year to charities. Praise continues to accumulate, as Flinn Scientific has received awards from teacher associations across the country.

But the highest compliment Flinn can receive is for teachers to say his company was their teaching partner. If the company keeps receiving those accolades, he knows he has nothing to worry about.

They only focus on teachers and the needs of teachers.

shops at 90 universities. Later the company built a film studio where Flinn produces teacher-training videos that are posted on the company’s website and form the basis of several graduate-level courses used by Illinois State University.

That commitment to teachers was what led Illinois State Chemistry Education Professor William Hunter to nominate Flinn for the College of Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame in 2009.

“Look, I’m a pretty religious person,” Flinn said. “I know that God is going to take care of me no matter what and have a hand in whatever happens. As a result I never worried about failing. I just knew that we needed to keep pressing forward, keep talking to teachers, keep helping customers, keep providing them solutions to their issues. I knew if we kept doing all those things, we would come out on top.”

Larry Flinn, above right, and his brother, Patrick, continue in the family business that provides all the tools students need to learn in their school laboratories.



Inside Look

A saxophone dropped down a flight of stairs. Clarinets snapped in two. Brass dented during a marching band collision. While such moments are often devastating to musicians and band directors, they cause no panic for Carl Thacker, who runs Illinois State's instrument repair shop. The veteran technician's work involves finding the remedy for perplexing problems that include everything from broken keys and stuck valves to bent metal.

1. Instrumental man

Charged with repairing and maintaining instruments owned by the University, Thacker has been running the instrument repair shop at Illinois State for almost 20 years. Thacker began his work on instruments as an apprentice at age 16 and decided to make the trade

his life. Though he can play all of the woodwinds and brass well enough to test them, he is not a musician by trade. His passion is repairing high-level and professional instruments.

2. Teaching the trade

With so many honors and accolades, it's no surprise Thacker is respected in his field. He shares his knowledge with three to six students each semester. His goal is not to create music technicians, but rather make sure these future band directors and music educators can make quick fixes and minor repairs for their own students. Several graduates mentored by Thacker have found jobs thanks to skills learned in his class.

3. Property of ISU

The College of Fine Arts has several music ensembles that range in size from the Wind Symphony to the Big Red Marching Machine. Many students need one of the nearly 600 instruments owned by the University to perform. When maintained properly, the instruments are capable of making beautiful music for decades.

4. Clean as a whistle...or trumpet

With such heavy use, a deep cleaning is often part of the repair process. Instruments are submerged in an ultrasonic cleaner. The ultrasonic waves sent through the instrument create small bubbles that explode and loosen grime.



5. Fire it up

All brass instruments are soft soldered rather than welded. Thacker uses the blow torch to unsolder instruments, repair damage, and make them good as new.

6. Simple solutions

Thacker uses powerful magnets to erase dents from deep within an instrument. By placing a metal ball inside and then manipulating it with the magnet from the outside, damage is almost immediately rubbed away. Keep your cell phone, credit cards, and other small metal objects far from these magnets. They can destroy as easily as they heal.

7. A bowling pin?

Who would have thought a bowling pin would be useful in instrument repair. The pin is used to strike (pun intended) a rod and remove a dent. The process

protects Thacker from a rebound blow of the hammer or mallet, which would do more harm.

8. Secret to the shine

If this instrument polisher looks like a shoe polisher to you, then you really know your machinery! The repair shop received this discarded piece from Illinois State property control. Most equipment comes used and is repurposed for the shop. Thacker proves it works as well on a tuba as a wingtip.

9. No part? No problem!

Thacker often finds the part he needs can no longer be ordered. He turns to the lathe to create small parts using scraps and pieces from instruments beyond repair. As a result, new life is given to heavily damaged instruments. Thacker's ability to turn scrap into a solution is just one way he helps the college budget.

10. Tools of the trade

To take dents out of flat surfaces on the bell curve of brass instruments, Thacker uses a spear-like object called a mandrill and a small, red hammer. The hammer isn't chosen to show school spirit, but rather because it is made from a special plastic that doesn't mar or scratch brass.

11. Ready for work

Thacker starts his day by putting on an apron. The decades-old habit is not meant to make a fashion statement. The apron holds small tools and parts, and keeps grease and oil from his clothing. It's one of many practical tips Thacker shares with his students.



Alums score big in

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Imagine you're a college football coach. You make your players watch game film, spend hours in the gym, and run no-tackle scrimmages in the July heat. But how do you teach the one thing that matters most—instincts?

That's where **Brendan Reilly, M.S. '11**, comes in. Reilly is cofounder of Eon Reality Sports, a leader in virtual reality that's created a new 3-D football simulator to train athletes. It allows a quarterback to stand inside a small space, surrounded by a virtual football field where digital linebackers come at him full speed. Think of it as a giant and much smarter version of a Madden video game, but one you play with your whole body.

It's a game-changing training tool, and one that might not exist if Reilly hadn't gotten his master's degree in sport management at Illinois State.

When Reilly came to ISU in 2009 to work under then-basketball coach Tim Jankovich, he was already on the fast-track to becoming a head college coach himself someday. But he had this idea that nagged at him when he watched the Redbirds practice: Why aren't these players using virtual reality to get even better?

In class, Reilly's entrepreneurial spirit was unleashed. He once gave a presentation to a group of owners arguing that putting a minor league hockey team

in Las Vegas was a good idea. He loved it.

"It was then when I realized I liked the business side of sports more than the actual game itself," Reilly said.

Illinois State's sports pantheon is larger than Doug Collins '73, or any other student-athlete. Reilly is just one of the many all-stars on Illinois State's roster of alumni who've found off-the-field success in sports—a Redbird network that grows more influential each year as the Department of Kinesiology and Recreation's sport management program trains the next generation of leaders.

These alumni have varied backgrounds, from broadcasting to finance to family and consumer sciences. Yes, they

the business of sports

AN A GAME

by Ryan Denham

say, working in sports is fun, but for reasons that oftentimes don't have anything to do with wins and losses. Collectively, they share a competitive passion for sports that goes beyond fandom.

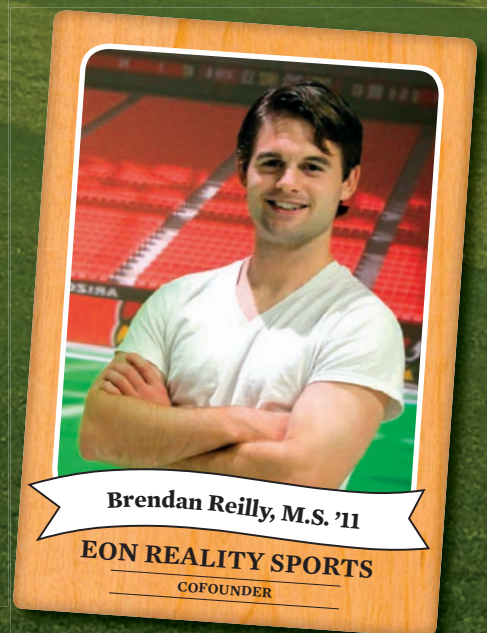
Reilly, for example, spent six months researching his virtual reality idea, making phone calls around the world to see if anyone was already doing it, and getting encouragement along the way from his ISU sport management professors Nels Popp and Chad McEvoy. Eventually he formed a partnership with Eon, a longtime leader in virtual reality training programs in several other industries, just not sports.

Two years ago, Reilly moved out

to California and cofounded Eon Reality Sports. While it's a major technological endeavor, Reilly says the hardest part is explaining to coaches and athletes just how powerful interactive game film can be. He works to convince them that you can train the brain to be "bigger, faster, stronger—just like a bicep."

"Doing any start-up is hard," Reilly said. "Doing it in an industry that's completely new is even harder."

But his sweat equity is paying off: Earlier this year, Eon announced the University of Kansas—led by former Redbird Athletics Director Sheahon Zenger—will be the first NCAA institution to use its virtual reality football simulator.



Working at Wrigley

Unlike Reilly, **Andrea Burke '02** never saw herself working in sports. She studied human development and family resources at Illinois State, but after an internship she found that path wasn't the right fit.

She always liked sports—and going to Wrigley Field—so she took a chance and applied for a Chicago Cubs internship during what turned out to be an exciting 2003 season. One of the Cubs executives she met during her internship interview was Jay Blunk '86, who is now executive vice president for the Chicago Blackhawks.

That internship turned into a job, and 10 years later Burke is a senior account executive for the Cubs, going to

work every day under the historic Wrigley marquee and spending her summers staring at the ivy. She was even able to take her grandmother, a die-hard Cubbie fan, to a game and down to the field during the 2004 season.

But it's not all perks. Working for such a unique team requires Burke to think outside the box with her corporate partners, who are looking to increase their brand exposure in a landmarked stadium with limited space. It's up to Burke to strategically add signage and find other solutions.

"ISU made me a well-rounded person and gave me the confidence to be successful in anything," she said.

Tackling spreadsheets

Eric Hart '90, M.S. '92, also credits the broad-based education he received at ISU for his sports career.

Hart is president and CEO of the Tampa Sports Authority, putting him in charge of Raymond James Stadium (home of the NFL's Buccaneers), the Tampa Bay Times Forum (home of the NHL's Lightning), Steinbrenner Field (home to New York Yankees spring training), and three City of Tampa golf courses. It's his finance degree that's gotten him this far. Turns out the guy who runs big venues like these—and a \$38 million budget—needs to know about public financing, balance sheets, and income statements.

Knowledge in event and facility management is equally essential experience that Hart picked up starting at ISU, where he worked the box office and concerts. He's now positioned on a much bigger stage, where he relishes that every day brings something different. Raymond James can fit 75,000 people. On game days, the stadium becomes its own city, complete with police officers, medical personnel, and parking staff.

That means football Sundays have lost their glimmer for Hart. And while he can enjoy sports on TV, he tends to get distracted when he visits other venues, scoping out their crowd control measures or something else more than

the athletic competition.

But there are no complaints from Hart, as running an NFL stadium has been his dream job—the "crown jewel" of facility management, as he puts it.

"I've got to take an entire town, bring it in and get rid of it in a seven- or eight-hour period," Hart said. "The details that go into that can get very troublesome. But it's exciting too."



Andrea Burke '02

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Broadcasting to ballparks

The excitement of sports still hasn't worn off for **Mike Bucek '82**, despite three decades in the business.

Bucek is vice president for marketing and business development with the Kansas City Royals, overseeing about 45 people who do everything from game presentation to corporate sales. He got his start in broadcasting as one of the founding fathers of Illinois State's WZND radio station.

His first job out of college, with a triple-A baseball team in Arizona, melded his two passions—broadcasting and sports. But the team's small, everybody-does-everything staff also meant he was learning the whole business, a crash course in adaptability that's paid off as he's moved up the ladder.

After Arizona, Bucek directed marketing for the Chicago White Sox, lead ballpark development for the Milwaukee Brewers, headed up sales and business development for the Indy Racing League, and served as chief marketing officer for the Phoenix Coyotes hockey team. In 2009 he joined the Royals, and last year he managed to boost ticket and corporate revenue while also selling out All-Star Game festivities.

One of the many quirks about working in sports is that, unlike the marketing chief for, say, Gatorade or Pepsi, there are aspects of Bucek's product that are completely out of his hands.

"I can't control the weather, and I certainly can't control the team's performance," Bucek said.

When the Brewers hired him in 1996 to help them build a new ballpark,



all they had were a set of drawings and a parking lot. When he finished, they had one of the best venues in sports.

As the Brewers' vice president of ballpark development, Bucek slept with a yellow notepad on his nightstand for six years, kicking around ideas for financing, concessions, design, and everything else that goes into building a \$400 million, 41,900-seat stadium. Bucek was even the one who pitched the Miller brewing company on buying the retractable-roof ballpark's naming rights.

It was an all-consuming job, but a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that Bucek savored.

"I see certain things in Miller Park today when I go back, and I know that it was my suggestion," Bucek said. "I enjoy going back there. And it's made a world of difference for the Brewers."

Next page: Working for the White Sox



ILLINOIS STATE'S SPORT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SHINES

A job in sports can be a great gig—if you can find one. Illinois State's sport management program has a great track record of training students to do just that.

The Department of Kinesiology and Recreation's 33-hour graduate sequence has existed in its present form for about 10 years. Here's how Illinois State's program stands out among the 300 sport management programs across the country, according to sequence coordinator Nels Popp.

▪ KEEPING IT SMALL

The program only admits about 15 students per year to align with the job market. The program's grads work with major and minor league teams, NCAA athletic departments, sports commissions, companies like Nike, and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

▪ HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

The program has strong ties with Red-bird Athletics, giving students real-world experience in communications, fundraising, ticket operations and sales, facility management, and other areas. Same goes for coursework, where a finance class analyzes the economic impact of a state volleyball tournament on a real community, not just in theory.

▪ MAKING CONTACT

Every year, the program hosts its Sport Management Symposium featuring big-name speakers, in addition to class trips to major sporting venues. Popp, who worked in sports himself prior to joining ISU, maintains a database of around 140 Illinois State alumni working in sports. "I figure by the time you're done with the two-year program, you've met 50 individual people outside of the Bloomington-Normal area working in sports," Popp said.

For more information about the program, visit KinRec.IllinoisState.edu/Graduate.



Magical moments

Kelby Weiter, M.S. '12, has spent her first year in the sports business building something from the ground up.

She's the first director of communications and marketing for Old Hat Creative, a sports marketing agency that does print materials, videos, and websites for more than 80 collegiate programs and professional teams.

Weiter's father encouraged her to consider marketing as a career, so she chose sports and came to ISU for its sport management program. As a graduate assistant, Weiter helped lead a major expansion of the Reggie Kids Club program in Redbird Athletics—from 100 kids to 2,000 in just one year.

Now she's helping spread the word about her Oklahoma-based agency's collegiate projects, including one last fall that sent her on the field before Texas A&M football's home opener against Florida.

"It was the excitement of it, being on the field, seeing the stands," she said.

Those who work in sports have careers full of big moments like that. For White Sox senior director of ticket sales and premium seating **Tom Sheridan '90**, the most memorable was Game 3 of his team's 2005 playoff series against Boston. A feared Chicago pitcher nicknamed "El Duque" came out of the bullpen and single-handedly silenced

the rowdy Fenway Park crowd—and the rallying Red Sox.

"It was just a magical point in time," he said, especially given the White Sox went on to win the World Series.

Sheridan, a public relations major who played baseball at Illinois State, was conflicted about whether to take the first job that came along after graduation or wait for one in sports. He took the non-sports job, poaching engineers for a recruiting firm—and hated it. So he switched gears and followed his passion, taking low-paying internships with the Chicago Bulls and White Sox before the Sox offered him a job.

The sports industry, particularly in Chicago, is "smaller than you think" and connections are key, Sheridan told School of Communication students during last semester's Communications Week.

Just like Bucek, Sheridan says that some things in sports are out of your control. Trades, for example, can have a noticeable effect on ticket sales—good or bad. Now in his 19th season with the Sox, the former athlete is happy he followed his passion for sports beyond the base paths.

"It's been a very rewarding career for me," he said. "I definitely would not have done it any other way."



Kelby Weiter, M.S. '12

OLD HAT CREATIVE
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
AND MARKETING



Tom Sheridan '90

CHICAGO WHITE SOX
SENIOR DIRECTOR OF TICKET SALES
AND PREMIUM SEATING



Feel a football rush

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Alumni Association 150th Anniversary

While alumni always enjoy a trip back to campus, a visit during Homecoming is especially meaningful. Don't miss this year's celebration, made even more special as the Alumni Association marks its 150th anniversary. Plan now for the fun this fall. Visit IllinoisStateHomecoming.com, where you will find the latest information on activities planned for all ages.

IllinoisStateHomecoming.com

Saturday highlights:

- 8 a.m.** Town and Gown 5K Run and 1-mile Fun Run/Walk
- 10 a.m.** Homecoming Parade
- 11 a.m.** Tailgating
- 2 p.m.** Illinois State football vs. Western Illinois University

 **#ilstuHomecoming**



New this year

Download the free Illinois State Homecoming Guidebook app for the complete schedule, maps, Twitter feed, and more.

AlumniConnections



Recapture your collegiate look

Vintage line offers items with logos from years past

Much has changed on campus over the decades, including what hangs in a student's closet. The look of ISU attire has evolved as well over time, with different generations sporting their own unique styles created to Spread the Red.

Alums can now purchase items from their student era through the Redbird Vintage line of merchandise, which features throwback logos from the University's first use of a redbird insignia in the early 1930s through the appearance of the "thumbs-up" Reggie in the 1980s.

"It's a great way to remember, or perhaps discover, our tremendous shared heritage," said R.C. McBride,

who handles trademarks and licensing. "We've partnered with several companies—each selected for its commitment to quality and its talent for storytelling—to create merchandise that will be available this fall."

WinCraft will produce a variety of items featuring the evolution of the Redbird logo, including wood signs and pennants. Items will be at Barnes and Noble University Book Store, Alamo II, GoRedbirds.com, Amazon.com and other retailers.

HOMAGE will be the exclusive producer of casual attire for the vintage line. The company produces all of its T-shirts and sweatshirts in the United States.

Items can be purchased at Homage.com. Brand '47, the headwear partner, will have several designs available at a number of retailers.

Ebbets Field Flannels, which helped kickstart the retro boom in sports merchandising, will be offering Illinois State baseball jerseys that honor the University's 1969 national championship team. The items, including a replica hat from the ISNU days, will be available online at Ebbets.com.

Plans are also underway for those eager for work attire, including Redbird Vintage polos, button-down shirts, sweaters and women's professional attire. Go to Stories.IllinoisState.edu and Alumni.IllinoisState.edu for updates.



Old and new mixed for Homecoming

Graduates returning to campus for Homecoming this fall will find the traditional events that make the reunion weekend memorable, including the annual parade and a football game on Saturday afternoon.

There are also some changes of note. The annual Town and Gown 5K Run is now expanded to include a one-mile fun run/walk. The addition makes this tradition an even more family friendly event.

Another change from last year is the use of technology that will make planning much easier. The Alumni Relations staff have enhanced the Web site to include a Guidebook app with a complete schedule of events, maps and a Twitter feed.

Turn to page 27 of this issue for more information, and go online to IllinoisStateHomecoming.com.

Encourage students to explore scholarships

The Alumni Association and the groups that work in conjunction with the Association provide scholarship opportunities for current and future ISU students.

The Illinois State University Student Alumni Council offers \$1,000 scholarships to sons and daughters of Illinois State graduates. The nonrenewable scholarship was made possible by a donation from the family of Marion H. Dean, Class of 1927; contributions from Student Alumni Council; and the Illinois State University Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association also offers the Illinois State University Alumni Association Scholarship. The fund focuses on undergraduate students who exhibit outstanding academic achievement and leadership, and demonstrate a financial need. Additional consideration is given to students whose immediate family members have attended or graduated from ISU.

For more information, email Alumni@IllinoisState.edu or call (309) 438-2586.

Redbird Recipe Contest entries sought

Think you have a recipe that can win over the hearts and stomachs of students at Illinois State?

Alumni, faculty, staff, current students and their parents are invited to enter their favorite dish in Campus Dining's 5th Annual Redbird Recipe Contest. Submit recipes from August 19 through September 6 online at Dining.IllinoisState.edu.

Campus Dining's culinary team will select finalists in two categories: main/side dish and sweet/desserts. The finalists' recipes will be featured in both dining centers during Homecoming.

Finalists will be selected based on uniqueness of the dish, its appeal to the campus community, and its ability to be produced in large quantities. Students and dining center guests will vote for their favorite in each category. Winners will receive a personalized token commemorating their selection.

Last year's winning dishes were a lemon basil shrimp fettuccine by Kristin Paul '04 and an ISU coffee cake by Phil Ripp '75, M.S. '77.

Call (309) 438-8351 or email CampusDining@IllinoisState.edu with questions.

Alumni Association directors elected

There is new leadership within the Alumni Association following the annual meeting in June.

Lisa Castleman '96, Daniel Lopez, Ph.D. '02, Doug Reeves '69, Steve Smith '89, M.S. '93 and Alice Spann '78 were elected to their first, three-year term as members of the board of directors.

Castleman teaches in the Olympia School District and resides in Lexington. Lopez is the associate vice president for Student Affairs at Northeastern Illinois University and resides in Chicago. Reeves, of Towanda, is retired from Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc.

Smith resides in Elk Grove and is the CEO and executive director of American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medi-

cine. Spann works for Argonne National Lab and is a resident of Chicago.

The board also elected officers. Jerry Kerber '74 of Normal is president. Bob Navarro '91, M.S. '93, Ph.D. '02, is vice president/president-elect. He resides in Plainfield. Kaci Rollings '94 of Ottawa is secretary, with Greg Ayers '90 of Portage, Michigan, serving as past president.

The Alumni Association is a volunteer, nonprofit group that serves more than 190,000 alumni, the University, and its students. All graduates are automatic members of the Alumni Association. Alumni who have made a gift to the Illinois State University Foundation in the current or preceding year have active membership status and are eligible to serve on the board.

And the winners are...

There were nearly 600 entries for the Spread the Bread prize package offered by Avanti's and Alumni Relations in the May issue of *Illinois State*.

The following alums were chosen in a random drawing.

Carol (Hetherington) Bogle '74, M.S. '75; Kurt Bruno '82; Theresa Buescher-Borman '90; Laura (Kormelink) Gardner '89; Jan (White) Harms '75; Craig Kruger '99; Barbara (Burgess) Lefebvre, M.F.A. '89; Tim Phinney '83; Annie Pickering '11; Lynn (Reichert) Purdin '84



ClassNotes



Chris Phillips, center, with John Turner, left, and Matt Hutton.

Teaching with technology

Alum builds apps that make learning fun for kids

Graphic design alum Chris Phillips '03 and his colleagues knew the iPad was a game-changer the moment they touched it. Here was this device that even a child could navigate with ease.

"That's been our job, what we learned in school, to make design intuitive and approachable and easy to use," Phillips said. "And this device did it—just like *that*. A 3-year-old kid knew exactly what to do."

Three years later, the iPad has changed the lives of Phillips and his two partners at Spinlight Studio, Matt Hutton and John Turner. They morphed their Champaign-based ad agency into

one of the most decorated educational app developers in the business. They pump out intuitive, high-quality and best-selling games that seamlessly fuse learning and fun.

Their best-seller to date, the math game *TallyTots* for iPad, is one of the top education apps in Apple's App Store. All 10 of their apps have hit the Top 100 in their App Store category—a rare feat. They've also earned numerous Best App Ever titles and a *Children's Technology Review* Editor's Choice Award.

Their *Geography Drive USA* app has kids cross the country by answer-

ing geography questions. An in-game encyclopedia allows for research for answers so the game can continue. The app is a Top 10 education seller in the App Store, was featured on Fox News, and Spinlight's only app to win both a Gold Parent's Choice Award and the *Children's Technology Review* Editor's Choice Award.

"We're not making a game for a game's sake. We're making games to teach children," Turner said, a commitment made obvious by Spinlight's sale of 15,000 apps at a discount direct to schools across the U.S.



The rest of the story

Find out more about Chris Phillips' adventure in the business of building apps at IllinoisState.edu/STATEside.

40s

Lillian (Forcht) Kwas '44 is retired. She celebrated her 63rd wedding anniversary in 2012 with her husband, Eugene. They reside in Austin, Texas.

Myra J. Linden '49, M.S. '55, founded and directed the Text Reconstruction Across the Curriculum (TRAC) Institute with her husband, Art Whimbey. She has taught at the high school and college levels and has authored textbooks, including the *Thinking Through Grammar Series*. She is widowed and resides in McLean.

50s

Jack Martin '56 is retired after serving as a high school English and journalism teacher and administrator. A writer for *The Daily Herald*, he has edited five books. He and his wife, Helen, reside in Arlington Heights.

James Kijewski '58 and his wife, **JoAnn (Hosto) '59**, retired in 2012 with more than 100 teaching years combined. He taught for 39 years at Thornton Fractional South and 14 years at St. Florian. She taught in various schools for 15 years and at the Archdiocese of Chicago for 35 years. They reside in Lansing.

60s

William Paarlberg '60 has retired after a career in education. He supervised student teachers at ISU and served as assistant director of special education at Metcalf Elementary School. He was dedicated to keeping ISU's Laboratory School financially strong. He and his wife, Janet, reside in Sleepy Hollow.

Ronald O. Weingartner '60 has spent 45 years heading development departments and managing processes to transform ideas into new products for various industries, including toys and games. He has worked at Milton Bradley and

Hasbro Games, where he was vice president of inventor relations. He has coauthored *The Toy and Game Inventor's Handbook* and writes a toy industry blog, *Santa Doesn't Make Toys*. He resides in Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

Maxine (Daniel) Bitting '62 has retired from teaching and serving as grant manager for the Pinellas County School Board. Her husband, **Donald '67**, has retired as an administrator for the same school district. They reside in Largo, Florida.

Brenda (Newell) Lehman '63 is the nurse manager at Dr. John Warner Hospital in Clinton, where she and her husband, Charles, reside.

Charles Ellenbaum '65 retired as professor of anthropology and religious studies at College of DuPage. He completed a certificate in Anglican Studies in seminary and was ordained an Anglican minister. He serves as assistant pastor at Resurrection Anglican Church in West Chicago. He and his wife, Gail, are grandparents and reside in Geneva.

Richard A. Manahan '65, M.S. '71, Ed.D. '75, is the vice president for university advancement and president/CEO of the foundation for East Tennessee State University. He has been inducted into the Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame. He and his wife, Lois, reside in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Harvey L. Jenkins '66 served Illinois school districts for 34 years, retiring as assistant superintendent of business services for the St. Charles Public Schools. He helped establish the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund. After retiring he became vice president of Cadre Securities, Inc. Now retired from that position, he and his wife, Marsha, reside in Florida and Illinois.

Arnold Jochums '66 retired after 32 years as an Arkansas assistant attorney general. He and his wife,

Pause for applause

Hollywood moment

Jerry Eeten '90 had a love for the movies, even dreaming of writing one while completing a marketing degree at Illinois State. He moved to Los Angeles after graduating, taking jobs as a banquet manager, insurance salesman and waiter while working on scripts. Having married and settled into the role of husband and dad in Florida, he put his writing on the back burner and pursued his other passion of teaching. Now he's living both dreams, as a script he wrote six years ago was optioned by Universal Studios. His storyline became the movie *Identity Thief*, which hit theaters this year.



Judged superior



Annemarie Kill '92 has a winning record as a lawyer, and that includes outside the courtroom. Kill has been named one of the "Top 50 Women Illinois Super Lawyers" for the second consecutive year. She has captured the title of "Super Lawyer" in family law and plaintiff's employment litigation for five consecutive years, beginning with 2007. The designation places Kill within the top five percent of attorneys in the state. A marketing graduate and member of Mensa, she practices with Avery Camerlingo Kill, LLC in Chicago. Kill concentrates in employment and family law, including complex issues related to dividing retirement benefits in divorce.

Green chemistry



Michael Keane '77 is an accounting graduate now helping transform the chemical industry. He is the executive vice president and chief financial officer of Genomatica. A leader in sustainable chemicals, the California company is developing ways to manufacture many of the world's highest-volume intermediate and basic chemicals from renewable feedstocks. The company received the 2012 *Wall Street Journal* Technology Innovation Award, was voted No. 1 in *Biofuels Digest* 30 Hottest Companies in Renewable Chemical and Biobased Materials two consecutive years, was named one of 10 Big Green Ideas by *Newsweek*, and received the Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award from the EPA in 2011.

Bound to books

Brook Forest Elementary School Librarian **John Schumacher '02** reads more than 2,000 books annually. The titles currently on his list include every Newbery Medal winner since the award was founded in 1922. That's appropriate considering he has been chosen as the only school librarian to serve on the 16-person committee that will decide the 2014 winner. The award is given by the American Library Association for the most distinguished American children's book from the previous year. The appointment is one of many honors for Schumacher, who is a 2011 *Library Journal* Mover and Shaker, an honor given to innovative librarians across the country.



Reggie Reads

Check out a column dedicated to book reviews of work by alums at IllinoisState.edu/Magazine. Click on Reggie Reads.

How we met

Jim Pellum '02 and Christine Gekas '02 were both freshmen in the fall of 1999. Each had settled into Tri-Towers at the start of the semester, yet they didn't meet there. It was mutual friends who introduced the two during Springfest events on the Quad. The long walk back from central campus to the residence halls was the start of their fast friendship.

Each kept busy with social and service events tied to their Greek life, as Jim was in Sigma Tau Gamma and Christine pledged Delta Delta Delta. He was part of the *Vidette* team, while she became active pursuing School of Education opportunities.

Jim chose general finance as a major, while Christine pursued an elementary education degree. And yet their classes brought them together, as they enjoyed study dates at Milner Library. By their junior year, they were a solid couple. Jim proposed following his law school graduation, with the wedding set for July 21, 2006.

Today the two reside in Mt. Prospect. Jim is an attorney with the Illinois Gaming Board, while Christine teaches fourth grade students in Morton Grove. They are the parents of one son, Charlie, and include a yellow lab named Chief in their family.

"We love passing through Bloomington-Normal to walk on the Quad and enjoy cheese balls at the Pub II," Christine said. "We also discuss the plan for when Charlie could be an ISU freshman in 2029!"



Sharon, reside in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Fred Kern '66 is a professor emeritus at the University of North Texas and a major author of the Hal Leonard Student Piano Library. He has written a collection of ragtime piano solos, titled *County Ragtime Festival*, based on his youth in Illinois. He resides in Dallas, Texas.

Martha (Williams) Gummerman '67 is a home daycare provider. She and her husband, Kurt, reside in Bloomington.

Lyle Hicks '67 has been named the Tom and Barbara Crays Endowed Chair for Business and Technology at Danville Area Community College. He is coordinator of the Vermilion County Coalition Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, overseeing five sites throughout the county. He resides in Danville.

James Campbell '69 is a cashier at Lowes Home Improvement. He and his wife, Joanie, reside in Miamisburg, Ohio.

Jeffrey Riley '69 is a training and development consultant with Sunoco, Inc. He and his wife, Lareda, reside in Trenton, New Jersey.

70s

Marvin Cropsey '70 is a managing editor with United Methodist Publishing House. He and his wife, Karen, reside in Lebanon, Tennessee.

Marlis (Hepner) Duncan '70 retired as a reading resource teacher with the Hartford School District. She worked with kindergarten and first grade students. She was named the district's Teacher of the Year for 2013. She and her husband, Eliot, reside in Jackson, Wisconsin.

Joseph Kerke '72 is a retired high school chemistry teacher. He and his wife, Hattie, reside in Mokena.

Julie K. (Patterson) Dunn '73 works in special education in the Los Angeles Unified School District. She and her husband, Jeffery, reside in Burbank, California.

Gerald R. Ferris '73, M.S. '76, is the Francis Eppes Professor of Management and Professor of Psychology at Florida State University. He previously held faculty positions at the University of Mississippi and the University of Illinois. He is an author and international consultant who has won many honors, including induction into ISU's College of Arts and Sciences Hall

of Fame. He and his wife, Pamela, have six children and a grandchild. They reside in Tallahassee, Florida.

George Griffin '73 retired from the Palmyra R-I School District in 2012 after serving as the special education coordinator for 25 years. He holds a part-time position as the district's English as a Second Language coordinator. He and his wife, Mary, reside in Palmyra.

John Tierney '73 is a full-time student at Millersville University. He resides in Millersville, Pennsylvania.

Beth Benson '74 is an ob/gyn physician at All Children's Hospital in Florida. She and her husband, Keith '73, met at ISU as freshmen on the second day of a German class. They reside in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Margaret (Geimer) Murphy '74 is a retired teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing. She is widowed and resides in Oakbrook Terrace.

Leslie (Icenogle) Schupbach '74 is a medical records specialist at Rocky Mountain Cancer Centers. She and her husband, Edwin, reside in Littleton, Colorado.

Linda (Collins) Yap '74, '81, is retired from State Farm Insurance Com-

panies. She and her husband, Mario, reside in Bloomington.

Michael Blyth '75 is the program coordinator for The Petrides Habitat for Humanity Program. The organization has helped build homes in Alabama, New Mexico and South Dakota. Efforts are now focused on rebuilding communities after damage from Hurricane Sandy. He resides in Staten Island, New York.

Phillip Fox '75 retired from teaching at Downers Grove South and as pitching coach at Aurora University. He now works for the Chicago White Sox Academy as hitting and pitching instructor. He is a member of the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and Downers Grove South Athletic Hall of Fame. He and his wife, Penny, reside in Woodridge.

James Moore '75 retired after 28 years as a rehabilitation counselor in the Illinois Department of Human Services. He is completing a novel and series of short stories. He resides in Rockford.

Chuck Lamb '76 retired after 36 years of educational service. He was an elementary principal with Consolidated School District 158 the past 10 years. He also worked in the Streator area, East Moline,

Port Byron and Geneseo. He and his wife, Jill, reside in Huntley.

Lynn (Zipfel) Venhaus '76 is a communication specialist with St. Louis Community College-Forest Park. She worked for 35 years in newspapers, still writing movie reviews for the *Belleville News-Democrat*. She is involved with local theatre groups and arts organizations. The mother of two adult sons, she resides in Belleville.

Ruth Ann (Shelton) Alford '77 is a regulatory reporting manager with Southwestern Energy. She and her husband, Bob, reside in Tomball, Texas.

David Congalton, M.S. '77, sold his movie screenplay *Scribble* to Hollywood. The film, starring Chris Klein, Kaley Cuoco, Teri Polo and Dennis Farina will release this year. He and his wife, Charlotte, reside in San Luis Obispo, California.

Michael Coit, '78, M.S. '81, retired after 34 years as a math teacher and department head, including 29 years at Lisle High School. He and his wife **Lori Ann (Saurer) '81**, met at ISU. She is a special education coordinator for Kendall County Special Education Cooperative. They are the parents of three daughters, including **Stephanie '06** and **Cristy '07**. The couple resides in Lisle.

Loretta (Hansen) Bachman '79 is a special education ESP with Olympia School District. She and her husband, Roger, reside in Hopedale.

Jayne M. Comstock '79, M.S. '85, is president of Winthrop University. She previously served as director of the Executive Leadership Group for the American Council on Education. She has held administrative positions at Butler, Millikin and Baker universities. She and her husband, Larry Williamson, reside in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Inette Dishler '79 is a strategic professional development specialist at the University of California Berkeley. She resides in Berkeley, California.

Beverly (Barke) Hart '79 is an English teacher and assistant principal at Flanagan-Cornell High School. She was in London during the

celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee and wrote a book about the adventure. She took along a miniature Shakespeare doll and titled the book, *Travels with Shakespeare: The Diamond Jubilee*. She and her husband, Henry, reside in Wenona.

James Powers '79 is the senior online editor at *Palm Spring Life* magazine. He previously worked as an editor for the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff *Patch* in Northern Illinois. He resides in Palm Springs, California.

Virginia L. (Mahaffey) Sudbury '79 is a self-employed attorney. She authored the book *Sweatshops in Paradise: A True Story of Slavery in Modern America* that documents a garment factory sweatshop lawsuit in Samoa. She was lead attorney on the case, which drew international attention to the issue. She and her husband, Robert, reside in Salt Lake City, Utah.

80s

Carol Fremaux '80 is the program coordinator for the Health Information Technology program at Midstate College. She resides in West Peoria.

Mark McCullagh '80 is a regional sales manager for Ohio Medical. He and his wife, Ann, reside in Elgin.

Lori (Neale) McKenzie '80 is a special education teacher with Hawthorn District #73. She and her husband, Jeff, reside in Lindenhurst.

Kenneth Ray '80 is the logistics manager of facilities with PCM. He resides in Redondo Beach, California.

Julie Holmen '81 is vice president of Medicare Systems and Policy for UnitedHealth Networks, a business division of UnitedHealthcare. She manages the development of provider networks on behalf of UnitedHealthcare Medicare and Retirement. She resides in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota.

Linda Kingman '81 is the managing director of Insidedge with Golin-Harris, a global strategic communications and public relations

firm. She previously worked as vice president of corporate communications for Kemper Insurance Co. She also serves on the national executive committee of the Women's Leadership Network. She resides in Wilmette.

Mike Finley '82 is a hearing officer for the state of Illinois. He resides in Petersburg.

Steven Henriksen '82 is a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky, where he resides.

Valerie (Spitz) LaBerge '82 is a freelance writer and substitute teacher. She and her husband, Richard, reside in Montgomery.

ing and support functions for the hard-surface business in the U.S. and Canada. He resides in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Pam Tyska '83 is a PGA quarter century club inductee for 25 years of membership in the Professional Golfers of America during a 30-year career as an LPGA/PGA golf professional. She has retired from coaching the women's golf team at Northern Illinois University, where she was the longest-tenured coach with 26 years of service. She is director of golf instruction at DeKalb Park District, NIU and Kishwaukee College. She resides in DeKalb.



Haynie Hall Memories

Six ladies vividly remember Haynie Hall, which is where they met in 1967. Doors were locked at 10 p.m., alcohol was taboo, and women wore slacks to class only with a professor's permission. Such memories keep these friends close. Decades later, they still gather for fun annually. The group includes, *front row from left*, Sandy Parn Barker '71 of Sherman; Lynne Becker Dickason, Class of 1969, from Springfield; and Kay Black Carter, Class of 1971 from Williamsville. *Back row from left* are Julie O'Neill Berberet '69 of Springfield; Maureen Griffin Lavin '70, M.S. '73, of Riverton; and Katie Hughes '70 of Springfield. Sandy, Kay and Maureen each chose an ISU alum for a spouse.

Veronica (Long) Spellman '82 is a copyright specialist with LAD Custom Publishing, Inc. She worked as an insurance underwriter prior to taking the position. She resides in Cumming, Georgia.

Jeff Fenwick '83 is president and COO of Tarkett North America. He is responsible for all sales, market-

Mark Dyer '84 deployed in 2012 with ShelterBox as a volunteer to assist with humanitarian disaster relief in Haiti following Hurricane Isaac, and Nigeria when 1.3 million citizens were displaced by massive flooding. He and his wife, **Susan (Kincaid) '86**, reside in Elmhurst.

Redbird Legacy

Juliana Duncan is a senior with three semesters left to complete her undergraduate degree. She has been moving toward commencement for 15 years, raising four children along the way and working multiple jobs as a single mom.

Austin wasn't yet in kindergarten when she started attending. Now 19, he is an ISU student as well. In fact, all of Juliana's children are enrolled this fall.

"We are all very determined to finish school no matter how long it takes," said Juliana, who works in Alumni Relations. "We're all so passionate about ISU."

Austin is a sophomore studying mass media. Adrienne, 21, is a junior studying apparel merchandising. Audriana, 24, is a human development major set to graduate in December. Her twin, Allyson, is a junior in the parks and recreation program.

Juliana raised them all with Redbird pride, bringing them to campus with her when they were young and cheering at basketball games with them on her lap. She enjoyed similar moments growing up, attending men's basketball games with her brother in Horton Field House. Her passion for the University spread from sports to the classroom to her own children.

All four siblings attended a community college before transferring to Illinois State. And like their mom, all four are working full-time to pay for their education. They each started jobs at 16 and rely on student loans. Allyson has the additional responsibilities of wife and mom, which means she is a part-time student, as is Juliana. The other three are taking a full load of classes.

"I am so proud of them all," said Juliana, who ranks being a mom as her biggest accomplishment. She knows her own journey as a nontraditional student has inspired her children, who now share a special bond with their mom as Redbirds in the classroom at the same time.

"On Sundays you can hear a pin drop as we're all studying," Juliana said. "There's nothing on but lights and laptops."



The Duncan family includes, from left, Austin, Allyson, Juliana, Adrienne and Audriana.

Andy LaFrence '84 is a CPA with more than 25 years of financial and management experience. He is the vice president of finance and CFO of SurModics, Inc. He previously worked at CNS Therapeutics and was an audit partner at KPMG LLP. He and his wife, Kim, reside in Grant, Minnesota.

William Perry '84 is the global supplier manager for Woodward, Inc. He and his wife, Shelley, are the parents of two daughters and reside in Villa Park.

Laura (Bracken) Stepping '84 is a freelance and fiction writer. She resides in San Francisco, California.

Beverly Dahlin '85 is a retired teacher. She and her husband, Roger, reside in Springfield, Virginia.

Robert Forster '85 has worked at Baxter Healthcare Corporation as a research scientist for 27 years. He resides in Waukegan.

Kim (Granzow) Magon '85 is marketing manager at Triangle Package

Machinery Company in Chicago. She resides in Buffalo Grove.

Michael Stevens '85 is a Subway sandwiches franchise owner. He resides in Aurora, Colorado.

Jim Wojtak '85 has more than 20 years experience in management and marketing. A senior transition coach at Vandover, he has been named a Career Management Fellow by the Institute of Career Certification International. He and his wife, Lisa, reside in Ballwin, Missouri.

Kim Woodward '85 is a teacher at Gurnee District 56 and an adjunct instructor at Trinity International University. She resides in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Kim Glas-Castro '86 is a self-employed planning consultant. She has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Lake Park Town Commission. She and her husband, Paul, reside in Lake Park, Florida.

Patricia Kenyon Rittenhouse '86 is a middle school reading and language teacher at the Tennessee School for the Deaf. Her husband, Bob, is a former ISU special education professor. He has authored a book dedicated to Patricia that tells of their daughter and titled *Nori: The Story of a Deaf Honduran Orphan and the Goodness of God*. They reside in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Brigitte M. (Oetzel) Grant '87 is the associate vice chancellor for development at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She previously served as the director of development for the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria. She and her husband, Darrell, reside in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Jacqueline Mueller '87 is an operating administrative assistant at an Amazon.com fulfillment center. She also volunteers at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art. She resides in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Scott Brouette '89 is the lead teacher of Western Illinois University's infant and preschool center. He resides in Moline.

Rodney Shaffer '89 is the business development manager for United Radio, Inc. He and his wife, Dawn, reside in Union, Kentucky.

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Steve Eckhardt '90 is president of Cornerstone Properties and Investments, LLC. He and his wife, Amy, reside in Tampa, Florida.

Kelly (Harms) Lembke '90 is president of Bloomington Relocation Systems, Inc. She and her husband, Matthew, reside in Normal.

Martin J. O'Hara '90 has achieved equity principal in the firm of Much Shelist. He is vice chair of the firm's litigation and dispute resolution practice group. He has more than two decades of experience in commercial litigation and defense of professionals in

malpractice action. He resides in Chicago.

Peter Schmale '90 is the Web and SharePoint developer at Hagie Manufacturing. He and his wife, Karen, reside in Mason City, Iowa.

John Bonny '91 is an actor. He resides in Los Angeles, California.

Laura (Patton) Sorenson '91 is the chief operating officer for the Bureau of Communications and Computer Services in the Illinois

Steven Handmaker '93 is the chief marketing officer at Assurance. He had served as executive vice president of marketing and communications for the firm, which is one of the nation's largest independent insurance brokerages. He and his wife, Pamela, reside in Schaumburg.

Jason Marker '93 is an attorney with his own law practice, Marker & Associates, Attorneys at Law, P.C. He was named a Rising Star in

research at Parkland College in Champaign. He resides in Homer.

Emily Reece '94 is a new church strategist with the United Methodist Church. She resides in Whites-town, Indiana.

David S. Silverman '94 is a tenured associate professor of communication studies and theatre arts at Kansas Wesleyan University. He and his wife, Olga, reside in Salina, Kansas.

Rich Zielke '94 is the executive director of Oswegoland Park District. He and his wife, Wendy, reside in New Lenox.

Karen (Martin) Antonacci '95 is a senior analyst with Methodist Medical Center. She and her husband, Steven, reside in Chillicothe.

Casey Kelso Halsey '96, M.S. '98, is a superintendent in administrative services at State Farm Insurance Companies. She and her husband, Brett, are the parents of a daughter. Harper Grace was born in November of 2012. They reside in Bloomington.

Katherine (Brandt) Kallem '96 is a medical laboratory technician with Mercy Clinics, Inc. She and her husband, Jeff, reside in Ankeny, Iowa.

Constance Lemke '96 is a cardio specialty sales representative with Boehringer-Ingelheim. She resides in Mesa, Arizona.

Jim Habeck '97 is the manager of sales force effectiveness with Sherwin-Williams Company. He resides in North Ridgeville, Ohio.

Tim Holland '97 is a shift manager for AmerenUE. He and his wife, Challis, reside in Holts Summit, Missouri.

Jason Leppin '97 is the foundation director with JourneyCare. He oversees all aspects of fundraising and communication for the agency that he joined in 2012 as a senior director of development. He previously worked for Benedictine University and AT&T. He resides in Elgin.

Donovan Miller '97 is a bartender with Marriott Hotels. He resides in San Diego, California.

Patrina (Loggins) Epps '98 is a social worker with the Cook County Department of Corrections. She and her husband, Brian, reside in Chicago.

Matt Foster '98, M.S. '02, M.B.A. '07, is completing a doctorate in educational administration at the University of Illinois, as well as Illinois Association of School Business Support Professionals designation and Educational Facilities Management Professionals designation. He is the executive director of business services for Champaign Unit 4 schools. He previously served as an elementary principal and assistant principal. He and his wife, Kristin, reside in Savoy.

Tony Nooner '98 has devoted his career to the proteomics and life sciences industry. He is president of CovaChem, LLC. He and his wife, Chrissy, reside in Loves Park.

Whit Chaiyabhat '99 is the director of risk management and strategic security at the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation. The foundation oversees landmarks in Washington, D.C., including the Washington National Cathedral. His work involves security for special events, including presidential and Congressional state funerals and the Presidential Inaugural Prayer Service. He resides in Middletown, Maryland.

Mary (Johnston) Turner '99 is an executive director at the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education. She is completing a doctorate in health administration and leadership at the Medical University of South Carolina. She and her husband, Chad, were married in October of 2012. They reside in Chicago.

Jessica (Seder) Zanton '99 is an assistant professor of special education at Black Hills State University. She and her husband, David, reside in Spearfish, South Dakota.

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Laura (Johnson) Fell '01 is the search and metrics team lead at Caterpillar, Inc. She and her husband, Greg, reside in Peoria.



Proud team of teachers

There is no question Illinois State graduates have a strong influence in schools, as the University continues to be a leader in teacher preparation. Several alums are happy to partner in teaching at Francis Granger Middle School in Aurora. *Front row, from left:* Suzi Patelski '02, Julie Johnson '02, Cathy (Vota) Arnold '76, Nicki Price '11, and Allison (Alvarez) Burnette '05. *Back row, from left:* Matt Walsh '04, Kathy (Hickman) Wisniewski '90, Katie Hannigan '04, Samantha Sinding '01, Jamie DeAngelis '08, and Michelle O'Malley-Campbell '04.

Department of Central Management Services. She and her husband, Scott, reside in Sherman.

Beth (Pytlewicz) Cairns '92 completed a master's degree in physical therapy at Washington University Medical School. She worked as a physical therapist and certified athletic trainer in Chicago before moving to South Africa. Now divorced, she is working to return to the U.S. Her story is online at www.gofundme.com/1qeyeg.

Anna Schuetz '92 is a certified therapeutic recreation specialist on the mental health unit at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center in Normal, where she resides.

Brian Blommaert '93 works in pharmaceutical sales and resides in Warrenville.

SuperLawyers magazine in 2012 and this year. The honor is given to only four percent of the attorneys in the state of Illinois under the age of 40. He and his wife, Erin, are the parents of two sons and reside in Plainfield.

David Dolendi '94 is a partner with Sedgwick LLP. He provides litigation defense, coverage advice, risk analysis and reserve assessment on behalf of international and domestic insurers and reinsurers. He resides in Chicago.

Sarah (Doss) Garcia '94 is a production manager and executive assistant with Live Nation Entertainment. She and her husband, Tom, reside in Plainfield.

Kevin Knott '94 is the director of institutional accountability and



'Birds in the bleachers

A group of ISU alums came together during the softball season to watch the Redbirds play in a tournament at Farrington Stadium on the Arizona State University campus. The event was organized by Kyle Kidwell '12 of Phoenix, Arizona. Interested in organizing Redbird events in your community? Contact the Alumni Relations office at (309) 438-2586 to find out how you can get involved.

Rebecca Heiden '01 is on special assignment with the Hillsborough County School District. She resides in Tampa, Florida.

Nora (Bugg Clark) Jarmon '01 is the associate director of the Office of Residence Life for the University of Tampa. She and her husband, Roger, reside in Tampa, Florida.

Kathy (McFeeters) Schierer '01 is a communication staff assistant at State Farm Insurance Companies. She and her husband, Joe, reside in Bloomington.

Joseph P. Tomaino '01 is an accounting manager with Martin-Brower, LLC. He resides in Palatine.

Elizabeth Bartelt '02 is an academic success coordinator at Arizona State University. She resides in Tempe, Arizona.

Michael Bogle '02 is the DOCC operations manager at Walt Disney World. He resides in Clermont, Florida.

Vicki Coble Fox '02 completed a master's degree in human services and was accepted to a doctorate program at Capella University's School of Public Service Leadership. She is the operations director of Charlotte's Circle Community Closet and an outreach worker for Tri-County Opportunities Council. She and her husband, David are the parents of six children and reside in Lacon.

Jeffery (Khatri) Pecoraro '02 is a perioperative nurse educator with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He and his spouse, Steven, reside in Bellevue, Washington.

Keri (Herron) DeCock '03 is a reading specialist at Hampton Elementary School. She and her husband, Christopher, reside in East Moline.

Susan P. (Troelstrup) Dunmore '03 is a rehabilitation aide at Mountain Land Physical Therapy. She is completing her physical therapist assistant degree. She and her husband, Geoffrey, travel extensively and reside in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mary (Craft) Kobbeman '03 is the producer of *RFD Today Radio Show* on the RFD Radio Network. She and her husband, Jeremy, are the parents of two children. Landon was born in September of 2012. They reside in Bloomington.

Tiffany (DeClark) Dunn '04 works as a manager of clinical training and education for pain management physicians and surgeons across the U.S. for Boston Scientific Neuromodulation. Her husband, Eric '04, works there as a sales manager running the Los Angeles territory. They reside in Los Angeles, California.

Matt Goldberg '04 completed an M.B.A. at William Paterson University. He is a financial services representative at TD Bank and

resides in North Haledon, New Jersey.

Megan McCann '04 is media relations manager at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, where she resides.

Susan Rovens '04 is the stacks maintenance supervisor at ISU's Milner Library. She resides in Normal.

Courtney (Davis) Schmitz '04 is an academic advisor-athletics specialist with Lewis University. She and her husband, Christopher, reside in Aurora.

Chris Schwarz '04 is a SE retail sales manager for Caterpillar, Inc. He and his wife, Stacy, reside in Peachtree City, Georgia.

Matt Walsh '04 is an ELL/bilingual teacher with Indian Prairie School District 204. He resides in Aurora.

Tina (Kane) Wright '04 is a nanny and resides in Berwyn.

Andrew Allen '05 is a systems analyst with State Farm Insurance Companies. He and his wife, Denise, reside in Bartonville.

Donna Carter '05 is a revenue accountant at Progressus Therapy. She resides in Clearwater, Florida.

Jamie (Boeckmann) Fields '05 is the development director for Community Link, which helps individuals with development disabilities. She and her husband, Adam, are the parents of a daughter. They reside in Breese.

Nicole (Forton) Kelso '05 is a home-maker. She and her husband, David, reside in Davenport, Iowa.

Abigail (Reising) Lustig '05 is an account executive with Curran & Connors. She and her husband, Todd, reside in Chicago.

Katie Sup Rezac '05 is an academic advisor at the University of Nebraska. She and her husband, Chris, are the parents of a son. Cole was born in February of 2013. They reside in Omaha, Nebraska.

Amy Sajko, M.B.A. '05, is a foundation development officer with NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. She is the first full-time employee for the foundation. She and her husband, are the parents of three

children and reside in Prescott, Arizona.

Michael Sunderland '05 is the supervisor of revenue at OSF Medical Group and oversees a staff of 25. He resides in Peoria.

Valerie (Korte) Driscoll '06 is a teacher in Edwardsville. She and her husband, Ryan, reside in Highland.

Cory Kelley '06 teaches theatre at Cypress Falls High School. He resides in Houston, Texas.

Joleigh Moss '06 works in the claims department at State Farm Insurance Companies. She and her husband, Joe, are the parents of a daughter and reside in Bloomington.

Cassandra Rackauskas '06 completed her medical degree at Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara in Mexico and a year of pre-internship through New York Medical College. She is a physician consultant at Nord Medical Weight Loss Center in Bloomington, where she resides.

Regina (Henderson) Smith, M.B.A. '06, is the head cheer and dance coach at Adrian College. She and her husband, Jeurell, are the parents of a son and reside in Adrian, Michigan.

Alycia (Fetzer) Carroll '07 is a speech and language pathologist with Bloomington District 87. She and her husband, Mike, reside in Normal.

Andrea Corn '07 has completed a nursing degree at Bradley University. She is a cardiac/telemetry nurse at Centegra Hospital in McHenry. She resides in Crystal Lake.

Tyler Kirby '07 is the director of ticket sales for the Chiefs NFL team. He resides in Kansas City, Missouri.

Carol "Jen" Knight '07 is the owner of Golden Age TechShops. She started the company to teach senior citizens how to use technology to better communicate with family and friends. She resides in Wood Dale.

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Alexis Olivo '07 is a software and technology trainer with Apple, Inc. He resides in Houston, Texas.

Michelle Sinkovits '07 is a partner and attorney with Greenberg & Sinkovits. She resides in Chicago.

Mary (Yurgil) Sojka '07 is the manager of internal communications at Hyatt Corporation. She and her husband, Joseph, reside in Chicago.

Samantha (Hoerr) Veronda '07 is a college relations specialist with ADM. She and her husband, Luke, reside in Tolono.

Patricia (Berryhill) Banach '08 is the coordinator of campus life and orientation at Illinois Institute of Technology. She and her husband, Joseph, reside in Chicago.

Jill (Prelaske) Connley '08 is an ELL teacher at Big Foot High School in Walworth, Wisconsin. She resides there with her husband, Dean.

Jonathan Gusanders '08 is employed by Momentum Worldwide as the Chicago innovation marketing manager for William Grant & Sons. He previously developed marketing strategies for Pernod-Ricard. He resides in Chicago.

George Mills '08 has completed a master's in nursing with a concentration in education from Olivet Nazarene University. He works at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center. He and his wife, Cynthia, reside in Normal.

Allyson (Gordon) Willits '08 is a registered dietitian with Trinity Medical Center. She and her husband, Gordon, reside in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Andrew Zadlo '08 is a counselor with the Illinois Department of Corrections. His wife, **Sarah (Speakes) '10**, is the registrar/records coordinator with Universal Technical Institute. The couple resides in Naperville.

Kellen (Vail) Hughes '09 is an external consultant with Behavioral Solutions LLC. She and her husband, Seth, were married in March of 2013. They reside in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Stephen Laphen '09 is a sales representative with Promet Steel, Inc., in Chicago, where he resides.

Christine (Tinman) Mizell '09 is a worker's compensation specialist with Erie Insurance Group. She and her husband, Andrew, reside in Mackinaw.

Jessica L. (Holt) Smith '09 is an entry level SAS programmer and technical analyst at State Farm Bank, where she mentors new employees. She and her husband, Matthew, reside in Normal.

Emily Triyonis '09 is an analyst with BP America. She resides in Chicago.



A ball on the court

ISU night at Orlando Magic proved to be an evening of fun for Redbirds in Florida. In addition to enjoying a spring NBA game, the group of alumni appreciated the chance to meet with 76ers assistant coach Brian James '77. Those who attended include, *from left*, Michael Khatchadourian '11, Josh Harrison, Nancy Yarger '69, Bill Yarger '69, Jeff Hyson '79 and Brian James.

Jaymya Vaughn '09 is a trainmaster with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. She resides in Shiloh.

Ashleigh Yarcho '09 teaches third grade at Olympia CUSD #16. She resides in Lincoln.

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Lisa (Floyd) Boswell '10 is a school social worker. She and her husband, Jeremy, reside in Palos Hills.

Andrew Cross '10 is an account director with Walker Sands Communications in Chicago. He and

his wife, Christina (Yessin), met as freshmen and ISU Presidential Scholars. They were married in November of 2012 and reside in La Grange Park.

Amelia King '10 is a family teacher at Mooseheart Child City and School. She resides in Mooseheart.

Elisabeth (Green) Lee '10 is a fitness supervisor at the Decatur Indoor Sports Center. She and her husband, Michael, were married in December of 2012. They reside in Illiopolis.

Daniel Liddle '10 completed a master's degree in professional communication at Clemson University.

Motors in Palo Alto, California. She and her husband, Brett Walker, reside in the San Francisco Bay area.

Stefanie Pipis '10 is a geologist with Chesapeake Energy. She resides in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Heather Richardson '10 is a therapeutic recreation specialist with Fox Valley Special Recreation Association. She resides in Aurora.

Britta Samuelson '10 is the staff accountant for DuPage Medical Group. She resides in Indian Head Park.

Ryan Wildenhain '10 is an assistant athletic trainer at Randolph College. He resides in Sweet Briar, Virginia.

Kyle Arnold '11 is a special education teacher at Warren Township High School. He coaches freshmen boys in basketball and the volleyball team. He resides in Gurnee.

Erica Buster '11 is a marketing coordinator with SolarTek Systems USA, Inc. She resides in Tampa, Florida.

Brittany (Polinski-Hacke) Cornell '11 is an outbound representative with State Farm Insurance Companies. She and her husband, **Christopher '09**, were married in October of 2012. They reside in Bloomington.

Theresa (Kurzeja) Denham '11 is employed at the Bloomington Public Library. She and her husband, Ryan, are the parents of a daughter. Alice Mara was born in June of 2013. They reside in Lincoln.

Tiffany Joliff '11 is research coordinator with National Industries for the Blind. She resides in Arlington, Virginia.

Brockton Lange '11 is a history teacher at Amphitheater High School. He resides in Tucson, Arizona.

Jermaine Malcolm '11 is president of RecChanges. He started the nonprofit organization as a way to promote community development through recreation. He resides in San Antonio, Texas.

Jeffrey Martin '11 is a claims adjuster with Liberty Mutual. He resides in Warrenville.

Morgan Montgomery '11 is a catering guest services manager with Walt Disney World's Boardwalk Resort. She resides in Orlando, Florida.

Michael Khalil '12 is a director of operations with Service 1 Financial. He resides in Naperville.

Kevin Orris '12 is a social media and research analyst with the NFL St. Louis Rams. He resides in Maryland Heights, Missouri.

Kate Rouse '12 is a bilingual preschool teacher. She resides in Glen Ellyn.

Kristina Kaufman '13 is completing a doctorate in education at Illinois State. She has published the children's book *I Soar*. She resides in Normal.

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Wilbur Chrudimsky, Agriculture; 3/13

Kenneth J. Crepas, Finance Insurance and Law; 1/13

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Owen E. Minear, Mail Services; 1/13

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Carolyn W. Maddox '61, M.S. '88; 2/13

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