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Pledge Week Meets Goal for WUIS-WIPA

The fall membership drive for WUIS-WIPA Public Radio occurred throughout October. The on-air portion of the drive ran October 15 through October 22. Listeners raised \$100,000 for the station, funding which is used to pay bills for national programs from National Public Radio (such as *Morning Edition*), Public Radio International (such as *This American Life*), and American Public Media (such as *A Prairie Home Companion*). All member dollars donated are used to pay for programs and program support.

Nearly 1,000 of the listeners of WUIS-WIPA pledged their personal financial support of the university's public radio station. "We are blessed with an active, philanthropic audience who believes in independent journalism and



Barbara Ferrara and Brad Swanson "On the Air" during WUIS-WIPA Pledge Week.

the power of music to enhance one's life," said Brad Swanson, General Manager.

A special thank you goes out to the 160 volunteers who gave their time for the on-air part of the drive, as well as to the local businesses that generously donated food: Bread Stretchers Gourmet Subs; Food Fantasies; Gateway to India Restaurant; Godfa-

ther's Pizza; Grab-a-Java; Humphrey's Market; Jimmy John's Sandwiches; Mel-O-Cream Donuts; Monical's Pizza; Pasta House; Soiree Bistro; Springfield Pepsi Cola Bottling Company; Trout Lily Café; and, one anonymous business donor. Additional food was donated by Denise Rothenbach (WUIS staff member) and Cindy Terry (volunteer).

A sincere thank you goes out to everyone involved in the success of pledge week, including the staff of WUIS, the many volunteers and business donors, as well as to all of those who pledged their support. Listeners can always become members by pledging their support at <http://wuis.org>.

Illinois Issues' Web Site Includes Illinois Election Coverage

In-depth, Illinois-specific election coverage is available online at the Web site for *Illinois Issues*, the independent public affairs magazine produced by the Center's publication unit.

The website at <http://illinoisissues.uis.edu/> contains links to election coverage from the October and

September issues of the magazine, which includes features on the U.S. Senate race as well as targeted state legislative and U.S. House races. Also featured is the Fifth District state Supreme Court contest, which has drawn national attention because of its tight focus on the issue of medical malpractice litigation.

In addition, visitors to the site will find election-related background. *Illinois Issues'* staff in the future hopes to expand its election-related Web offerings to include interactive features.



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Professor Mark Neely, Jr.



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Professor William Miller

Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series Featured Top Historians

The UIS Center for State Policy and Leadership and Phillip Shaw Paludan, Distinguished Professor of Lincoln Studies at UIS, hosted the 2004 Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series at UIS. The series began on October 7 with Professor Mark Neely, Jr. from Pennsylvania State University speaking on "Civil Liberties in Lincoln's Presidency." Neely is a Pulitzer Prize winner for History in 1992. Professor Mark Summers from the University of Kentucky spoke October 14 on "The Politics of Patronage in Lincoln's Era." The series concluded with

Professor William Miller from the University of Virginia speaking on "Lincoln's Presidential Virtues" on October 21. Approximately 600 attended over the course of the series.

The lectures will be broadcast on Springfield ACCESS Channel 4 on the following dates: Neely-10/17 at 1:00 p.m. and 10/22 at 8:30 p.m., Summers-10/31 at 1:00 p.m. and 11/12 at 8:30 p.m., and Miller-11/14 at 1:00 p.m. and 11/19 at

8:30 p.m. DVD's will be available for purchase within a few weeks. The lectures will be published as a book in 2005.

The Center would like to extend a very special thank you to the following for their assistance with the lecture series: the Campus Relations Office; Conference Services; Educational Technology; Food Service; Office of Electronic Media; and, to each of the individuals employed in the Center for volunteering their time to assist us with three very successful lectures!

Survey Findings on Spam and Internet Sales Tax

Richard Schuldt, Director, Survey Research Office, provided the following findings on Spam and Internet Sales Tax from the Policy Summit on Issues in Cyberspace. This is the final in a three-part story on spam and Internet sales tax.

By far, respondents believe Internet service providers (58%) rather than government (22% national government; 4% state government) can be most effective in controlling spam. Forty-five percent of Internet users rated their service provider as either "excellent" or "good" in limiting spam, while about one-quarter (26%) rated it "fair," and one in five (20%) rated it either "poor" or "very poor." Just over one-third of the respondents have heard of government regulations to limit spam, and the vast majority of respondents support such regulations by the national and state governments (65% and 64%). Only one in seven (14%) believe that govern-

ment laws will reduce spam "a lot," but another 44 percent believe they will reduce spam "some." About one third believe government laws will reduce spam either "not much" (19%) or "not at all" (15%).

Six in ten believe email spam regulations should apply to charities, and seven in ten believe they should apply to political groups and politicians. Over eight in ten want a do-not-email list. The Illinois public is very divided in their concern about whether filtering email messages will invade their privacy, and also divided about whether spam filtering will also filter messages they want to read.

When asked whether they would support a 1-cent charge per email message, the Illinois public is opposed by nearly a two-to-one margin (59% to 32%). But when accompanied by a reduction of \$2 in their monthly Internet/email bill, a majority

supports the 1-cent email charge (55% in favor vs. 37% opposed).

Just over half (51%) of all respondents support a sales tax on Internet purchases while nearly one-third (31%) oppose it. *Even among the 58% of those who have bought items over the Internet*, more support than oppose the sales tax (50% support vs. 38% oppose). A sizeable majority (57%) do not believe it is fair to "bricks and mortar" businesses if there is no sales tax, while an even larger percent (62%) believe it is fair to Internet businesses if there is a sales tax.

Among Internet buyers, only 11% reported that a sales tax would affect their buying either "a lot" (7%) or "quite a bit" (4%). About two-thirds (68%) said that the sales tax would affect their Internet buying either "not much" (22%) or "not at all" (46%), and 22% said "some."

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L to R: Three Barry High School Public Policy Ambassadors, Jim Watson, Illinois State Representative for Pike County, and Dr. Terry Martin, Illinois State Museum Archeologist at 'New Philadelphia' site.

Barry High School "Kicks Off" 2004-2005 Public Policy Grant Award

Students in the Barry High School Public Policy Grant Program kicked off their second grant on Friday, October 12th with a breakfast at the school and a visit to the site where the students are working to continue to focus on tourism in the Pike County community. Their website can be viewed at <http://pages.mhlearningnetwork.com/barrycommunity/>.

Jim Watson, 97th District Illinois State Representative for Pike County met with the students and Terry Martin, Illinois State Museum archeologist, to discuss the next steps in the process of the development of 'New Philadelphia' with the following in attendance: School board members, the superintendent, the owner of the property, the Barry student ambassadors and teachers, Ali Oitker and

Todd Plattner.

The 'New Philadelphia' site is under archeological investigation by the University of Maryland, The University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana and Springfield) and the Illinois State Museum to identify artifacts from the 1831 community founded by a freed slave - Free Frank McWorter. The marker for the site was placed this summer by the New Philadelphia Association. Information can be found at <http://www.newphiladelphiaill.org/index.htm>

Students, in conjunction with the Barry Public Museum, plan to develop a museum exhibit on 'New Philadelphia,' continue to educate the communities about the history of the site and their community, work with Illi-

nois Tourism to develop the idea of a historic site at 'New Philadelphia' and learn more about archeology from the University of Maryland faculty and students working in the summer investigating the site. The Barry Public Museum curator, Janeta Metcalf, who has been active in the community for over 27 years, supports the work of the students in the community and looks forward to the twice monthly articles written by the students to communicate with the members of the community about their progress. The Museum will be the eventual home of the museum exhibit; but the Barry Public Library, which owns the building housing the library and museum, will host the exhibit for the first year.

Office of Electronic Media Videotapes Variety of Events

The talented staff in the Office of Electronic Media (OEM) not only videotapes live events, they web and cablecast events, and in many cases create DVDs which are available for purchase after the events. In addition to the permanent staff, OEM employs 16 student workers who are gaining valuable, hands-on experience in a variety of areas within mass communication and broadcast journalism. Student duties may include operating cameras, audio, lighting, editing, producing,

and directing (both studio and remote productions).

Samples of recent projects completed by OEM include: creation of a promotional video with the Office of Technology-Enhanced Learning (OTEL) to be shown to the Sloan Foundation; completed work on the Environmental Studies recruiting video and delivered the product for distribution; worked with WUIS to create a recruiting video promoting the city, UIS, and WUIS; videotaped the Alumni Asso-

ciation's "Taste of UIS" programs; provided video coverage for the Auditorium event "People to People"; videotaped and cablecast the World Affairs Council of Central Illinois speakers; and, web/cablecast the three Lincoln Legacy Lectures in October (with DVDs to follow).

Information on the services provided by the Office of Electronic Media and their pricing can be obtained by contacting 217/206-6799.



Genesis Currie, student worker in the Office of Electronic Media operates a camera during the Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series.

30th Anniversary Celebration for GPSI Program Held

A 30th anniversary celebration for the Graduate Public Service Internship (GPSI) program was held on Wednesday, October 6, 2004 in the restaurant in the Public Affairs Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event, co-sponsored by the Office of Graduate Intern Programs, the Center for State Policy and Leadership, and the U of I Alumni Association at UIS began with a reception, which included musical selections performed by UIS alumna Jane Hartman. Kim Hayden, Director, Office of Graduate Intern Programs, gave the welcome, followed by welcome remarks from UIS Chancellor Richard Ringeisen, and Chuck Schrage, Vice President for Alumni Relations. Nancy Ayers, former Director of the GPSI program who retired in 1999 was introduced and was a familiar face to many in attendance.

After a buffet dinner, Hayden introduced “The GPSI Family” which included two generations plus one: mother Nancy Abraham, GPSI intern 1988 – 1990; son Daniel Abraham, current GPSI intern; and Daniel’s wife Azhena, GPSI intern 2000-2002. The Abraham family stood to be recognized. Memories, insights and entertaining stories were shared by former GPSI interns from the past 30 years, including John Petter (1979–1981), Rhonda Jachino (1984–1986), Meredith Swanson (1997–1999), Roy Williams, Jr. (2001–2003), and current first year intern Gulam Noorani. The common theme of many of their stories was the significant weight the GPSI program carried in their decision to attend UIS, and without the GPSI program their graduate education would have been

out of reach for them financially. Also, some of the speakers are still working at the same agency where they were placed as GPSI interns, while others have moved on, but are still involved in state government.

The evening closed with Heather Nifong, former GPSI intern who was placed at Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Heather completed her internship in 1992, and has been a GPSI supervisor there ever since. She spoke of the many benefits of the GPSI program from both a student and an agency perspective. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will receive the GPSI Loyalty Award at the spring GPSI Intern Recognition breakfast on April 6, 2005. Congratulations to Kim Hayden, and the staff of the GPSI program for their dedication to this excellent program.



“The GPSI Family”

L to R: Azhena, Daniel, and Nancy Abraham.



GPSI alumna, Rhonda Jachino (1984-1986) shares stories and fond memories of her time spent as a GPSI Intern.

This Year’s First Luncheon Series Held on “Women and Politics in Illinois”

The Center for State Policy and Leadership, the Institute of Government and Public Affairs, and the Central Illinois Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) co-sponsored the year’s first panel in the Public Policy, Governance, and Administration “Luncheon Series,” entitled “Women and Politics in Illinois: Challenges and Opportunities” held on Monday, September 27, 2004. Approximately 90 people attended the luncheon.

Welcoming remarks and

introductions were made by Barbara Ferrara, Interim Executive Director of the Center. A panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Meredith Newman, Chair, Department of Public Administration at the University of Illinois at Springfield. The panelists included Brenda Holmes, Member of the Illinois State Board of Education; former State Representative Diana Nelson, Executive Director, Cross City Campaign for Urban School Reform, Chicago; and Billie Paige, Partner, Shea, Paige

and Rogal. Holmes, Nelson, and Paige shared valuable insights into their successful careers and kept the audience engaged for more than 45 minutes.

The next luncheon panel, “Election 2004 Wrap-Up” will be held on Friday, November 12, 2004 at the Sangamo Club from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration is available at www.igpa.uillinois.edu. For more information, contact 217/333-3340 or email skoenema@uillinois.edu.

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GEAR UP Project Serves 127% of the Proposed Service Level in Year Five

The UIS Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Project began its sixth year at UIS in FY2005. The fifth year of this grant-funded program served 1,016 students, while the original proposal targeted to serve 800 students in year five. The actual number served is 127% of the proposed service level. Students were included in the data if they were enrolled in a GEAR UP cohort long enough to receive grades for one quarter.

It appears the program has positively impacted student expectations. The percentages of students who expect to attend college increased 2%, 3%, and .9% for cohorts 1, 2, and 3 respectively. Nearly 83% of the 11th grade students expect to attend college, which is an increase from 71% in the first year of the GEAR UP program.

The Parent Coordinator/ College Resource Specialist position, which was vacant for most of the fourth year was filled by Steve Rambach at the beginning of year five, and has resulted in marked improvements in participation by parents. Six workshops were held in the fifth year, with a total of 1,326 parents and students attending the workshops. This is a significant increase from attendance at workshops in previous years. Rambach stated that his role is “to help parents and students prepare for life after high school.” His four primary duties include planning and presenting workshops, taking students (sophomores/juniors) on college campus tours, assisting students (seniors) with the college admission process, and assisting students (seniors) with their financial aid applications.

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funding, the GEAR UP project has made a dramatic impact on Lanphier High School (LHS). Funds were made available for teacher development and conference attendance that would not normally have been available. A group of LHS teachers and staff were able to attend the Effective Schools Conference, which provided the inspiration for a significant change in school functioning. This fall, LHS began to implement the first phase (9th grade) of a total school restructuring program, consisting of moving to smaller learning communities focused on increasing course expectations. The goal is to assist with the transitional difficulties students tend to have in 9th grade. GEAR UP has been the catalyst for this major systemic change in the school, and the educational model under which the school operates.

First Legal Reference Guide on Methamphetamine Published

A legal reference guide about methamphetamine for law enforcement officers, judges, and prosecutors in Illinois is now available in four forms: web-based sites, CD-ROM, zip-disk, and hard copy. It has been described as the first of its kind in the nation. The guide is a legal resource for court personnel and law enforcement officers who must handle methamphetamine cases.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan praised the UIS

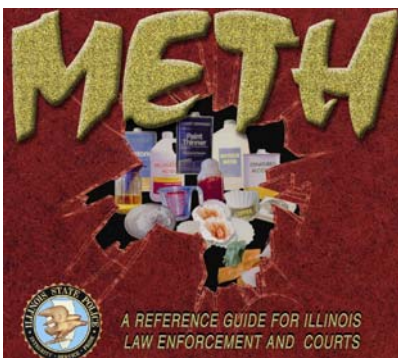
Institute for Legal and Policy Studies, her staff, and all contributors to the guide for creating “a comprehensive and critical resource for law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, and others in the criminal justice system charged with protecting the citizens of Illinois from the ravages of methamphetamine.”

A clear understanding of how meth is made, who uses it, the extent of the meth problem in Illinois, treatment is-

suages, and laws and regulations that affect evidence collection are provided in the guide. Information is also provided about how legal issues in meth cases are being handled in Illinois and other states.

The guide is organized into a series of chapters that can be used as training modules for law enforcement and court officials. A series of PowerPoint slides accompanies each chapter as a training and education aid. “The guide

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First Legal Reference Guide on Methamphetamine Published

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provides an opportunity for law enforcement officers, prosecutors and judges from counties where meth has been prevalent for years to share their experience and expertise with counties that are just now beginning to experience clandestine lab cases," said Carol Esarey, Interim Director, Institute for Legal and Policy Studies.

Meth, a powerful stimulant made from common household chemicals is on the rise in Illinois. The first clandestine lab was seized in Adams County in 1996, and negative impacts are rapidly spreading across the state. During the past eight years, the number of clandestine labs seized in Illinois has increased dramatically.

The Institute designed, developed, and wrote the

guide in partnership with the Methamphetamine Protocol Advisory Committee under a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice funded through the Illinois State Police. The advisory committee included judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and representatives from the Office of the Attorney General, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

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Meet Our Students!

Bill Davidson grew up in Richmond, Illinois on the Wisconsin border. He is a Graduate Assistant (GA) in the Institute for Legislative Studies.

faculty tenure issues. I also served as chair of the Student Action Committee, which was a lobbying group. We made trips to Springfield to meet with key legislators to speak to them about the importance of securing higher education funding.

I am working for Professor Chris Mooney assisting him with research for his paper on the impact of state legislative term limits on interest groups throughout the United States. I have been working on this project for the past two months and have been responsible for contacting Ethics Commissions and/or Secretary of State Offices in all 50 states in an attempt to find out the number of lobbyists they have had from 1992 through 2003. I find that I am spending quite a bit of time on the telephone with this research project trying to track down the specific information we need.



Bill Davidson, GA in the Institute for Legislative Studies talks to individuals throughout the country to secure information on state legislative term limits on interest groups.

Where did you earn your undergraduate degree, and what was your major?

I graduated from Eastern Illinois University (EIU) with a B.A. in Political Science with a concentration in Public Administration.

What is your major in grad school, and why

I am working on my master's degree in Political Studies. I have an interest in helping people through politics.

Were you involved in extracurricular activities?

As a freshman and sophomore at EIU, I was enrolled in the R.O. T. C. program, and was also heavily involved in student government. Junior year I was elected Speaker of the Student Senate, and senior year I was elected Executive Vice-President of the Student Government. The Executive VP of the Student Government also serves as Student Trustee on the EIU Board of Trustees, with full voting rights on all matters, with the exception of

What are your career plans?

Ultimately I would like to become a legislator. When I finish grad school I would like to be a lobbyist for a non-profit organization, or work on political campaigns that reflect my values.

How long have you been a GA in the Center?

This is my first year. I just began this August.

Could you describe the types of assignments you are working on as a GA?

How did you spend your summer vacation?

For the past six years I have worked at a local hospital in my hometown area during summers and college breaks. I am a Technician's Assistant in the medical imaging department. This past summer I also did fundraising in Chicago for the Democratic National Committee.



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Upcoming Events

November 12, 2004:

Election 2004 Wrap-Up

Join us for the second in this year's Policy Luncheon Series from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For registration information, please contact Scott Koeneman at 217-333-3340.

November 18, 2004:

Center Convocation

Annual Center-wide meeting. Open to faculty, staff, and students to meet new employees and present major projects underway. Held in the PAC Restaurant from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

December 3, 2004:

THE THIRD HOUSE: Workshop on Legislative Lobbying

Sponsored by UIS Institute for Legislative Studies and Illinois Issues at UIS, Public Affairs Center, Level 1, Conference Room C/D, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For registration information, please contact 217-206-6574.



Brad Mitchell, GA in the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies hopes to become a city or village administrator.

Meet Our Students!

Brad Mitchell was interviewed in late September, having spent about one month on the job as a Graduate Assistant (GA) in the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies. He is a first semester graduate student at UIS. Following are his answers to provide insight into Brad's role as GA.

Where did you earn your undergraduate degree, and what was your major?

I graduated from Western Illinois University with a B.A. in Political Science, and a minor in Communication.

Were you involved in extracurricular activities?

While at WIU, I held many leadership roles, including: President/Vice-President of different political organizations; Political

Science Department representative for the Liberal Arts & Science College Student Council; Precinct Leader; and, a three year member of Model Illinois Government.

What is your major in grad school?

I am working on my M.P.A. - Master of Public Administration.

What are your career plans?

I would like to be in city/village administration in the Chicago suburbs.

How long have you been a GA in the Center?

This is my first semester at UIS. I just began as a GA in mid August.

Could you describe the types of assignments you are working on as a GA?

I assisted Professor Stu Jacobson with statistical analysis on his beekeeping and pollination projects. I just spent two weeks in September at Scott Air Force Base for annual Illinois Air National Guard training. I am back now and anxious to get involved with my GA responsibilities in the Institute.

How did you spend your summer vacation?

This summer I interned from mid-May through mid-August with the Village Administrator and Assistant Village Administrator for the Village of Mundelein. Not only did I get hands-on experience in my field, I received graduate credit through UIS for my MPA internship! I plan on working for the Village during school breaks while completing my master's degree.