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## Brad Swanson, WUIS/WIPA General Manager, Retires after Nearly 28 Years

Brad Swanson, WUIS-WIPA General Manager and veteran Illinois broadcaster, retired on December 31, 2004, ending nearly 28 years with the station and the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS). He began with WUIS (then WSSR) as Operations Director in 1977, became Program Director in 1979, a job he "held a long time and held very close," and was named General Manager in 1999.

His early career with WUIS began very similarly to way it ended. Soon after he began working at WSSR, on a rainy Saturday afternoon, lightning knocked out the station's antenna, located near Mechanicsburg. Brad had to drive to a company warehouse in suburban Chicago to get a replacement segment of transmission line for the antenna system. He drove up and back to get the replacement, replaced the broken portion and returned home that stormy night after midnight. This year, about one

month before he retired, on the eve of Thanksgiving when the Springfield area was hit with the first substantial snow storm of the season, the batteries died in the station's diesel generator... and it failed to start when commercial power was lost at the transmitter. Again, it was Swanson, this time joined by other station personnel who stood in the snow Thanksgiving Day for some time analyzing the problem for the appropriate solution. "Don't you think that's



Brad Swanson

odd?" Swanson said with a chuckle. "It's the same going out as it was coming in. It is a passion and as some might say in this case, too much passion. But it's a great place to work. I'm going to miss the people, the atmosphere and the excitement."

A retirement party was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2004 at the PAC Restaurant at UIS and was attended by approximately 150 people, including Brad's wife Carolyn and grown children Meridith and Greg. Individuals who spoke on Brad's behalf included Chancellor Ringeisen, Provost Michael Cheney, Professor Emerita Jackie Jackson, and WUIS News Director Rich Bradley and Music Director Karl Scroggin, both of whom have worked with Brad throughout his career at WUIS. Scroggin created a slide presentation with pictures from the last 27 years accompanied by music which delighted the audience.

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## Carol Esarey, Interim Director, Institute for Legal and Policy Studies, Retires

Carol Esarey retired December 31, 2004 after 14 years of dedicated service to UIS and the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies. Esarey began working in the Center for Legal Studies (now the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies) in the fall of 1990. She was hired by Center Director, Dr. Nancy Ford, as a Senior Training Coordinator. When she began

her position, the DUI Training Program was in its infancy, having just been mandated in 1989 by the Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. This program was fee based and there was no budget. It was Esarey's charge to make money on this program - her salary depended upon it. Fourteen years later, the DUI Training Program is not only still in

existence, it is thriving.

As Senior Training Coordinator, Carol needed to generate other programs and projects for the Center. She said that agencies begin with small projects to see what can be done, and after successful completion and delivery of the programs, the agencies will come back for bigger and bigger

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Brad Swanson (L) receives a plaque "To a General Manager with 'Heart'" by Barbara Ferrara (R) at his retirement reception.

Barbara Ferrara, Interim Director, Center for State Policy and Leadership, presented Swanson with a plaque. In doing so, she stated, "Some leaders inspire us most with their words, some leaders inspire us most with their deeds, and some leaders inspire us most with their heart. You've lead with your heart and inspired us all. Your devotion to the mission of public radio – to satisfy a curious, societally-engaged audience through programming and community outreach – and your special love of WUIS have built one of the best public radio stations in the country. The University community and many in Central Illinois are

sincerely grateful for what you've nurtured for so many years and now leave to us to protect and grow. Your legacy will endure for years and years to come. On behalf of the University of Illinois at Springfield, the Center for State Policy and Leadership and all the staff and volunteers of WUIS, I would like to present you with this plaque which reads: To a General Manager with 'Heart' - Bradley C. Swanson - WUIS Public Radio - 1977-2004 - In appreciation for his leadership and dedicated service to his colleagues and listeners."

As for Swanson, the parting is bittersweet. "Because this station has been such a source of inspiration

and joy for me, it will be difficult to leave," he says. "While I intend to support WUIS in every way possible, I'm going to have to change my habits to enjoy the station as a listener rather than its manager." As he departs, he has sage advice for his staff and all members of the WUIS-WIPA family of listeners and supporters: "Public radio is so fragile," he says. "That fragility needs constant attention and shoring up."

Congratulations and a heartfelt thank you to Brad Swanson for his remarkable service to WUIS-WIPA, the University, and Central Illinois!

## *Illinois Issues* Hires New Public Affairs Reporting Intern

Paige Wassel, a second semester Public Affairs Reporting (PAR) student has been selected as an intern for *Illinois Issues*/Center Publications. She began her new position in the magazine's Statehouse bureau on January 10. Wassel is a 2004 graduate of Milligan College in Tennessee where she earned a bachelor's degree in communications, with a journalism emphasis, and a minor in political science. She graduated number two in her class.

The Public Affairs Reporting program, directed by Charles N. Wheeler III, offers graduate degrees in reporting. Students are assigned during their second semesters to media outlets in

the Press Room at the Illinois state capitol.

Paige brings prior journalism experience with her, including service as the photo editor of *The Journal* at UIS for the spring 2005 semester, and the photo editor/assistant layout editor for the fall 2004 semester. She worked four years on her college newspaper, *The Stampede*, as a reporter, managing editor and editor-in-chief. While pursuing her undergraduate degree, Wassel received numerous awards, including *The Stampede* Leadership Award. She was named the Outstanding Communications Student in 2003 and received *The Stampede* Writing Award in 2004. She attended the Summer

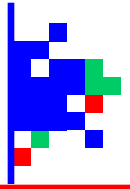
Institute of Journalism in Washington, D.C., in the summer of 2003, where she worked as a Washington reporter for her hometown newspaper, *The Daily News*. As a graduate student, she was recently awarded a scholarship from the Illinois Legislative Correspondents Association.

In her role as a PAR intern with *Illinois Issues*, Wassel will be a full-time reporter and writer. She will cover legislative action during the spring session. And she will have a hand in covering the Governor's State of the State and Budget addresses.

We welcome Paige to the Center and wish her much success as she begins her PAR internship!



Paige Wassel



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projects. An example of this success includes the Institute's work with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). IDOT grants have gone from almost nothing in 1990 to almost \$800,000 this year. She takes her work personally and has built relationships that helped her develop customized programs for numerous agencies. When asked about how she has developed relationships with funders, Esarey stated, "I have worked at it from 1990 to today. I have never stopped developing and meeting people to promote the Institute. Word of mouth has given us the opportunity to work with faculty, agencies and entities on very interesting projects. We won't tell you what you need; we'll figure it out with you."

In her tenure at UIS, Esarey has worked with approximately 20 different agencies on projects that ranged from one to three years in length. The success of the DUI Training Program has evolved from working with their funder, IDOT – Division of Traffic Safety, and now includes working with the Illinois Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutors, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, Illinois Secretary of State's

Office, Illinois State Police, Cook County Social Service Department, as well as the Illinois State's Attorney Association. Major projects Esarey has been responsible for include special education training projects for the Illinois State Board of Education, and a five year customized training program funded by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (formerly Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs) which became the Career Specialist Series, comprised of four on-line college credit courses at UIS. Course completion leads to a "Career Specialist Certificate" from the College of Education and Human Services at UIS.

Other projects under Esarey's direction include a variety of training projects with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, the Illinois Department of Human Services Food Stamp Expert, which is an on-line customized course, and a three year commitment with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to conduct staff development sessions at every state park located in Illinois.

Also under Esarey's guidance, the first legal reference guide on

methamphetamine for law enforcement officers, judges, and prosecutors in Illinois was released this fall. 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.

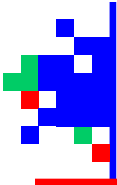
With the departure of Institute Director Dr. Ernest Cowles in August, Esarey agreed to serve as Interim Director of the Institute until her retirement on December 31, 2004. In honor of Carol's hard work and dedication to UIS and the Institute, she was selected as the Employee of the Month for the month of December. A surprise party was held in her honor on Thursday, December 9, 2004 at the PAC Restaurant. Congratulations and best wishes to Carol in her retirement!



Chancellor Ringeisen (L) share a laugh with Carol Esarey at her Employee of the Month celebration.



Barbara Ferrara (L) presents Carol Esarey (R) with her Employee of the Month award.



## Constitutional Scholar Visits UIS



L to R: Dr. Louis Fisher, Steve Schwark and Barbara Ferrara take a moment before the luncheon dialogue, which was sponsored by the Center for State Policy and Leadership.

A faculty luncheon dialogue with Dr. Louis Fisher of the Congressional Research Service was organized and hosted by the Center on January 18, 2005. Fisher is a leading Constitutional scholar and one of the nation's foremost experts on separation of powers and presidential war power. The Center cosponsored Dr. Fisher's visit to campus with the World Affairs Council of Central Illinois and the UIS Academic Affairs Speaker's Fund. His visit was timed to

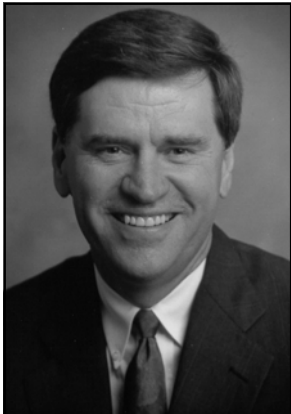
coincide with the week of the Presidential Inauguration. In his luncheon remarks he talked about President Bush's second term, Congress and the judiciary and then fielded

a range of questions. His evening, public presentation was on "President Bush and the War on Terrorism." Dr. Fisher also met with classes at UIS and LLCC.



L to R: Professors Beverly Bunch (UIS), Kris Miler (UIUC), Ethan Bernick (UIS), and Patty Byrnes (UIS) participate in the luncheon dialogue.

## Dr. Ron Michaelson Joins Faculty of the Institute for Legislative Studies



Dr. Ron Michaelson

Dr. Ron Michaelson, a national authority on election administration, has accepted a position as a Research Fellow in the Institute for Legislative Studies, in addition to serving as a Visiting Professor of Political Studies at UIS. He serves on numerous national boards and commissions, and was involved with the initial Illinois implementation of the "Help America Vote Act" (HAVA) which was passed in the wake of the 2000 presidential election. In addition to teaching courses on Illinois politics and campaign finance, he will continue his research work

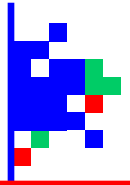
on elections and campaign finance reform.

He brings a wealth of experience to this position, having spent 29 years with the Illinois State Board of Elections. Michaelson began as the Director of Administration and after two years was promoted to Executive Director, a position he held for 27 years. As Executive Director, he established a national reputation as an authority on the administration of elections and the regulation of campaign finance. Illinois is now recognized as a national leader in the area of campaign finance reporting

and disclosure.

He has been associated with the University since 1970 and has been an adjunct professor of public affairs since 1970. Michaelson also spent about one and one-half years as Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs in the early 1970s. He has published over 40 articles on campaign finance, election administration, politics, voting and other topics throughout his career.

We welcome Dr. Michaelson to the Center for State Policy and Leadership and the Institute for Legislative Studies.



## Colorado Lawyer Volunteers at the Papers of Abraham Lincoln

Thomas J. Todd, a real estate attorney from Aspen, Colorado, and a Lincoln enthusiast, spent three weeks in November with the Papers of Abraham Lincoln reviewing and commenting on the completed chapters planned for the selective book edition. Todd read the chapters with the keen eye of a practicing attorney, evaluating the quality of the research, writing, and presentation of the cases.

Todd's law firm provides its partners with a three-month sabbatical every five years, and Todd inquired what volunteer work he could do for the project. Director Daniel W. Stowell and Assistant Director John

Lupton thought that a review of the nearly completed book edition would be of great value to the project.

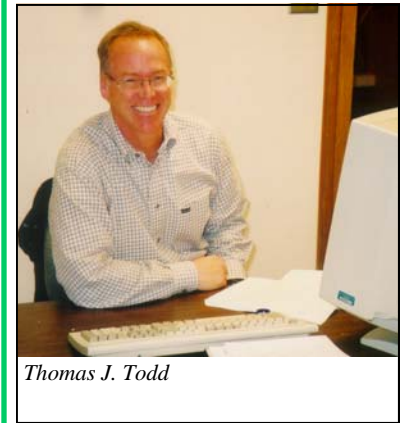
Todd holds a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Illinois (1980) and a J.D. from the University of Tulsa (1983). He is a partner in the Denver-based law firm of Holland and Hart.

After reading the chapters, Todd reported that they were well-researched and well-written, and "fascinating." He enjoyed seeing how Lincoln "struggled to learn the law" and developed into a successful attorney.

Todd provided the project a written assessment of the four-volumes and noted: "It is

artfully formatted with concise transcripts of pleadings, court records and correspondents linked with editorial text...but this isn't just a legal history book or another book about Lincoln. It is a vivid picture of the times peopled with an incredible range of characters--horse rustlers, gold miners, real estate speculators, inventors, railroad barons, bankrupt businessmen, latest home gizmo salesmen, grieving widows, fugitive slaves, slanderers, philanderers, rioters and murderers."

The project editors value Todd's insights and are grateful for his willingness to read and comment on their on-going work.



Thomas J. Todd

## Harriet M. Fulbright speaks at the "Springfield Summit on Citizen Diplomacy"

The Office of Electronic Media taped Harriet Mayor Fulbright's speech on "Citizen Diplomacy: An Essential Element in Foreign Policy" on November 8, 2004 at the Illinois State Library. The taped speech has aired twice on Access Channel 4.

The summit was a collaborative event sponsored by the Sister Cities Association of Springfield, the Springfield Commission on International Visitors and the World Affairs Council of Central Illinois. Fulbright is the widow of Senator J. William Fulbright from Arkansas who founded the U.S. government's flagship program in international exchange. She has a deep-rooted interest in international

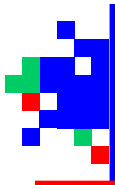
events and is a former teacher having taught in Korea and Moscow, as well as the U.S. She is very interested in the arts and is a former Executive Director of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. She lectures throughout the United States and numerous countries to speak of the importance of international relations and the pivotal role played by the Fulbright Program. She shared with her husband a dedication to the search for peaceful solutions to conflicts throughout the world.

The evening began with welcoming remarks from Dr. Robert L. Poorman, former President of Lincoln Land Community College and a

Fulbright Program participant. He explained that the international perspective of this summit would touch on two areas: overseas service and hosting visitors. Karen Witter, Associate Director of the Illinois State Museum, gave remarks about her experiences as a Rotary scholar in Wales and the value of her experiences as an overseas study student. Gail Record, Director of Development at St. Patrick's School, past president of Sister Cities Association of Springfield, and former coordinator of the Springfield Commission on International Visitors also spoke on her involvement with hosting international visitors and the

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Daily listings of programs and community events are aired on Access Channel 4 and are available on the Office of Electronic Media website found at <http://cspl.uis.edu/OEM/Access+4/Program+Schedule.htm>.



Jennifer Kypta



Meenakshi Meenakshi



Julia McCarthy

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impact that it made upon her, as well as her family.

Former Springfield mayor and state representative, Karen Hasara, a long time friend of international activity and recent delegate to the Leadership Forum on Citizen Diplomacy at the Johnson Foundation in Racine, Wisconsin spoke about her experiences at the forum. She also described how she first met Fulbright - on an airport shuttle that took Hasara and Fulbright from the Milwaukee airport to the forum in Racine. They were the only two on the shuttle and had the opportunity to speak at great length for the duration of the ride.

The main charge of the leadership forum was to generate interest in citizen diplomacy in our own communi-

ties. At the time of Fulbright's presentation in Springfield, Springfield was the first city in the country to host a local summit on citizen diplomacy. Fulbright was traveling to New York City later that same week and mentioned that she was going to give a report on the Springfield summit. As a result, Springfield has been asked to help other cities plan their summits.

Fulbright spoke about how globalization is upon us. "This requires an effort on the part of all of us to reach out across borders to increase an understanding of and an empathy for other cultures." She stated how many world countries don't know about the U.S. and that this lack of knowledge and understanding of the U.S. shows the impor-

importance of exchange programs and how citizen diplomacy helps to overcome the knowledge deficit. After her speech, Fulbright was presented a small bronze bust of Abraham Lincoln by Hasara and entertained questions from the audience.

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## GPSI Interns Receive UIS Scholarships

Four Graduate Public Service Interns were among the scholarship recipients honored at the 2004 UIS Scholarship Recognition Luncheon. Kim Hayden, director of the Office of Graduate Intern Programs, announced that Jennifer Kypta, Meenakshi Meenakshi, Mark Danenhauer, and Julia McCarthy were among the UIS students honored for their commitment to excellence in academic performance, community service, and service to UIS students.

Jennifer Kypta, an Environmental Studies student interning at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, received the Central Illinois Typographical Union Local 177 Scholarship, the Margaret Miner Deland Memorial Scholarship, and the Cynthia S. Levin Memorial Scholar-

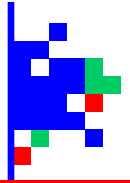
ship, in recognition of her volunteer work in civics education and social services.

Meenakshi Meenakshi, an intern with the Illinois Department of Public Health and a student in the Public Health program, received the Gerlinde Coates' International Student Scholarship for her exceptional commitment to the advancement of international/cross-cultural education and ongoing support of the goals and activities of UIS international students.

The Environmental Studies Alumni Award was presented to Mark Danenhauer in recognition of his exemplary dedication to environmental issues and demonstrated involvement in environmental projects. He completed his internship with the Illinois Environmental Protection

Agency in December 2004.

Julia McCarthy, was the honored recipient of the W. William Stevens Scholarship for her contributions as a GPSI intern at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The scholarship was established in memory of Bill Stevens, former director of the GPSI Program, and is presented annually to a GPSI intern who demonstrates excellence in leadership and performance at the placement agency. Interns must be nominated by the placement supervisor to be eligible for the scholarship. Julia, an Environmental Studies student, also played a key role in the development of the GPSI Student Association, and currently serves as the organization's president.



## Public Policymaking Education Grant Awarded to Danville High School

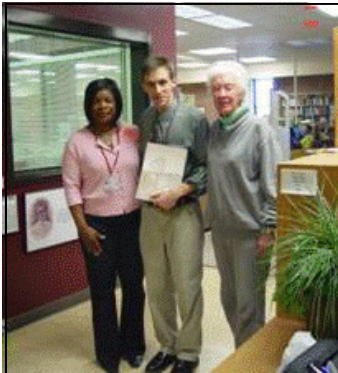
The Danville Superintendent of Schools, Nannette Mellen, and Assistant Superintendent, Mark Denman, hosted the McCormick Tribune Foundation grant award presentation to Danville High School (DHS). Members of the school administration and the school board were present to assist in accepting the grant award made to the school on behalf of the Foundation by Peggy Dunn, Director, Public Policy High School Initiative Program, on November 9, 2004 in the DHS school library. Mrs. Bill Black and the legislative aide from Rep. Black's local office and Senator Rick Winkel's legislative

aide also attended.

This classroom grant award will allow the teacher team at DHS to teach public policymaking in the social studies classrooms, acquire new technology to build teaching skills, and provide the teachers with curriculum materials to teach civic education. The award promotes project-based policymaking in the classrooms of the teacher team members as students identify a community problem and potential solutions working with local and state government officials and community members.

Social studies teacher Andrew Davis, a DHS alum,

will also serve as the public policy grant lead teacher and will administer the grant. He is the first teacher to receive the public policy grant for DHS. In addition to Davis, the teacher team consists of Harith Tamimie, social studies chair, Gail Garner, principal, and Andrea Banicki, library media and technology specialist. Davis had the opportunity to be a star when the local television station, WCIA, came to DHS to interview Davis and his students about the grant and their ideas for problem solving in the community.



Danville High School administrators are happy to receive the grant award.

## Meet Our Students!

### Alanna Sablotny

Alanna Sablotny was interviewed by Center GA Renee Redfield in mid-January, having spent about a year and a half on the job as a Graduate Assistant (GA) in the Public Policy High School Program. She is a second year graduate student at UIS.

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

I initially attended Springfield College in Illinois (SCI) where I was able to earn an Associates of Arts in General Studies. I then went on to earn a Bachelors of Arts in History at Webster University in St. Louis. I minored in

Computer Science and received a certificate in Website development.

#### Were you involved in any extracurricular activities?

At SCI, I was a member of the Student Ambassadors. As a Student Ambassador, I conducted campus tours for prospective students. I was also a member and the secretary of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society while at SCI. At Webster University, I was a member of the Student Activities Council and the History, Politics, and Law Club. I was the secretary of the History, Politics, and Law Club my junior year and President my senior year.

#### What is your major in grad school?

I am working on my Master's in Computer Science.

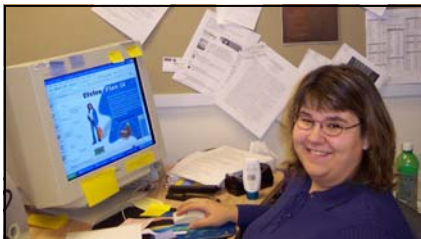
#### What are your career plans?

My ultimate goal is to be able to have a job where I can combine two of my main interests, History and Computer Science. I would really like to work in the History field designing computer programs.

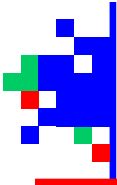
#### Could you discuss the types of assignments you are working on as a GA?

Right now, my main project is working on "Civics Plan-It," an E-Zine (an electronic magazine) for

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Alanna Sablotny



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secondary students and their teachers developed by Peggy Dunn. I handle the technical aspects of the E-Zine while Peggy Dunn provides the content. I am also working on the Public Policy High School

Program's website.

**How did you spend your winter vacation?**

I spent most of my time working. I had a contractual web design job with Illinois

Channel modifying their website so that it is more crisp, clean, and businesslike. I was able to spend some time with my friends and family when I wasn't working.

**Keith Taylor**

Keith Taylor was interviewed by Center GA Renee Redfield in mid-January, having spent about 5 months on the job as a Graduate Assistant (GA) in the Center Publications Unit. He is a first year graduate student at UIS.

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

I initially attended Lake Land College where I was able to earn an Associates degree in Network Administration. I then went on to earn a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science at Eastern Illinois University (EIU).

**Were you involved in any extracurricular activities?**

I was a member of the EIU Democrats. One of the projects that I worked on, as a member of the EIU Democrats, was campus wide voter registration program. The EIU student

voter turnout that year was 1500 as opposed to the previous year's student voter turnout of 300. I was also an active member of the Coles County Democrats. I was able to work on a number of county board and judgeship campaigns.

**What is your major in grad school?**

I am working on my Master's in Public Administration.

**What are your career plans?**

I will probably teach political science or public administration at a community college at some point. I would like to teach political theory or the basis of political thought. I eventually plan on pursuing a PhD in political theory. And like most political science students, I also have some future political ambitions.

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

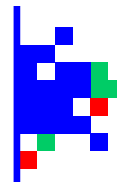
My main project is helping with the updating of the 2006 Almanac of Illinois Politics. We are in the process of changing the almanac's format so that it is more user-friendly as well as easier for the average citizen to read.

**How did you spend your winter vacation?**

I spent most of my time helping out with some local political races. I helped out with the general organization of these races as well as organizing specific message platforms and fundraising efforts. I was able to work on my thesis, which is in the beginning stage. My proposed topic is "Is there evidence of unethical behavior in Coles County government?" I have always been an advocate of clean government reform. I also spent time hanging out with my family and friends.



Keith Taylor



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#### Recent Events

##### January 26, 2005:

##### **Governor Rod Blagojevich – A Mid-Term Evaluation**

Co-sponsored by the Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS and the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at UIUC. Held at the Sangamo Club in Springfield.

#### Upcoming Events

##### February 1,2,3,8 and 9, 2005:

##### **Problem Compulsive Gambling Counselor Training Program**

Co-sponsored by the UIS Institute for Legal and Policy Studies and the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. February dates in Springfield at UIS, Public Affairs Center, Room G. Repeated May 3, 4, 5, 10 and 11 in Oakbrook, IL at the University of Illinois Multi-University Center. For registration or additional information, please contact Jeri Frederick at 217-206-7985.

##### February 24, 2005:

##### ***Illinois Issues* and WUIS, “A Celebration of Excellence”**

Join us for the 30th anniversary celebration of *Illinois Issues* and WUIS at the Executive Mansion. Hors d'oeuvre reception begins at 6:00 p.m., with program beginning at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$50.00 each and can be purchased by calling *Illinois Issues* at 217-206-6084 or WUIS at 217-206-6516.

##### March 1, 2005:

##### **Illinois State Budget FY06**

Join us for the fifth in the 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 or [www.igpa.uillinois.edu](http://www.igpa.uillinois.edu).

##### March 28, 2005:

##### **“A Life in Illinois Politics and Law: A Daughter Carries Forward the Legacy of Jeanne and Paul Simon,” a presentation by Sheila Simon**

Co-sponsored by UIS Women's Center and the Center for State Policy and Leadership. Free and open to the public in Brookens Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. No registration required. For additional information, please contact Lynn Otterson at 217-206-7173.

##### April 11, 2005:

##### **Forum on Religion and Politics**

Sponsored by the Center for State Policy and Leadership in the Public Affairs Center at UIS. Luncheon program from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. featuring Dr. Pippa Norris, Harvard University. Evening program from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. featuring Dr. James Morone, Brown University. Pre-registration is required. Please call 217-206-7994 for more information.