



CIVIL SERVICE NEWS **UPDATE**

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New Council Members

Tom Whittington

I have worked at SIUC for 6 years in various computer related jobs. I currently work in the IT department. I joined the Civil Service Council because I think the Civil Service employees are a main part of what SIUC is and I wanted to help represent their interest.

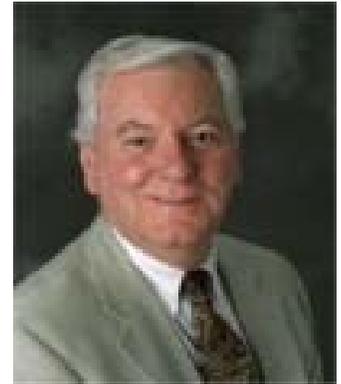
Glenn Stine

I have worked for SIUC and University Housing since 1995. As a write-in candidate, I feel very lucky to have been elected to the Council. During the past three months I find myself still learning about all the committees and activities in which the Civil Service Council is involved. My goal is to be a productive member on the Council and I'm really looking forward to working with everyone.

Inauguration of Glenn W. Poshard

Thursday, September the 28th at 2:00 p.m. is a very important hour in the life of Southern Illinois University. At 2:00 p.m. in the Arena on the Carbondale Campus Drive, Glenn Poshard will be inaugurated as the 7th President of Southern Illinois University. Dr Poshard is a three degree graduate of SIUC Carbondale. Among firsts in the illustrious career of President Poshard, is that he is the first SIUC three degree holder to serve on the Board of Trustees, as well as being the first former civil service employee to the Presidency of our beloved institution. President Poshard had demonstrated for many years as a state senator and United States Congressman his passion for helping the people of Southern Illinois. I personally have spoken

with countless civil service staff that refer to him as "Glenn" and recount how he has personally helped either them or their families. During Dr. Poshard's four years as Vice Chancellor for Administration, he confirmed his care and concern for all members of the university community. As a personal reflection regarding this great man I can say that Dr. Poshard took great pride and pleasure in the success of custodial services and ensured that its importance as support to the academic mission of the university was always recognized. Thursday, September 28th, at 2:00 p.m. is a golden opportunity for the Civil Service Community at SIUC to illustrate clearly our support and affection for "Our President" by attending his inauguration. I can tell



**SIUC President
Dr Glenn Poshard**

you from first hand knowledge that nothing will please Glenn and Jo Poshard more!

Jay Brooks, President

Civil Service Council

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UPDATE NEWS TRIVIA

Question: Soon-to-be inaugurated President Glenn Poshard is a three-degree graduate of SIUC. What other person, formerly holding the title of President, was a graduate of this University?

Note: The titles of President and Chancellor were reversed on 1 January 1996, in order that SIUC could be more consistent with Administrative titles being used at other colleges and universities throughout the state. Chancellor Walter Wendler now holds the office that was previously held by President Pulliam.

See answer on Page 4

Morris Library Renovation Project Update

We are grateful for the assistance of David Carlson, Dean of Library Affairs at Morris Library, who has graciously agreed to provide for publication in this newsletter, ongoing information on the Library renovation.

News items relative to this will be published in as timely a manner as possible, by the newsletter staff.

The following is a listing of some of the renovation progress, as of 28 August 2006:

Morris Library Renovation Progress:

- Nearly all brick has been removed from the exterior.

- Exterior insulation and walls have been installed over approximately two-thirds of the building in preparation for exterior skin (brick on floors one through three, and metal siding on floors four through seven).

- Masonry work was scheduled to begin the week of September 4th. Brick will first begin to appear on the lower floor, northeast corner. A demo wall of brick has been constructed and approved.

- Excavation for the new expanded space (approximately 50,000 Gross Square Feet to the north) is complete; installation of the caissons was expected the week of August 28th; these will go down to bedrock for structural strength.

- The roofer arrived on site in late Au-

gust. Prep work for a new roof has begun on the seventh floor. Installation on the new roof, expected to begin mid-September, should be complete in early October. New roofs will then need to be installed on the third floor roofs.

- Installation and testing of the new fire sprinkler system is complete on floors six and seven, and is proceeding down through the lower floors.

- Some interior wall structures on upper floors (especially floor five) have been started.

by Darla Loftus

Alto Vineyards Funds Support Newsletter

Due to a landmark decision, Chancellor Walter Wendler and Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, Rickey McCurry, have paved the way for in-kind donations by private business to be accepted and specifically used for the Civil Service Council (CSC) Public Information Committee. Jay Brooks, President of the CSC said "This is the first time I'm aware of any business donating funds specifically to the CSC; it's a wonderful display of their kindness".

We are proud to announce that on August 14th, 2006, Paul Renzaglia, part owner of Alto Vineyards, in Alto Pass,

donated \$480 to fund printing of this newsletter. Bill Vanmetre, Public Information Committee Chair, commented, "This generous donation by the Renzaglia family solidifies their reputation for continued support and dedication to SIU and the community". Professor Guy Renzaglia, after 30



years of distinguished service to SIU, began Alto Vineyards in 1981. Now heralded as southern Illinois' premiere winery, it is renowned for a rich history of producing wines, having won numerous national and international medals. "Alto Vineyards is a testament to the concept of excellence through opportunity" Vanmetre said. We are much honored to accept this donation in support of the mission of the Civil Service Council and the SIU community. Please support Alto Vineyards as they have supported us.

Civil Service Employees Volunteer for RezNet Project

RezNet is the part of the campus computer network that services the resident halls. Michael Shelton and his staff of the IT department started helping students connect their computers to the network a couple of years ago and found a real need for volunteers to aide the students in this process. This year the RezNet project had 70 volunteers from all across campus including AP staff, CS staff, and Student Workers. This group of volunteers helped approximately 1700 students across all resident halls get their computers connected to the cam-



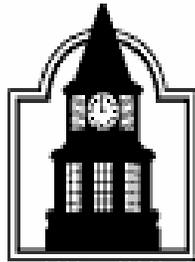
pus network. The real benefit of this is helping the students get in touch with friends and family through email and web access. This makes them feel more at home and more connected to SIUC. If new incoming Freshman can communicate with family and friends using the campus network it makes them feel less de-

tached from their family unit. This type of thoughtful help can only help students and their families feel better about their college experience here at SIUC. So, thanks to all volunteers who helped with this project and maybe next year keep this project in mind of a way to help the students have a great experience here at SIUC.

by Tom Whittington

Education Assistance Committee-Award Recipients for Fall 2006

Once again the good works of your Civil Service Council and the Education Assistance Committee (EAC) have provided 23 dependents of Civil Service employees with a \$150.00 per student award for Fall Semester 2006, totaling \$3450.00. The EAC was established in 1982 by the Civil Service Employees Council exclusively to provide financial assistance to the dependents of civil service employees attending SIUC. Financing is realized by employee contributions, proceeds from fundraising activities, and income from an endowment fund established by the Council. Your contributions and support are vital to the success of this program. Please remember that your Council member is working hard to help our next generation by utilizing the proceeds from these campaigns. Your support is highly encouraged to allow these



awards to continue and increase. For further information and assistance contact co-chairs' Ruth Bernhardt at 453-4836 or Cindy Wright at 453-1617, link to the Civil Service Council web-site at: <http://www.siu.edu/~cscouncil/> or contact any member of the council. The Fall 2006 awards are as follows: Rebecca Bilyeu, sponsored by mother, Janice Bilyeu, Jonathan Brooks, sponsored by father, Jay Brooks, Claire DeHoet, sponsored by father Robert DeHoet, Ryan Doellman, sponsored by mother Kim Doellman, Mitchell Hawthorne, sponsored by mother Magdalen Hawthorne, Trent House, sponsored by father David House, Jessica Jacobs, sponsored by mother Sandra Jacobs, Mark Krueger, sponsored by mother Janet Cole, Chris Lyall, sponsored by mother Diana Lyall, Ryan McDonald

sponsored by mother Nancy McDonald, Elizabeth Miller, sponsored by mother Kathy Miller, JoAnn Morgando, sponsored by father John Morgando, Levi Mudd, sponsored by mother Shelly Mudd, Samuel Parks, sponsored by mother Elizabeth Parks, Jacob Partridge, sponsored by mother Sandy Partridge, Brittany Payne, sponsored by mother Shelley Payne, Amanda Rothe, sponsored by father Michael Rothe, Kevin Rotter, sponsored by mother Karen Rotter, Darryl Service, sponsored by father Dallas Service, Meredith Simpson, sponsored by mother Janell Simpson, Lauren Swearingen, sponsored by mother Janice Swearingen, AshleyThomas, sponsored by mother Susan Renae Smith, and Sarah Vorhees, sponsored by mother Nancy Vorhees.

By Bill Vanmetre

Welcome from the SIUC Emeritus & Annuitant Association

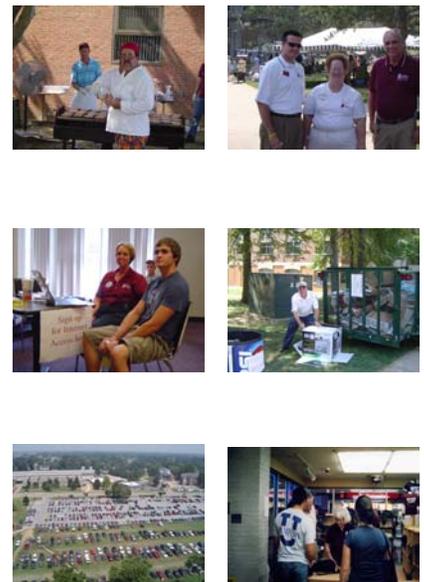
The SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant Association members again gathered to welcome students to the fall semester. Over 64 slots were filled to assist the students in checking their back packs at the University Bookstore, August 21-25, 2006. A greeter welcomed students, answered questions, and then directed them to the back pack storage area. Volunteers had a chance for more interaction with the students as they stored the items and checked them back out. Not only does this activity present friendly faces to the students, it gives the emeritus faculty and staff an opportunity to share in thanks to them for choosing SIUC. Another plus for this activity is the \$600 received from the University Bookstore paid to the Association each semester. The money is the main support for four

scholarships given each year to four deserving undergraduate students by the Association.



by Pansy Jones

Fall Move-in Scenes



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Physical Plant
453-6763

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Physical Plant
453-2027

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Physical Plant
453-5163

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Continuing Education
536-7751

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Radio and Television
453-6997

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453-4555

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453-4097

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VC - Student Affairs
453-1383

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453-1363

Mary Nippe

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453-6668

Marcia Phelps

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536-6618

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University Housing
453-7687

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453-5163

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453-7488

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453-6104

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As our commitment to keeping the Civil Service employees of SIUC informed, we, the members of the Civil Service Council Public Information Committee, plan to publish a newsletter every 3 months with every other issue sent electronically. Watch for our next issue to be available on the Civil Service Council website in early December.

Trivia Answer:

Answer: Roscoe Pulliam, sixth President of SIUC, graduated from this University (then called Southern Illinois Normal University) in 1920.

Employees Help to Make Residence Halls a Home

The new school year starts off with the arrival of new and returning students. The Friday before classes begin (August 18th) has become known as “Move –In Day”. This is the first official day that students begin moving into the Residence Hall. This day is always exciting with the arrival of new and returning students. There is a lot of sadness and excitement in the air. You can see the misty eyes of parents dropping their sons and daughters off for the first time. While you will also see some smiles on those parents that already have a year under their belt, and are looking forward to that little extra piece and quiet at home.



Civil Service employees at SIUC are doing their best to make this day as smooth as possible. Housekeeping staff are very busy breaking down the thousands of cardboard boxes that now need to be recycled. They also go up and down a lot of stairs, leaving the elevators for the students and their belongings. While the housekeeping staff can be found busy in the Residence Halls, the Dining Staff are working hard in one of Housing’s four Dining Halls. University Housing provides a complimentary picnic for the students and their parents on this day. Civil Service Dining staff can be found outside of all four dining hall grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. The smell of the food cooking on the grille helps with picnic like atmosphere.

Housing employees are not the only ones helping the students move in. Honorary Student Life Advisors are University employees that volunteer their time for the day to help students move their belongings into their rooms. Brenda Morse is one of these individuals. Brenda is an Administrative Aid who works in New Student Programs. Brenda has been coming out and helping the students move in since 1991. “I want to help out because I believe it’s important to the students and their families here at SIUC. It’s a new place to them,

and tensions are high. Just picking up a box, or offering a drink of water is a great way of making them feel comfortable and at home.” Brenda thought the day went really well. “It’s a hot day, its hard work and there’s no pay, other than the thanks from grateful parents and students. Without our volunteers and our Student Life Advisors, this wouldn’t be nearly as much fun as it is every year.”

Cheryl Reinhardt and Tina Biggs are two other Civil Service employees that helped the students move in as Honorary Student Life Advisors. They both work in of the Provost Office. This was Tina’s third year helping the students move-in. Tina feels that there is nothing more important than helping the students on move-in day. She said that students and their families really appreciate the time taken to help them, especially on a typically hot and humid day. “Our friendly guidance gives the students and their families the reassurance that their students are being left in “good hands” and it hopefully helps to start their year off on the right note.”

While Move-In Day went off with out a hitch, it never could of happened without a lot of work from the Civil Service Employees on this campus.



by Glenn Stine