



# CIVIL SERVICE NEWS **UPDATE**

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## ELECTIONS HELD!

The Civil Service Council Elections for 2009 resulted in the election of nine candidates. Student Affairs re-elected Vicki Nelson and newcomer Linda Floro. In the Provost and Vice Chancellor category Mark Wetstein was easily re-elected and Karin McClure won in a close race. The General section had five positions to fill. Jay Brooks lead the field. Jay had previously served on the Council. Incumbent Joyce Davis was re-elected and three new members were elected. They were Jennifer Watson, Vera Gibbs, and Mickel Cordes.

The members were seated at the May 2009 meeting. Outgoing Council members recognized at the meeting were Diane Frew, Anthony Travelstead, Randy Lowe, Julie Virgo, Julie McDannel, and Karen Jennings. The Council thanked them for their service.

The Civil Service Council would like to congratulate the winners and thank them for getting involved with the Council. The Council also appreciates everyone who participated in the election and exercised their right to vote.

## MEET TWO MEMBERS

**Jennifer Watson** has worked at SIU for more than 20 years and served in several different positions within Human Resources, including testing administrator, supervisor of testing, employment counselor and currently as the Employment Manager. Jennifer oversees the civil service application/testing/referral/hiring process and the A/P position administration process for the campus.

Jennifer is from Centralia and lives in Murphysboro with her husband and two kids

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## UPDATE NEWS TRIVIA

**Trivia Question:**

What's the oldest known breed of domesticated dog?

# Messages from Council Members

## EDUCATION ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE FUNDRAISING

The flea market held in April was a success. While our net income was slightly down from last year, the committee feels that under the current economic conditions we did well. The committee would like to thank all those who volunteered their time. The event has become a popular annual attraction and it benefits not only the Education Assistance Program but the Carbondale community.

The Education Assistance Program was established by the Civil Service Council in 1982 to provide financial assistance for dependents of civil service employees who attend SIUC. The Program is financed by employee contributions, income from an endowment fund (which is presently just over \$93,000), and proceeds from fund raising activities sponsored by the Civil Service Council. 742 awards were given to 362 students beginning Fall of 1983 to present. Total number of awards has been approximately \$127,000 to date.

Fund raising activities include the flea market, pecan sales, the Holiday Raffle, and other activities. Your support is needed. Employees may make payroll contributions to the fund. For more information go to the Civil Service Council website at [www.cscouncil.siuc.edu](http://www.cscouncil.siuc.edu) and go to the Education Assistance page.

The Education Assistance Program has benefited the dependents of hundreds of SIUC civil service employees and has awarded thousands of dollars. These awards are only made possible through your financial support.

Patrick Brumleve, Co-Chair

## GET INVOLVED!!!

We have all read the recent stories about enrollment and the prediction that it is not increasing at the rate necessary to increase or even sustain our budgets unless a turnaround comes. Now is the time for ALL SIUC employees to get out there and get involved!

Involvement can mean many things—you can be involved by recruiting students to attend this campus; you can be involved by contacting our local legislative representatives to encourage passage of a budget which does not forget Higher Education; you can make sure that when we have visitors to campus (like during a SOAR program) you go out of your way to let them know what a great institution we work for and how friendly southern Illinoisans can be! We can all do something to get more involved. And, yes, it is up to every employee on this campus whether Civil Service, A/P or Faculty. This is OUR campus and it's time we all work together to make it bigger and better for all of us!

Once we get past the budget crisis (and we will), your involvement can be channeled—volunteer to mentor a student or residence hall floor through the University Housing Faculty/University Associate program; help on move-in day in August; spend time getting to know your student employees; attend events and workshops on campus; or, just take the time to say hello to a passing student or other staff member. SIUC is the economic engine in southern Illinois and we are very fortunate to have the privilege of working here. Remember, Together We Can!

Vicki Nelson, Newsletter Committee

# DON'T FORGET THE SUNSET CONCERTS!

## ALL ABOUT SALUKIS

"The **Saluki** is a [breed](#) of [dog](#) that is a member of the [sighthound](#) family, that is, hounds that hunt by sight rather than scent. The Saluki is one of the oldest [dog breeds](#) known, and originally came from the [Middle East](#), where it was used (and is still used to some extent) by the [Bedouins](#) for hunting [hare](#) and [gazelle](#)."

"The Saluki, commonly known as the Royal dog of Egypt, is perhaps the oldest known breed of domesticated dog. The Saluki appears on the Egyptian tombs of 2100 B.C. and was so esteemed that his body was often mummified like the bodies of the Pharaohs themselves. Many early stone inscriptions depict the young King Tutankhamen hunting with his pair of royal Salukis. The remains of numerous specimens have been found in the ancient tombs of the Upper Nile region.

The Saluki has historically served as a courser, a speedy hunting dog that operated in packs. Bedouin valued their Salukis highly and wanted them to be beautiful and to possess hunting qualities. Salukis slept with their owners in their tents to be protected from the heat of the day and the cold of the night. As the desert tribes were nomadic, the habitat of the Saluki comprised the entire region from the Caspian Sea to the Sahara.

Naturally the types varied somewhat in this widely scattered area—mostly in size and coat.

Salukis were first brought into England in 1840 and were known as Persian Greyhounds. There was no real interest however, until the Hon. Florence Amherst imported the first Arabian Saluki in 1895 from the kennels of Prince Abdulla in [Transjordania](#). In Persian-speaking countries the Saluki is called the *tazi*, or "one who gallops."

As is the case with some other pedigree breeds in the [United States](#), including the [Basenji](#) and [Portuguese Podengo](#), the current population of Salukis is descended from a small number of founders introduced into the country within the last 100 years, and must be carefully mated to avoid inbreeding. However, the original dogs imported into the US came from throughout the whole Middle East, a vast geographical area, unlike most other breeds that come from very small areas, so salukis have the largest genetic base among purebreds. Recently, the AKC (American Kennel Club) has allowed the third generation of COO (Country of Origin) salukis to be registered after inspections by recognized judges so the DNA base will increase even more as more dogs are imported."

*Source: Wikipedia*

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ages 15 and 9). Most of her free time is spent taking her children to their different activities and spending time with family and friends.

**Karin McClure** earned her BA at SIUC while working as a student assistant in the library. She has been a Civil Service employee at Morris Library since 1994, first in Acquisitions and now in Cataloging. Karin's time at home is spent with a teenage son, her fiancé, their Great Pyrenees pup, and a motley collection of rescued cats.

She says, "I am excited about my first term on the Civil Service Council and am honored to have been elected by my peers. Civil Service workers are the heart and soul of this campus, and without us operations would come to a standstill. I intend to do all I can to serve those who have entrusted me with this seat, to facilitate communication, and above all to represent their best interests."

### Trivia Answer:

**Answer:** The SALUKI, of course—please read article above.

