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### LOOKING AHEAD

At the April 9, 09 Chapter Meeting in the Neal Welcome Center, Linda Brookhart, Executive Director of the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) will provide a comprehensive overview of the state of our benefits, their foreseeable outlook, and other relevant issues.

### MEETING DATES COMING UP

| EIUAA CHAPTER MEETINGS: (8:30 am) |                                  | EUIAA EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETINGS: (9 am) |                     |
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| Jan 19, 2009                      | 38 <sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon | March 5, 2009                          | Neal Welcome Center |
| April 09, 2009                    | Neal Welcome Center              | May 7, 2009                            | Neal Welcome Center |
| June 4, 2009                      | Neal Welcome Center              | August 6, 2009                         | Neal Welcome Center |
| Oct 8, 2009                       | Neal Welcome Center              | Nov. 12, 2009                          | Neal Welcome Center |
| January, 2010                     | 39 <sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon |  |                     |

### PRESIDENT'S VIEW

Thanks to all that attended and/or assisted with the winter luncheon in January. It was a great event and we all enjoyed the meal, entertainment, information from Rep. Dale Righter and time with close friends. We look forward to this event and others as we move along in 2009.

We are now looking at the ever changing economy in the country and also ever changing personnel in Springfield. Our hopes are with the new administrations at both levels that there will be light at the end of the economic tunnels.

The Annuitants Association will continue to keep you abreast of any and all updates within our own state. As new officers take control of Illinois we will be interested in monitoring how they handle the purse strings and our personal interests, i.e. retirement funding and health insurance.

We will help with this by welcoming Linda Brookhart to our next Chapter meeting on Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Neal Welcome Center. Linda is the Executive Director of the State University Annuitants Association. She will present an overview of the state of our benefits and some comments on their future.

A major goal of this year is to add membership to our organization.

We are now up to approximately 660 members and we will not stop working until we reach the goal of 60% membership. Please notify anyone you know that may be eligible but not as yet a member they can easily join.

The membership form is at the website ([www.eiu.edu/annuitants](http://www.eiu.edu/annuitants))

We look forward to seeing you in April 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting.

**~Dale Wolf, EIUAA President**

## ***FROM THE EDITOR***

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Dear Colleagues,

Some of the benefits of our retirement are exploring parts of the world of interest to us, spending time with our families, concentrating on our hobbies, and visiting magnificent parts of this country. The landscape of the United States is more diverse than any other country in the world. From one end to the other, you can observe the most magnificent, sculptured mountains, vast glaciers, beautiful sand dunes, the largest canyon in the world, one of the two largest river systems, the longest, most diverse beaches and coastlines, impressive, extraordinary redwood forests, and large volcanoes. Fortunately, all of these remarkable, inspiring sites have been set aside as National Parks for everyone to enjoy and explore. Many countries have excellent man made monuments, but I believe our pride and joy is in our National Parks. Visits to any of these national parks will inspire you and their memories will last a lifetime.

*~Alan Baharlou, EIUAA Newsletter editor*

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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We have initiated a segment with each issue of the New Horizons, called “For Your Information” printing articles relevant to Annuitants’ interest. We invite our readers to write such articles for publication. The following article by Dr. Ferrel Atkins, EIU Emeritus Professor of Mathematics provides you with a comprehensive history of our national parks. As a volunteer, Ferrell has been providing tours and lectures for National Park visitors for nearly 60 years.

### **National Parks- American Treasures**

As the returning Lewis and Clark expedition headed eastward across the plains, John Colter asked if he might be dismissed from the expedition, and when all the rest pledged to remain until St. Louis was reached, he was released and headed back into the mountains. Traveling up the Yellowstone River, he entered a land of wonder, a land so remarkable that – though his friends were unbelieving upon his return to St. Louis – it was long remembered as “Colter’s Hell”. Others, finding their descriptions dismissed, changed them into “stories” – Jim Bridger’s “mountain of glass” (the Obsidian Cliff) and “petrified birds in petrified trees singing petrified songs.”

It appears the concept of a national park began with the Washburn-Langford-Doane expedition of 1870. Traveling south along the Yellowstone River past Tower Falls and the Lower and Upper Yellowstone Falls, at Yellowstone Lake they turned north and emerged from the forest into an opening just as a spectacular geyser erupted, and noting the regularity of its eruption, of course they named it Old Faithful. At their last campfire before the party disbanded at the junction of the Firehole and Gibbon Rivers, they spoke of the future of this land and its commercial value, but a young lawyer, Cornelius Hedges, spoke up from the flickering shadows to express the hope that others might see the land as they had in its pristine condition and proposed a national reservation.

But it was Jay Cooke, financier of the Northern Pacific RR, who was convinced by Nathaniel P. Langford, soon to become the first Superintendent of Yellowstone, that the scenery of a national park could benefit his interests. And it was he who lent political force to the concept, aided by the definitive 1871 expedition of Hayden, which gave the movement credibility in Congress. So in the end it was the geology of Hayden, the photographs of W. H. Jackson, the paintings of Thomas Moran – and the influence of the Northern Pacific RR -- that finally brought Yellowstone National Park into existence on March 1, 1872, thus creating a unique land

use policy, originated in the United States and since copied by virtually every nation of the world. There was one problem: a part of the political deal was that no tax money would ever be required to maintain the Park, for the Northern Pacific would build a branch line into Yellowstone, erect fancy hotels, charge fancy prices, a portion of which would be diverted to the support of Yellowstone.

But with the onset of the financial panic of 1873, construction of the railroad was halted at Bismarck, ND, so there was no railroad, no hotels, no tourists -- and no money. Finally, in 1878 Congress did grudgingly appropriate \$20,000 for the support of Yellowstone. But as a result of a report by General Sheridan describing the poaching of game and destruction of forests observed on his trip through the Park in 1882, there was a great debate in the halls of Congress in 1886 about the future of Yellowstone. Some demanded it be abolished, but eventually the Park was saved though the appropriation was lost. Conveniently, Senator Vest of Missouri had foreseen such a possibility and had slipped into the Sundry Civil Appropriations Act of 1883 a provision to the effect that the Secretary of the Interior would be authorized to call upon the Secretary of the Army for troops to protect the Park. Troops were requested in August of 1886 and moved promptly into Yellowstone -- and into other national parks as they were created.

After a decade of haggling, in 1916 the National Park Service was established, but the parks were being run by the U. S. Army and the newly-appointed NPS Director Stephen Mather found they were not eager to leave. However, by remarkable coincidence, the troops were soon needed elsewhere, and when they returned home from France they found the Rangers had not only moved into the national parks but had even stolen the Army cavalry uniform as their own -- in green rather than khaki.

Rocky Mountain National Park, where I have worked for 56 seasons, as a ranger and now a volunteer, has everything one could wish for in a national park -- forests, meadows, glaciers, alpine tundra -- as well as trails for the family and backcountry to challenge even the most adventurous of tourists.

On my most memorable experience in the Park, I had climbed the entire day with a couple of friends into one of the most remote valleys of the Park, one so remote and difficult of access that it is probably visited by no more than 25 or 30 people a summer. As I lay in my sleeping bag that night, rolled up in only a large sheet of plastic in case of inclement weather, an airliner flew over, and I contemplated the contrast between my experience and that of those who would comfortably land in Denver in a few moments.

Several years later, as I was searching for a conclusion to an invited address on outdoor recreation for a convention in Washington, DC, that experience returned to me and I finally wrote: "Those of us who have been privileged to spend a night under the stars in an isolated mountain valley know that the wilderness transforms each of us, in subtle ways which linger long after the glow of the campfire and the smell of the pine needles are gone. Better, more effective, more useful citizens result from such a primeval reunion with the source of our biological heritage. And with the knowledge of the effect the wilderness has had upon us, we should work to bring that experience within easy reach of those who need it so badly."

*~Ferrel Atkins*

## **CHAPTER NEWS**

At the January 19th, 2009 we celebrated the EIU Annuitants Association 38th Annual Luncheon at St. John Borromeo Church in Charleston. We enjoyed a magnificent performance by Dr. Richard Rossi, Director of EIU Orchestral & Choral activities. We were updated about Illinois State budget status and other relevant issues by State Senator Dale Righter. We awarded the EIU Annuitants Association Scholarship to Mara Hampton and Dr. Carol Helwig was recognized as the Annuitant Ambassador of the year by Dr. Jill Nilsen, EIU VP for External Relations.

### **EIU Foundation presents 2008 philanthropy Awards**

CHARLESTON — Since its inception in 1953, the Eastern Illinois University Foundation has been dependent upon the generosity of its members and volunteers to fulfill its mission of support to the university. And, since 1993, the foundation has honored philanthropists in recognition of their gifts and dedication to EIU. This year was no exception.

**Harold Marker, Wesley Whiteside and Patrick and Genie Lenihan**, all of Charleston, have been named the EIU Foundation's Outstanding Philanthropists of the Year.

**Harold Marker**, who attended Eastern from first grade through college, earning a degree in physics in 1937, became one of the nine founding members of the EIU Foundation in 1953. He has maintained a continuous membership since that time and, therefore, is the longest-serving member in the foundation's history.

**Wesley Whiteside** retired from Eastern after more than 27 years as a professor of botany. He is known for his botanical gardens that are showcased in the Garden Ramble each Memorial Day weekend. Through a planned gift, Whiteside created a living trust that will someday transfer his farmland, house and more than 5 acres of arboretum and botanical gardens to the foundation.

**Patrick and Genie Lenihan** retired from Eastern after a total of 54 years of combined service. Patrick Lenihan served as a professor of economics, while Genie Lenihan supervised the psychology department's master's program. The couple's gifts represent a first in graduate education at Eastern — the creation of the very first two graduate fellowships. The Genie Lenihan Graduate Fellowship in Clinical Psychology and the Patrick Lenihan Graduate Fellowship in Economics

## **STATE & COMMUNITY NEWS.**

### **Pension Status**

**Because of the nation's and Illinois state of economy, there has been a significant increase in discussions regarding the State of Illinois Public Employees pensions in relevant organizations, media and state legislators. Following is a brief summary of some of this information.**

Two of the primary sources of income for persons 65 or older are pension income and social security benefits. Most states provide more favorable income tax treatment of pension income and social security benefits than federal government. For the Illinois Universities Retirees, tax treatment of pension income is a critical concern because mainly is our only source of income.

Only three states, Illinois, Mississippi and Pennsylvania-fully exempt all pension benefits from state income tax. Seven states fully exempt public pensions (Federal Civil Service, Military, and State and local Government Pension) from taxes, but do not fully exempt private pensions. These states are Alabama, Hawaii, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, and New York. Twelve states & District of Columbia offer pension exemptions that vary by type, with public pension generally being treated more favorably. Almost all states offer at least partial exemptions from state taxes for some types of pensions. Starting in tax year 1996, all states were prohibited from taxing distribution from nonresidents' pensions and other retirements' income plans because of Public Law 104-95 (passed by Congress in December 1995).

## **State's two biggest public pension funds in 'precarious position'**

The state's two biggest public pension funds suffered historic losses in 2008, shedding a combined \$17 billion in assets and leaving them significantly underfunded. The State Universities Retirement System saw its assets decline nearly 28 percent last year, and the Teachers' Retirement System, the state's biggest pension, saw its portfolio drop 30 percent. SURS is based in Champaign and represents 205,000 current, retired and inactive university and community college employees in Illinois. SURS' pension assets declined \$5 billion last year to \$10.9 billion, as of Dec. 31. The Teachers' Retirement System pension assets declined from \$41.7 billion on Dec. 31, 2007, to \$29.1 billion a year later. TRS serves 355,000 current and former Illinois school teachers, administrators and employees, including 98,000 retirees. However, Pensioners don't have to worry, officials with both pension systems said, because their benefits are protected by the Illinois Constitution and cannot be reduced due to investment losses or political climate. And both systems still have billions in assets, they said. But there are signs of trouble. SURS and TRS are now funded at 42 percent of their future liabilities and officials said it will take significant increases in state funding to put them back on solid financial footing. SURS has an unfunded actuarial liability of about \$15 billion, meaning it would take that amount to cover its accrued pension obligations. The unfunded liability for the Teachers' Retirement System is \$41 billion. Public pension plans, he said, are "basically infinite entities with long time horizons, and are built as such to absorb market fluctuations. Most plans do have the assets on hand to pay benefits for the next decade." The Legislature is now waiting for Quinn to put together a proposed state budget and to make his budget address to the General Assembly on March 18,

**From Center for Tax and Budget Accountability Document released regarding revenue options for Illinois**

**Pension income earned over \$75,000 to taxation:** Illinois is one of only three states that exempts all pension income from taxation. Low- and moderate-income seniors work to make ends meet, and subsequently pay taxes on their wages. Affluent seniors, on the other hand, do not have to work and also avoid paying taxes on their pensions. Exclusion of all pension income costs the state over \$800 million annually in new revenue. Subjecting pension income over \$75,000 to taxation would generate **\$200 million** in new revenue annually.

### **Sale of Pension Obligation Bonds (POB)**

Illinois could save money long-term by issuing pension obligation bonds to refinance existing pension debt for one simple reason, lower interest rates. The current interest rate of 8.0% to 8.5% on the unfunded pension liability is higher than interest rates available in the bond market.

### **How a POB Works**

The state would issue a \$16 billion pension obligation bond at an interest rate lower than 8.0% and then deposit the proceeds immediately into the pension fund to pay off all or some of the current unfunded liability. If structured appropriately, the state would save money because the interest rate paid on the bond debt will be less than the interest rate on the unfunded liability.

For example, the state is currently paying an 8.0% to 8.5% interest rate on the unfunded liability.

If the POBs are issued at a 6.0% interest rate, the 2.0% to 2.5% differential is the savings to the state. A POB reduces but **does not eliminate** the state's \$40.7 billion unfunded liability. There are also bond issuance costs, such as lenders fees, bond counsel fees and other miscellaneous fees.

However, unlike current practices, once the state issues a POB it would have the fiscal discipline imposed on it to pay the bonds, because of the legal and contractual obligations owed to the bond

holders. Finally, while issuing pension obligation bonds could both save money and create fiscal discipline, the option is not truly viable unless Illinois raises enough in new tax revenue to meet both its debt service obligation and maintain essential services.

**Using a simple interest formula, at the least, the state would save an estimated \$14 billion over the next 40 years by issuing \$16 billion in pension obligations bonds at 6.0 percent. depending on the bond terms, the state could save more.**

## **NEW STUDY FINDS 83,611 JOBS, \$12.9 BILLION ECONOMIC IMPACT FROM ILLINOIS'S PUBLIC PENSION**

### **SYSTEMS** *Analysis Indicates Pensions Leave Substantial Economic Footprint*

An economic impact analysis released today (WASHINGTON, D.C., FEBRUARY 26, 2009) finds that the benefits provided by Illinois's public pension plans have a sizable impact that ripples across the state and touches every industry. The new report, "*Pensionomics: Measuring the Economic Impact of State and Local Pension Plans*," finds that expenditures made from Illinois's public pension benefits for fiscal year 2005-2006:

- ☑ Had a total economic impact of more than \$12.9 billion.
- ☑ Supported more than 83,611 jobs that paid more than \$5.5 billion in total compensation to Illinois's workers.
- ☑ Supported more than \$2.0 billion in annual federal, state, local tax revenue.
- ☑ Paid \$8.6 billion in pension benefits to 357,067 retirees and beneficiaries.
- ☑ Had large multiplier effects. Each taxpayer dollar invested in Illinois's public pensions supported \$1.50 in total economic activity, while each dollar paid out in Benefits supported \$5.62 in economic activity.
- ☑ Impacted every industry in the state.

The report also analyzes the national economic impact of public pensions to find 2.5 million jobs and \$358 billion in economic activity supported by state and local pensions.

"This study measures the magnitude of the 'multiplier effect' of Illinois's public pensions across the state's economy," said Ilana Boivie, NIRS (national institute on retirement security) policy analyst and report co-author. "The multiplier effect occurs because one retiree's spending in Illinois becomes another person's income," she said. Boivie explained, "For example, a retired Illinois teacher may spend his or her pension check to pay the gas bill, buy a car, or make purchases at the local pharmacy, grocery store, or movie theatre. As a result of the retiree's spending, businesses see an increase in their income, which then enables businesses to spend and create jobs. Each successive round of spending, ripples through the Illinois economy to generate an economic impact that is much larger than the initial spending by the retiree." "Understanding the considerable economic impact of Illinois's public pensions is vital given the severe financial crisis facing America," said Beth Almeida, NIRS executive director and report co-author. "Economists have long known that the steady monthly income provided by pensions can act as an 'automatic stabilizer.' That is, retirees with a stable monthly pension income can continue to spend on basic needs, even during an economic downturn. In contrast, retirees relying solely on plummeting 401(k)s or individual retirement accounts likely are forced to retreat from spending precisely at the time when the Illinois economy most needs stimulus," Almeida explained. The analysis was conducted using data from the U.S. Census Bureau and IMPLAN, an input-output modeling software widely used by industry and governments.

## **Pension Investment Consolidation, Pension Ethics, & Inflation Loss Compensation Bills were introduced in Illinois Senate on Friday 2/20/09**

### **Pension Investment Consolidation**

This bill came about in part to implement the Illinois State Treasurer's predicted savings for the consolidation of the pension investments.

Synopsis of the Bill as Introduced - Amends the Illinois Pension Code to create ***the Illinois Public Employees' Retirement System*** as an investment system to manage the 5 (the State Universities Retirement System (SUAA), the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (TRS), the General Assembly Retirement System (GARS), the Judges Retirement System of Illinois (JRS), and the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois (SERS). State-funded retirement systems. The Bill makes other changes related to investment and the ethics of investing retirement system and pension fund assets as well as various Acts concerning ethics and to replace references to the Illinois State Board of Investment with references to the Illinois Public Employees' Retirement System- Effective immediately.



### **Pension Ethics.**

Makes changes with respect to consultants and fiduciaries and prohibits certain activities relating to the State retirement systems and the Illinois State Board of Investment. Adds provisions concerning lobbying, conflicts of interests, disclosures, and investment transparency

Synopsis of the Bill as Introduced amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. It requires members of the board of any pension fund or retirement system established under the Illinois Pension Code to file a statement of economic interests. Ethics Act. Include appointed or elected commissioners, trustees, directors, or board members of a board of a State agency, including the boards found in the Illinois Pension Code. It makes changes in provisions concerning the definition of "fiduciary", allocation and delegation of fiduciary duties, and prohibited transactions. The Bill Adds provisions concerning investment advisers, consultants, and investment services for investment boards, pension funds, and retirement systems, investment transparency; prohibitions on monetary gain on investments; fraud, prohibitions on gifts; contingent fees; and procurements for pension funds, retirement systems, and investment boards. **It requires the University of Illinois to create the Illinois Fiduciary College for the purpose of education pension fund, retirement system, and investment board members and staffs on ethics.**

### **Inflation Loss Compensation**

The bill was introduced on February 20 by Senator Michael Frerichs (D-52, Gifford)

This was an initiative by SUAA to assist in bringing those remaining 882 pre-1980 retirees a monthly increase equal to the retirees who are now receiving 3%. It is still possible that an identical bill will be introduced in the House.

Synopsis of the Bill As Introduced. It amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. It provides that, on January 1, 2010, the monthly pension of an annuitant who retired before January 1, 1980 shall be recalculated and increased to reflect the amount the annuitant would have received in January 2010 had the annuitant been receiving a 3% increase for each year he or she received a monthly annuity under Rule 1, Rule 2, Rule 3, Rule 4, or Rule 5. It provides for an additional increase of 3% of the amount of the retirement annuity then being received each January thereafter. Effective immediately.

### ***A MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR- Dr. Ellen Keiter***

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Each day seems to bring more bleak economic news. Reports of bankruptcies, bailouts, plummeting stocks, big layoffs, and home foreclosures are all too common. Closer to home, the State of Illinois is faced with critical budgetary demands as well as serious financial debt. In this climate, our retirement benefits are even more at risk than usual which means the importance of taking collective action to protect them couldn't be greater.

You've already taken positive action through your membership in the State University Annuitants Association, our advocate for strong and secure pension and health benefits. Now please take an additional step toward protecting your benefits by recruiting another member – perhaps a professional colleague, a friend, or a neighbor. And remember that spouses are eligible! Membership is only \$24 per year which can be paid either by check or by deduction from your monthly SURS annuity or EIU paycheck.

The strength of SUAA's voice is directly related to the number of individuals it represents so membership is more vital than ever. Membership forms are available on our website (<http://www.eiu.edu/~annuitants/>) or by contacting me ([eakeiter@eiu.edu](mailto:eakeiter@eiu.edu) or 345-3462). Please help to make your voice stronger – and thanks!



## NEWS FROM YOU



**Murry Choate**, a retires Eastern Illinois University Educator, former Mayor of Charleston, a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel with 3 years of active service as fighter pilot and 26 1/2 years on reserve status reminisces about years as a fighter pilot.

Murry has flown 5 of the World War II type planes. Murry is currently President of the nation-wide P-51 Mustang Pilot Association. Murry said "for 29 1/2 years I did what I was asked to do. That doesn't make me a hero. It made me the kind of guy that the country and its people had the right to expect"

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### EIU Annuitant Colleagues express heartfelt congratulations

**Sara & Fred Preston** of Lerna celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on February 7, 09. Sara & Fred were married at St. Andrews's Episcopal Church in Kokomo, Ind. They are the parents of two children, Kimberly and John. They have four grandchildren. Fred, a retired English professor, taught at Eastern Illinois University. Sarah retired was president of Bank of America. Sara and Fred lived in Charleston for 30 years & currently reside in Lerna. They enjoy working in their yard and traveling.

**Phyllis & John Walstrom** of Charleston celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on December 21, 08. They were married at the Ramsey Methodist Church. John is the son of the late Gusta & Mary Louis Walstrom. Phyllis is the daughter of late Frank & Loretah Peabody. They are parents of three sons, Ken, Scott, and Brian. They have five grandchildren. John is a retired professor from Eastern Illinois University. Phyllis is a retired secretary.

**Shirley & James Nolan** of Ashmore celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on December 13/08, in Brocton. James is son of Herbert & Ruth Nolan & Shirley is the daughter of Ruth Smith. Shirley and James are parents of Sheryl Donley & Carol Nolan. They have two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Both Shirley and James retired from Eastern Illinois University.

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### Remembering Friends



**Genevieve E. Rennels**, age 89 of Charleston, passed away on Tuesday (December 2, 2008) at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. She is survived by her niece, Marcia Cox; two nephews, Larry Rennels and Ray Pena of Sun City, Arizona; She is a member of Eastern Illinois University Annuitants. She began working as a Licensed Practical Nurse for Drs. Swickard and Hollowell. She also worked at the Charleston Hospital then located on Division Street. She later accepted a position at Eastern Illinois University as a Payroll Clerk.



**Kenneth D. Glosser Sr.**, 74, of Windsor passed away at 6:15 a.m. Friday Jan. 16, 2009 at his residence. He was born in Coles County the son of William and Fannie Maxine Toops Glosser. He married Reba Diane Stevens, May 4, 1957 in Coles County. He served in the US Air Force during the Korean War. He was a retired police officer from Eastern Illinois University. Surviving are his wife, Reba; sons Kenneth & Jeffrey; & granddaughter Lindsey Glosser. He was preceded in death by his parents, 7 sisters, 6 brothers and granddaughter Maranda Glosser.

**James L. "Jim" Simpson**, 79, of Casey, Illinois passed away at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 21, 2008 at Heartland Nursing Center, Casey, Illinois. He was the son of Raymond Simpson and Lulu Fern Deverick Simpson. On September 23, 1950 he married Iline Kibler in Yale, Illinois. Survivors include his wife, Iline two sons, Steve & Scott & one daughter, Shelley ; 6 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren ; two brothers, Jack & Ed and four sisters, Rose Walters & Donna Lovell ; Judy Gowin and Kathie Hicks . Jim worked for Eastern Illinois University for over ten years in grounds department. He was a US Army Korean War veteran He received the Korean Service Medal with Bronze Star, Combat

**William Frederick (Fritz) Bieber**, age 90 of Charleston passed away on Saturday (January 31, 2009) at the Charleston Rehab and Health Care Center. Fritz is the youngest of nine children & was born to Frederick and Lily Belle Bieber. He was united in marriage to Betty June Clark on October 18, 1941 and they have shared more than 67 years of marriage and friendship. He is survived by Betty, his loving and devoted wife; three daughters, Ellen Armstrong, Penny Smith and Judy Hutton; six grandchildren, Carrie Smith, Doug Armstrong, Scott Smith. Brian Smith all of Charleston, Jennifer Ray , Erin Hutton ; and nine great-grandchildren, Amanda, Caitlyn, Ashley, Wade, Carley, Brandon, Austin, Molly and Blake. Fritz was a United States Army Veteran proudly serving his country during World War II. Fritz worked at E.I.U. in their Building Services Department where he remained until his retirement. He was awarded the Infantry Badge and United Nations Service Medal.

**Dale E. Mullins**, age 81 of Charleston passed away on January 15, 2009. Dale retired from the EIU Printing Center in 1988 following 20 years of service as Supervisor of Duplicating Services. Dale was a World War II Veteran serving with the US Navy. Dale Married Frances Taner and they shared 57 years of marriage. Dale is survived by one son Robert, a grandson Michael, two sisters, Linda & Betty& 4 brothers. Dale was a WW II Veteran serving with US Navy.

**Suzanne Rogers Morice**, 77 died early Friday morning, March 28, 2008, at Maury Regional Hospital of complications related to multiple heart surgeries. She was the daughter of Sam and Sarah (Ogilvie) Rogers. She was a graduate of Peabody College in Nashville, where she met her husband, Herbert O. Morice, who survives her. The daughter of a librarian and wife of a college professor, Mrs. Morice loved books, music, art, travel, political debate and lively conversation. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Morice is survived by three sons; Stephen, Lawrence, James & two daughters; Waverley Lynne and Kathryn, and two grandsons, James and Nolan.

**Charles Baker, 88** of Charleston passed away on Saturday, November 29, 2008. Charles is son of William & Zelma Baker. He married Pauline James March 8, 1944. She preceded him in death. Surviving is one son, Larry, one daughter Sally, two grandchildren; Frank and Sr. Airman Lucinda Baker, one brother Carrol & four sisters; Nadine, Joann and Joyce. Charles was a WW II Veteran. He retired from Eastern Illinois University in 1985.

**Howard Price 65**, was found dead at his Charleston residence Friday afternoon. Price was an assistant professor in the Journalism Department from 1984 to 2005. He taught courses on the role of journalism and news in democracy, international journalism, relationships between sports and the media and media editing. Price continued to teaching a senior seminar after retirement. Price's professional career was copy editing,

before coming to Eastern, he worked as a copy editor for the Saginaw News in Saginaw, Mich., Northwest New Jersey Daily Record, & as a reporter for the Daily Advance in Dover, N.J. Surviving him are his mother, one brother Michael, , two sisters, Bune & Joan, 3 nephews, 3 nieces, 6 great nephews & 3 great nieces.

**Dr. Paul D. Overton**, 77, Charleston, passed away on December 20, 2007. He taught in several public schools in Illinois and Spoon River valley Community College before coming to Eastern. His wife Patricia preceded his death in 2006. He is survived by his 3 sons: Jeff, Randy & Bill. Dr. Overton stated as a professor at Eastern Illinois University & became the Chair Counseling and Student Development until his retirement in 1994. Dr. Overton was the first recipient (1988) of an award named in his honor for outstanding service to off-campus program. He taught 46 extension courses and traveled more than 96,000 miles.

**Dr. Donald L. Moler**, 90 Topeka, passed away on Sunday March 30, 2008. He was a master Sergeant in the Army during WWII. Dr. Moler is survived by his son, Donald L. Moler, Jr. & family. His wife Margaret preceded him in death in 2007. In 1961 he became the Chair of Counseling and Student development at Eastern Illinois University until his retirement in 1984. Dr. Moler received the C.A. Michelman Award for outstanding contributions to guidance in Illinois from the Illinois Guidance and Personnel Association.

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### **We want to express our sympathy to the following Annuitants**

**Kenneth John Kohanzo**, age 90, of Northbrook, Illinois, passed away on Monday (January 26, 2009) at Heartland Christian Village in Neoga. Ken was born in Chicago on May 3, 1918 a son of the late Steve and Minna (Hertz) Kohanzo. He was united in marriage to Mildred Borchers on July 31, 1942 in Chicago and they shared forty-nine wonderful years of love and friendship prior to her death on September 4, 1991. **He is survived by one son, Keith Kohanzo of Charleston**; four nephews and two nieces and their families. Ken was a self-employed jeweler in downtown Chicago before taking a position as a Manufacturers Sales Representative for the machine tool industry.

**Howard James Logue, age 77 of Charleston**, passed away on Monday (December 15, 2008) at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. He was united in marriage to **Annabelle (Dearbarger) Towles** on June 8, 1968 in Charleston. He is survived by Annabelle, his loving and devoted wife and best friend of forty years. Also surviving are his children, Lisa Ingram, Guy Towles & Laura King, all of Charleston; three grandchildren, Bailey Foulard, Kameron King and Hayden King, all of Charleston, a sister, Anita Kruezer of Arizona; a brother, Jack Logue; and several nieces and nephews. Howard was a member of First Baptist Church in Charleston and of the Charleston VFW Paul McVey Post 1592. He chose a career of proudly serving his country with a combined twenty-one years of service as a veteran of two branches of the military; the United States Marine Corps and the United States Army; and of two wars, Korea and Vietnam.

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