



Prairie City Bakery.... Did you know?.... Bill Skeens, the founder of Prairie City Bakery went to **Eastern Illinois University** from 1973-78 (Business-Marketing). He lived in **Thomas Hall** for 4 years and **Carmen Hall** for 1/2 year. He was a **Resident Assistant** on 2nd South and 3rd North in Thomas and in Carmen 3rd South. He actually started his food career while in Thomas Hall. He had a small company (Skeens Enterprises) that bought and sold Peanuts, Taffy Apples and Popcorn to Dorms and Fraternities.

Skeens was also one of the founding members and the first captain of the **EIU Ice Hockey Team** and still plays in an Alumni game.

After graduation, he went to work for Sara Lee Bakery in 1977 in various Sales and Marketing jobs. He left in 1994 to start Prairie City Bakery (www.pcbakery.com). Prairie City Bakery products are sold in every state in the USA and is sold in Gourmet Coffee Shops, Colleges, PGA Golf Tournaments, C-stores and Walgreens nationwide. Prairie City Bakery was also just named the "**Official Cookie of the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Field**" and on May 29, 2009, Skeens threw out the "**first pitch**" before the Cubs-Dodgers game. In 2000 Prairie City Bakery was named to the INC Magazine, **INC 500 for fastest growing company in America.**

Bill also met his wife Sue Ellen (Tish) from Decatur, IL while they were both RA's at Carmen Hall. They live in Libertyville, IL and have 2 kids, Casey and Brianna.