Dear Illini Fans,

Hopefully by now most Illini fans have had a chance to see the drawings of the upcoming Memorial Stadium renovation. I have been so thrilled to see the progress and enthusiasm that has come with this project. It is very fitting to have such a major renovation happening right now. I say that because I see a lot of similarities between what will be done to the stadium in the next two years and what is going on with this Illinois football team right now. There is construction going on and we are building for the future.

Memorial Stadium is very rich in tradition. When I got to Illinois, people were quick to tell me about all the history of the Stadium. The renovation is going to take an already amazing structure and make it spectacular. Well, this football program has quite a bit of history too. And our plan is to refurbish it and give it a modern look.

I can’t say enough about how happy I have been with two things this past year. First of all, I saw a change in our current players. I saw an attitude changing. I saw a group of kids that are growing in confidence, growing in maturity and growing in size. They are starting to feel stronger physically and stronger as a unified team. The building blocks are in place, which takes me to step two.

We had a great first step in recruiting. The coaching staff was welcomed into the homes of many great athletes who were interested in where this Illinois program is going. They see what we are building here and are excited to be a part of it.

The goal of this football team is to play at the highest level possible as one unit. It isn’t always the best players that win, but the best team. I am proud of the way our guys are approaching this season. They have worked very hard to become better football players as well as make whatever sacrifices it takes to make the team better. I have never been more excited to hit training camp and get ready for this season.

I said this at some point last year, but it still rings true today — We are in a construction zone right now, building a foundation for bigger things in the future.

So let’s all grab a hard hat and put a hammer to a nail!

GO ILLINI!

Your head football coach,

Ron Zook
THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

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UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Urbana-Champaign
Founded: 1867
Enrollment: 38,000
Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Illini
Conference: Big Ten
President: B. Joseph White
Chancellor: Richard Herman
Director of Athletics: Ron Guenther
Stadium: Memorial Stadium
Surface: AstroTurf
Capacity: 69,249

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Ron Zook
Assistant Coaches:
  - Mike Locksley: Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
  - Vincent Okruch: Defensive Coordinator
  - Reggie Mitchell: Asst. Head Coach/Running Backs/Recruiting Coordinator
  - Dino Dawson: Wide Receivers
  - Dan Disch: Special Teams/Linebackers
  - Curt Mallory: Secondary
  - Jim Pry: Tight Ends
  - Tom Sims: Defensive Line
  - Ed Warinner: Run-Game Coordinator/Offensive Line

SUPPORT STAFF

Strength Coach: Lou Hernandez
Football Operations: Lloyd Richards
Sports Medicine: Adrian Melendez
Equipment Manager: Trent Chesnut
Video Coordinator: Taylor Morgan

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2005 Record: 2-9, 0-8 Big Ten (11th)
Offensive Formation: Multiple
Defensive Formation: Multiple
Eight-Man Front

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 47/17
Offense: 21/6
Defense: 24/7
Specialists: 2/2
Starters Returning/Lost: 21/3
Offense: 10/1
Defense: 10/1
Specialists: 1/1

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The University of Illinois is the state’s classic land grant university, dedicated to its traditional excellence in education, research, and public engagement, and driven to innovate in each of these missions. True to its mission to provide access to top quality higher education to all of Illinois, the Urbana campus regularly ranks among the “best buys” among American universities.

More than 2,000 faculty members lead more than 40,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students in a process of discovery and learning in 16 colleges and schools and more than 80 research centers and labs.

Illinois provides a diverse learning environment with students and faculty members from more than 120 nations, and a choice of 150 undergraduate majors. Students have opportunities ranging from participating in research or studying abroad, to leading one of more than 1,000 student organizations.

Illinois faculty members win the most prestigious national and international awards, including Nobel and Pulitzer prizes, Guggenheim Fellowships, Tony Awards, and National Medals of Science and Technology. Illinois alumni are similarly recognized. Eleven have won Nobel Prizes.

Campus resources include one of the largest public university libraries in the world, outstanding centers for the arts, and many world-class research facilities, including the National Center Supercomputing Applications, Beckman Institute, and the Siebel Center for Computer Science.

The University of Illinois is also well respected and well connected internationally, collaborating with other top institutions around the world in many disciplines and providing students, as well as faculty, opportunities to work with renowned colleagues around the world.
THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Far right: Front view of the Illinois Main Library, it combines with many other buildings to form the the largest public library in the country;
Right: Illinois’ Undergraduate Library, which was built underground to preserve the Morrow Plots;
Below: Altgeld Hall, the math building.

The 2006 Fiske Guide to Colleges named Illinois as a “Public University with Strong Preprofessional Programs” in Architecture, Business, Communications/Journalism, and Engineering.

The U.S. Department of Education ranks the Center for African Studies as first, the Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies second and Russian & East European Center fourth in the nation.

U.S. News and World Report ranks Illinois as one of the top public national universities that grants doctoral degrees, according to its 2006 America’s Best Colleges. Here are some of the academic programs ranked among the best in the nation (2006 America’s Best Colleges and 2007 America’s Best Graduate Schools):

- Graduate Program for Library and Informational Sciences - 1
- Digital Libraries - 1
- Graduate Engineering Program - 5
- College of Business - 12
- Department of Psychology graduate program - 5

Eighty graduate programs and specialty areas rank in the top 30 in the country. Several undergraduate programs rank in the top 10 in the nation.

- Accountancy - 1
- Aeronautical engineering - 8
- Agricultural engineering - 3
- Business Management - 8
- Chemical engineering - 8
- Civil engineering - 1
- Computer engineering - 5
- Electrical engineering - 4
- Environmental engineering - 3
- Insurance/risk management - 5
- Materials science - 2
- Mechanical engineering - 6
- Nuclear engineering - 8
- Real Estate - 5

HISTORIC FIRSTS AT ILLINOIS

1868 — first architectural instruction west of the Allegheny Mountains
1876 — establishment of the oldest continuous soil fertility research plots in the United States, the Morrow Plots
1893 — first school of library science west of the Alleghenies
1922 — invention of sound-on-film movies
1935 — discovery of the essential amino acid threonine
1940 — invention of the betatron for high energy physics
1946 — first comprehensive college program for students with severe physical disabilities
1952 — construction of the pioneering ILLIAC and ORDVAC computers
1959 — development of PLATO, the first computer used for direct education
1970 — construction of the first visible-spectrum semiconductor laser
1977 — discovery of a third life form, distinct from the forms that produce plants, animals and bacterial, called Archaea
1977 — development of the quantum well laser, which made compact disc players possible
1980 — invention of the e-mail program Eudora
1993 — development of the first browser for the world wide web, Mosaic, was developed into Netscape
1996 — development of a processing method that extends the life of microchips as much as 50 times
2001 — development of self-healing plastics
2003 — the University Library's collection exceeds 10 million volumes, the largest collection of any public university in the world.
2004 — development of the laser transistor
2005 — development of the world’s fastest transistor and of a stretchable silicon that can be used to build high-performance electronic devices onto rubber substances

Established in 1876, the Morrow Plots are the oldest experimental research fields in the United States.
Memorial Stadium was built in 1923 as a memorial to Illinois men and women who gave their lives for their country during World War I. Their names appear on 200 columns that support the east and west sides of the stadium. In May of 2002, the University Alumni Association began a campaign to fund a veterans’ memorial project which recognizes the 1,087 who have lost their lives in battle in World War II, the Second Nicaraguan Campaign, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon and Desert Storm.

Donations of approximately $1.7 million by more than 200,000 students, alumni and other friends of the University made the construction of Memorial Stadium possible. The Athletic Association (now known as the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics) later allocated $509,805 to the project for the construction of the south stands and other stadium additions. The drive was needed to add spaces for the over 30,000 fans who were turned away from games.

The stadium opened Nov. 3, 1923, when Illinois defeated Chicago, 7-0, in a Homecoming victory. The stadium was dedicated officially Oct. 18, 1924, a day that Illinois not only defeated Michigan, 39-14, for a Homecoming victory, but Harold E. “Red” Grange accounted for six touchdowns in what remains as the single greatest performance in Memorial Stadium history. In the first 12 minutes of that game, Grange ran for a total of 265 yards and scored four times. He had his hands on the ball only six times and left the field before the end of the first quarter.

In the third quarter, Grange returned and ran 13 yards for his fifth touchdown, and in the final period he passed to Marion Leonard for his sixth score of the day. In 42 minutes of playing time, Grange gained a total of 402 yards, carried the ball 21 times and also completed six passes for 64 yards. Legendary coach Amos Alonzo Stagg called it “the most spectacular single-handed performance ever delivered in a major game.”

The 1994 season represented the 70th anniversary of Memorial Stadium’s dedication and the historic Illinois-Michigan game. To celebrate the event, Red Grange’s wife, Mrs. “IT WAS GREAT TO GO TO ILLINOIS AND IT WAS AN EXPERIENCE I WON’T EVER FORGET. THE ILLINOIS FANS HAVE BEEN TREMENDOUS TO ME. THEY WERE ALWAYS GIVING US SUPPORT. WHETHER WE LOST OR WON THEY WERE THERE TO CHEER US ON AND MAKE SURE WE FELT GOOD ABOUT WHAT WE WERE DOING.”

- Greg Lewis, Wide Receiver, Philadelphia Eagles
Margaret Grange, attended the Fighting Illini’s Oct. 22 game against Michigan. She helped dedicate The Grange Rock which sits at the north end of Zuppke Field as a tribute to her husband. The rock came from the same Indiana stone quarry that produced the granite columns of the stadium.

Permanent seating capacity of Memorial Stadium is 69,249 including the bleachers at the north end of the playing field.

During the 1980s, Memorial Stadium saw 27 consecutive sell-outs. The single-game attendance record is 78,297 for a 1984 victory over Missouri.

Approximately 71 percent of Memorial Stadium seats are between the goal posts with 18,000 in each stand, 10,000 in each balcony and 12,246 in the south stand horseshoe.

Installation of the first artificial turf and a new lighting system was made possible through a 1974 Golden Anniversary campaign drive. The lights have made games and practices possible after sunset. Even though the field is lit only from the towers on the four corners of Memorial Stadium, the light intensity is easily sufficient for major network telecasts of night games.

Other stadium improvements include the 1967 installation of a press box, located at the top of the west balcony; construction of the Ray Eliot Varsity Room, a training table and trophy display area at the southeast corner of the stadium that was built with funds donated by friends of the Athletic Association; a million-dollar stadium renovation project in 1972, which included the addition of aluminum seating and other improvements; and a 1977 renovation of the varsity locker rooms and training facilities.

In April 1985, $7 million worth of improvements began. Out of this project came installation of new artificial turf and expansion of the football headquarters in the northeast corner of the stadium. AstroTurf was installed in the stadium in 1985 and the portion of it between the goal lines was replaced in the fall of 1989 after vandals burned a 40-yard swath in the middle of the field in the early-morning hours of Sept. 24. Employees from AstroTurf Industries began removing the destroyed pad and turf on the 26th, and worked around the clock to install a new surface in time for Illinois’ scheduled Oct. 7 game against Ohio State.

An air-tight vacuum dome completely covering the field of Memorial Stadium, more commonly known as “The Bubble,” was inflated for the first time in December 1985 for the purpose of practice during the winter months. It was used for the last time during the spring season of 2000 due to the completion of construction of the Irwin Indoor Practice Facility.
In 1986, Memorial Stadium was nominated among 62 other sites to become a national historic landmark which included Soldier Field, Wrigley Field, the Rose Bowl and Yale Bowl.

Memorial Stadium underwent major renovations between November 1991 and August 1992. The $18 million project included the replacement of all the concrete bleachers in both upper decks, as well as the replacement of the top 25 rows of the main stands. The stadium’s electrical and drainage systems were also brought up to code and new restroom facilities, for both men and women, were installed in the corner towers and great halls. The project was financed through the issuance of revenue bonds by the UI Auxiliary Facilities System.

Before the start of the 1994 season, a new color matrix scoreboard was added to the north end of Zuppke Field. That board was replaced with an updated video-replay scoreboard in 2002.

Renovations to the stadium surface came in the summer of 2001 with the replacement of the field’s AstroTurf with AstroPlay, an artificial surface with a grass-like, non-abrasive, polyethylene fiber matrix which is filled with special rubber granules. The Illini played on the new surface for the first time in the 2001 home opener against Northern Illinois.

Construction took place in the winter of 2002 on the expansion of the football complex. Locker rooms and meeting rooms were expanded and a new sports medicine facility was built on the first floor of the Irwin complex.

Memorial Stadium has been the site of many other events, including the first-ever "Farm Aid," the IHSA Football Championships and home of the 2002 Chicago Bears. Farm Aid was organized by Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson and was held on September 22, 1985 before a crowd of 80,000 people. It raised over $7 million for America’s family farmers. Performers included Dylan, Billy Joel, B.B. King, Loretta Lynn, Roy Orbison, Tom Petty and many more.

Since 1999, the University of Illinois has played host the Illinois High School Association’s Championship games during Thanksgiving weekend. In 2002, Memorial Stadium served as the home field for the Chicago Bears, while Soldier Field underwent major renovations.

The DIA recently announced the plans for over $100 million worth of renovations, set to begin after the 2006 season (see page 10).

Illinois’ record in Memorial Stadium is 230-193-14 entering the 2006 season.
In November of 2000, the Fighting Illini moved into the state-of-the-art Irwin Indoor Practice Facility. The $12.5 million facility was constructed using private donations, including the initial $7.5 million gift given by the Irwin Family Foundation, which was also responsible for the building of the Irwin Academic Services Center.

The 77,327 square-foot facility is located just east of the Intramural Physical Education Building. The facility is conveniently located next to the Illini locker rooms and the outdoor practice fields allowing flexibility to work indoors or outdoors during the different seasons. The floor of the facility is donned by AstroPlay, an artificial turf with the feel of natural grass. Its long strands make for less injury and a softer surface. The facility features a dome slanted roof which reaches an internal height of 50 feet. The multi-purpose facility also features retractable baseball netting.

The unique architectural design of the building fits with the historical significance and architectural integrity of Memorial Stadium and surrounding Illinois buildings with its red brick exterior and slanted roof. The exterior of the building is clad primarily with the university blend brick, detailed with limestone and has some larger areas of articulated metal panels in the color of limestone. The interior features a smooth wall surface and uses both direct lighting fixtures and natural light.
The University of Illinois Division of Intercollegiate Athletics recently announced the beginning of a $116 million renovation project of historic Memorial Stadium.

The renovations are slated to begin following the completion of the 2006 football season and IHSA championship football games. Construction will occur on the north, west and east sides of the stadium, with permanent seating on the north end being completed for the 2007 season. The remaining areas, which include the east and west side, will wrap up in time for the 2008 season.

Among the renovation on the west side is the addition of luxury suites, indoor and outdoor club areas and a refurbishment of the concourses. An outdoor club space, the Colonnades Club, will be added under the west balcony and will allow for indoor game day hospitality, as well as

"WE ALREADY HAD AMAZING FACILITIES, BUT THIS RENOVATION PROJECT IS GOING TO MAKE MEMORIAL STADIUM ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR ARENAS IN ALL OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL."

Head Coach Ron Zook

Top: Architect renderings of the West side of Memorial Stadium; Second from top: Projected look at the indoor club seats called the "77 Club"; Left: An internal look at the North end permanent seating; Above: Exterior shot of the West side of the stadium.
outdoor chair back seats for contest viewing. In the west balcony, a three-level structure will be built to house two floors of suites and an indoor club space as well as a new press box for media seating and game day operations. The indoor club, which seats 200, has been named “77 Club” to honor the retired number of Illinois gridiron legend Harold “Red” Grange.

Underneath the newly-enclosed north bleachers, the Illinois football complex will get an expansion and refurbishing of the weight room, training facilities and meeting space.

The entire project will be conducted to keep the stadium in a functioning capacity for the Illinois football team during the time of construction.

Sales began in mid-November of 2005 and have been successful in filling 45 of its 48 available suites, selling out the “77 Club” seats and nearly 60 percent of the “Colonnades Club” area, in just a five-month span.

The architectural firm HNTB of Kansas City, Mo., was selected to design the renovation and Hunt Construction Managers will handle the construction. HNTB is credited with many of the most recent athletic facility renovations, including Purdue’s Ross-Ade Stadium, Ohio State’s Ohio Stadium, Iowa’s Kinnick Stadium and Denver’s Invesco Field. Hunt has been in collaboration on many of the same facilities, as well as Detroit’s Ford Field, St. Louis’ new Busch Stadium, and Citizen’s Bank Park in Philadelphia.
ILLINI FOOTBALL GAME DAY
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“THERE IS NOTHING LIKE BEING IN THE TUNNEL AT MEMORIAL STADIUM BEFORE THE GAME. YOU CAN FEEL THE ENERGY OF EVERYONE IN THE STADIUM, AND WHEN THE DRUMS START BEATING THAT IS WHEN YOU KNOW IT’S TIME TO PLAY. ANYONE WHO EVER PLAYED FOOTBALL AT ILLINOIS CAN TELL YOU THAT’S WHEN IT’S TIME TO TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS.”

- Former Illini Fullback Carey Davis
“BOTH OF MY PARENTS WENT TO ILLINOIS AND AS A KID I WOULD GET ILLINOIS FOOTBALL TICKETS AS BIRTHDAY PRESENTS. IT WAS A DREAM FOR ME TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING THAT I GREW UP WATCHING AND BEING ABLE TO PLAY FOR ILLINOIS WAS SPECIAL FOR ME AND MY FAMILY.”

- Nathan Hodel, long snapper
  Arizona Cardinals
“I CONSIDER MY TIME PLAYING FOOTBALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AS A GREAT PRIVILEGE. THERE ARE SO MANY GUYS WHO PLAY AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL WHO DREAM OF THE CHANCE TO PLAY IN THE NFL. I FEEL THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS PREPARED ME FOR THE OPPORTUNITY I AM BLESSED TO HAVE.”

- Kelvin Hayden, defensive back, Indianapolis Colts
ILLINI POWER: STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

- Program divided into three seasons: winter workouts are designed to maximize size and strength; summer workouts are needed to increase speed, lateral movement, agility and conditioning and the in-season program improves explosiveness, power and strength.

- 7,000-square foot weight room that includes free weights, weight machines for isolating certain muscle groups, cardiovascular equipment, dumb bells for independent strength and olympic competition platforms, plates and bars.

- Challenging individual workout plan for each student-athlete based on testing performed by each athlete.

- Personal, hands-on training by strength and conditioning coach Lou Hernandez and his assistants to ensure athletes are training correctly.

- Strength and conditioning workouts designed to develop team leaders and motivate athletes to their best performances.
SPORTS MEDICINE FACILITY

• A team physician, orthopedic surgeon and registered nurse are available at all practices and games.

• Three certified trainers and 12 student trainers are available to assess and rehabilitate injuries.

• The state-of-the-art training room features in-ground whirlpools centrally located next to locker room. The training room is also only a short distance from football stadium and practice fields.

• The staff and training room are available year-round to student-athletes.

• The Illinois sports medicine program provides athletes with comprehensive rehabilitation and training programs to lessen the impact of and quicken the recovery from injuries.

• The training room features the latest diagnostic and rehabilitative equipment, including ultrasound; high-volt, inferential and microcurrent stimulation equipment; and Cybex isokinetic exercise and testing devices.
Top: The Irwin Academic Center is a facility dedicated to the academic endeavors of Illinois’ student-athletes. It houses the entire academic staff, computer labs and study lounges;

Above: A study lounge in the front room of the Irwin Academic Center;

Above Right: In addition to computers at Irwin, the football complex has its own conveniently located computer lab;

Right: Irwin computer lab.
The goal of each sports program within the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Illinois is to strive toward success. The DIA has taken a comprehensive approach to the success of the student-athlete. The Illini Life Skills program is designed to meet the total needs of the student-athlete.

Sponsored by the NCAA, the Illini Life Skills program is comprised of five programming commitment areas viewed as critical to personal growth and development. The commitment areas are: academic excellence, athletic excellence, personal development, service to campus and surrounding communities and career development.

This comprehensive balance of academic excellence, athletic achievement and personal well-being is stressed daily by the staff and coaches. Inevitably, a student-athlete’s playing days will end, but with the assistance of the Illini Life Skills program, each Fighting Illini athlete will be fully prepared for career and personal challenges ahead.

Presentations and workshops in many of the above areas can be ordered from the Illini Life Skills menu on an individual or team basis. Each program is tailored to the specific individual’s request.

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:** Among the elements stressed by the academic services department to assure student-athlete success are counseling and tutorial services, a monitoring program and state-of-the-art computer labs. The Irwin Academic Center, the former Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity house, opened as a center to consolidate academic services for student-athletes.

**ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE:** Athletically, the University of Illinois has long supported a broad-based sports program. Its coaching staff and facilities are among the nation’s best. The UI’s support units included excellent staffs for recruiting, equipment, facilities maintenance, fund raising, publicity and promotions. Its sports medicine staff not only assists student athletes in strength training and conditioning, but also in personal health maintenance.

**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT:** As important as the UI’s commitment is to the student-athlete’s performance in the classroom and on the field, it also considers the individual’s spiritual and emotional needs, and his/her career objectives. Fighting Illini student-athletes are afforded the opportunity to attend a variety of seminars during their collegiate experience, helping them enhance their future following athletics. Among the seminars offered are those in career placement, financial planning, time and stress management, sexual harassment, drug and alcohol education and player/agent relations.

**SERVICE:** The DIA also sponsors a Student Athletic Advisory Board (SAAB), which is made up of representatives from all 19 Fighting Illini intercollegiate athletic teams.

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT:** The strong relationships built within the vast Illinois alumni networking system provide excellent opportunities for all student-athletes, whether it be for summer jobs, internships or in career placement after graduation. Once the individual’s career is established, the DIA asks for participation in a follow-up program that allows student-athletes to benefit from their predecessors’ experiences.
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE AND MAJORS
Illinois offers over 150 majors to incoming students in nine different colleges

ACADEMIC SERVICES

College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences
- Agribusiness, Farm and Financial Management
- Consumer and Textile Marketing
- International, Resource and Consumer Economics
- Agricultural Engineering
- Agricultural Engineering Sciences
- Technical Systems Management
- Animal Sciences
- Crop Sciences
- Food Science and Human Nutrition
- Human Development and Family Studies
- Agricultural and Environmental Communications and Education
- Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences
- Horticulture

College of Applied Life Studies
- Community Health
- Kinesiology
- Recreation, Sport and Tourism
- Speech and Hearing Science
- Teacher Education Minor in Physical Education

Institute of Aviation
- Aviation Human Factors Curriculum
- Professional Pilot Curriculum

College of Business (5)
- Core Curriculum
- Accountancy
- Business Administration
- Economics
- Finance

College of Communications
- Advertising
- Journalism
- Media Studies

College of Education
- Education General
- Early Childhood Education
- Preparatory to Elementary School Teaching
- Preparatory for Learning and Behavior Specialists in Special Education
- Non-teaching minor in Instructional Applications of Computers
- Teacher Education Minor in Secondary School Teaching

College of Engineering
- Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering
- Agricultural Engineering
- Bioengineering
- Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Mechanics
- Engineering Physics
- General Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nuclear, Plasma and Radiological Engineering

College of Fine and Applied Arts (16)
- Architecture
- Foundation Program for All Art and Design Majors
- Art Education
- Crafts
- Graphic Design
- History of Art
- Industrial Design
- Painting
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Dance
- Landscape Architecture
- Music
- Music Education
- Theatre
- Urban and Regional Planning

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (95)
- Actuarial Science
- African Studies
- Afro-American Studies
- Animal Biology
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Asian American Studies
- Astronomy
- Atmospheric Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Bioengineering
- Biology
- Biophysics
- Business
- Caribbean Studies
- Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- Chemistry
- Cinema Studies
- Classical Archaeology
- Classical Civilization
- Classics
- Comparative and World Literature
- Computer Science
- Dentistry
- Earth Science
- East Asian Languages and Cultures
- Economics
- Engineering (LAS)
- English
- English as an International Language
- Entomology
- Environmental Studies
- Finance
- Foreign Languages
- French
- Gender and Women’s Studies
- General Science
- Geography
- Geology
- German
- Gerontology
- Greek
- Health Information Management
- Health Programs
- Hebrew
- History of Art
- Individual Plans of Study (IPS)
- Integrative Biology
- Interdisciplinary Studies Major
- International Studies
- Italian
- Jewish Culture
- Latin
- Latin American Studies
- Latina/Latino Studies
- Law
- Life Sciences
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Mathematics and Computer Science
- Medical Laboratory Sciences
- Medicine
- Molecular and Integrative Physiology
- Music
- Nursing
- Nutrition and Medical Dietetics
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Philosophy
- Physical Science
- Physical Therapy
- Physics
- Physiology
- Plant Biology
- Political Science
- Portuguese
- Preprofessional Programs
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Rhetoric
- Russian
- Russian and East European Studies
- Russian Language and Literature
- Scandinavian
- Science and Technology in Society
- Social Studies
- Sociology
- South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- Spanish
- Speech Communication
- Statistics
- Statistics and Computer Science
- Veterinary Medicine

ILLINOIS PRODUCES THE ALL-AROUND STUDENT-ATHLETE

The goal of the University of Illinois athletic department is to develop the all-around student-athlete in every individual that joins the Fighting Illini family. In each sport there are numerous examples of athletes who have shown excellence in their given sport, while putting themselves in position to have a successful post-collegiate career.

One of football’s great examples is former Illini tight end Josh Whitman. Whitman was a four-year starter, an NFL tight end and one of the most academically decorated athletes to attend the University of Illinois. Whitman joined the Illinois team in 1997 and immediately made an impact, playing in all 11 games and starting four. He finished his career with a total of 52 receptions and seven touchdowns (which is the second most by an Illinois tight end in school history). He earned All-Big Ten honors in his final season in 2000.

After graduation, he signed a free agent contract with the Buffalo Bills and went on to spend four years in the NFL with the Bills, San Diego Chargers, Seattle Seahawks and Miami Dolphins.

Whitman graduated from Illinois in Dec. of 2000, which marked only three-and-a-half years to get a degree in Illinois’ nationally ranked finance department. He finished with a 3.99 GPA, was a two-time Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-American and as a senior delivered the the NCAA Scholar-Athlete Award speech at the College Football Hall of Fame Banquet in New York. He served on the Illinois Athletic Advisory Board and was chosen as the University’s “Elite Eight,” which represents the school in the recruiting process of high school academians.

After completing his NFL career, Whitman returned to Illinois in the spring of 2005, where he began working for the athletic department, while pursuing a degree at the University’s Law School. He has been heavily involved in the impending Memorial Stadium renovation project and is working this summer for the prestigious law firm of Foley and Lardner, LLP in Milwaukee, where he has worked with their client, Major League Baseball. He also recently wrote an autobiographical book on his time in the NFL, called “Not For Long.”
ACADEMIC SERVICES

IRWIN ACADEMIC CENTER GETS NEEDED EXPANSION
This fall, the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics broke ground on the expansion of the Irwin Academic Services Center. With the great continued support from the Irwin Family Foundation, this project will assist student-athletes in many academic areas. The $4.6 million expansion of the Irwin Center will add 11,400 square feet allowing more opportunities for the student-athletes to achieve their academic goals. Student resource areas comprised of a presentation room, a new general study area, individual tutoring and study rooms, and a computer lab will allow this all to happen. Student-athletes will have more access to computers; better environments to meet with tutors with less distraction and the opportunity have more space to concentrate on the academic endeavors.

LEMAN EARNS ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT HONORS
Illinois starting linebacker, J Leman, was one of three fall student-athletes to be named to the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District 5 Team. Leman earned First Team Academic honors as voted by the College Sports Information Director’s of America (CoSIDA). With over a 3.7 GPA, Leman also received his undergraduate degree in speech communications this August, completing the task in just three years. He is a graduate of Champaign Central High School and finished the season second in total tackles for the Illini with 67, 37 of which were solo tackles.

ILLINI TEAMS EXCEL IN THE CLASSROOM IN 2005-06
- Ten of 19 Illinois athletic teams recorded over a 3.0 GPA in 2005-06
- Illinois had three student-athletes named ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-American and 11 earned Academic All-District honors
- Eighteen student-athletes earned a perfect 4.0 GPA in 2005-06.
- Four sports earned a perfect 1.000 in the NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR).
- 123 student-athletes earned Academic All-Big Ten honors in 2005-06.
- Over 50 percent of all student-athletes earned over a 3.0 GPA in the spring, while 46 percent posted a 3.0 or better in the fall.

CAREER PLANNING CHECKLIST

FRESHMAN: Orientation / Adaptation
- Successfully complete First Year Student-Athlete Meetings Course
- Explore campus activities and student organizations
- Participate in HOMETOWN HEROES program
- Visit the Career Center to learn about its services
- Attend life skills career development workshops
- Develop your professional and networking skills

SOPHOMORE: Self-Assessment / Exploration
- Evaluate your strengths, skills, values and interests
- Discuss career ideas with counselors, faculty, family & friends
- Update your resume
- Attend Illini Career Networking Night
- Gain career related experience: an internship, a summer job
- Participate in HOMETOWN HEROES program
- Attend workshops and seminars to enhance your personal and career goals
- Look for opportunities to develop leadership skills in and out of your athletic career
- Work with the life skills coordinator and your academic counselor if you are unsure about your major or career choice
- Develop professional skills

JUNIOR: Decision Making / Goal Setting
- Work with your academic counselor and the life skills coordinator to develop career goals and strategy.
- Fulfill academic requirements needed for graduation and your career field
- Maintain a strong grade point average
- Research your career field to determine which qualifications you must develop
- Attend Career Center and Life Skills workshops: resume writing, interview skills, job search strategies, and research occupations and companies
- Acquire hands-on experience: internships, clinical or field experience
- Participate in HOMETOWN HEROES program
- Attend the Illini Career Networking Night
- Attend campus Job Fairs
- Work with the life skills coordinator to update your resume and for assistance with career planning
- If you are considering grad school, register for post-graduate exams
- If eligible for awards or post-graduate scholarships, work with the life skills coordinator to complete application process
- Continue to pursue leadership roles on campus
- Utilize the Career Center, life skills coordinator for support and resources in your job search process

SENIOR & FIFTH YEAR: Job Search / Implementation
- Update resume and create a cover letter
- Register for on-campus interviewing with Career Center
- Continue to attend Career Center and Life Skills workshops and seminars
- Continue to participate in HOMETOWN HEROES program
- If attending grad school, register for post-graduate exams
- If eligible for awards or post-graduate scholarships, work with the life skills coordinator to complete application process
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ILLINI IN THE NFL

Top Left: Washington Redskins starting wide receiver Brandon Lloyd recorded 12, 100-yard games in his three-year college career.

Above: Dave Diehl begins his fourth year as a starting offensive guard for the New York Giants after breaking into the lineup as a rookie.

Top Right: Tampa Bay Super Bowl Champion defensive end Simeon Rice holds every Illinois quarterback sack record;

Right: Arizona Cardinal placekicker Neil Rackers went to his first Pro-Bowl following his record 2005 season.
ILLINI IN THE NFL

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- Walter Young, wide receiver, Pittsburgh Steelers

Top Left: Philadelphia Eagle wide receiver Greg Lewis caught a touchdown pass from Donavan McNabb in the 2005 Super Bowl;
Top Right: Receiver Walter Young was drafted by the Carolina Panthers in 2003, but spent the 2004-05 seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

ILLINI IN THE NFL

Sean Bubin ..........OL ..........Minnesota Vikings
Danny Clark ..........LB ..........Oakland Raiders
Jameel Cook ..........FB ..........Houston Texans
Carey Davis ..........FB ..........Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Jason Davis ..........FB ..........Philadelphia Eagles
Dave Diehl ..........OL ..........New York Giants
Mike Gomez ..........TE ..........Seattle Seahawks
Kelvin Hayden ..........DB ..........Indianapolis Colts
Nathan Hodel ..........LS ..........Arizona Cardinals
Greg Lewis ..........WR ..........Philadelphia Eagles
Brandon Lloyd ..........WR ..........Washington Redskins
Brandon Moore ..........OL ..........New York Jets
Aaron Moorehead ..........WR ..........Indianapolis Colts
Christian Morton ..........DB ..........Washington Redskins
Tony Pashos ..........OL ..........Baltimore Ravens
Duke Preston ..........OL ..........Buffalo Bills
Neil Rackers ..........K ..........Arizona Cardinals
Simeon Rice ..........DL ..........Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Matt Sinclair ..........LB ..........Miami Dolphins
Fred Wakefield ..........OL ..........Arizona Cardinals
Steve Weatherford ..........P ..........New Orleans Saints
Walter Young ..........WR ..........Pittsburgh Steelers

Above: A 47-game starter at offensive tackle for the Illini, Tony Pashos is in his third year with the Baltimore Ravens;

Left: Offensive lineman Duke Preston was named to the All-Rookie Team in 2005 and has worked his way into the Buffalo Bills’ lineup.

Below: Former Illinois walk-on Nathan Hodel now begins year six with the Arizona Cardinals.
THERE IS NO WAY I WOULD BE HERE WITH THE INDIANAPOLIS COLTS IF IT WEREN’T FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS. I FELT I HAD THE TALENT, BUT THE OPPORTUNITY I WAS GIVEN AT ILLINOIS TO PLAY IN FRONT OF A NATIONAL STAGE WAS INVALUABLE. MY ILLINOIS TEAMMATES, WERE AND CONTINUE TO BE, MY BEST FRIENDS."

- Aaron Moorehead, wide receiver, Indianapolis Colts

Top Left: A second-draft pick, Kelvin Hayden looks to break into the lineup for the Colts in year two;
Top Right: Former All-Big Ten linebacker Danny Clark is in his third year with the Oakland Raiders;
Right: Wide Receiver Aaron Moorehead begins year four with the Indianapolis Colts.
**ILLINI IN THE NFL**

Top Left: Linebacker Matt Sinclair signed with the Miami Dolphins in the offseason.

Top Right: Jameel Cook begins his sixth year in the league after signing with the Houston Texans for the 2006 season.

Above: A former defensive tackle at Illinois, Brandon Moore made the move to offensive line with the NY Jets.

Right: Fred Wakefield played four seasons on the defensive line with Arizona, but moved to the offensive line last fall.
PRO TIMING DAY

On most days, scouts can be seen patrolling the sidelines of the practice fields during the fall. Each March, scouts representing every NFL organization assemble on the U of I campus to evaluate the outgoing class. With the additional opportunity to work out in front of scouts, many players increase their chances of playing in the league on Sunday. Players are usually asked to run the 40-yard dash, shuttle drills and position-specific workouts, as well as work in the weight room.
COACHRONZOOK.COM

- RANKED NO. 1 FOR INNOVATIVE FOOTBALL SIGNING DAY COVERAGE
- OVER 18 MILLION VISITORS IN 2005-06
- RANKED 15TH NATIONALLY IN TOTAL PAGE VIEWS IN 2005-06
- RANKED 6TH IN ALL-ACCESS VIDEO/AUDIO SUBSCRIPTIONS

Last year Coach Ron Zook and the staff embarked on an initiative which has resulted in expanded offerings on the football website. It was designed with fans, potential recruits and the media in mind and people noticed. Now, Illinois followers can see more video, audio and original content than ever before. In addition to the regular features of game notes, game stories and depth charts, the site now provides daily practice audio reports from head coach Ron Zook.

Fans can also watch, without subscription, each weekly press conference during the football season, featuring Zook and two student-athletes as they preview the upcoming contest. Each day coachronzook.com fans will find new features to keep Illini football faithful updated to the minute.

Coachronzook.com provided special in-depth, wall-to-wall coverage of Illinois’ highly successful Signing Day last Feb. 1, and more people logged on to the Illini site than any other site on the CSTV Online network, which comprises more than 200 college athletic departments across the nation.

Recruits of the Fighting Illini football program can now find “one-stop shopping” by going to the Recruiting Headquarters located on coachronzook.com. Athletes will have direct access to online facility tours, important Illinois visit dates, academic, strength and athletic training information, Illinois admission forms, the NCAA Clearinghouse and all of Illinois’ strong football traditions.

The official Illinois website has consistently been one of the most-accessed collegiate athletics websites in the nation. This year, Illinois had over 18 million visitors to the site, averaging over 1.5 millions hits a month.

Here’s what visitors to www.fightingillini.com and www.CoachRonZook.com can look forward to seeing in 2006:

- Live audio and video of all weekly and postgame press conferences
- “Illini Rewind” weekly television show
- Daily audio practice reports
- Virtual tours of Illinois athletic facilities
- Recruiting Section for prospective student-athletes
- Practice video with the Illini assistant coaches
- Video, audio and written feature stories
- Live online chats
- Special extensive coverage of national letter of intent signing day
- Photo galleries and downloadable wallpaper
- Latest news, game notes and depth charts
ILLINI COACHES ON THE RECRUITING TRAIL

“THE COMBINATION OF A SUCCESSFUL, HIGH-ENERGY COACH LIKE RON ZOOK AND A FIRST-CLASS UNIVERSITY LIKE ILLINOIS PROVIDES AN EXCITING FUTURE FOR ILLINI FOOTBALL. MY DAUGHTER IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, SO I KNOW IT IS A GREAT PLACE TO GO TO SCHOOL AND GET A DEGREE THAT WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH MANY OPPORTUNITIES.”

Bob Davie, ABC Analyst

“Coach Zook did an outstanding job in Chicago, coming right to the schools. I don’t think any other coach has had the personal contact that he did. It really made a difference.”

Mike Holmes, Fenger High School, Chicago, IL

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Craig Jeffries, Dunbar HS, Washington DC

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-Tom Lemming, national recruiting analyst

The ILLINOIS coaching staff ...
- Recruiting coordinator Reggie Mitchell was listed among the top-20 recruiters nationally by Rivals.com.
- Offensive coordinator Mike Locksley was named among the top-20 recruiters by Sports Illustrated in 2006, as well as a Top-10 recruiter in the Big Ten by Rivals.com.

The 2006 class ...
- Rated in the Top-30 nationally
- Unanimously ranked fourth in the Big Ten

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The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics (DIA) was chartered in 1892 as a not-for-profit corporation of the State of Illinois. It was charged with overseeing and conducting the University’s intercollegiate athletic programs and associated support services, and operated as a separate entity.

After the state legislature voted in June 1989 to bring UI athletics within the University proper, the DIA assumed the functions and responsibilities of the Athletic Association. The DIA began operations officially July 1, 1989, and now, more than a century after University of Illinois athletics began, the mission is still to achieve excellence both in the classroom and in sport competition.

The director of athletics is the division’s chief executive officer, and reports directly to the chancellor of the Urbana-Champaign campus. The chancellor has final authority regarding the athletic program in all areas except for budget and major appointments. Those decisions rest with the University of Illinois Board of Trustees.

The Athletic Board serves the DIA in an advisory capacity. It is composed of 20 members, (nine faculty, four alumni, three students and one trustee); and the three non-voting (ex-officio) members from the University administration. The faculty and student members are nominated by the Urbana-Champaign Senate and selected by the chancellor.

The DIA does not receive state tax dollars and over the years has been able to fully fund the NCAA maximum allowable number of athletic scholarships for student-athletes in each of its sports programs, as well as to hire excellent coaches and maintain and upgrade its facilities, staying on par with the best major collegiate programs across the nation.

This has been accomplished through revenues derived from the following major sources: gate receipts from football and men’s basketball; television and radio rights fees for those two sports and corporate sponsorships and donations to the I FUND. The I FUND contributions provide the maximum allowable number of

Top Left: Illinois Field, home to the Illini Baseball team;  Top Right: Atkins Tennis Center;  Left: Renderings of the new Demirjian Indoor Golf Facility;  Below: Assembly Hall;  Bottom Left: Armory Indoor Track Complex;  Bottom Right: Illinois’ Gymnastics facility in Kenney Gym.
scholarships in the 19 men's and women's sports
at an average annual cost of approximately
$16,000 for in-state student-athletes and about
$27,000 for those from outside Illinois.

FACILITIES
The DIA utilizes and maintains 15 facilities for
competition and the administration of 19
sports. The facilities include Memorial Stadium,
Assembly Hall, Huff Hall, Illinois Field, the
Outdoor Track & Field and Soccer Stadium, the
Armory, Atkins Tennis Center, Kenney Gym,
the University of Illinois Orange and Blue Golf
Courses, the Bielfeldt Athletic Administration
Building, the Ubben Basketball Practice Facility,
Eichelberger Field Softball Complex, the Irwin
Indoor Practice Facility and the Irwin Academic
Center. The DIA will add a 16th facility in the
fall with the completion of the Demirjian
Indoor Golf Complex.

Four years ago, a total refurbishing of
the football complex took place in time to host the
NFL Chicago Bears for the 2002 season. The
first floor was reconstructed to expand and
upgrade the Illini locker rooms, create
permanent meeting room space and a more
conducive sports medicine facility. Also added to
the stadium in 2002 was a state-of-the-art video
scoreboard as well as photo panels that adorn the
North endzone.

In 2000, the construction of the $12.5 million
indoor football practice facility was completed,
located just east of the current football complex
and locker room. The football practice field opens
directly onto the East Outdoor Practice Field.

In 1992, the DIA completed an $18 million
renovation project on Memorial Stadium,
replacing the main and balcony stands on the
east and west sides of the Stadium.

In 1998, the Irwin Academic Center opened on
campus, providing UI student-athletes with
state-of-the-art computer study areas,
conference rooms, career planning and
placement and other academic programs all
under one roof. The Irwin Center is utilized by
over 600 student-athletes on an annual basis.

ATHLETIC BOARD
William D. Adams, ex officio
Michael B. Bass, ex officio
Benjamin Blaiszik, student
Jeffrey G. Brown, student
John P. Collins, alumnus
Lawrence M. DeBrock, faculty
Marianne Dickerson, alumna
Thomas A. DiSanto, alumnus
John Erdman, faculty
James T. Frakes, alumnus
Ronald E. Guenther, ex officio
Meghan Naik, student
Ann Nardulli, faculty (chair)
Laurence Parker, faculty
Nancy Sottos, faculty rep.
Christopher Span, faculty
Robert Y. Sperling, Board of Trustees
Emily Watts, faculty
Thomas Weissinger, faculty
Matthew B. Wheeler, faculty rep.
Champaign County is a warm and welcoming community with a dynamic mix of technology, tradition and culture.

The community is rich in culture and full of activities. Champaign County provides a level of entertainment opportunities unmatched by other communities its size due in large part to the presence of the University of Illinois. Champaign County is proud to offer vibrant, yet diverse attractions while maintaining friendly, small town hospitality.

Literally a “crossroads,” Champaign County lies halfway between the Windy City of Chicago and St. Louis. East or westbound travelers find Champaign halfway between Indianapolis and Peoria.

Nearly 180,000 people call Champaign County home. Add 40,000 University of Illinois students and faculty and you see the diversity of a population that makes Champaign one of the most sophisticated counties in Illinois.

Four distinct seasons provide much of the flavor of Champaign. The summer months provide many outdoor activity opportunities with hiking, canoeing and camping locations nearby. Children can be entertained by a wide variety of summer camps and water parks. With the fall comes a beautiful display of changing leaf color and the always brisk weather for the college football season. Snow activities are the name of the game in the winter, as well as Fighting Illini basketball and other indoor sports. When spring rolls around, the community shakes off the winter chill and continues to enjoy fine cuisine, entertainment and intellectual stimulation.
CAMPUS LIFE

SHOWS AND CONCERTS
The Assembly Hall, which seats 16,618, is the largest Illinois arena outside of Chicago’s United Center.

From rock shows to Broadway to family shows to Fighting Illini basketball and much more, the Assembly Hall has hosted the top names in show business. Performers and events hosted at Assembly Hall include The Rolling Stones, Dave Matthews Band, Garth Brooks, Kanye West, U2, Frank Sinatra, Aerosmith, Tina Turner, “Cats,” Bill Cosby, Mikhail Baryshnikov, The Harlem Globetrotters, Elton John, Reba McEntire and Bruce Springsteen.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
The University of Illinois has over 1,087 registered student organizations, honorary societies, and teams, giving students opportunities to pursue interests in religion, politics, ROTC, professional advancement, service organizations, rights/freedom issues and performing arts. With 41 fraternities, 23 sororities and 10 African American Greek organizations, Illinois has the largest Greek participation of any University.

RECREATION
The University’s recreation department offers many amenities for all students. In addition to a wide variety of club sports (ice-skating, hockey, soccer, volleyball, etc), many students take part in intramural athletics in numerous sports (flag football, basketball, softball, volleyball, bowling).

The outdoor recreation department designs and gives students day trips for the following activities: bike trail riding, canoeing/kayaking, cross country skiing, hiking in Allerton State Park and horseback riding.

ARTS AND CULTURE
Illinois presents a rich variety of cultural programs for education and entertainment. Performance centers and theatres present the world’s finest operas, ballets, and plays, and auditoriums host popular performers of music and shows. Great museums, lectures, and presentations by the world’s top scholars enrich both the campus and the community.

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts: four theaters seat about 4,000 and annually host 350 student and professional performances, as well as commencements, lectures, and other events, many of them free.

The University hosts four cultural centers — Afro-American; Asian-American; La Casa Cultural Latina; Native American.

The Illini Union allows more than 83,000 students to attend or participate in over 200 programs, lectures, musicals, and concerts in a given year, while Foellinger Auditorium seats 1,750 for concerts, speakers, and special events.

The Japan House and Arboretum offer formal and informal tearooms, stroll gardens, and art and cultural classrooms.

TECHNOLOGY
The University of Illinois is the founder of the National Center for Supercomputing Applications and currently houses the “supercomputer.” NCSA opened its doors to the national scientific computing community in January 1986. Because of Illinois’ strong tie to computer technology, the school boasts over 65,000 computer connections for students on the campus network. There are also 110 buildings with wireless access.

Top Right: IMPE cardio machine room; Upper Right: Dave Matthews made his second stop in Champaign this winter; Above Right: Green Street, the hub of Illinois student nightlife; Above Left: The Illinois coaching staff with Nelly; Above: The Quad is a scenic popular spot for students in the heart of campus; Right: Chicago-native Kanye West came to Champaign for his “Touch the Sky” tour.
2005-06 ILLINOIS ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

• The Illinois men’s basketball team participated in its seventh consecutive NCAA Tournament, and finished the season as the second-winningest program nationally over the last six years. The squad finished with 26 wins, topping the 25-win mark for the sixth straight year, longest in Big Ten history. Illinois guard Dee Brown was named the 2006 winner of the Bob Cousy Award, given to the nation’s best point guard. Illini seniors Brown and James Augustine were both selected in the second round of the 2006 NBA Draft.

• Illini netters Kevin Anderson and Ryan Rowe took home the 2006 NCAA Doubles national title, becoming the second Illinois pair to do so in the last four years. The men’s tennis team finished in the Top-10 and advanced to the NCAA “Sweet Sixteen” for the fifth straight year.

• The Illinois men’s gymnastics team fell just four-tenths of a point shy of a national title to finish second at the 2006 NCAA Championships. Individually, the Illini took home 12 All-America honors and Justin Spring won two national individual titles in parallel bars and high bar. He also won the Nissen-Emery Award, given to the nation’s best gymnast.

• Illinois’ women’s cross country team, led by junior Cassie Hunt, took fifth at the NCAA Championships, the school’s best-ever finish in the sport. Hunt won the Big Ten title and was named the conference’s athlete of the year.

• The Illini soccer team advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the third consecutive year and the fifth time in six years. The squad finished the season ranked 20th nationally.

• Three athletes were named Big Ten Athletes of the Year: Ryler DeHeart (men’s tennis), Cassie Hunt (women’s cross country) and Justin Spring (men’s gymnastics).

• Three Illini teams finished their seasons in the NCAA Top-10: Men’s Gymnastics (2nd), Men’s Tennis (9th) and Women’s Cross Country (5th).

• Forty-two (42) Illini were named to All-Big Ten teams and 22 were All-Americans.
ILLOWSN Athlete Excellence

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**
Justin Spring, men's gymnastics (high bar, parallel bars)
Kevin Anderson/Ryan Rowe, men's tennis (NCAA Doubles)

**AWARD WINNERS**
Dee Brown, men's basketball
- Bob Cousy Award Winner (point guard)
- Frances Pomeroy Naismith Winner (nation's top senior 6 feet or under)

Ryler DeHeart, men's tennis
- Big Ten Athlete of the Year

Katie Engel, cross country
- Big Ten Freshman of the Year

Cassie Hunt, cross country
- Big Ten Athlete of the Year
- Big Ten Athlete of the Championships

Christen Karniski, soccer
- Big Ten co-Defensive Player of the Year

Yvonne Mensah, women's track and field
- Athlete of the Indoor Championships

Justin Spring, men's gymnastics
- Nissen Emery Award (national gymnast of the year)
- Big Ten Gymnast of the Year

Dominique Worsley, men's track and field
- Big Ten Indoor and Outdoor Freshman of the Year

**ALL-AMERICANS**
Kevin Anderson, men's tennis
Ross Bradley, men's gymnastics
Dee Brown, men's basketball
Nick Brown, men's track and field
Ted Brown, men's gymnastics
Ryler DeHeart, men's tennis
Pete Friedl, wrestling
Wes Haagensen, men's gymnastics
Jenna Hall, softball
Cassie Hunt, women's track and field
Abe Jones, men's track and field
Christen Karniski, soccer
Chris Lung, men's gymnastics
Yvonne Mensah, women's track and field
Adam Pummer, men's gymnastics
Ryan Rowe, men's tennis
Tramell Smith, men's track and field
Justin Spring, men's gymnastics
Nathan Vadeboncoeur, men's track and field
Adrian Walker, men's track and field
Steve Weatherford, football
Tyler Yamauchi, men's gymnastics
The University of Illinois football team, along with the rest of the student-athletes from Illinois’ 19 sports, know the importance of giving back to the community. Through a program called “Hometown Heroes”, the Illini student-athletes have the opportunity to participate in many different community service activities. The program is organized through the Academic Services office and works with a number of groups in the Champaign-Urbana area. This year’s football team took giving back one step further and dedicated the summer to activities geared toward the local Cunningham Children’s Home (see below). The following is a list of all the regular events at which you will find Illinois student-athletes:

**CUNNINGHAM CHILDREN’S HOME**
The football team created three events, geared toward the Cunningham Children’s Home, located in Urbana. The home houses many children awaiting or returning from foster care. On three separate days, the squad hosted a Supply Drive at Memorial Stadium, which raised $13,000 in money and goods from the community; hosted a Movie Night at the stadium on the big-screen; spent the day with the kids teaching the X’s and O’s of the game of football in a fun fest and finished with a pool party at the Home.

**ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM**
The Adopt-A-School program is a joint partnership with Champaign and Urbana Elementary and Middle Schools through their One-to-One Mentoring Program. Individual student-athletes or entire teams make regular visits to their assigned adopted school to read, play and interact with students.

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**
Visits to after school programs at both Champaign and Urbana Elementary Schools are scheduled throughout the year.

**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS**
Each year, Illini student-athletes, led by the women’s tennis team, host a Holiday party and provide presents for kids in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. The kids play games and make crafts with student-athletes and receive their presents from Santa.

**BOY SCOUTS**
Student-athletes have been involved with local boy scouts in various ways ranging from speaking at meetings and Blue Gold Banquets, to hosting troops on campus visits.

**CHALLENGER BASEBALL LEAGUE**
Young people with various disabilities from the Challenger Baseball League attend various events and have the opportunity to meet Fighting Illini student-athletes.

**CRISIS NURSERY**
Illini student-athletes each year volunteer their time at the Crisis Nursery Holiday Shop assisting young shoppers in purchasing presents.

**C-U AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCHES STUDENT OF THE MONTH**
Illini student-athletes participate each month in honoring middle school students who excel in the classroom, in athletics, and are actively involved in their church youth group.

**DARE (DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION) PROGRAM**
Student-athletes each year speak at graduation ceremonies in an effort to encourage youth to stay away from drugs and violence.

**DCFS (DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES)**
Fighting Illini student-athletes are given the opportunity to attend a holiday party to brighten up the holidays for kids who have been placed in foster homes within the CU area.

**DON MOYER BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**
Students-athletes visit the local Boys and Girls Club to play games and talk with local kids who take part in their activities.

**GET KIDS IN ACTION PROGRAM (NEW IN 2005-06!))**
Get Kids In Action is a student-athlete mentorship program designed to promote daily physical activity by school children through weekly classroom visits.

**GIRL SCOUTS**
Fighting Illini female student-athletes participated in the U Rock Conference this spring.

**HOSPITAL VISITS**
Illini student-athletes make regular trips to Carle Foundation Hospital to visit with kids in the Pediatric Oncology Center as well as on the Pediatric floor. Student-athletes also take part in the Pediatric Oncology Holiday Party held each year.

**MITTEN TREE PROJECT**
This community outreach program provides our student-athletes with the opportunity to collect donations of warm clothing (hats, gloves, coats,
scarves, mittens, etc) that is then donated to the Champaign District 4 Warm-A-Kid Foundation that strives to ensure that every child in the school district has adequate warm clothing during the winter.

**NATIONAL SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS DAY**
Student-athletes visited with patients at the local VA hospital as part of “National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans” Day in February.

**NURSING HOME VISITS**
Illini student-athletes are given opportunities each semester to visit senior citizens in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. During these trips, student-athletes may play bingo, do crafts, play games or just visit with the residents.

**READING ILLINI**
This outreach program puts our student-athletes in a position where they can promote the importance of literacy to young people. Student-athletes work with elementary school students one-on-one or in small groups, reading books or playing word games in an effort to help children improve their reading skills and vocabulary.

**STAY IN BOUNDS (CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM)**
Illini student-athletes visit local schools to promote and teach citizenship through sports while encouraging students of the importance of good character and ethical conduct.

**STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC) CAMPUS CLEAN UP**
Every April, SAAC assigns each intercollegiate athletic team an area of campus to beautify. SAAC reps organize their teams in helping to do their part to spruce up our campus.

**STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CLOTHING DRIVE**
Each November, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) organizes a clothing drive and donates all clothing collected to a local shelter.

**SCHOOL VISITS (ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE)**
Student-athletes make regular visits to schools in the Champaign-Urbana area to address a variety of topics such as the importance of staying in school, making good grades, staying away from drugs and alcohol, and treating others with respect. Visits can be made to individual classrooms, school groups, or all-school assemblies.

**SPECIAL SPECTATORS**
Fighting Illini student-athletes partner each year with the non-profit organization, Special Spectators, to bring children undergoing treatment in the Carle Hospital Oncology Center to a football game. Prior to the game, student-athletes from other sports visit with the kids at a Tailgate Party held in their honor.

**YMCA**
Illini student-athletes have taken part in Free Friday Nights and the YMCA’s Easter Egg Hunt and egg decorating party.

**RELAY FOR LIFE**
Several teams and individual student-athletes each year raise money for the American Cancer Society by taking part in its annual Relay for Life.
NOTABLE ALUMNI

Lou Boudreau
Professional Baseball Hall of Famer (deceased)

Charles Bowsher, U.S. Comptroller General

James Brady
Press secretary during Reagan Administration; wounded during Reagan assassination attempt; namesake of the Brady Bill on handgun control

DeeDee Bridgewater
Grammy nominated jazz vocalist

Nancy Brinker, Breast Cancer Foundation

Dee Brown
Author of “Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee”

Hal Bruno Jr.
Retired director of political coverage for ABC News

Dick Butkus
College Football and NFL Hall of Famer

Max Abramovitz
Architect/Assembly Hall (deceased)

John B. Anderson
1980 Presidential candidate

Mark Andreessen
Programmer of Netscape internet browser

Albert Babb, Pioneer in hemodialysis

Arnold Beckman
Founder/chairman emeritus of Beckman Instruments

James Cantalupo
Chairman and CEO of McDonald’s Corp. International

Shou-Po Chao
Secretary General of Taiwan

Steven Chen, Computer designer

John Coleman
Founder of the Weather Channel

Michael Colgrass Jr.
Composer, 1978 Pulitzer Prize-winner in Music

Godfrey Danchimah, comedien

John Darling
Chancellor, Louisiana State University

Andrew Davis
Film director/producer (“The Fugitive,” “Under Siege”)

Dale Gardner
Astronaut

Perdita Felicien
World Champion and Olympic hurdler

Lee Falk
Cartoonist (The Phantom, Mandrake the Magician) (deceased)

Eugene Dorsey, Chair, Independent Sector

Jean Driscoll
Wheelchair athlete; Eight-time winner of the Boston Marathon

Dwight “Dike” Eddleman
Olympic high jumper (deceased)

Hugh Hefner
Founder of Playboy Magazine

Mannie Jackson
Former Pro Basketball player, Owner of Harlem Globetrotters

ROBERT JOHNSON
Owner of the Charlotte Bobcats NBA franchise; 2003 Sports Illustrated’s Most Influential Minority in Sport; Former CEO of Black Entertainment Television

Max Abramovitz
Architect/Assembly Hall (deceased)

John B. Anderson
1980 Presidential candidate

Mark Andreessen
Programmer of Netscape internet browser

Albert Babb, Pioneer in hemodialysis

Barbara Bain, Actor

Arnold Beckman
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Robert Johnson
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Film director/producer (“The Fugitive,” “Under Siege”)

Ollie Watts Davis, Opera Singer

Dorothy Day
Founder of the Catholic Worker Movement (deceased)

Eugene Dorsey, Chair, Independent Sector

Jean Driscoll
Wheelchair athlete; Eight-time winner of the Boston Marathon

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ERIKA HAROLD
Miss America 2003

Richard Greenberg, Film maker
Jerry Hadley, Opera star
George Halas
Founder of Chicago Bears (deceased)
Leanne Harvey
General Manager, New Orleans Zephyrs
Eric Halverson, Opera star, bass
Sharon Hendrick
Wheelchair track Olympian
Nicole Hollander, Cartoonist (Sylvia)
Sue Ann Huseman, President, Monmouth College
Billy Morrow Jackson, Painter
Jesse Jackson Jr., (Attended) Politician
Donald Johanson
Anthropologist, discoverer of oldest known hominin, “Lucy”
Arte Johnson
“Laugh-In” television personality
Katherine Kendall
United Nations Social Affairs Director
Charla Krupp, Editor, Glamour magazine
Naomi Lynn
Chancellor, University of Illinois-Springfield
Jack Mabley, Newspaper columnist
Carol Marine, Television journalist/anchor
Lynn Martin
Secretary of Labor during the Bush Administration
Fred Marx
Co-director and editor of “Hoop Dreams”
Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, Actress
Jim McNeely
Grammy nominated jazz pianist
Erie Mills, Opera star
Bobby Mitchell
Professional Football Hall of Famer
Tom Murphy
Retired chairman of General Motors

Scott Mutter, Artist/Photographer
Steve Nagel, Retired astronaut
Maiden Nesheim, Provost, Cornell University
Ray Nitschke
Professional Football Hall of Famer (deceased)
Robert Novak
Columnist and CNN political commentator
Jerry Orbach, Actor (deceased)
Ray Ozzie
Microsoft Chief Software Architect
Peter Palmer, Actor, singer (Broadway)
Francine “Penny” Patterson
Taught Koko the gorilla to communicate through Sign Language
Greg Philbin
Member of the band REO Speedwagon
Ron Popeil, Ronco Inventions
Fidel Ramos
Former President of the Philippines
James “Scotty” Reston
Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist (deceased)
Bobby Richards, Olympic pole vaulter
Stephen Sample, President, USC
E. Roger Sayers, President, University of Alabama
Gerald Schoenfeld, Shubert Organization
Gene Shalit
“NBC Today Show” film critic
Albert Shanker
American Federation of Teachers (deceased)
Shel Silverstein
(Attended) Author and songwriter (deceased)

ANG LEE
Film Director (“Brokeback Mountain,” “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon,” and “The Hulk”)
Roger Simon
Syndicated columnist for the Baltimore Sun
Sam Skinner
Secretary of Transportation; Chief of Staff during the Bush Administration
Ralph Snodsmith, TV gardening guide
Godfrey Sperling Jr.
Syndicated columnist for the Christian Science Monitor
Mark Steinberg
Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Golf, IMG
Joe Tanner, Astronaut
Barbara Ann Teer
Founder & CEO of National Black Theater
Nancy Thies, Olympic gymnast, sportscaster
Lynne Thigpen
Tony Award-winning actress, “An American Daughter” (deceased)
Craig Virgin, Olympic Runner
Marvin Wachman, Chancellor, Temple University
Arnold Weber, President, Northwestern University
William Wegman, Artist
Jack Welch, CEO of General Electric
Cheryl West
Playwright
Tug Wilson
Former Big Ten Commissioner; Olympian (deceased)
Rosalyn Yalow
1978 Nobel Prize-winner in physiology & medicine
Timothy Zahn, writer

ROGER EBERT
Pulitzer Price-Winning Film Critic

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1 - **DICK BUTKUS**, the greatest linebacker in college football history, earned consensus All-America honors in both 1963 and 1964. Butkus led Illinois to a Big Ten title and Rose Bowl victory in 1963 and was named the Chicago Tribune Silver Football Most Valuable Player that season. He finished third in the 1964 Heisman Trophy voting before being selected in the second round of the 1965 NFL draft. Butkus went on to a seven-year Hall of Fame career with the Chicago Bears and was also inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1983. His Illinois No. 50 jersey was retired in 1986, one of only two retired jerseys at Illinois. Butkus is also known as the namesake of the award given to the nation’s top collegiate linebacker each year since 1985.

2 - **SCOTT STUDWELL** was named second-team All-America in 1976 and ranks 10th on Illinois’ career tackles list with 342. He also holds the second-best single season for tackles, racking up 177 stops in 1976. Studwell was drafted in the ninth round by the Minnesota Vikings in 1977 and was a third-round pick of the Green Bay Packers in the 1958 NFL draft. With the Packers, Nitschke won five NFL championships, four of those before the NFL-AFL merger created the Super Bowl. For his contributions to the professional game, Nitschke is enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

3 - **RAY NITSCHKE** is a member of Illinois’ All-Century Team chosen in 1990. He was selected to the United Press All-Big Ten second team in 1957 and was a third-round pick of the Green Bay Packers in the 1958 NFL draft. With the Packers, Nitschke won five NFL championships, four of those before the NFL-AFL merger created the Super Bowl. For his contributions to the professional game, Nitschke is enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

4 - **DANA HOWARD** was Illinois’ first winner of the Butkus Award. Howard was a consensus All-America selection in 1994, setting the Big Ten record for career tackles with 595. He was named a first-team All-American in 1993, and was an honorable mention All-America selection in 1992. Howard, along with teammates John Holocek, Kevin Hardy and Simeon Rice, gave Illinois the nickname “Linebacker U” in the mid-1990s. He was named to the Big Ten first team as a freshman, then was a first-team selection his next three years. Howard was taken in the fifth round of the 1995 NFL draft.

5 - **KEVIN HARDY** won the 1995 Butkus Award, following Dana Howard’s win in 1994. It is the only time teammates have won the award in successive years. Hardy was named a consensus All-American and earned first-team All-Big Ten honors his junior and senior seasons. Hardy was chosen with the second overall pick in the 1996 NFL draft by the Jacksonville Jaguars, and was followed by teammate Simeon Rice at No. 3 overall. Hardy spent nine years in the NFL.

6 - **JOHN HOLOCEK** was a first-team All-Big Ten selection in 1993 and a second-team honoree in 1994. Part of Illinois’ foursome that gave the school the “Linebacker U” moniker in the mid-1990s, Holoccek had an eight-year NFL career after being drafted by the Buffalo Bills in the fifth round of the 1995 draft. Holoccek is fifth on the Illinois career tackles list with 436 and was twice named honorable mention All-America.

7 - **BILL BURRELL** was considered the nation’s top defensive player in 1959, being named a consensus All-American and finishing fourth in the Heisman Trophy balloting that season. He was a two-time All-America selection, a three-time first-team All-Big Ten selection and received the Chicago Tribune’s Silver Football Award as the Big Ten’s Most Valuable Player in 1959. He was selected in both the NFL and AFL drafts in 1960.

8 - **SIMEON RICE** was a two-time All-American, earning first-team recognition in 1994 and 1995. He holds the Big Ten career record for sacks with 44.5, and also holds the Illinois career tackles for loss record with 69. Rice was drafted third overall by the Arizona Cardinals in 1996, one pick behind Illini teammate Kevin Hardy. He currently plays for Tampa Bay, where he won a Super Bowl in 2002. Rice was the Football News Player of the Year in 1995 and was a first-team All-Big Ten selection in both 1994 and 1995.
1 - Harold “Red” Grange, “The Galloping Ghost” was Illinois’ first 1,000-yard career rusher and still ranks 10th all-time in rushing yards with 2,071. Grange had a nine-year professional career and was a charter member of both the college and professional Halls of Fame. He is most remembered for his incredible game against Michigan on Oct. 18, 1924, in which he scored six touchdowns, including four on the ground in the first quarter. He is remembered as the greatest running back in history and was one of the great sports celebrities in the 20th century. His number “77” was immediately retired after his last college game and he took his worldwide popularity to the fledgling NFL, singlehandedly lending credibility to the professional game.

2 - Antoine Harris is second on Illinois’ all-time rushing list with 2,985 yards. He also holds the single-season record with 1,330 yards in 2002. He led the Illini in rushing from 2000-02, and was a catalyst for Illinois’ run to the Sugar Bowl in 2001. Harris’ four rushing touchdowns against Indiana on Oct. 26, 2002, is the second-most in a game in Illinois history, tying Red Grange.

3 - Robert Holcombe is Illinois’ career rushing leader with 4,105 yards and holds the single-game rushing record with 315 yards at Minnesota on Nov. 16, 1996. He was a second-round draft pick by the St. Louis Rams in 1998. Holcombe is second on the Illinois career touchdowns list and holds the second-, fifth- and ninth-best season yardage marks in Illini history. He led the Illini to a winning season in 1994 and a 30-0 victory over East Carolina in the Liberty Bowl.

4 - Howard Griffith is the most prolific scoring running back in Illinois history, holding the career, season and single-game touchdowns records. His eight rushing TDs against Southern Illinois on Sept. 22, 1990, is still the NCAA single-game record. He played eight years in the NFL, winning back-to-back Super Bowls with the Denver Broncos in 1997 and 1998. Griffith ranks sixth all-time on the Illinois rushing list with 2,485 yards, and posted two games of over 200 yards.

5 - Jim Grabowski ranks fourth on Illinois’ all-time rushing list and his 1,258-yard season in 1965 is still No. 3 on the Illini list. He was the No. 9 overall pick by the Green Bay Packers in 1966 and played six years in the NFL. Grabowski has games ranking No. 3 and No. 10 on the Illinois single-game yardage list, with his 239-yard performance against Wisconsin on Nov. 14, 1964, ranking third all-time. His 24 rushing touchdowns rank fourth in Illini history and his 1,004-yard season in 1964 was Illinois’ first 1,000-yard season in 11 years.

6 - Rocky Harvey ranks fifth on Illinois’ career rushing yardage list with 2,711 yards. He was instrumental in the Illini’s 1999 win at Michigan, including a fourth-quarter scamper and dive into the end zone to seal Illinois’ victory. Harvey is fifth in career attempts and had a 215-yard performance against Middle Tennessee State on Sept. 12, 1998, the fifth-best single-game rushing game. He also ranks 10th in career touchdowns with 20.
QUARTERBACK TRADITION

1 - Jack Trudeau was a second-round draft pick of the Indianapolis Colts in 1986 and played 10 years in the NFL. He holds the career yardage, and career and season completions records while starting three years at Illinois. He is the third-most efficient quarterback in Illinois history and led the Illini to a perfect Big Ten season in 1983, a berth in the 1984 Rose Bowl and a final No. 10 national ranking. Trudeau holds the record for second- and third-most completions in a game with 39 and 38, and threw for the third-most yardage in Illinois season history in 1985.

2 - Jeff George was the the overall No. 1 pick in the 1990 NFL Draft and is the Illini’s most experienced professional player with a whopping 13 years in the NFL. George held the Illini record for most touchdown passes in a season for 10 years before being eclipsed by Kittner. He also has the second-most TD passes in one game, throwing five against Indiana on Nov. 18, 1989. He holds the second-most efficient single game in Illinois history and ranks sixth in career passing yardage after only two years at Illinois.

3 - Kurt Kittner is Illinois’ second-most prolific passer in school history and holds the Illini’s career touchdowns and career total offense records. He was named the NFL Europe World Bowl MVP after leading the Amsterdam Admirals to the title in 2005. Kittner started all four years at Illinois and finished second on the Illinois career completions list. He also led the Illini to 22 different records in a 63-21 MicronPC.com Bowl romp and captained Illinois to its first-ever BCS appearance in the 2002 Sugar Bowl.

4 - Dave Wilson holds the single-game record for yardage, touchdowns, completions and attempts with his 43-for-69 game for 621 yards and six touchdowns against Ohio State on Nov. 8, 1980. He was chosen by the New Orleans Saints in the 1981 supplemental draft and played nine years with the Saints. Wilson still stands ninth in career yardage, touchdowns and completions, despite only playing one season at Illinois.

5 - Tony Eason was a first-round draft pick of the New England Patriots in 1983 and in two short seasons led the Patriots to Super Bowl XX. He has the two most prolific passing seasons in Illinois history, throwing for 3,671 yards in 1982 and 3,360 yards in 1981. Eason topped 250 yards in 17 of 23 career games and holds three of the top 10 single-game yardage records, including the No. 2 mark of 479 yards. Eason played nine years in the NFL, seven with the Patriots and two with the New York Jets.

6 - Jason Verduzco led the Illini to three straight bowl games during his tenure as Illinois’ starter, the 1991 Hall of Fame Bowl, the 1991 John Hancock Bowl and the 1992 Holiday Bowl. He ranks third on Illinois’ career yardage list and holds the No. 3 game on the single-game yardage list, a 431-yard performance against Missouri on Sept. 14, 1991. He also threw for more than 250 yards in 11 career games, including six games in the 1991 season.
1 - DAVID WILLIAMS holds every Illinois receiving record, including career, season and single-game marks for receptions, touchdown receptions and yardage. Williams’ 262 career catches are 93 more than the second-place receiver, and his 3,392 career yards are 809 yards more than second place. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2005, and is the only player in Illinois history to total over 200 receiving yards in a single game. Williams caught 10 or more passes in nine different games and racked up more than 100 yards 16 different times. His three seasons rank first, fourth and eighth on Illinois’ touchdown receptions list, and first, second and sixth in season yardage.

2 - WALTER YOUNG, who came to Illinois as a quarterback, ranks third on Illinois’ career yardage and touchdown lists, and fifth on the Illini’s career receptions list. Young became the perfect complement to Brandon Lloyd in 2001 and 2002, as Young caught 14 TDs and Lloyd grabbed 19. Young was drafted by the Carolina Panthers in 2003 and currently plays for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Young finished 2001 with 890 yards, eighth on the Illini season yardage list, including a six-reception, 178-yard performance in the Sugar Bowl.

3 - BRANDON LLOYD holds the records for the two seasons with the most touchdown receptions in Illinois history. A fourth-round draft pick of the San Francisco 49ers, Lloyd ranks second on Illinois’ career yardage list with 2,583 yards in three seasons. His eight receptions for 178 yards at California on Sept. 1, 2001, set the tone for Illinois’ Big Ten championship and Sugar Bowl run that season. Lloyd ranks third on Illinois’ career receptions list with 160, and his 12 catches against Northwestern on Nov. 22, 2001, rank third on Illinois’ single-game receptions list.

4 - GREG LEWIS is eighth on Illinois’ career yardage list and 10th on the career receptions list. Lewis finished his career with 1,456 yards and 12 touchdowns – including six scores in 2000, the eighth-most touchdown catches in a season. Lewis’ three TDs against Middle Tennessee St. in 2000 are the most by an Illini in one game. His 12 career scores rank sixth all-time and he racked up 107 yards against Michigan on Sept. 23, 2000. He is currently a starting wide receiver for the Philadelphia Eagles and caught a touchdown in the 2005 Super Bowl.

5 - MIKE MARTIN ranks third on Illinois’ career touchdowns list, fourth on the career yardage list and sixth on the career receptions list. He was selected in the NFL draft by the Cincinnati Bengals and played seven years in the league. Martin’s 1,068-yard season in 1982 is the third-best single season in Illinois history, as are his 77 catches in 1982. He compiled eight 100-yard receiving games and caught 10 or more passes twice.
OFFENSIVE LINE TRADITION

1 - DAVID DIEHL was part of an offensive line unit that set the record for most total offense in a season with 5,356 yards, an average of 446.3 yards per game, in 2002. He also helped running back Antoineo Harris set a single-season rushing record with 1,330 yards. Diehl was drafted in the fifth round by the New York Giants and started as a rookie. He was named to the 2002 All-Big Ten second team and was an Academic All-Big Ten selection.

2 - ALEX AGASE was one of three Illini named to the Camp Foundation All-Century team selected in 1990, joining Red Grange and Dick Butkus. Agase was a consensus All-American in 1946 after helping lead the Illini to a 45-14 Rose Bowl victory over UCLA. Agase played professionally for five years in the All-American Conference, which evolved into the NFL, and was selected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1963.

3 - BRAD HOPKINS finished his Illinois career starting 34 consecutive games from 1990-92. He was a first round selection by the Houston Oilers, No. 13 overall, in the 1993 NFL draft, and retired after 13 years in the NFL. At one point during his career, Hopkins was the highest-paid offensive lineman in the NFL. He was part of three bowl teams as an Illini, making postseason trips to the 1991 Hall of Fame Bowl, the 1991 John Hancock Bowl and the 1992 Holiday Bowl. Hopkins was named to the All-Big Ten first team by both the coaches and media after the 1992 season, and was named honorable mention All-America by UPI and Football News.

4 - TONY PASHOS started every game of his career – 47 in all – the second-most in school history. He was also part of an offensive line unit that set the record for most total offense in a season with 5,356 yards, an average of 446.3 yards per game, in 2002. He also helped running back Antoineo Harris set a single-season rushing record with 1,330 yards. Pashos was drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in the fifth round of the 2003 draft and remains with the team. He was named All-Big Ten first team in 2002.

5 - MARQUES SULLIVAN was a third-team FWAA All-American in 2000, as well as an honorable mention Football News All-American. He was a fifth-round draft pick of the Buffalo Bills in 2001 and has been in the league since. Sullivan started every game of his college career, making 45 consecutive appearances in the starting lineup, third-most in Illinois history. He also was named to the All-Big Ten second team in 2000.
DEFENSIVE LINE TRADITION

1 - FRED WAKEFIELD ranks third on Illinois career tackles for loss and quarterback sacks lists with 42 and 21, respectively. Wakefield signed with the Arizona Cardinals in 2001 and has been with the team since. He was named to the honorable mention All-America first-team and All-Big Ten in 2000, as well as Academic All-Big Ten. Wakefield was Illinois’ Defensive Player of the Year in 2000 as well as a team captain.

2 - DON THORP started 20 games at defensive tackle in his career at Illinois, including all 12 in 1983, his senior season. He was named a first-team All-American in 1983, and was first-team All-Big Ten by both the coaches and the media. Thorp earned a spot on Illinois’ All-Century team named in 1990 and won the Chicago Tribune Silver Football Award as the Big Ten’s Most Valuable Player in 1983. He also was named the Illinois Dike Eddleman Athlete of the Year in 1984 before being drafted by the New Orleans Saints.

3 - MOE GARDNER was a two-time consensus All-American, earning the honor in both 1989 and 1990. He anchored a defensive squad that helped Illinois win nine games in 1989 and a share of the 1990 Big Ten title. Gardner was the only active player to be named to the Illinois All-Century team in 1990 and was drafted in the fourth round by the Atlanta Falcons in 1991. He played six years with the Falcons. Gardner racked up a then-record 57 tackles for loss, which is now second on Illinois’ career list. He also ranks fifth on the all-time quarterback sacks list with 18 career sacks.

4 - MEL AGEE was an honorable mention All-America selection in 1990 and earned first-team All-Big Ten honors in 1989 and 1990. Agee was a sixth round selection of the Indianapolis Colts in 1991 and played five years in the NFL. Agee was named Big Ten Player of the Week for the week of Oct. 29, 1990 and is seventh on Illinois’ career quarterback sacks list with 15. He also ranks ninth on Illinois all-time tackles for loss list with 32 and tied teammate Moe Gardner for the team lead in 1990 with nine TFLs.
TIGHT END TRADITION

1 - KEN DILGER led the Illini in touchdown catches in 1994 with six, and was second on the team in both receptions (48) and receiving yardage (607) that year. Dilger, who was a second-round selection of the Indianapolis Colts in 1995, had a 10-year NFL career, playing seven for the Colts before finishing with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, where he won a Super Bowl ring in 2002. Dilger finished his career at Illinois with 1,073 yards and nine touchdowns, including a career-high 114-yard game at Minnesota on Nov. 5, 1994. He was named to the All-Big Ten first team in 1994 and was the Illinois offensive Player of the Year.

2 - TIM BREWSTER is the only tight end to appear on the Illinois career receptions top 10, as his 116 catches place him eighth. He racked up 154 yards at Wisconsin on Oct. 23, 1982, and his 64 catches in 1983 are the seventh-most in school history. Brewster helped lead the Illini to the 1984 Rose Bowl, where he caught five passes for 60 yards.

3 - MATT CUSHING started at tight end three consecutive seasons for Illinois from 1995-97, earning the 1995 Bruce Capel Award for the most courageous player on the squad. Cushing signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers as a free agent, and enters his seventh season with the Steelers in 2005. He was third on the team in 1997 with 11.2 yards per catch, and finished his career with 709 yards and four TDs.

4 - JOSH WHITMAN finished second on the team in 2000 with four touchdowns, catching a touchdown in three consecutive games early in the season. Whitman played three years in the NFL after signing with the San Diego Chargers as a free agent in 2001. He played two years for the Chargers before finishing his career with Miami. Whitman played in every game of his Illinois career, appearing in 45 games over his four years. He also caught two touchdowns in four total receptions at Ohio State in 1999.

5 - CAP BOSO helped Illinois to a berth in the 1985 Peach Bowl, finishing second on the team with four touchdowns, third with 369 yards and fourth with 35 catches. Boso also caught a 1-yard TD pass in the Peach Bowl. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1986, and played for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1986 before playing the final five years of his career for the Chicago Bears. Another career highlight was a 10-catch game at Ohio State on Oct. 13, 1984.
DEFENSIVE BACK TRADITION

1 - SCOTT TURNER parlayed one season as a starter at Illinois into a nine-year professional career. He was drafted in the seventh round of the 1995 NFL Draft by the Washington Redskins. He played three years with the Redskins, four with the San Diego Chargers and two with the Denver Broncos.

2 - HENRY JONES ranks sixth on Illinois’ career interceptions record list with 11, and has the ninth-best single-season passes broken up mark with 11. Jones was selected 26th overall by the Buffalo Bills in the first round of the 1991 NFL draft and played 12 years in the league, 11 with Buffalo. He was an All-Big Ten first team selection in 1989 and second-team in 1990. Jones played in three consecutive Super Bowls with the Bills from 1991-93.

3 - EUGENE WILSON was a 2002 Playboy All-America selection, and earned second-team All-America recognition by Football News in 2001. Wilson was an All-Big Ten first team selection in 2001 and a second-team pick in 2002. He is sixth on the Illinois career interceptions list with 11, and once picked off three passes against Penn State on Nov. 10, 2001, the second-best single game in Illini history. Wilson was drafted in the second round of the 2003 NFL draft by New England and was part of the Patriots Super Bowl XXXVIII and XXXIX championship teams. He holds the Illinois career passes broken up record with 60, breaking up an Illinois single-season-record 30 passes in 2001. Wilson currently plays for the Patriots.

4 - CRAIG SWOOPE ranks third on Illinois’ career interception list with 13 and is sixth on Illinois all-time passes broken up record with 25. He was a fourth-round selection of Tampa Bay in the 1986 NFL draft and played five years in the league. Swoope was a second-team All-America selection his sophomore year of 1983 and was named first-team All-Big Ten that season. He also earned second-team All-Big Ten honors in 1982, 1984 and 1985.

5 - AL BROSKY is the NCAA career leader in interceptions with 30, consecutive games with an interception (15) and most interceptions per game (1.07) in his career. His remarkable interception streak spanned parts of three seasons from 1950-52, and included a pick in a 16th game, the 1952 Rose Bowl. He grabbed 30 interceptions during his 28-game career at Illinois, leading the Illini to a three-year mark of 20-7-1. He was inducted to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1998.
1 - **Dike Eddleman** holds the record for the longest punt in Illinois history, booming a kick 88 yards against Iowa on Nov. 6, 1948. He also hit an 86-yarder the next week against Ohio State. Eddleman finished with a 43.0-yard average in 1948, which was recently bested by Steve Weatherford's 44.5-yard mark in 2003. Eddleman ranks ninth on the career punting average list and has two of the top three single-game punting average marks in Illinois history.

2 - **Nathan Hodel** is in his fifth year as the Arizona Cardinals long-snapper after walking on the Illinois squad in 1997. Hodel earned a scholarship for the 2000-01 academic year at Illinois and signed with the Cardinals after completing his eligibility. He has racked up 15 tackles on special teams with the Cardinals, appearing in every game the last three seasons.

3 - **Neil Rackers** holds the single-season scoring record of 110 points set in 1999. He was the first Illinois kicker to score a touchdown and has the third-most field goals in a season with 20 in 1999. After walking on the team at Illinois in 1996, Rackers was drafted in the sixth round of the 2000 draft by the Cincinnati Bengals and currently plays for the Arizona Cardinals. He had two perfect seasons kicking PATs, going 44-44 in 1999 and 18-18 in 1996. He also holds the single-game PAT accuracy record, hitting all nine of his attempts in Illinois’ 1999 MicronPC.com Bowl victory. Rackers had two record-breaking years with the Cardinals, which resulted in his first Pro-Bowl appearance in 2006.

4 - **Chris White** is the career points scored leader at Illinois with 262. He has the third- and fifth-best scoring seasons in school history, and hit 33-33 extra points in 1984. He is third in career PAT accuracy with a .981 mark and has the most career field goals with 53. He also holds the season field goal record with 24 and once kicked five field goals in a game, the single-game record, against Wisconsin on Oct. 6, 1984. White accomplished all this after walking on the Illini team in 1983. He was an honorable mention All-American in 1984 and was named to the All-Big Ten first team in each of his three seasons.

5 - **Steve Weatherford** left Illinois in 2005 as the school record holder in career and single-season punting yardage. He was a two-time All-Big Ten selection and was twice a Ray Guy Award semifinalist in 2004 and 2005. During his career, Weatherford averaged 43.5 yards per punt and all three of his seasons as a starter rank among the school’s top-5 (first in 2004, second in 2003 and fourth in 2005). He earned All-America honors by Street and Smith in 2005.
WALK-ON TRADITION


2 - GREG LEWIS is eighth on Illinois’ career yardage list and 10th on the career receptions list. Lewis finished his career with 1,456 yards and 12 touchdowns – including six scores in 2000, the eighth-most touchdown catches in a season. Lewis’ three TDs against Middle Tennessee St. in 2000 are the most by an Illini in one game. His 12 career scores rank sixth all-time and he racked up 107 yards against Michigan on Sept. 23, 2000. He is currently a starting wide receiver for the Philadelphia Eagles and caught a touchdown in the 2005 Super Bowl.

3 - AARON MOOREHEAD caught 85 career passes for 1,293 yards and nine touchdowns in 44 career games after walking on the squad in 1999. He earned a scholarship for 2000 and had a career game that season against Iowa, catching four passes for 125 yards and two touchdowns. He signed with the Indianapolis Colts as a free agent in 2003 and remains with the team.

4 - BRAD HOPKINS finished his Illinois career starting 34 consecutive games from 1990-92. He was a first round selection by the Houston Oilers, No. 13 overall, in the 1993 NFL draft, and retired after 13 years in the NFL. At one point during his career, Hopkins was the highest-paid offensive lineman in the NFL. He was part of three bowl teams as an Illini, making postseason trips to the 1991 Hall of Fame Bowl, the 1991 John Hancock Bowl and the 1992 Holiday Bowl. Hopkins was named to the All-Big Ten first team by both the coaches and media after the 1992 season, and was named honorable mention All-America by UPI and Football News.

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**MEDIA ATTENTION**

- The Big Ten Conference boasts one of the best television packages in college football. Each week, league games can be seen on ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN-Regional Network.

- The Big Ten Conference just signed a deal to launch its own television network which will provide 24-hour coverage of league sports, beginning in Aug. 2007.

- Over the last four seasons, 35 of Illinois’ 46 games were broadcast on national or regional television.

- Each season, the Illinois Athletic Public Relations office credentials over 250 media to each home contest.

- Among Illinois’ regular media are the Chicago Sun Times, Chicago Tribune, Arlington Heights Daily Herald and the St. Louis Post Dispatch, with the Chicago area representing the third-largest media market in the United States, behind only New York and Los Angeles.

- Coach Ron Zook’s hiring press conference was carried live by ESPN News, and three local television stations.

- Illinois is covered on a daily basis by 14 regional newspapers.
• The Big Ten Conference bowl alliances give the league a guarantee of seven bowl games each year, with the possibility of eight if two teams are selected for the Bowl Championship Series.

• The 2001 Big Ten Championship Illinois team made its first-ever appearance in the BCS at the 2002 Nokia Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, La.

• In 1999, the Illini broke 22 Illinois and Micronpc.com Bowl records in its 63-21 win over the University of Virginia in Miami, Fla.

• Illinois ranks third in the Big Ten in total number of conference titles won with 15.

Right: WR Brandon Lloyd entertains the press at the 2002 Sugar Bowl;
Below: QB Kurt Kittner celebrates a touchdown reception from Lloyd;
Below Right: The 2001 captains hoist the Big Ten Championship trophy following the season finale;
Middle: Lloyd scored two touchdowns at the Nokia Sugar Bowl;
Far Bottom: Illini captains battle the Virginia Cavaliers in a 1999 Micronpc.com Bowl kickoff event;
Bottom Right: Bourbon Street catches the Illini Fever.
“Camp Rantoul” (20 miles north of Champaign), home to Illinois training camp, consists of three 100-yard football fields and is complete with a locker room, a sports medicine facility and a weight room all in one location. All of these amenities are located within a short walk of the Quarters Inn & Suites, where the team resides during camp. Three meals a day are served at the adjacent restaurant. A large team meeting room, as well as separate rooms for offense and defense are a short distance away at Virgil “Gus” Grissom Hall. All 105 players, as well as the coaches, the support staff and members of the media call Rantoul home for two weeks every August.
CAMP RANTOUL

“CAMP RANTOUL IS A ONE OF A KIND EXPERIENCE. IT IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE WAY THE NFL DOES THEIR TRAINING CAMPS. AS A TEAM, WE HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER, BOND AND CONCENTRATE ON FOOTBALL. EVERYTHING WE NEED IS RIGHT THERE AT OUR FINGERTIPS.”

- Illinois offensive lineman Matt Maddox
The annual Football Family Fun Fest, which began in 1998, was created to strengthen the bond between the community of Champaign-Urbana and the Fighting Illini football team. The Fun Fest allows fans of all ages to enjoy a day with the Illini football squad. The players and coaches help children with football skills and visitors are taught how to use the same equipment that the Illini use in practice. People can even try on authentic Illinois football gear. Many of the players take time out to play alongside the children as well as posing for pictures and signing autographs. The events include: Throwing For Accuracy, 40-yard Dash, Football Obstacle Course, Field-Goal Kicking, Play-by-Play Radio Announcing and Route Running. For the younger children, the always enjoyable inflatable games are available.
FOOTBALL FAMILY FUN FEST

“THIS IS AN EVENT THE PLAYERS LOOK FORWARD TO EACH YEAR. IT’S FUN TO WATCH ALL THE KIDS RUNNING AROUND IN ILLINOIS JERSEYS, HAVING FUN ON ALL THE EQUIPMENT. WE HAVE ABOUT AS MUCH FUN AS THE KIDS DO. WE KNOW WE ARE ROLE MODELS FOR CHILDREN AND THE FUN FEST IS A GREAT WAY FOR US TO GET TO KNOW THEM.”

- Former Illini Fullback and current Philadelphia Eagle, Jason Davis
UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

PRESIDENT B. JOSEPH WHITE
University of Illinois President B. Joseph White took office as the University of Illinois’ 16th president on Jan. 31, 2005, to lead the further development of what he calls the university of the future.

White, 58, is familiar with both public higher education and the Midwest. He spent nearly three decades affiliated with the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he received his doctorate in business administration in 1975. He also served there as interim president, dean of the business school and faculty member.

Upon the announcement of his selection as president by the University of Illinois Board of Trustees in November 2004, White stated four aspirations: — 1) To continue to build the performance, stature, reputation and resources of the University; 2) To ensure that the work of the University is hard-wired to the needs of the people of Illinois, especially in education, economic development and health care, vital matters that touch every citizen; 3) To focus intensively on maintaining access to the University as a gateway of opportunity...as well as the excellence of the University; and 4) To ensure that University campus communities are models of diverse people working together.

Among White’s primary focuses since taking office have been development of a strategic plan, Creating a Brilliant Future for the University of Illinois, and the forging of what he calls a compact among five principal parties to provide the resources needed to ensure excellence. The compact consists of: 1) State support continuing to play a vital role; 2) Tuition payers and their families carrying an increasing share of the burden while the University provides financial aid to ensure access; 3) Faculty members doing their part through excellent work and success in winning competitive research grants and contracts; 4) Donors doing their part through generous giving; 5) And University leadership making the best use of resources with which they have been entrusted.

Before coming to the University of Illinois Joe White was the Wilbur K. Pierpont Collegiate Professor, professor of business administration and research professor in the Life Sciences Institute at U-M, leading the development of the Project for a Positive Healthcare Future. The project focuses on improvements in efficacy, patient and provider empowerment and efficiencies that can result from advances in biology, engineering and information science applied to the practice of medicine.

White is a native of Detroit who was reared in Kalamazoo. He earned his bachelor’s degree, magna cum laude, in international economics from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 1969 and an MBA, with distinction, from Harvard University in 1971 and doctorate in business administration in 1975 from the University of Michigan. He first joined the U-M faculty as assistant professor of organizational behavior and industrial relations in 1975; was associate professor from 1978-80; associate dean in the U-M Business School 1987-90, interim dean 1990-91; president of the U-M William Davidson Institute 1993-2001; dean of the Business School 1991-2001, and interim president in 2002. The William Davidson Institute is a center of expertise on economic and business development in emerging market economies.

White also has private-sector experience, including six years at Cummins Engine Co., Inc., 1981-87, first as vice president for management development and then as vice president for personnel and public affairs. White is an independent director or trustee of several companies, including Equity Residential, headquartered in Chicago; Gordon Food Service; and Kelly Services. He is a director of the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. He has chaired the boards of several large healthcare organizations, including the University of Michigan Health System, St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor and the Catherine McAuley Health System.

White is on the board of the American Council on Education, which serves as a consensus leader on key higher education issues and seeks to influence public policy through advocacy, research and program initiatives. He also serves on the President’s Circle of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

He has written, taught and lectured extensively on leadership, management and organizational matters. He received an honorary degree from Wabash College in 2003. White was recently appointed to the Chicago 2016 Evaluation Committee to explore the City of Chicago’s possible pursuit of the opportunity to host the 2016 Olympic Games.

He and his wife, Mary White, are the parents of two grown children and have two grandchildren.

CHANCELLOR RICHARD HERMAN
As Chancellor at Illinois, Dr. Richard Herman is committed to excellence in education, scientific and intellectual innovation, diversity, engagement with societal needs, and internationalizing the education of students. He continues to encourage and support interdisciplinary research and new alliances-including partnerships between government, universities, and industry-to create opportunities for progress in basic and applied research.

Dr. Herman is a leader in national discussions about transforming public research universities and the land-grant mission to meet the needs of the twenty-first century. As a member of the National Council on Competitiveness and National Innovation Initiative, he works to foster relationships between the academic world and the national business community, maximizing the contributions that research universities can make in preserving U.S. competitiveness in the global economy.

For many years, Dr. Herman has played a leading role in discussion of national science policy, consistently stressing the need to better position the sciences to engage the emerging needs of society. In February 2006, Dr. Herman was appointed by President Bush to the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. He joins a select group of members from the academic community and the private sector who advise the president on technology, scientific research priorities, and math and science education. He also served on the National Science Foundation’s Advisory Committee for the Directorate of Mathematical and Physical Sciences and served as Chair of the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics. He currently serves on the Mellon College of Science Advisory Board and is a member of the Observatories Council, the Management Council of the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc., associated with the National Optical Astronomy Observatory.

A mathematician whose work concentrates on mathematical physics and operator algebras, Dr. Herman’s research has been supported by such agencies as the National Science Foundation, NATO and NDEA and has resulted in numerous reports in scientific publications. He is a member of the Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Xi honorary societies and recipient of an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation fellowship. Before coming to Illinois, he served on the faculties of the University of California at Los Angeles, Pennsylvania State University and the University of Maryland at College Park. He has been a visiting faculty member and fellow at the University of Marseilles and Princeton University.

Dr. Herman and his wife, Susan, are active in the Champaign-Urbana community, where Mrs. Herman helped found the 40N/80W Arts Council and Dr. Herman serves on the Boards of the United Way and the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce. The Hermans have three children and six grandchildren.
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Ron Guenther

Entering his 15th year as Director of Athletics at the University of Illinois, Ron Guenther has returned his alma mater to the national elite in competing for championships in 19 intercollegiate sports with outstanding coaches, staff and facilities, including two straight Top-25 finishes in the NACDA Director’s Cup competition and an NCAA title for the Illinois men’s tennis program in 2003. In 2001, he was named the NACDA/Continental Airlines Central Region Athletic Director of the Year. The MVP of the 1966 Illinois football squad, Guenther continues to move the Illini athletic program on a breakneck pace toward a position of competing at a championship level in all programs.

Guenther has overseen a series of dramatic changes that have local, regional and national media, alumni and fans marveling at his ability to add sport programs in women’s soccer and softball, recruit top-level coaches, successfully engineer and surpass a $70 million capital campaign and create a model program producing outstanding student-athletes. He is currently leading a second major capital campaign to expand and renovate facilities, strengthen endowment and increase annual giving to offset the rising cost of tuition.

Under Guenther’s leadership, Illinois has steadily improved its performance on the field and in the classroom. Off the field, Illinois student-athletes have continued to benefit from outstanding academic service programs, matching the overall campus grade point average and producing nearly 100 Academic All-Big Ten award winners annually in all sports.

Guenther has also spearheaded a revolution for funding for championship-level programs and facilities as the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics has opened necessary additional revenue streams totaling more than $3 million through working partnerships with corporate sponsors and management of the Illini Sports Radio Network.

Guenther’s aggressive plan to make the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics a valuable and enthusiastic partner in the overall education, research and service mission of the University has begun to pay dividends in the 21st century.

Now in his fourth decade with the University of Illinois, Guenther was the Most Valuable Player on the 1966 Illinois football squad under Head Coach Pete Elliott. He was a second-team All-Big Ten selection at offensive guard, also earning first-team Academic All-Big Ten honors and recognition as the University’s outstanding senior in physical education. Guenther earned his bachelor of science degree in physical education from Illinois in 1967 and an M.S. in administration in 1968 before embarking on a successful career in coaching, athletic administration and business.

Guenther was named the 17th Director of Athletics on May 14, 1992 after serving for two years with the University of Illinois Foundation as Director of Major Gifts and for three years as a partner with The Barofsky Association, a Chicago-area investments and marketing firm. From June of 1988 to March of 1989, Guenther served as Interim Director of Athletics for External Operations, administering the development program, public relations, promotions, tickets, merchandise and summer camps.

Guenther spent the previous three years within the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics as associate athletic director for development, coordinating the “Campaign for Excellence in Athletics.” That campaign began the first major facelift of athletic facilities in nearly 60 years on campus and provided the impetus for the eventual construction of Illinois Field for baseball, the UI Outdoor Track and Field and Soccer Stadium, the Atkins Tennis Center and the Irwin Football Complex, housing coaches offices, locker rooms, sports medicine, strength and conditioning facilities and meeting rooms for Illinois football. One of the nation’s top athletic fund raisers, Guenther has been instrumental in soliciting gift commitments totaling more than $50 million toward capital improvements at Illinois during the last 15 years.

Firmly committed to delivering the Illinois message across the state and Midwest, Guenther served from 1983 to 1987 as assistant athletic director for Chicago operations, renewing a commitment that continues today to reach out to the thousands of Chicago-area alumni, donors and fans.

During his tenure in Chicago, Guenther created the annual statewide caravan for promotion and public relations and saw a tripling in the number of donors to Illinois athletics.

Guenther spent eight years at North Central College in Naperville, Ill., including a stint from 1975-79 as director of admissions and also as an associate head football coach. From 1979-83, he served as the vice president of development and public affairs at North Central, helping to design and implement a $15 million Capital Campaign.

As associate head football coach, Guenther helped the Cardinals amass a 23-12-2 record, including the school’s first winning season in 15 years.

Before moving to North Central College, Guenther was offensive line coach at Boston College from 1971-74, helping to develop nine National Football League players. From 1968-71, Guenther was a teacher and coached football, wrestling and track and field for the Evanston Township and Glenbard High School systems in suburban Chicago.

Born Oct. 3, 1945, Guenther is a native of Elmhurst, Ill. and a graduate of York High School. He lettered at Illinois in 1965 and 1966, helping Illinois to a 24-14-1 record in his four seasons. Guenther earned MVP honors on a squad that produced five All-Americans in 1966.

He was inducted into the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame on Sept. 22, 2005. Guenther and his wife, Megan, reside in Champaign.
ILLINOIS HEAD COACHES

Wayne Angel
Men’s Cross Country
Track & Field

Brad Dancer
Men’s Tennis

Michelle Dasso
Women’s Tennis

Theresa Grentz
Women’s Basketball

Don Hardin
Volleyball

Dan Hartleb
Baseball

Yoshi Hayasaki
Men’s Gymnastics

Mark Johnson
Wrestling

Sue Novitsky
Swimming & Diving

Janet Rayfield
Soccer

Mike Small
Men’s Golf

Renee Slone
Women’s Golf

Bob Starkell
Women’s Gymnastics

Terri Sullivan
Softball

Bruce Weber
Men’s Basketball

Gary Winckler
Women’s Cross Country,
Track & Field

Ron Zook
Football
The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois exercises final authority over the policies and governance of all three campuses of the University (Chicago, Springfield, Urbana-Champaign), within limits fixed by the Illinois Constitution and state law.

There are nine statewide trustees appointed by the governor. Each serves for six years. Their terms are staggered, with three expiring every two years. All trustees serve without pay. The governor is also an ex officio member of the board, with a vote.

In addition, three students, one each from the campuses of Chicago, Springfield, and Urbana-Champaign, serve single-year terms on the board.

Trustees elect their own chair annually in January. The chair for 2006 is Lawrence C. Eppley.