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[Professor Nandi featured speaker at luncheon on Gandhi and King](#)

Proshanta Nandi, an emeritus professor of sociology at the University of Illinois at Springfield, was the featured speaker this week at a brownbag luncheon where he discussed the influence of the teachings of Mohandas Gandhi on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Nandi, a member of the Board of Higher Education, described how Dr. King, during a period of soul-searching, was so moved by a sermon on Gandhi's life that he delved into the philosophy of using nonviolence as a political force.

[DePaul junior named ISAC student commissioner](#)

Kelvin Wing, a DePaul University junior majoring in psychology, took office today as the Student Commissioner of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. He is the first Asian American Student Commissioner in ISAC's history. Wing was appointed by Governor Blagojevich and confirmed by the Illinois Senate. A former Vice-Chair of IBHE's Student Advisory Committee, Wing attended Wright College for two years, where he was named to the National Dean's List, elected Vice President of the student government, and cofounded the campus coffee shop.

[DePaul University and City Colleges of Chicago celebrate 15-year partnership](#)

DePaul will host the 2008 Bridge Summit on January 26 in celebration of the 15 year partnership between DePaul University and the City Colleges of Chicago through the Bridge Program. Students in the Bridge Program enjoy a unique learning experience that couples CCC and DePaul resources to help students make a smooth and successful transition from one institution to the other. The collaboration includes team-taught courses, administrative cooperation, and intensive advising and guidance.

[Take a hike](#)

University Park – An outdoor stroll may not be the first activity that comes to mind in frigid winter temperatures, but Governors State University extends an invitation to a special winter tour of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on February 3. The park includes 26 sculptures by nationally and internationally acclaimed artists. Bring the long underwear – visitors are advised to plan for one-and-a-half to two hours for the tour.

[Diversity expert to speak to Board of Higher Education](#)

Dr. James A. Anderson, until recently the Vice President for Student Success and Vice Provost for Institutional Assessment and Diversity at the University of Albany, will discuss the need for "transformative leadership" on college campuses to connect the twin goals of diversity and globalization. Anderson, now a professor of psychology at the University of Albany, argues in his recent book, *Driving Change through Diversity and Globalization*, that institutions will succeed in meeting the challenges of demographic changes, increased accountability, and the need to educate students to be global citizens only to the degree they "embed the twin values of diversity and globalism at the heart of

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Illinois Landscape #5 by John Henry

their activities.” Anderson has worked with more than 200 colleges and universities, state systems, and organizations on issues of diversity and globalization. He will participate in a seminar for institutional academic officers, affirmative action officers, and other administrators from Illinois college and universities.

## **NAMES IN THE NEWS**

University of Illinois student athlete [Jessica Galli](#) has been named the 2007 Paralympian of the Year by the United States Olympic Committee.



Prairie State College officials have chosen an interim president, [David A. Brownell](#), who is expected to get unanimous board approval and officially take charge of the Chicago Heights campus Tuesday night.

## **CAMPUS NEWS**

### **[Salary Enhancement Plan Affects 434 Faculty at ISU](#)**

Mid-year salary increases will be given to 434 Illinois State University full and associate professors as part of President Al Bowman's Salary Enhancement Program.

### **[Warhol's Silver Clouds Exhibit Comes to Loyola University](#)**

Chicago -- On February 16, 2008, the Loyola University Museum of Art (LUMA) unveils a seldom-displayed art installation by pop artist Andy Warhol (1928-1987). Warhol's Silver Clouds exhibition, which will be on display through April 27, 2008, consists of large helium-filled, pillow-like forms made from silver plastic film.

### **[Don't worry, be \(moderately\) happy, research suggests](#)**

Champaign — Could the pursuit of happiness go too far? Most self-help books on the subject offer tips on how to maximize one's bliss, but a new study suggests that moderate happiness may be preferable to full-fledged elation.

### **[SIUE Plans \\$63 Million In Construction Over Next 18 Months](#)**

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is investing more than \$63 million in 13 key projects over the next year and a half, which are aimed at easing the University's growth and expansion while at the same time boosting economic development in the region.

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## **NEWS FROM HIGHER EDUCATION**

### **[Freshmen's Concerns About Quality, Cost at 35-Year High](#)** (Chronicle of Higher Education)

Freshmen are more concerned about academic quality and affordability than they have been in decades, according to an annual survey conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles.

### **[Branding BU is goal for Glasser](#)** (Peoria Journal Star)

Peoria - She's the kind of woman who pulls her hair up tight every day for sheer convenience and goes to work adorned in the bright red colors of her employer.

### **[Community colleges see enrollment rise](#)** (The Southern Illinoisan)

John A. Logan College is not the only community college seeing 10-day enrollment increases this spring. Southeastern Illinois, Rend Lake and Shawnee community colleges have all seen gradual increases the last few spring semesters in students seeking a degree or career certificate.

[Saluki Way receives \\$1 million](#) (The Southern Illinoisan)

CARBONDALE – Greg and Nancy Cook's generous \$1 million contribution to Saluki Way on Thursday was not a spur-of-the-moment act. Their enthusiasm for Saluki athletics has been steady throughout their lives, Cook said as he spoke during an announcement at SIU Arena.

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