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The Friday Memo

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[NIU community to pay tribute to fallen and injured students](#)

A Memorial Service will be held to at 7 p.m. Sunday, February 24 at the NIU Convocation Center to commemorate the events of Feb. 14. The event we will celebrate the lives of our fallen students, pay tribute to the injured and begin to move the process of moving forward, together.

NIU in the News

[NIU holds moment of silence: 'We will never forget'](#)

(Chicago Sun-Times)

Northern Illinois University Police Chief Don Grady acknowledged Thursday that officials might never know why Steven Kazmierczak went on a recent shooting rampage.

[NIU marks week since shootings with silence](#)

(Chicago Tribune)

Kevin Sundstrom was sitting with his brother Paul in the front row of a Cole Hall auditorium last week when a former Northern Illinois University student burst onto the stage, shooting five of Sundstrom's classmates dead.

[NIU readies for students' return next week](#)

(Southtown Star)

Geology 104 will meet next week at Northern Illinois University for the first time since five students were killed while attending the class.

[Illinois State community holds vigil for NIU](#)

(Bloomington Pantagraph)

NORMAL -- Illinois State University describes itself as a large campus with a small-campus feel, and living up to that ideal may help universities avoid more shootings like the one last week at Northern Illinois University.

[Local students remember NIU victims at vigil](#)

(The Southern Illinoisan)

Carbondale - Southern Illinois University Carbondale professor, the Rev. Joseph Brown, challenged up to 75 people gathered Tuesday at a twilight vigil in memory of the Northern Illinois University victims killed by a gunman last week.

[Community in vigil](#)

(The Macomb Journal)

Macomb - With an event like the Northern Illinois University in the

UPCOMING

February

- 26 Illinois Legislative Education Caucus, Capitol, 10 a.m. Room 114
- 26 2008 Statewide [CAS](#) meeting, Decatur
- 27 House Higher Education Committee, 4 p.m., C-1 SOB
- 27 Higher Education Legislative Coalition Reception for Legislators, Springfield
- 28 House Appropriations-Higher Education Committee hearing

March

- 14 Illinois Community College Presidents Council, Oak Brook
- 14-15 Illinois Community College Trustees' Association, Oak Brook
- 20 Task Force on **A Public Agenda for Illinois Higher Education**, Chicago

- 31 ICCB meeting, Sugar Grove

April

- 1 IBHE meeting, Bloomington-Normal
- 1-3 ICCB campus security conference, Bloomington

back of the minds of college students across the nation, faculty, staff and students gathered Monday afternoon to pay respect to all those affected by the NIU tragedy.

Governor unveils fiscal 2009 budget

Governor Blagojevich this week proposed a fiscal 2009 budget focused on boosting Illinois' economy with a \$25 billion Illinois Works capital program, a \$300 per child tax credit, a 20 percent tax break for businesses that paid corporate income tax in Illinois last year, a pension reform refinancing, and spending reductions in areas outside education, healthcare, and public safety. He proposed a \$300 million increase for P-20 schools and a base level funding for higher education.

Erwin testifies before House Appropriations Committee

Executive Director Judy Erwin outlined the IBHE fiscal 2009 budget recommendations to the House Appropriations-Higher Education Committee on Friday, February 22. Erwin detailed the Board's investment recommendations, ranging from a base budget to an increase of 9.2 percent in funding.

School Leader Task Force recommends new approaches for training principals

A task force created by the General Assembly has recommended wide-ranging changes in the way the state prepares and credentials school principals. The recommendations, some of which require legislative action, focus on standards for school leader certification, partnerships between school districts and higher ed institutions that prepare principals, and requiring preparation programs to be built around "the capacities that are most likely to improve student learning."

Forum highlights financial strains of rising college costs

Washington – The rising cost of college and worries over burdensome loan debt has increased anxiety about pricing qualified students out of a college education, according to participants in a public forum this week presented by Public Agenda, the nonprofit, nonpartisan opinion research and citizen engagement organization, and the National Center for Public Policy and Higher.

ICCB to host 3rd Homeland Security and Emergency Response Institute

The Illinois Community College Board will host its third annual Homeland Security and Emergency Response Institute April 2-3, 2008 at the Doubletree Hotel in Bloomington. A preconference session on April 1 will cover the essential elements of all-hazard emergency planning for colleges and universities. The goal of the Institute is to create awareness of campus security issues; identify the connection between homeland security, emergency response, and workforce/economic development; and to promote the development and coordination of homeland security and emergency response instruction on innovations to satisfy unmet needs

[IBHE releases RFP for Innovation Grants](#)

Brother to Brother. 100 Males Preparing for a College Education. College transition . . . increasing retention . . . college and career planning . . . Thrive, Aspire, Persist, and Engage. The common goal is increased baccalaureate completion opportunities for Illinois residents, and the common means is the IBHE Innovation Grant program. The Illinois Board of Higher Education released the FY2009 Request for Proposals for Innovation Grants under the Higher Education Cooperation Act (HECA) Program. Proposals are due by March 31, 2008.

[ISAC, City of Springfield team up on student aid outreach](#)

Even in the face of rising college costs, more than \$200 million of available student financial aid isn't awarded each year because students who might be eligible don't bother to apply for it, a state student aid official said.

NAMES IN THE NEWS



The Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities has awarded Alice Hayes, a member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Hesburgh Award for contributions to Catholic higher education. She also will receive an honorary degree from the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis this spring.

[Mike Chamness](#), Chairman of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force, has agreed to replace Col Jill Morgenthaler as the co-chair of the ICCB Homeland Security and Campus Safety Committee.

University of Illinois microbiology professors [Jeffrey F. Gardner](#) and [James A. Imlay](#) have been elected fellows in the American Academy of Microbiology.

[Laura DeMarco](#), assistant professor of mathematics, statistics and computer science at the University of Illinois at Chicago has received a National Science Foundation Career award and an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Research Fellowship to probe algebraic structures.

CAMPUS NEWS

[Biggert key to federal funding for Saint Xavier Nursing Learning Laboratory](#)



U.S. Congresswoman Judy Biggert, R-13th District, visited Saint Xavier University's Orland Park Campus on Tuesday, Feb. 18 to view the site of a new nursing learning laboratory for which she helped secure \$191,000 in federal funding.

*Congresswoman Judy Biggert
and Saint Xavier President
Judith A. Dwyer*

[UIS honored for online learning](#)

The University of Illinois at Springfield has won a major national award for Excellence in Institution-Wide Online Teaching & Learning Programming from the Sloan Consortium (Sloan-C).

[McKendree recognized for community service](#)

The Corporation for National and Community Service named McKendree University to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth.

[Illinois College lauded for community service](#)

The Corporation for National and Community Service has recognized Illinois College for its community service projects and efforts involving disadvantaged youth.

[More Campus News](#)

NEWS FROM HIGHER EDUCATION

[Durbin pushes plan to boost campus safety](#)

(Chicago Sun-Times)

People from Chicago to DeKalb grieved and prayed Sunday for the victims of the Northern Illinois University shootings as the state's senior U.S. senator spoke for legislation he hopes will improve campus safety.

[Public Colleges Lack Funds and Strategies to Help Troubled Students](#)

(Chronicle of Higher Education)

The fatal shootings at Northern Illinois University last week were shocking yet familiar. For the second time in 10 months, a student with a record of mental-health problems went on a killing rampage at a large public university.

[Blagojevich's budget calls for flat spending on state universities](#)

(Herald & Review)

Springfield — Lawmakers and university officials agreed Wednesday that Gov. Rod Blagojevich's proposal to hold state school budgets steady means higher tuitions likely are on the way.

[UI officials applauding survey proposal](#)

(News-Gazette)

The state's four scientific surveys are all located at the University of Illinois and have been pretty much since their inceptions, which date to the 1800s in the case of the Illinois Natural History and Water surveys.

[EIU tuition hike likely](#)

(Journal Gazette & Times-Courier)

Charleston — New students at Eastern Illinois University next fall will have higher tuition bills as a result of a state budget proposal that lacks funding increases for state universities.

[Govs propose investing in higher ed](#)

(Stateline.org)

Faced with increasing global competition in the marketplace in a down-spiraling economy, many governors are asking their legislatures to make a significant investment in higher education.

[Higher Education Gap May Slow Economic Mobility](#)

(The New York Times)

Economic mobility, the chance that children of the poor or middle class will climb up the income ladder, has not changed significantly over the last three decades, a study being released on Wednesday says.

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