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*The Friday Memo*

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**[Public Agenda – Listen Up](#)**

The May 1 meeting of the Public Agenda Task Force is now available via MP3 format on the IBHE website. Comment on the meeting, the report of public needs and emerging themes, or the Public Agenda process at [publicagenda@ibhe.org](mailto:publicagenda@ibhe.org).

**[ICCB sponsors IT Faculty Development Institute](#)**

In 2003, with funding provided by Microsoft Corporation, the Working Connections IT Faculty Development Institute selected the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) as one of 10 community college sites nationally to participate in a program developed to assure that information technology training for community college instructors is equal and competitive with the commercial sector. The 2008 Institute will take place May 19 - 23 in Springfield. WC-IL is designed to provide intensive training, but also offers sessions with key IT industry leaders and networking sessions for faculty to share best techniques in IT education.

**[Dear Class of 2008:](#)**

College graduates traditionally get all sorts of advice: see the world, invest in plastics, use sunscreen. Here's some unsolicited advice from the folks who may have helped you pay for college: don't miss your first student loan payment!

-- A letter from Andy Davis, Executive Director of ISAC



***Statehouse Review***

[HB 1434](#), which would give Harper College permission to offer two baccalaureate programs – in public safety administration/homeland security and technology management – was defeated in the Senate State Government and Veterans Committee on a vote of 5-4. The bill is sponsored by Sen. Dan Kotowski.

**UPCOMING**

**May**

- 19** ICCB meeting, Lewis & Clark CC, Godfrey
- 20, 22** [Illinois Division of Mental Health Conference 2008](#), Chicago, Springfield
- 29-30** School Leadership Reform Conference, Bloomington

**June**

- 3** IBHE meeting, St. John's School of Nursing, Springfield
- 9, 17** [Academic Application E-Submission Orientation](#)  
Oakton Community College & Southwestern Illinois College
- 9-23** [Public Agenda Regional Forums](#)
- 20** **Public Agenda Meeting**  
Robert Morris College, Chicago
- 27** **ISAC Commission Meeting**  
Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg

The Senate passed [SB 2691](#) which implements a key

recommendation of the Campus Security Task Force, mandating that all colleges and universities prepare emergency response plans meeting federal preparedness standards and exercise the plans at least annually. The Governor's capital bill has \$25 million to offset costs of creating the plans. The bill is sponsored by Sen. John Sullivan.



## *Federal Corner*

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### [Access to student loans](#)

On May 7, President Bush signed into law the *Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act* (H.R. 5715), which, among other actions, increases the annual and aggregate federal loan limits, allows parents to defer payments on federal PLUS loans while their children are in school, and grants the Secretary the authority to purchase loans from lenders in the federal guaranteed loan program (to ensure lenders continue to have access to capital to originate new loans).

### [High-performing teachers](#)

The next U.S. Department of Education "Education News Parents Can Use" broadcast (May 20, 8:00-9:00 ET) will focus on preparing all teachers to lead students toward success by: exploring how effective teaching is at the core of America's competitiveness; highlighting progressive strategies to recruit, train, and reward effective teachers; and showcasing award-winning teachers who are dedicated to improving student achievement.

## *People in the News*

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**Judy Erwin**, IBHE Executive Director, was honored recently by the Associated Colleges of Illinois with its Corporate and Community Shining Example award, in recognition of her career of service to education and government.

**[Frank Pogue Jr.](#)**, who retired in 2007 after 11 years as president of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, will take over as interim president at Chicago State University July 15 and is expected to serve until June 30, 2009.

DePaul University has appointed 21-year DePaul veteran **[Marisa](#)**

[Alicea](#) as the new dean of the School for New Learning (SNL), a leader in adult student learning since 1972.

## *Campus News*

### **Son Gives EIU Scrapbook Compiled by Former President Buzzard**

Charles "Buzz" Buzzard understands the importance of looking to the past to fully appreciate the present.

### **NIU officials want to remodel Cole Hall auditorium, build new lecture hall**

Northern Illinois University officials are backing a \$7.7 million plan to remodel one auditorium in Cole Hall and build a new lecture hall elsewhere on campus, NIU President John Peters has announced in an e-mail to students and staff. (Rockford Register Star)

### **DACC Scholar Named to USA Today All-USA First Academic Team**

Being above average is – well – normal for Jacob Lane, a sophomore at Danville Area Community College. As a senior at Schlarman High School, he had a grade point average of 4.11 on a 4.0 scale. He entered DACC with a Presidential Scholarship, the most prestigious academic scholarship awarded by the College.

### **JJC Awarded \$619,109 for New Training Program**

JJC Workforce Development has been awarded \$619,109 under the Employment Opportunities Grant Program (EOGP) from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to implement the Building Workers, Constructing Lives program.

### **NIU engineering students work with hospital to improve efficiency**

While some people complain that modern medicine is too much like an assembly line, Gary Chen believes quality of care at hospitals could be improved if they were managed more like a factory.

## *News from Higher Education*

### **Despite Economic Woes, Many States Spare Colleges From Major Budget Cuts** (Chronicle of Higher Education)

Not long ago, forecasts for state appropriations to higher education were gloomy, as the credit crisis, a slumping housing market, rising energy costs and unemployment, and sagging consumer confidence took their toll on state finances.

**[Online Education Cast as 'Disruptive Innovation'](#)** (Education Week)

Technology-based forces of “disruptive innovation” are gathering around public education and will overhaul the way K-12 students learn—with potentially dramatic consequences for established public schools, according to an upcoming book that draws parallels to disruptions in other industries.

**[Tuition Rises as Spending on Instruction Slows](#)** (Chronicle of Higher Education)

Students are paying an increasing share of higher-education costs, but spending on instruction has slowed since 1998, as tuition continues to grow at nearly twice the rate of inflation. Colleges are also putting more money into research, public service, and student aid.

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