

tual Campus, an electronic catalog of online and distance learning courses available from 40 colleges and universities in Illinois. IVC Student Support Centers, located on the campuses of participating community colleges, provide general student advising, access to computers, library access, technical assistance, and test proctoring. You can access Illinois Virtual Campus at www.ivc.illinois.edu.

Peoria Center UIS has been serving the educational needs of transfer students in the Peoria area for more than 25 years from the campus of Illinois Central College. Students can take a variety of program and elective courses, including those leading to the bachelor's degree in accountancy, criminal justice, or management. Academic minors are also available in accountancy, criminal justice, and management information systems. For more information, contact the UIS Peoria Center at (309) 694-5546, or the individual departments.

In addition to the offerings at the Peoria Center, the master of business administration is offered by cohort in an accelerated weekend format on the campus of the U of I College of Medicine at Peoria. For more information, contact the director of MBA Programs at (217) 206-7916.

In Decatur and Jacksonville, UIS offers courses leading to the master's degree in educational leadership at Millikin University and Jacksonville High School. However, you cannot complete this degree without taking course work at UIS' main campus in Springfield. More information about UIS' Decatur or Jacksonville option is available from the Office of Admissions and Records at (217) 206-4847 or from the off-campus instruction and outreach office at (217) 206-7818.

Telecourses and interactive compressed video technology Telecourses are another important component of UIS' off-campus educational endeavors. UIS is a member institution of the CONVO-COM network of public television stations: WMEC-TV 22 Macomb, WQEC-TV 27 Quincy, and WSEC-TV 14/65 Jacksonville/Springfield. Each semester telecourses are aired during regular broadcast hours, affording you the opportunity to earn college credit at home. Copies of each telecourse series are available on videocassette in Brookens Library and at specified off-campus learning resource centers. For more information, contact the UIS off-campus instruction and outreach office at (217) 206-7818.

UIS also offers off-campus instruction using inter-

active compressed video technology to several sites in Illinois. Contact Educational Technology at (217) 206-6550 for more information.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT UIS

As outlined in the campus' mission statement, UIS emphasizes public affairs instruction, research, and service carried out through community partnerships. Many of the campus' public affairs activities are coordinated and administered through the College of Public Affairs and Administration.

Public Affairs Colloquia Students are encouraged to adopt a public affairs perspective through a unique series of courses called public affairs colloquia (PACs). For more information on PACs see p. 42 and p. 63.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies conducts research, training, and other public service activities designed to enhance governmental effectiveness and citizens' knowledge of public

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, the institute identifies outstanding work in the field of literacy and promotes its dissemination and expansion through workshops and symposia. Through a broad strategy of conducting research, building coalitions, and performing advocacy, the institute carries out its mission to make Illinois a model for universal literacy.

Papers of Abraham Lincoln The Papers of Abraham Lincoln is a long-term documentary editing project of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and cosponsored by the center. The project is dedicated to identifying, imaging and publishing all documents written by or to Abraham Lincoln. The editors will produce three series: legal papers, Illinois papers, and Presidential papers. The goal of the project is for anyone with Internet access to be able to view, search, and analyze all of the papers of Abraham Lincoln.

Public Radio Station WUIS, (91.9 FM) in Springfield, is affiliated with National Public Radio and Public Radio International. The primary facilities are located on campus and operated by a professional staff supplemented by faculty, student workers, and com-

munity volunteers. From studios in the state capitol building, WUIS provides the other 12 public radio stations in the state with daily news reports via its satellite uplink. The station operates 24 hours a day, serving a 70-mile radius of Springfield with news; information; and classical, jazz, and other music. Programming is repeated on WIPA, (89.3 FM) in Pittsfield, serving residents of western Illinois from Jacksonville to Quincy.

Office of Electronic Media The Office of Electronic Media produces public affairs, documentary, educational, and public relations programs on video, audio, CD-ROM, DVD, and various websites in support of the university's academic and public affairs missions. Programs are also produced under contract for various state agencies and nonprofit organizations. The office maintains complete television and multimedia studios in the Public Affairs Center. Since 1985, the office has operated ACCESS 4, Springfield's public access cable channel, which produces hundreds of local programs each year. ACCESS 4 provides valuable production experience to UIS students who work under the guidance of the office's professional staff.

Center Publications Center Publications publishes *Illinois Issues*, the state's leading public affairs magazine, and assists the center's other units in publishing various works.

With a special focus on Illinois government and politics, the magazine pays close attention to current trends and legislative issues and examines the state's quality of life. Some classes use the magazine as required reading or as a resource; students can receive it at a reduced rate.

The unit also works with scholars in the center to help disseminate the findings of their research and projects. For example, the unit copyedits the journal *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* and publishes the popular biennial directory *Almanac of Illinois Politics*.

The unit also directs periodic statewide projects. For example, in 2000-2001 it worked with the other center units to conduct the Illinois Civil Engagement Project.

Graduate Public Service Internship Program
See page 66.