



## TODAY'S BEACON



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A WIDB alumnus scours Illinois Ave. for his lost youth in this revealing pictorial

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### All Lined Up

Whose mugs made the SIU Campus Police Dept.'s Mug Shot Wall Of Shame? A&F has all the details.

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30 years of college radio to be (ahem) celebrated in Carbondale/Giant City State Park

# WIDB's 30TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION BASH SET FOR JUNE 23, 24 & 25, 2000

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Ace Reporter

WIDB, Giant City and the Summer Of 2000 will all come together June 23rd, 24th & 25th at the WIDB 30th Anniversary Reunion.

The picturesque splendor of Giant City State Park (same as it ever was!) will be the site of most Reunion events. There will also be an open house at WIDB, plus time to wander C'dale and the SIU campus. Clear your calendars now and get set for a memorable weekend! See page 4 for an official 30th Anniversary Reunion Coupon, registration details and a schedule of events.

Your hard-working 30th Anniversary Reunion Committee has planned a weekend full of fun activities and opportunities to recapture the spirit of *Together (Six) Radio*, *The Album Station*, *Carbondale's Rock And Soul* and *The Perfect Alternative* in the company of your fellow alumni. **JUST LOOK** at what you get with your reunion registration:

- \* Reunion Picnic at Giant City with food, drink, games and more
- \* Open House at WIDB
- \* Open bar
- \* 30th Anniversary Reunion Awards Banquet

- at Giant City Lodge
- \* Post-banquet pool party
- \* 30th Anniversary Reunion T-shirt
- \* Commemorative tchatchke

This impressive party package comes to you for the low-low price of \$95.00 per person. **THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE LODGING** (discussed below).

Optional activities reunion weekend will include a Saturday morning breakfast pilgrimage to Mary Lou's, The WIDB Smokey Links Open golf tournament at Midland Hills golf course and all that Giant City has to offer. Just try not having fun!

**GIANT CITY LODGING**  
There are some motel-like cabins at Giant City. Nearly all of these rooms have been reserved by the Reunion Committee for reunion attendees. Smaller cabins with one room and two large beds are

\$150.00 inclusive for two nights and larger cabins with two rooms, one large bed and one large pullout couch bed are \$170.00. **ALL GIANT CITY CABINS MUST BE RESERVED THROUGH THE REUNION COMMITTEE.** In addition, reunion fees must be paid to secure cabin reservations. These cabins are first come-first served and will go fast.

**OTHER LODGING**  
Giant City *camping* information can be obtained by calling the Giant City Park Office at 618-457-4836. You can check out a list of C'dale-area hotels at [www.widbnetwork.org](http://www.widbnetwork.org), or call 312-641-0777 to have one faxed to you. Unlike the 1995 reunion, area motels will be available and plentiful.

At the 25th Anniversary Reunion in 1995, many of you booked rooms at Little Grassy, near Giant City. These are motel-like, no smoking rooms,

have private baths with showers and cost \$140.00 for two nights. Because all seventeen rooms at Little Grassy must be booked at once, please indicate your interest in Little Grassy on the registration coupon and we will notify you if we have enough people to secure the rooms. If not, other options will still be available.

**TO SUMMARIZE**  
Kindly chisel a tiny space out of your busy life to get together with some of the best friends you ever had in a beautiful, natural setting. Mail in your coupon to register for the WIDB 30th Anniversary Reunion today. Every reunion celebration is a collector's item and it's never too late to start your collection!



**It's time to go back-back-back-back-back to Carbondale for the 30th Anniversary Reunion, June 23rd, 24th & 25th**

## ON A SERIOUS, SOMBER NOTE



Tom Scheithe, a founding member of WIDB, died suddenly in his sleep on December 27, 1999. He was 49.

As Operations Director ('70-'71) and Program Director ('71-'72), Tom raised WIDB's on-air performance to professional levels and was affectionately known as "Hatchet Man". He later enjoyed a distinguished broadcast career in sales and management. A more complete obituary is featured at [widbnetwork.org](http://widbnetwork.org).

webmaster. "In an age where the top positions are being sold to the highest bidder, an accomplishment of this magnitude for a non-profit, non-commercial site is staggering."

"Lots of alums have been checking in," says Piazza, "and that gives the site credibility and relevance."

"I couldn't believe it," said long-lost WIDB alum Todd Cave.

"Last year I searched for "widb" and all I got was a bunch of home pages for Brigham Young University, so I had no idea we even had a site. Then I tried again in August and wow, there we were!"

"I love the audio files," says Marge Arnold, nee Coleman, another ex-'IDBer. "You never think this stuff is important at the time, but 15 to 20 years later, there's obviously some

substance behind the work. It sure brings back memories!"

Also featured on the site is a Message Board for alumni to post whatever's on their minds, a treasure trove of photographs from through out WIDB's thirty years and various playlists from the Programming Department.

Perhaps the most compelling section is the History of WIDB, which describes in painstaking detail the events that lead to the creation of the station, as well as the birth of WIDB itself. "Alumnus Supremus Gary Goldblatt has done a remarkable job of researching, interviewing and writing the story so far," says Piazza. "We're looking forward to hearing from key alums from every era as we continue to document WIDB's history."

As the WIDB 30th Anniversary Reunion looms nearer, alumni around the world can count on the [widbnetwork.org](http://widbnetwork.org) website to offer additional information about all scheduled Reunion activities, as well as any important updates. Be sure to visit [www.widbnetwork.org](http://www.widbnetwork.org) for all your reunion and alumni news!

## Space Is The Place

widbnetwork gets results on internet search engines

**Werrinda Bassmonde**  
Web Sleuth

The official website for WIDB alumni, [widbnetwork.org](http://widbnetwork.org), has risen to the number one result on three of the top seven web search engines when users search for "widb."

AltaVista, Hotbot, and MSN all report a [widbnetwork.org](http://widbnetwork.org) page first when searching the term "widb". Yahoo and Goto.com yield strong number twos, and Excite lists [widbnetwork.org](http://widbnetwork.org) at number four. Lagging far behind is Lycos, of which 9 of it's top 10 results are from 1996 and 1997.

"This is an incredible achievement for the 'little guy', said Tom Piazza, [widbnetwork.org](http://widbnetwork.org)'s

## IGGY

widbnetwork.org is great! It's got reunion updates, playlists, historic IDB audio clips, and all the bad hair and fashion pictures you'll ever need!

