

Greetings Fellow Illini.

Welcome to the first installment of the LA/Beaches Alumni Club Newsletter with event information and ILLINI happenings. Please contact me at [illini@winbach.com](mailto:illini@winbach.com) regarding any of the activities below. Don't forget your ideas and suggestions for the club are always welcome. **GO ILLINI!!** -- Lisa Winger, *Club Leader*

## Board of Trustees officially retires the Chief

The University of Illinois has announced that Chief Illiniwek will no longer perform at athletic events on the Urbana-Champaign campus after this season's last men's home basketball game on Feb. 21. For more information, go to: <http://www.uillinois.edu/chief>

No decision has been made yet on how the "recounting and safekeeping of the tradition" will transpire, as Board of Trustees Chairman Larry Eppley states in a press release posted at the above site.

The **Big 10 Tournament** is coming up in March and I am working on a location for us to watch the game(s). I encourage everyone to proudly wear their Chief Illiniwek apparel in support of our time honored mascot. I know I will.

## Long Live the CHIEF!!!!

## EVENT NEWS

### 6th Annual Illinois/Iowa/Wisconsin Alumni Clubs Bowling Night

February 24, 2007 Fountain Valley

(See PDF included in email for contact information and details)

### LA Kings vs. Chicago Blackhawks

March 15, 2007 Staples Center

This event is not officially planned and will depend on how many people are interested in attending. We would be starting at 6:00 pm with a pre-game mixer at the Staples Center, then onto our seats located in the University of Illinois Alumni Section for the evening (Illini apparel optional) to cheer on the Blackhawks. Ticket pricing is subject to the number of people attending.

**Responses needed by February 25, 2007**

### Countrywide Classic Professional Men's Tennis Tournament – College Night

Thursday, July 19, 2007 UCLA Tennis Courts

Includes a mixer from 5:30 – 7:30 pm with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine  
Appearance by professional tennis player  
Ticket to Thursday evening matches

Original price for Thursday evening matches: \$40

**College Night price: \$45 A GREAT DEAL!!!**

**RSVP by March 19, 2007 to reserve ticket**

All money will be collected in advance of events.

### The Club is Not Just for Sports Fans

I realize that everyone may not be interested in sporting events but would like to participate in the organization. I will be planning some family oriented activities, networking opportunities, and mixers with other alumni organizations in which you can invite friends and family to join in the fun. Stay tuned.