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Dads & Moms Associations’ 2008 Annual Tuition Drawing

URBANA – President B. Joseph White graciously agreed to draw the names of the winners of the Dads and Moms Associations’ 2008 Annual Tuition Drawing at the final home Illini football game against Ohio State on Nov. 15, 2008. First prize winner receives two semesters of in-state base tuition and second prize winner receives one semester of in-state base tuition, both payable beginning spring 2009 semester.

First prize was awarded to Maureen McMahon of Chicago, IL. Her student, Brendan, is a freshman majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Brendan is already feeling at home on campus and enjoying all of the opportunities that Illinois has to offer. Brendan is active in a number of athletic activities on campus, joking that he is the “rising star” of the racquetball team and also hopes to make the bowling team next year. On winning the Tuition Drawing, Brendan says “now I can rest easy knowing that my parents will not be burdened with tuition payments for the next year.”

Second prize of one semester of in-state base tuition was awarded to Patrice Merchant of Evanston, IL. Her son Casey Merchant is a freshman majoring in Consumer Economics and Finance. So far, Casey is enjoying his time at the University. “My favorite thing about attending

the University of Illinois is meeting new people,” he says. In addition to classes, Casey stays busy by working on campus in the Peabody Hall dining center and playing basketball at the new Activities & Recreation Center (ARC). Casey is grateful for winning second prize, stating that “winning the Tuition Drawing has relieved some of the stress of paying for school.”

Assisting the President White with the drawing were the Associations’ presidents, Lalo Ponce of St. Charles, IL and Marj Freese of Washington, IL. President Freese was accompanied by her son, junior Brian Freese; President Ponce’s son Logan was present on the field, as well, as a member of the Marching Illini.

The Moms and Dads Associations’ annual drawing is held each year at the final home Illini football game. The Moms and Dads Associations were established in the early 1920’s and are believed to be the first college-parent organizations in the nation. They serve as the link to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for parents and families of students at the University. Proceeds from the drawing are used to support programs and projects that benefit all students at Illinois. To learn more about the Associations and the Tuition Drawing winners, please visit on the Web at www.uofiparentprograms.uiuc.edu.

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