The 25th annual David L. Underwood Memorial Award was given to Herb Niemeyer of Media Services. The ceremony was held at 12:30 p.m., April 5, in the library in front of the circulation desk. Lea Plarski, athletic director, read about Niemeyer’s life at the ceremony. "We must seize the Day," she said. Niemeyer came to Florissant Valley in 1972. He says that the award is part of the spirit of Flo. His favorite part of his job is working with the students, he said. About winning the award he said, "I was deeply touched I almost cried."

The award was named after David L. Underwood. Underwood joined Flo Valley's faculty in 1963. He served as chair of the Humanities-Communications division and later associate dean of instruction. He was appointed dean of instruction July 1, 1967 and served until his death in 1975. Underwood was known for his love of education. He was deeply concerned with the welfare of students and staff. His dedication went beyond office hours and he gave of his time and talents to further the educational mission at Florissant Valley.