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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Most of you may recall the main feature article in our last issue. We showed on the cover a photograph of Altgeld Hall and over it we “stamped” the message “Insufficient Funds.”

That message unfortunately is still true. Southern Illinois University at Carbondale—and all other Illinois public universities—continue to operate with far less money than needed to serve a growing number of students.

In the last few years the state has placed on its universities many additional important responsibilities:
• to take a larger role in economic development,
• to become more involved in K-12 education,
• to provide more services to disadvantaged students,
• to better prepare students for an international economy, and
• to delve more deeply into medical, technological, scientific, academic, and social research.

While we gladly assume these new responsibilities, we fall short of the money to pay for them. The state has sent us a package marked C.O.D., and the only way we can pay for its delivery and contents is to ask our neighbors for their help.

This will be my last opportunity to speak to you through the Alumnus magazine before the state legislature votes on funding for education. The next fiscal year begins on July 1. I therefore would like you to consider the following information as you make your decision on support for education:
• At least 40 states spend more per capita on higher education than does the State of Illinois.
• Over the last decade, 40 states have provided greater increases for higher education than has the State of Illinois.
• For the current academic year, the majority of states increased appropriations to their public universities. But the State of Illinois decreased its appropriation by as much as 4.5 percent.
• Although a tax increase for state education will cost each wage earner only pennies per day, it will provide an immeasurable investment in your universities and their students.

Ours is a grassroots appeal. The phrase has additional symbolism for us. “Grassroots” means we can grow to meet the considerable needs of the state and its citizens. “Grassroots” means we can strengthen the foundation of our curriculum, research, and services.

As members of the SIU Alumni Association, you are our strongest supporters and advocates. Your influence in higher education is profound. As you write your legislators in support of higher education, mention your connection to Southern Illinois University and your membership in its alumni association.

On behalf of the SIUC faculty, students, and staff, as well as the citizens of Southern Illinois who rely on the services of our University, I extend our deepest appreciation for your continuing commitment to Southern.

Lawrence K. Pettit
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Southern Illinois University
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A Life Among Wildlife

by Ben Gelman

WILARD David Klimstra, who turned 68 on Christmas Day, never saw a movie until he went to college. "My folks were extreme Dutch Reform," he recalls. "No music, no dancing, no movies." It didn't seem to hurt him, although his students sometimes found him a harsh taskmaster. In fact, Klimstra's strict regimen of helping on campus. "My folks were extreme Dutch Reform," he recalls. "No music, no dancing, no movies." Carbondale, director of the SIUC Cooperative Wildlife Laboratory, has not quit working. "I've got too much to do," he said.

For nearly three decades, Klimstra and John L. Roseberry, MA '61, associate scientist at the SIUC wildlife lab, have made that perky little game bird, the bobwhite quail, the subject of scrutiny. Their landmark volume, Population Ecology of the Bobwhite, earned rave comments from normally staid reviewers in scientific journals. Last year, the book received the Wildlife Society's publication award, and the international society gave Klimstra an honorary life membership, one of only 70 ever granted during its 50-year history.

In March the Wildlife Society was scheduled to present Klimstra with its annual Aldo Leopold Award, among the highest and most prestigious honors that can be bestowed on a member of the wildlife conservation profession. The award is named for naturalist Aldo Leopold (1887-1948), author of A Sand County Almanac and former professor of game management at the University of Wisconsin, who is considered the father of wildlife conservation in this country.

Roseberry has worked with Klimstra since coming to SIUC in 1958 as a graduate student. "What has impressed me is his unflattering commitment to excellence and principle," said Roseberry. "He brings total dedication to every task he undertakes, whether as chairman of a committee on national resource matters or as a graduate student's principal professor."

Together with students and colleagues, Klimstra studied and published papers on such endangered species as the wood rat (1976), the Mississippi kite (1978), and the bald eagle (1985) all of which occur in limited numbers in southern Illinois.

When Klimstra, who helped draft the Illinois Endangered Species Act in 1973, tendered his resignation from the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board last year, he received a personal letter of thanks and a certificate from Gov. James R. Thompson for his service. And when Klimstra's resignation from directorship of the lab was announced, letters poured in from well-wishers.

Among them was a message from Joe Spivey, president of the Illinois Coal Association, who wrote: "For the past 35 years the Illinois coal industry through the Illinois Coal Association has had the benefit and expertise of a gentleman who has brought much to our industry, to the public and the State of Illinois with his cooperative Wildlife Research."

Richard E. Louisbury, environmental adviser to the Monongah Coal Co. of Carlinville, Ill., where a Klimstra team experimented with alternative reclamation techniques, had this to say:

"Klimstra has been studying their plight for thirty-eight years, those three years were up, and though he has now officially retired from the laboratory, Klimstra still has not quit working. "I've got too much to do," he said.

For six months a year, he will live and work on the island of Big Pine Key, Fla., where some remaining Key deer make their home. Key deer are tiny, dog-sized creatures on the endangered list. Advancing civilization in the Florida Keys is threatening the deer's survival as a species.

Klimstra has been studying their plight since 1967.

The other six months of the year, Klimstra will live in Carbondale and continue to work on another of his major projects—innovative reclamation of coal-mined lands. Although he has relinquished his office in SIUC's Life Science II building to his longtime second-in-command, professor Alan Woolf, who now heads the wildlife laboratory, Klimstra hangs his coat in a small building assigned to the lab on the west edge of campus.

Key deer and strip-mine reclamation are just two of the many subjects that have been studied by Klimstra, together with his professional colleagues at SIUC and more than 200 graduate students who have earned their master's or doctoral degrees under his guidance.

Woolf said that although Klimstra has been an outstanding leader in wildlife and land-use research, "just as important—or perhaps even more so—is the professional family he has produced. This family is the young people Klimstra has trained and sent out into the world. They now have responsible positions in nearly every federal agency and many university wildlife and conservation programs throughout North America. That's Klimstra's real contribution."

The University brass knows Klimstra as well. In every meeting with them, he'd give 'em hell. Confrontation with "Doc" is not for the meek, many have been startled by the Klimstra Technique.

On his favorite subjects (surface mining, key deer), there simply is no one who stands as his peer. By being with him, we have felt the mystique and we'll always remember the Klimstra Technique.
Klimstra and his associates have developed alternative—and usually far less expensive—methods of putting coal-mined land to use other than returning the land to crop production. The establishment of Pyramid State Park at Pyatts in Perry County is an example. They started nearly 25 years ago with a minimum effort—bulldozing just the tops of some stripmine spoils, clearing "dustpaths" through vegetation for birds and animals to use, and reclaiming mine ponds so they could support a fish population.

Woolf and Jack W. Nawrot MA’75, scientist at the Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory, highlighted the Pyatts/Pyramid project in an article on Klimstra in a recent issue of Mineral Matters, a newsletter of the SIUC Coal Extraction and Utilization Research Center.

They particularly cited two reclamation innovations by Klimstra: "Mixing of overburden profiles (the layers of soil and rock above coal seams) was found to be beneficial in increasing the nutrients in reclaimed soils" and "Flooding of final cut/inclines and between spoil depressions was documented as a desirable wetland development practice."

Eventually roads were cut through the area, which was acquired by the Illinois Department of Conservation. With some more work the 920-acre area, plus some additional land, has become a popular retreat for sportsmen.

In 1982, a Klimstra team experimented with low-cost conversion of coal-mined land into wetlands that attracted geese, ducks and other wildfowl, as well as a variety of animals, including deer. Two years later, Klimstra and associates reestablished, on Illinois coal-mined land, a breeding population of the "giant" Canada goose, a large subspecies of this popular game bird. Giant Canadas were once indigenous to Southern Illinois. By the mid-1990s, through this project, an estimated 6,000 giant Canadas may be living year-round in the area.

A fourth research project involved the growing of Phragmites, or reed grass, on coal-mined land for "biomass" as an alternative energy source. Klimstra and his coresearchers found in 1985 that it required only a minimum effort on the part of reclamation workers to establish reed grass crops that could be harvested for fuel.

The AMAX Ayrshire Mine recently received the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Reclamation Division’s first Excellence in Mining and Reclamation Award for the SIUC Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory’s 50-acre slurry wetland demonstration project. The project, headed by Klimstra, was described as a "first-in-the-nation" wetlands practice. While demonstrating an acceptable alternative to conventional reclamation methods, the project also saved...
AMAX more than $700,000 in soil-covering costs.

The research performed by Klimstra and his colleagues has proved quite lucrative for the University. In the 36 years of its existence, the laboratory has brought in more than $6.5 million in contracts and grants. Laboratory staff members have published more than 350 papers on their work.

Upon Klimstra's second retirement last year, the wildlife lab established an annual $8,400 graduate fellowship in his honor through the SIU Foundation. The award will be given to future students for work in a research program exemplifying Klimstra's philosophy that energy development and natural resource management can be compatible land uses.

Klimstra is or has been a member of just about every North American organization relating to wildlife, conservation, and natural resources. He also has been a non-paid consultant to numerous environmental groups and coal producers. On campus, he has served on dozens of councils and committees, including the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee from 1971 to 1983.

A scientist taking an interest in athletics? "Sure," said Klimstra, who was an SIUC faculty representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the Missouri Valley Conference. "I played basketball in high school. I reached my full growth—six feet—as a sophomore. In those days high school teams were glad to have a player that height. I played center and forward. We won the Two Rivers Conference championship in 1937.

"Last June, I attended my 50th class reunion. I was one of 16 who showed up of that class of 45 and the only member of that team present. The school had been renovated and they were running out of space for the old trophies, so they awarded the 1937 trophy to me. It's sitting on my mantel right now."

He continued to play basketball as a student at Maryville College in Maryville, Tenn. Even when he was employed in a North Carolina war plant from 1942 to 1945, he played basketball for the semi-pro Hosiery Mill League.

The highlight was beating the University of North Carolina. "Of course, it was wartime and most of the regulars were away," he said. "Still, beating the University of North Carolina... that was something."

Klimstra remains an avid sports fan. He roots for the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Cubs. He started listening to Cubs games on an old Atwater-Kent radio as a teenager. "I'm still loyal," he said, "though it's a little like dying every year."

LEAVING HOME

Klimstra's early years were spent on the farm, and his father expected him to stay on after high school—"I can teach you everything you need to know about farming," his father told him.

But Klimstra wanted to go to college and become a high school history teacher. "My father hardly spoke to me during my last year in high school," he recalled, "but my mother was on my side and she finally won out." He earned a two-year degree in 1939 at Blackburn College in Carlinville, Ill., and then enrolled at Maryville College.

By that time his interest in history had waned, and his major subject was biology. "I could remember dates, names and places," he said, "but I couldn't tie it all together as a foundation of events. I actually made a C in history at Blackburn and a B and an A in biology—a real stimulant to change!"

Klimstra and Roseberry spent nearly 30 years studying the little brown game bird with the black-and-white markings on its head. Reviewers, writing for such prestigious publications as American Scientist, The Auk, the Quarterly Review of Biology, Ecology, American Zoologist, and the Journal of Wildlife Management, praised the detailed scientific aspects of the book, with its carefully executed charts and mathematical formulae.

The Klimstra-Roseberry bobwhite project—the longest continuous study of a North American game bird—was able to flesh out such theories as the "10-year wildlife cycle" theory of population density. But reviewers also were impressed with what one called the authors' "thought-provoking and philosophical" conclusions that dealt with the overall picture of humans' relationship to their environment.

Klimstra and Roseberry showed that while the bobwhite quail is not an endangered species in Illinois, its numbers have dwindled to about half what they were when the study began in 1950.

Refusing to seek simplistic answers to this problem—such as blaming hunters or farmers—the two SIUC researchers showed that the declining bobwhite population is the result of a combination of factors. Quail can recover from one or even a string of severe winters. They can come back after a properly monitored hunting season. It is when these factors combine with deterioration of the bird's "habitat" or "place to live" that serious in-

"Also, I always enjoyed the outdoors, plants and animals. I was especially challenged by one of my teachers, Mrs. Brown, a botanist at Maryville, who introduced me to plan ecology in the Great Smoky Mountains."

After earning his bachelor's degree in 1941, Klimstra enrolled in graduate school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he spent a year studying botany, with a minor in zoology.

When the United States entered World War II, Klimstra tried to enlist, but was turned down because of a foot injury. So he took a job in the National Munitions Corporation in Carrboro, N.C.

Before long, he became a team foreman and then rose to assistant plant superintendent. The usual practice in the South was to employ blacks only for cleanup, but Klimstra organized a team that included blacks operating the machines. "The company gave a five-percent bonus each month to the team with the best attendance record and another five-percent bonus for the most productive team," he recalled. "In the three years I was at the plant, we won the attendance and production awards every week."

Klimstra said he was proudest of his work in motivating the employees under his supervision when he heard an older employee saying to a young man who had asked about working at the plant: "I can get you a job with Mister Bill, but he'll work the hell outta you."

Klimstra said the war plant period was an unusual and important experience in his growth as a person. "It's one I will always cherish—although it was a time all of us could have done without."

IN THE FIELD

After the war, Klimstra could have stayed in industry, but his ambitions for a Ph.D. had crystallized. He left North Carolina to continue his graduate studies at Iowa State College (now Iowa State University of Science and Technology) at Ames, Iowa.

And he brought a family along with him—his wife, Miriam, and baby son, David. They rented a small place in Ames, where Miriam got a part-time job, took care of David, and waited for the arrival of their second child.

"Miriam made it all possible," said Klimstra, "as a result of her unquestioned support and endurance. Our living in southeast Iowa was a demanding experience—no plumbing, no electricity, no well, and a baby in diapers, plus six miles of dirt road straight uphill. She has been an indispensable asset to me, professionally and personally."
Klimstra was awarded a research fellowship by the Iowa Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit. His work included management of a 620-acre experimental farm some distance from the Iowa State campus.

"I may write a book about those days," Klimstra said. "I stayed out on the farm most of the time in a little log cabin with an outhouse and no running water. I had some chickens, two pigs and a cow. I got a separator and sold cream to my neighbors. I fed skim milk to the pigs."

"That cow was something else. I had bought her without ever laying eyes on her. When she arrived I was away. I found her tethered in a field near the cabin and went out to milk her, but found she was dry. She had milked herself." When Klimstra had to be gone from the farm for a few days, he didn't have to ask anyone to come over and milk her. He just took off the harness, and she milked herself.

Klimstra earned his master's degree from Iowa State in 1948 and his doctorate the following year. His major was economic zoology and his minors were plant ecology and agronomy.

His interest in bobwhite research began during his studies in Iowa. "I picked bobwhite," he said, "because it was a project sponsored by the Iowa Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at Iowa State College, in collaboration with the Iowa Conservation Commission."

In 1949 he published his first journal article on the topic: "Some factors influencing the ecology and management of the interior bobwhite quail (Colinus virginianus mexicanus L.) on marginal lands in southeast Iowa."

With the ink on his Ph.D. diploma hardly dry, Klimstra answered a Southern Illinois University ad for an ornithologist. Deyle W. Morris, the new SIU president, personally interviewed Klimstra, then sent a telegram offering him an assistant professorship in zoology with the understanding that Klimstra would set up a wildlife research laboratory on campus. Klimstra accepted, turning down an offer at Michigan State University at a higher rank because SIU offered the challenge of "starting something from scratch."

And "Morris was irresistible," he said. "I guess I liked the fact that he showed me he had noted my academic record."

Klimstra started the wildlife research lab in 1951 and was promoted to associate professor in 1952 and to full professor in 1959. "I never really wanted any other job than the one I've been doing," he said recently, "although I've had a number of offers off campus."

Willard and Miriam Klimstra have three children: David, an entomologist and consultant on insect pests and plant diseases; Kay, sales manager for a California firm that manufactures medical lighting units; and William, a researcher at the SIUC Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory. Miriam retired in 1982 after a 25-year career as a licensing coordinator for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Willard D. Klimstra is a feisty pioneer: he has found ways to use the land for both energy development and the conservation of wildlife.

The Klimstras continue to live in their home in the southwest section of Carbondale. Most of the backyard is taken up by a vegetable garden, and Klimstra is the gardener.

"I can make produce," he said. You ought to taste my pickles and tomato juice." But the real delicacy that comes out of his gardening and canning efforts, according to a gourmet friend, is his pepper jelly.

Klimstra never just talks about possibilities—he gets things done, said Nawrot. "He has never been afraid to apply the principles that he believed to be correct."

Klimstra was ahead of his time when he experimented with mined-land reclamation in the 1950s and 1960s, Nawrot added. "The things he did then are fashionable now. Government agencies and university research teams are rediscovering the techniques he pioneered."

roads into its numbers occur, the men discovered.

When the birds lack an adequate base in numbers or habitat, they become more vulnerable than usual to predation, severe winters and hunting, they wrote. Small, isolated populations are particularly susceptible to extinction.

Habitat decline is due in part to "clean farming, large cropping units and monocultural practices," according to their study. "The loss of field border cover has rendered waste grain virtually inaccessible to quail, and fall plowing eliminates it altogether."

The authors support sport hunting and wrote that "recreational hunting remains an integral part of most wildlife management programs." But they believe that the situation is far too complicated for hunters to slough off criticism by anti-hunting groups with such over-simplified answers as, "Hunting has no effect on healthy wildlife populations."

The authors found that, unlike some species of wildlife, the bobwhite does not do well in undeveloped, natural areas, but rather needs an environment that they describe as "a moderately disturbed ecosystem, which generally means some kind of agricultural or otherwise manipulated setting."

They recommended a three-pronged program to preserve the bobwhite:

1—Increased public awareness of the problem;
2—Development of productive, but less-damaging agricultural and forest practices; and
3—Methods of funding incentive programs for landowners.

Klimstra and Roseberry wrote that a true "land ethic" as envisioned by conservation pioneer Aldo Leopold can only evolve in the United States if we view ourselves as part of the natural order of things and adopt a holistic approach to the environment—of which the bobwhite is just one part—instead of merely applying quick fixes to solve crises.
Even though her class project is over, Missy Margherio of Metropolis, Ill., will continue to pay attention to environmental concerns, including acid rain.

Eighth-Grade Environmentalists

Not just another homework assignment:
students are forming lifelong values through intensive environmental study.

by J.M. Lillich

Missy Margherio researched air pollution along the Ohio River in the Metropolis, Ill./Paducah, Ky. area. Melanie Koneman worked on the extent of acid rain in Southern Illinois. Jason Goins studied the process and economics of aluminum recycling, while Stephanie Frailey studied the difference between the use of steel and lead shot by duck hunters.

The students didn’t just go to the library and look their subjects up in the encyclopedia. They created, distributed, and evaluated questionnaires and opinionnaires. They interviewed people and wrote letters to state and federal agencies and to corporations. Their reports had to be at least 20 pages long. Missy’s was over 50.

This was not, however, education as
usual. For one thing Missy, Melanie, Stephanie, and Jason were eighth-grade students of Judy Holt at Metropolis Junior High School when they did their independent research projects last year. Secondly, the subject was science—not traditional, content-driven chemistry or biology but a new approach to science education called "environmental issues investigation."

Finally, the skill and abilities the students gained in doing the project may be as important as what they learned about their research topics.

How do you prepare junior high students to do independent research on local environmental issues? You train their teachers, says Harold Hungerford of SIUC's Department of Curriculum and Instruction. That's exactly what he and his associates have been doing for the past three years, thanks to more than $500,000 of largess from the prestigious National Science Foundation.

The training isn't just another hit-or-miss summer institute for teachers, either. They're enrolled for twelve hours of graduate credit and are involved with the project for a complete school year through campus workshops and school visits by SIUC coordinators. The SIUC environmental ed project also requires that the teachers' schools both commit themselves to the program for one year and provide about $300 in expense money on the theory that people—and organizations—tend to value things in proportion to what they pay for them.

Holt describes her students' research papers as the "culmination" of the semester's work. Holt has been involved with the SIUC environmental ed group since 1985, and the experience has changed how she teaches. In her role in the classroom, she said, she is now "more of a director" in that she wants her students to take an active role in their learning.

The training and the issues-investigation experience have changed how Holt teaches her regular earth science classes, as well. "The chapter on the environment is the last one in the text," she said, "and in some classes we wouldn't get to it. Now we're talking ecology no matter what chapter we're in."

But isn't there a liberal, environmental bias in this new approach? "Not really," said Holt. "The point isn't to teach values or ideology, but rather to analyze things that kids take for granted." To do this, the students have to learn how to get information, that all information isn't in books, and that the environment isn't somebody else's problem somewhere else. "My job," said Holt, "is to give them the skills to make a good environmental decision."

Holt started her students slowly. At the outset, the standing assignment was to read and summarize on notecards four newspaper articles per week. Not only was the class building its resource file, but it also was defining what an environmental problem is. Is dumping trash into the river an environmental problem, or should it be considered more specifically as water pollution? Is rape an environmental problem? Teachers giving too many detentions? Drugs? Asking the right question—and a question of the right size—are the basic ground for success or failure of research at any level.

Then the class proceeded to examples: "Should human females be allowed to have only two children?" "Does deer hunting produce a healthy herd of deer?" The class analyzed and discussed questions like these in terms of the "players" and their vested interests, beliefs, and values that surround an issue.

Junior high schoolers catch on quickly, said Holt. When they wrote a power company for acid rain information, the company didn't put their answer in writing but sent a representative with a video-cassette recording. The students watched the video politely and asked questions.

After the representative had left, Holt asked her students what values he was espousing. "Economic," was the universal reply.

Although there's nothing wrong with this, the students learned to look for other elements and study a real-world issue in all its complexity. In this initial stage of issues investigation, said Holt, the question is, "How do you find out what you need to know to make a value judgment about an issue?"

SIUC's Hungerford speaks to the larger educational issues outside of Holt's classroom and her students' projects. "We need to infuse environmental education not only into science but also into social studies."

It's more important, he said, that a student understand the social consequences of science than know the speed of light to three decimal places. "After all," he explained, warning up to his subject, "only two percent of our high school students wind up as scientists. When we focus solely on a
demic science, we're leaving out the other 98 percent of the students. Science education should provide insight for the students on how to live in society."

Hungerford's thinking falls right into line with what the National Science Teachers Association has been advocating since the early 1980s, that environmental education become an integral part of science education.

Another goal is to go beyond book learning, using the idea that students learn better by doing than by reading. Environmental issues investigation should provide a model for a classroom in which students are involved not only with giving answers but also with formulating questions. For teachers, the classroom management techniques are different, but they do work.

In some cases, the research paper is just the beginning for the junior environmentalists. When John Ramsay's Red Bud (Ill.) Junior High School science students had finished their research on the effectiveness of bottle bills in other states, they asked, "How can we get a bottle bill passed in Illinois?"

Ramsay, who now works with the Hungerford group on campus, was glad to provide an answer to his students. "Part of my job is to facilitate action," he said. "So I got the class together with five other eighth-grade classes working on the same thing, and they formed the Middle School Bottle Bill Coalition."

The coalition students personally lobbied state legislators and came up with a symbol of their disdain for roadside litter: one pound packages of cans and bottles, washed and sent to Springfield politicians. Ramsay doesn't have stars in his eyes, though. "These kids aren't junior Ralph Naders."

But his research shows that students involved in hands-on, self-generated environmental projects exhibit four times more environmentally responsible actions—such as buying and recycling aluminum cans—than a control group and a group that was provided with information only. This means, according to Ramsay, that we need to expand student-centered science teaching into the high schools and the grammar schools. It's been tried at both levels successfully.

"The problem is that many kids today don't have social groups—Boy Scouts or CYO—in which to act," said Ramsay. So in a way this is all a new package for what
Stephanie Frailey's research looked at the effects of steel versus lead shot on the game bird population.

used to be called “training for citizenship” using science as a vehicle.

Initially, the environmental science approach can be a tough sell in the schools. Administrators and teachers fear that their students can’t do the work or that their classrooms will be out of control. But three years of experience through SIUC show that it has worked in dozens of locations across the Midwest. The SIUC project has trained teachers in such areas as Chicago, Kansas City and Joppa, Mo., and Kenosha, Wis.

Some traditional educators also object to environmental ed because student achievement in this independent research science is harder to test. It obviously doesn’t lend itself to multiple choice or true/false formats. But principals and teachers report that their students do better on basic skills tests after taking the classes.

The students also develop competence in three major areas: science, social studies, and language arts. And they improve their research and communications skills—everything from talking to adults to writing letters to finding information they need in the library. They have to manipulate numbers to prove their point. They learn to analyze and answer questions for themselves.

At this early stage, it seems SIUC’s innovative environmental education works with not only high achievers like Judy Holt’s Metropolis students but also with average and even learning disabled students. Successful students learn quickly to ferret out the answer the teacher wants. Independent research thus has the added positive dimension of forcing such students to recognize that every question doesn’t come equipped with a correct, built-in, teacher-sanctioned answer.

For less successful students, Holt said the attitude is an empowering, “You’re asking me what I think?” Recently, in administering a pretest on environmental attitudes, Holt presided over a spontaneous discussion of the topic. “It was the first time I had their attention all semester,” she said, “or rather they had their own attention. They got so involved they were angry when the bell rang.”

The SIUC-Holt environmental connection is getting good reviews by all concerned—students, teachers, and administrators—in Metropolis, as shown by the follow-up Holt is doing as part of her research for her master’s degree.

Here are what some of her past students had to say about the program:

Missy Margherio: “Before I did the project, I thought air pollution and acid rain happened just in other places, not in little old Metropolis.”

Melanie Konemann: “There is acid rain in our area and it could get worse.”

Jason Goins: “The project was good because it prepared us to do papers in college.”

Stephanie Frailey: “If I were going to do a paper in American history now, I’d talk to older people, somebody who knows something about it, a Vietnam vet for example.”

The academic journal articles call this student involvement “intrinsic” rather than “extrinsic” motivation. Holt, Hungerford, and Ramsay call it “ownership.” And everybody knows that you care more about something when you own it.
They Ask, "What If . . . ?"

Special education alumni are showing that the disabled can become full members of their communities.

by Mark Sturgell

Twenty-year-old Suzanne Williams has a plan: she wants a steady, well-paying job that might make living in her own home affordable and marriage to her boyfriend possible. Suzanne has a high school education and work experience at a veterinarian's clinic. A high school teacher once promised he would teach her how to fry a hamburger. That ends her resume. It was the extent of her plan to make the transition from school to community life.

Suzanne has Down's syndrome and the additional label of mental retardation. She lives at Our Place, an intermediate care facility in Murphysboro, Ill., and learns to be a housekeeper through a training program at Carbondale's Holiday Inn.

While most of society debates the quality of America's public school systems, Suzanne's family is concerned with just the opposite. She learned how to write, count, and read, but she has few skills to become an active adult in her community. Suzanne is frustrated. She is unemployed and does not have her own house or apartment in the community. "I want to be in the community," she said.

Suzanne is like thousands of students with disabilities who each year leave protective special education programs for the adult world, where most adults with developmental disabilities are unemployed and sheltered in segregated day programs. The unemployment rate for people with disabilities is at least over 50 percent (U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1983) and could be as high as 65 percent (Lou Harris survey/International Center for the Disabled, 1986).

Her mother, Judith Williams '87, has decided her own goals include supporting Suzanne in her quest for independence. Judith is enrolled in SIUC's interdisciplinary master's degree program that prepares graduates to become professional transition specialists.

Her mentor in graduate school happens to be one of the nation's leading authorities on transition: Paul E. Bates, a professor in
SIUC's Department of Special Education. He is a co-director (with Cheryl Hanley-Maxwell, assistant professor of rehabilitation, and John Washburn, professor of vocational education) of the graduate program for transition specialists. This federally funded program has brought in approximately $300,000 for SIUC graduate student support in the past three years.

Bates and other experts are convinced that transition planned during high school is a severely disabled student's best hope for a successful life in the community. Such expert advice has not gone unnoticed: nearly 40 states have adopted cooperative agreements among special education, vocational education, and vocational rehabilitation programs.

Bates also is director of the Illinois Transition Project, sponsored by the Governor's Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities. The project's top recommendation is for ongoing cooperation among human service agencies responsible for transition. The Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS), for example, cooperates with the State Board of Education and other agencies through the Secondary Transitional Experience Programs (STEP) conducted in over 800 Illinois public high schools. STEP provides work experience, transition planning, counseling, and other services to a growing number of students attending special education programs.

State, federal, and private agencies also are pursuing "supported employment"—training people on the job in the businesses where they will actually work. Further, the agencies provide whatever job support is needed by each person in order to stay employed and produce at the level expected by employers.

Even before SIUC's transition program was established, alumni were pursuing careers in the field. While Bates is helping shape the future of special education and rehabilitation in Illinois, several of his former students are demonstrating the same ideals in other states.

Paul Kiburz MA'84 and Sue Ann Morrow PhD'84 were both working in Ottumwa, Iowa, when they met Paul Bates. On his encouragement they came to Carbondale for graduate school. Neither regrets it. "You don't just sit in class down there," said Kiburz. "You do practicums and field-based training and get plenty of hands-on experience." He is currently a special education consultant in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His wife, Cheryl MA'84, who also earned her special education degree through SIUC, now teaches students with learning disabilities in the same city.

For her dissertation, Morrow evaluated the difference between "training" a person in an artificial environment and teaching the same skill in an actual community situation. As others have shown in similar research, Morrow proved that while transferring skills from sheltered environments to the community is seldom successful, community-based instruction works.

Morrow and her husband, a psychologist, have founded EDGE Inc., a private non-profit business in Kirksville, a suburb of St. Louis, Mo. EDGE stands for Education Development and Gainful Employment and provides support to people with particularly severe disabilities so they might live at home and succeed in real jobs for real pay.

"In the Kirksville area," she said, "sheltered workshops were the only option available if a person couldn't be competitively employed. There was a big gap in services, but that's been corrected because schools, special ed programs, vocational rehabilitation, and mental health agencies are working together. As long as we keep producing success stories, we'll grow."

Paul Bates' first SIUC doctoral graduate, Ernest Pancsofar MA'76, PhD'82, is vice president for education at the Corporation for Supported Employment (CSE) in Glastonbury, Conn. "One study estimates that by the year 2,000, Connecticut will be short about 75,000 workers," he said. "Employers here are eager to hear what we have to offer." CSE offers supported employment services similar to EDGE but on a larger scale, working with business and industry, human service organizations, and state agencies to assist people with disabilities to become gainfully employed.

With business so good, Pancsofar takes time to create possible solutions to other people's problems and ensure the future of transition programs. When he speaks, you get the feeling you're listening to one of those Hewlett-Packard commercials that ends, "What if. . . ?"

"What if we approached businesses," Pancsofar said, "and asked them to provide scholarships to high school graduates who want to become transition specialists?" Supported employment could become a regular part of business organizations, avoiding the need for government funding.

And what if we provide "low-interest loans to people with disabilities for them to hire a 'job coach' to help them work? Non-disabled people get government loans to afford college, so why not? Every adult service agency should have a grant writer on staff to make connections and knock on the doors of chief executive officers."

Private corporate funding. American businesses hiring more people with disabilities. Low-interest loans to pay for job training. These ideas represent possible ingredients to Suzanne Williams' plan and possible alternatives for her mother's career in transition planning.

Judith suggests that special education curricula should include a half-day of functional skills training or work experience with each half-day of academics. "Suzanne could have learned about shopping, cooking, money management, housekeeping, safety, and self-care—not just counting nuts and bolts," Judith said in a moment of frustration. "I do believe in academics, but not to the extent that you forget about what the students will be doing after school."

If Suzanne marries her boyfriend, she would like to live in a little house right next to her mother. That may be possible someday, Judith thinks, if Suzanne can shorten the time it takes her to clean a room at the Holiday Inn to 25 minutes. "Her work is immaculate, but she's slow," Judith explained. DORS and the Jackson Community Workshop are supporting Suzanne as she improves her job skills. Then they'll help her find a paying job with a local hotel.

However, with transition planning during high school, it might have been possible for Suzanne to graduate to a job rather than face the uncertainty of finding community services that may only later lead to employment. In the meantime, she works harder than ever to establish a work resume, follow her plan, and become involved in the community. Judith also is working hard. Her master's degree in special education will enable her to promote transition planning and increase the certainty that people with disabilities can graduate to employment and a dignified life in the community.

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Southwest Visions, Southern Benefits

A renowned painter and printmaker will benefit his alma mater by establishing The John Axton Institute on campus.

by Bonnie Marx

Visions of the American Southwest, touched with a "dreamlike quality," flow from the paintbrush of John Axton '67-2. The powerful yet serene paintings he creates in his Santa Fe, N.M., studio have been called "visually elegant," "haunting," and "surrealistic." And a recurring theme in much of his recent work is the artist's fascination with doors, paths, and passageways.

Axton will be opening doors of another kind for students at his alma mater, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, by creating both a scholarship fund and a summer institute in commercial art and design. Sales of his artwork will fund the projects.

Throughout his professional career, Axton has credited his training at SIUC's College of Technical Careers (CTC) as being "the cornerstone upon which all of my professional success has been based." He graduated in 1967 with an associate degree in commercial art (a program now known as commercial graphics-design).

In Axton's class, only 12 of the original 36 students completed the demanding program to graduation. "There was a strong emphasis on basic skills—hand-lettering, illustrations, that type of thing," he said. "We had no computer applications. It was really an art school then. And there's a certain discipline that goes along with those kinds of techniques that I've found to be extremely helpful."

Axton and his wife, Connie, will be returning to SIUC in May for a visit with a purpose. On May 13, at commencement ceremonies for the College of Technical Careers, Axton will receive the 1988 Out-
Axton’s feeling is that the simpler the art is, the more impact it will have. Yet “it’s harder,” he said, “to do less than more.”

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as a nationally renowned artist, Axton’s star continues to rise. But his path to artistic recognition has been somewhat unpredictable.

Born in Indiana, Axton lived until age 13 in the small southeastern Illinois town of Carmi, then moved with his family to Jacksonville in central Illinois. As a senior in high school, he took his first art class. But be had previously studied drafting and architecture and now says, “I probably learned more from those classes than I would have in art. We had to study perspective and it was very disciplined.” Axton claims to have been 18 before he saw an original work of art.

A high school art teacher pointed Axton in the direction of CTC’s commercial arts program. He enrolled and found “a highly disciplined and intensive series of courses,” he said. “The program was exceptional in that all of the instructors were highly paid professionals drawn from some of the top positions in commercial art. There was little theory and the emphasis was placed on the practical.”

While a first-year student at SJC, Axton married his high school sweetheart, Connie Watt. By the time he graduated in 1967, the family included newborn son Johnny. The three headed to Springfield where John had accepted a job as a billboard designer. It was to be the first of several jobs aimed more at supporting a family than satisfying his artistic needs. Low wages kept the billboard designer stint a short one and his next art-related job was back in Jacksonville, working in the design department at Mobil Corp.

After almost two years with Mobil, Axton took a job as staff artist with the Illinois State Museum at Springfield, involving such responsibilities as designing dioramas and helping to stage exhibits. “That was my first real exposure to artists who made their living in the studio, rather than in industry or commercial art,” he said. And while he was working at the museum, he made the decision to someday become a full-time, make-a-living-in-the-studio artist.

Fueled by a touch of the wanderlust and a need for greater creative expression, Axton quit his Springfield job and the family piled their belongings into their Volkswagen squareback. Armed with a copy of Arizona Highways magazine, they headed west to Phoenix in hopes of finding employment and a new lifestyle. Axton struck out in the job market there, but when the family detoured through Denver to see friends before returning home, Axton spied an ad in the paper and ended up with a job as a graphic artist for a design firm, creating logos and letterheads.

Denver became home. Connie took a job with an insurance company and John worked as a graphic artist by day and painted on his own during his free time. He began to exhibit at mall shows and was encouraged by artist Ramon Kelley, whom he had met during his second year there.

By 1972, there was another addition to the family, daughter Nicole. After six years in Denver, Axton was able to make a fateful decision. On the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence—July 4, 1976—Axton celebrated his own independence by quitting his job to become a full-time artist. It was a giant—and somewhat scary—leap into the unknown. But although there were some rocky moments, a mere three years later he was in the national spotlight, with most of the attention focused on his compelling portraits of buffalo.

The Axtons moved to Albuquerque, N.M., in 1979 because of a job transfer for Connie. By 1985, she had quit her job to become John’s business partner and manager and the Axtons had made a move to Santa Fe, an area well known for its community of artists.

At the beginning of his career, Axton worked mostly in acrylics and watercolors. Today, he confines himself to oils, lithographs, and etchings. But it is his ability to draw a viewer into his paintings that distinguishes his work. One reviewer called it the ability to “reduce information to the essentials of design and the essence of thought.”
Axton’s feeling is that the simpler art is, the more impact it will have. "The more I leave out, the more the viewers put in and the more involved they get," he said.

But those subtle nuances and shadings aren’t as easy as they seem. "It’s harder to do less than more," he said. "Visual shorthand is no shortcut." As a minimalist, "I’ve distilled and simplified extensively," he said. "I use the absolute least number of elements, pictorially speaking, not just shape or light and dark, but everything."

Portraits of buffalo are no longer part of Axton’s work. His varied scenes of the Southwest are likely to be architecture or landscapes. A recurring symbol in his art is the "mystery" of diminishing doorways or fading paths. To Axton, they represent accesses into the paintings. He describes his work as "representational, with a feeling of mysticism. I try to transcend decoration."

But, he adds, "I don’t have any so-called statement to make. I’m not making existential, fundamental statements. I make paintings—that’s where it starts and where it ends."

One of the many outlets for Axton’s work is Ventana Fine Art in Santa Fe, a gallery owned and operated by Connie. Her years as a clerical supervisor for an insurance company gave her a good start in being able to run her own business, but she’s also very aware of the artist’s side of things. "Treat your artists right and you have a gallery," she said. "Without them, you don’t."

Business experience has come in handy for Connie Axton. "I make decisions about everything from advertisers to personnel to procedure." Working in the business world "gave me a good background and business sense and I’ve been able to carry that over, even though they are two separate worlds."

Ventana Fine Art, located in the Inn at Loretto in Santa Fe, "is a small gallery, just 900 square feet, and we are maintaining five artists—five strong artists—and we give them great exposure," she said. "Each has his or her own identity."

With some 150 art galleries in Santa Fe, "art is the industry here," John added. "It’s an interesting place."

At 7,000 feet above sea level and in the mountains, Santa Fe provides a perfect setting for Axton’s creations. "I’m pretty much engrossed in the Southwest and the imagery of this area," he said. But he also admits to a fascination with Maine and the Cape Cod area "because the light in that part of the country is unique. But that’s what attracts so many painters to this part of the country, too. There’s a certain intensity to it, mainly due to the atmosphere."

Alumni and other friends of SIUC will get the chance to own one of Axton’s unique creations and, at the same time, support a good cause. Sales of one of Axton’s limited edition lithographs will provide the funding for an annual summer program for high school students who have demonstrated exceptional talent and are interested in pursuing careers in commercial art and design. To be known as The John Axton Institute, the program will be taught by CTC faculty and visiting professional artists. Participants will get the chance to explore and expand their talents in such areas as photographic production, architecture, interior design, and commercial graphics-design.

"As one of the College of Technical Careers’ most distinguished alumni, John Axton and his accomplishments will serve as inspirations to all of our students who have dreams of achieving excellence in their chosen fields of commercial art and design," said Harry G. Miller, dean of the College of Technical Careers. "Our intent is to help open doors for talented students who might otherwise lack the resources to act upon their career goals and dreams."

The first institute is planned for summer term 1989, for 15 to 20 students primarily from central and Southern Illinois, but not precluding participation from other regions of the state or surrounding areas.

The second part of the contribution is the John and Connie Axton Scholarship Fund, a cash award for CTC students majoring in photographic production technology, architectural technology, interior design, or commercial graphics-design. The annual scholarship, also funded by sales of Axton artwork, will be set between $500 and $1,000, Miller said.

Students will be the beneficiaries of Axton’s donations to his alma mater. Axton’s "generosity and support to students and their futures through education is truly magnanimous," Miller said. And Axton, in turn, calls it a "privilege to be able to directly share my success with the institution to which I owe so much."

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Your Opportunity to Support The John Axton Institute

All proceeds from the sale of "Hacienda Sky" will be used to fund The John Axton Institute in SIUC's College of Technical Careers. The institute will be open to talented high school students who are interested in careers in commercial art and design.

What is a fine art lithograph?

A fine art lithograph is an original artwork—not merely a reproduction of a painting or drawing. The artist produces each color separately by drawing on a lithographic stone, aluminum plate, or sheet of Mylar. The image is inked, a piece of archival paper is positioned over it, and the paper and printing surface are pulled through a hand-operated press.

The process requires extreme precision and the collaboration of the artist and a Master Printer, who manages the technical steps in the production. "Hacienda Sky" was created through the collaboration of John Axton and Robert Arber, Master Printer.
Kurt Carmen Named Acting Assistant Director

Kurt E. Carmen, a graduate assistant for the SIU Alumni Association, was named acting assistant director of the Association in mid-January. Carmen will work full time on chapter activities, merchandising, and corporate underwriting of the Alumnus magazine. He is completing his graduate studies at the University in the field of recreation.

Carmen received a bachelor's degree in social work in 1974 from Ohio State University. He has been the aquatic director of Cairo American College, Cairo, Egypt (1977-80), of the North Whidbey Park and Recreation District in Oak Harbor, Wash. (1983-85), and of the Evergreen Swimming Pool Organization, Evergreen, Ill. (1986-87).

He was the swimming facilities coordinator for the U.S. Junior Olympic Games in 1985, and is a member of numerous organizations, including the National Swimming Pool Foundation, the National Recreation and Park Association, and the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association.

"Mr. Carmen's education and experience will add much to the quality of our alumni chapter program," said C. Thomas Busch, executive director of the Alumni Association. "We are very pleased with the work he performed as a graduate assistant in the office and look forward to the same outstanding performance in his new role."

Field Days Are Scheduled For This Summer

Arch-rival Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals will once again go bat for SIUC alumni in field days scheduled this summer.

The Fourth Annual SIUC Busch Stadium Day is set for Saturday, June 11, in St. Louis. The Alumni Association will sponsor a reception beginning at 4:30 p.m. at a site and a cost to be announced. For more information phone Kurt Carmen at (618) 453-2408.

Two months later, on Saturday, Aug. 13, the 11th Annual SIUC Wrigley Field Day will be held in Chicago. Details will be announced in the Summer 1988 issue. About 1,500 alumni attended the event last summer.

Members of 1947 Football Team Gathered on Campus

Forty years after winning the nation's First Annual Corn Bowl, former SIU Maroons came back to campus for a reunion on Oct. 23-24, 1987. Members of the old team who attended the reunion were:

- Robert Colborn, Winnegago, Ill.
- John Corn, Elgin, Ill.
- William Cosgrove, Boulder, Colo.
- Galen Davis, DuQuoin, Ill.
- Robert Etheridge, Oxford, Ohio
- June Gross, Ottawa, Ill.
- Charles Heinz, Gillespie, Ill.
- Joseph Hughes, Rockford, Ill.
- Howard Jones, Marion, Ill.
- James Lovin, Carbondale, Ill.
- William Malinsky, Henderson, Nev.
- Glenn "Abe" Martin, Largo, Fla., team coach.
- Charles Mathieu, Evansville, Ind.
- Bret McGinnis, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Joseph Pieron, Murphysboro, Ill.
- Jack Stevens, O'Fallon, Mo.
- Quentin Stinson, Morton, Ill.
- William Wilkinson, Rochelle, Ill.

The reunion was coordinated by Gary Carney of SIUC's Intercollegiate Athletics, and Pat McNeil of the SIU Alumni Association.

"Chapter News" Newsletter Placed on Hold

A bi-monthly newsletter, "Chapter News," sent to SIU Alumni Association chapter officers and other active persons, has gone on sabbatical—perhaps to Oxford or merely to rest quietly at home.

With the current expansion of Alumni Association activities and recent changes in personnel, staff members are reassessing the objectives of the newsletter.

"Chapter News" was published from November 1985 through September 1987.

Cardboard Floats on Campus and at Other Sites

The 15th Annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta on the SIUC campus begins at noon on Saturday, April 30, on Campus Lake.

Other races confirmed to date are:
- July 3—Rock Island, Ill.
- July 4—Sheboygan, Wis.
- July 16—Springfield, Ill.
July 23—Heber Springs, Ark.
August 6 or 7—Lake St. Louis, Mo.
September 24—The Third Annual America's International Cardboard Cup Challenge, Du Quoin, Ill.

Other races are pending at SIU-Edwardsville and Union University in Jackson, Tenn., as well as in Orlando, Fla., Texas, and other locations in Illinois.

Consult your local papers for starting times and sites, or call the SIU Alumni Association at (618) 453-2408 for more information.

**Chinese Alumni to Hold Reunion June 16-19**

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Chinese Student Club at SIUC, several alumni are planning a reunion June 16-19 on campus. It will be the first such event for SIUC’s Chinese alumni.

Rooms in Thompson Point (from $13.75 to $17.35 per day per person) or in local motels ($25 to $40 per day per room) will be available. Registration activities include a reception on Thursday, June 16, a banquet on Friday, a picnic and splash party on Saturday, and a brunch on Sunday.

Registration fees will be a maximum of $50 per person or $40 per couple.

Chinese Alumni Reunion coordinators are George and Nora Wang of Chesterfield, Mo., and Juh Wah and Han Lin Chen of Murphysboro, Ill.

For more information, write or phone Pat McNeil, SIU Alumni Association, Student Center, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901-4420, (618) 453-2408.

**Tentative Agreement Drawn Up to Settle Regatta Dispute**

The settlement of a dispute between the SIU Alumni Association and the Crystal Lake (Ill.) Yacht Club appeared close at hand in early February.

The Alumni Association had filed suit against the club and other parties on June 26, 1987, charging that the club—in hosting its Third Annual America’s Cardboard Cup Regatta on June 28, 1987—was infringing on the Association’s copyright of the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta.

**Short-term Loan Funds Combined, Stand at $50,000**

“‘The SIU Alumni Association’s Student Loan Fund’ is the new title of a fund now administered by SIUC’s Office of Student Work and Financial Assistance. Approximately $50,000 is available for short-term loans ranging from $125 for freshmen to $225 for graduate students. The loans must be repaid during the semester in which they are given. The new fund was combined from three separate funds: the Student Loan Fund, the Medical Student Loan Fund, and the Emergency Loan Fund. Contributions are welcomed and may be made through the SIU Alumni Association, Student Center, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901-4420.

**First College Society May Be Established in Mideast**

Fourteen SIUC graduates now living and working in the Mideast attended a reception and meeting on Sept. 29, 1987, in Jerusalem, Israel, and discussed the formation of SIUC’s first college alumni society for the Mideast.

George A. Williams ’69, MSEd’70, PhD’77, president of the college alumni society of Technical Careers, was the official host of the reception. He is Southern Region manager of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services in Marion.

Attending the meeting in Jerusalem were SIUC alumni now on the faculty of five universities in Israel.

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1930s

Paul F. McRoy '34 and his wife, Mary Helen McRoy '33, of Carbondale celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1987. Celebrating their 25th wedding anniversaries last year were their son Paul H. McRoy '64 and daughter-in-law Charlotte Baker McRoy '64 and their daughter Ann McRoy Meyer x'64 and son-in-law Larry E. Meyer '62. All three couples met while attending SIUC.

Florence Mohlenbrock Agy '37 of Boulder, Colo., spends time with her three children and five grandchildren and likes traveling and exercising.

John H. Allen '37 is retired as supervisor of the Industrial Relations Training Programs at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. Now living in Napa, Calif., he is an amateur radio operator.

George E. Casper '37 is semi-retired as an optometrist. A resident of Anna, Ill., he likes to travel and is studying Spanish.

Eileen Brock Craver '37 of Kirkwood, Mo., is a church worker and club volunteer. She enjoys gardening and raising dahlias.

J. Kenneth Craver '37 of St. Louis is president of Polytech Laboratories Inc. He retired in 1979 after 41 years at the Monsanto Company.

Alice E. Doty '37 of Benton, Ill., spent over 40 years in the teaching profession before her retirement.

Otis W. Eaton '37 of Collinsville, Ill., is a retired teacher involved in church work, traveling, woodworking, and reading.

Max Ruel Heinzman '37 is an alderman, a member of the board of directors of the Rea Clinic, and a trustee of the First Baptist Church, all in Christopher, Ill.

Mary Miller Kaeser '37 is a homemaker and retired teacher active in Beta Sigma Phi and church work. She lives in Marion, Ill.

W. Eugene King '37 is a retired elementary school principal active in political campaigns. He lives in Vista, Calif.

Euell W. Lindsey '37 of Pekin, Ill., is a retired business teacher. In recent years he has spent numerous summers working for the National Park Service.

Robert Kenneth Lynn '37 is minister of music for the First Christian Church in Paducah, Ky., where he lives.

Holly C. Marchildon '37 of Cape Girardeau, Mo., is a retired school superintendent.

Bernice Clark McGlasson '37 is a retired home economics teacher living with her husband, Marion S. McGlasson '47, in Sarasota, Fla.

J. Max Mitchell x'37 is a retired attorney who earned degrees at the University of Illinois and Loyola University. He lives in West Frankfort, Ill.

Wilbur K. Ragland '37 still competes in track and field. He was chosen an All-American Master in 1986-87 for the high jump and was ranked second nationally by the Athletic Congress. He lives in Pincnkeville, Ill.

Fern Mayer Sawyer '37 lives with her family on a small farm near Wadsworth, Ill., and helps raise and sell vegetables.

Earl A. Weilmeister '37 and his wife, Roberta Eaton Weilmeister '37, live in Caveliss, Ore. He is retired from the General Electric Co.

1940s

John F. Gaines '40 of Granada Hills, Calif., received a Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers.

Glenn J. McGowan '40, MSED '46, of San Diego, Calif., retired from the U.S. Army in 1961 as a colonel and coached the golf team in the Riverside, Calif., school system.

C. Roy Rylander '42 has retired as head athletic trainer after over 40 years with the University of Delaware.

Kathleen Isom Larimer '43 of Marietta, Ga., retired last year from the Georgia Department of Education's Division of Curriculum Services.

Francie Smith McDonald x'46 is administrative librarian at the Chester (III.) Public Library.

D. Patricia Mercer Nelson '42 is director of the Office for Health Services and Indigent Care Statistics at The University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. She holds advanced degrees from Yale University and Boston University.

Elmo Ricci '49, MSED '53, of West Frankfort, Ill., retired from the Frankfort Community High School in 1984. His wife, Jean Webster Ricci '42, is also a retired teacher.

Ermal Douglas Turner '49, a first grade teacher, has earned 24 graduate credit hours in the past four years. She lives in Morris, Ill.

1950s

Thomas G. Berger '51 and his wife, Mildred Martindale Berger '50, were planning to retire in early 1988 and move from Balwin, Mo., to Bluewater Bay, Niceville, Fla. Joy Fry Cannon '51 of Peoria, Ill., retired last year as an elementary school teacher. She was chosen Teacher of the Year in her district for 1984-85.

Robert L. Goovet x'53 received the 1987 Rea Award for the Short Story. An adjunct professor of English at Brown University, Providence, R.I., he is the author of several novels and two collections of short stories.

Sue Smith Hawkins '53 has been involved in volunteer and theater work for the past few years. She lives in Mobile, Al.

Wayne L. Hanold '54 is an attorney with Westervelt, Johnson, Nicoll & Keller, in Peoria, Ill.

Jerome M. Mieleur '55, PhD '71, professor of political science at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, is the sole owner of the Harrisburg (Pa.) Senators baseball team, champions of the Eastern League in 1987 and a farm team of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Walter O. Stiegitz '55, MA '60, is regional director in Alaska for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He lives in Anchorage.

Jack E. Bizzell '56, MS '58, PhD '66, is professor of government at Morehead State University, Morehead, Ky.

H. E. "Gene" Murdach '57-2, '63, MSED '68, a vocational education teacher at Murphysboro (Ill.) High School, was presented the 1987 Award of Merit by the Illinois Industrial Educational Association and the Illinois Vocational Association.

Harriet Vasos Novakovich '57, MS '58, is a master's student at Johns Hopkins University. She lives in Silver Spring, Md.

Betsy Ross Struckman x'57 is an art teacher for the Mehlville School District in St. Louis (Mo.) County. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in the 1970s.

Alice Vette Christian '58 is a teacher. She and her husband plan to retire in 1991 to Indiana. They now live in Villa Park, Ill.

Glen E. Zilmer '58 is administrator of the Warren N. Barr Pavilion, a skilled nursing facility operated by the Illinois Masonic Medical Center. He lives in Elmhurst, Ill.

Robert F. Gaubatz MSED '59 is director of federal programs for the Hendry County School Board. He lives in La Belle, Fla.
CLASS NOTES

Milburn H. Smith MSed’59 operates an art studio in Charleston, Ill. Four of his paintings were recently exhibited at the Transco Gallery in Houston, Tex. A member of the Charleston Area Arts Council board, he is exhibition director of CAAC’s Cityart program.

Suzanne Köhlmire Ludwig ’61 is a life science teacher. She lives with her husband, John L. Ludwig ’53, in Mount Vernon, Ill.

Bruce C. Mackey ’62, MSed ’64, is an attorney with the Chicago firm of Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins Ltd.

David W. Hortin ’63, associate professor of political science at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, was one of four recipients of the university’s 1987 Distinguished Faculty Award.

William D. Lyons ’63 is coordinator of English/Language Arts, K-12, for the Iowa City Community School District. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Iowa Council of Teachers of English in 1987.

Marguerite N. Bork MA’64 and her husband, Albert, divide their time between Carbondale and Prescott, Ariz. They enjoy traveling and recently visited Mexico.

Donald R. Windler ’63, MA ’65, is acting dean of the College of Natural and Mathematical Sciences at Towson State University, Towson, Md. He earned his Ph. D. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Jerold Williams ’64 is a public finance representative with LaSalle National Bank in Chicago.

Donald R. Windler ’63

Walter K. Brown MA’65 is manager of planning and administration in the Research Reactors Division of Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Gilbert Lazier PhD’65, dean of the School of Theatre at Florida State University, Tallahassee, was given the 1987 Ross Oglesby Award for distinguished service to students and the university.

Jerrie Johnson MSed’66, PhD’75, of Des Moines, Iowa, is dean of students at the American Institute of Business.

John D. Karr ’66 of Hudson, Ill., has been promoted to controller at The Eureka Company. He joined the firm in 1969.

Brennin Taylor Niblock ’66 is a salesperson for Coldwell Banker Real Estate. She was formerly employed by IBM as a systems engineer and programs systems representative. She lives in Chicago.

James J. Rupert ’66 is the principal of Nokomis North Elementary School in Nokomis, Ill.

1960s

James A. Dalton ’60 has been a vocal-music teacher for the past 28 years. He and his wife, Sharon Ewing Dalton ’59-1, are Certified Travel Counselors who own-operate American International Travel Inc. and two other travel agencies. They live in Lakewood, Colo., with their two children.

Elizabeth Benton Sessom ’60-2 of Urbana, Ill., works for Centennial High School in Champaign. She is lead organist at the Chanute Air Force Base; president of the Champaign County Chapter of Educational Office Personnel; and secretary of the SIUC College of Technical Careers’ Alumni Constituency Society.

Jerold Williams MSED’66

J. M. Lillicb

Banned in Dodgerland

Two recent additions to the Alumni Authors section of Morris Library came from Warren D. “Rick” Talley ’58, a former editor of The Egyptian, co-captain of the SIU basketball team, columnist for the Chicago Tribune, and now a sportswriter for the Los Angeles Daily News.

The books (the bestselling Temporary Insanity and its sequel, Over the Edge) chronicle in no-holds-barred fashion the life and times of professional baseball’s flakiest flake, Jay Johnstone. Johnstone and Talley collaborated to produce the pair of irreverent sports books.

Johnstone’s 22-year major league career with eight clubs in the big leagues was not quite the stuff that leads to Cooperstown. If they ever establish a Frankster’s Hall of Fame, though, Johnstone would be a shoo-in. Some of his humor is admittedly adolescent—hotfoots, shaving cream, rubber snakes, goofy headgear, and loony photos. Quite simply he believes that grown-ups playing a kids’ game should at least have fun.

Talley began working on Temporary Insanity by taping hours of conversation with Johnstone. Then Talley had the tapes transcribed and took along the stack of pages to spring training. He categorized the material into chapters and then wrote the manuscript in the first person.

Although there isn’t much profanity in the book, pages 99 and 100 contain verbatim the legendary X-rated tirade that Lee Elia, then manager of the Chicago Cubs, gave to fans whom he felt weren’t giving his players enough credit. These pages so offended the Dodger management, for whom Johnstone was writing when the book was published, that they banned the book from being sold at Dodger Stadium.

When the L.A. Times picked up on the story of the banning, “it was better than buying an ad, Talley said. The book sold over 40,000 hard copies, and Bantam bought the paperback rights.

Over the Edge followed, complete with a plug for SIUC baseball coach Itchy Jones, Talley’s old SIUC roommate. Unfortunately for sales, Over the Edge came out in 1986 in the midst of a glut of baseball books written by Whitey Herzog, Tim McCarver, Tony Kubek, and others. “Besides,” said Talley, “I couldn’t figure out any way to get it banned.”

Although he likes book writing, Talley isn’t sure he wants to do any more collaborations. “The players all have agents,” he said, “and everybody wants a piece of the action while you do all the work.” He’s now working on TV scripts and a screenplay about a female jockey from Southern Illinois. —
Ken and Barbie Come Home

Ken Swofford '59 was watching his cousin eating a biscuit with sausage gravy. "You like gravy?" someone at the table asked Swofford, who was visiting from California with his wife, Barbie. "I come from Du Quoin," Swofford answered. "I was brought up to think of gravy as a beverage."

Swofford, the small-town boy who has become a successful actor, was being treated to Sunday brunch at a Carbondale restaurant by a couple of relatives and some old friends the morning after Homecoming, Oct. 18, 1987. In a couple of hours he and Barbie had to catch a plane back to "the Coast," where he was working in an episode of Murder She Wrote. Among the people at the table was Archibald McLeod, professor emeritus and founder of the SIUC theater department, who directed Swofford in campus shows in the late 1950s.

For nearly three years, as a professional actor, Swofford played the principal of the music and arts high school featured in the TV series Fame. But it probably is his impressive list of feature appearances in top TV shows—including Gunsmoke, The Rockford Files, The Odd Couple, The Waltons, and Falcon Crest—that has earned him the enviable position of no longer having to audition for roles. Producers or directors who want someone with Swofford's stocky, red-headed, self-confident presence for a show simply call to find out if he's available.

Like any good professional, Swofford takes his work where he can find it. He recently completed work on a Canadian movie, Black Roses, which he describes as "a rock'n'roll horror film. It's one of those low-budget movies, even for Canada. They paid the extras in T-shirts instead of cash. After the crowd scenes, they'd send them home before lunch, so they wouldn't have to feed them."

Swofford reminisced about his "bad-boy" days at SIUC. He and a roommate once went on a binge for five days and forgot to register for the next term. "I went to the registrar and recited some tear-jerking lines from Detective Story that got me back into school. I guess he hadn't seen that movie yet."

Barbie Swofford, who met Ken when they were at SIUC together, recalled that for several months she was manager of the concession stand at the Varsity Theater. "If I'm not mistaken," she said, "of all the theater students at SIUC at that time, I was the only one gainfully employed in show business." Barbie and Ken have been married 28 years. They have five children and live in Woodland Hills near Los Angeles.

There was some talk of inviting Swofford back to SIUC to teach a course based on his nearly three decades of experience in show business. "Yeah," he said, flashing his big grin, "I could teach survival."—Ben Gelman

Michael C. Smiley '66 has retired after 20 years of duty in the U.S. Navy, most recently at the rank of commodore stationed in San Diego, Calif.
Al L. Andrews '67, MSED'71, is chairperson of the Department of Industrial Education at California State University-Long Beach.

Marcia McGuire Allen '68, MS'75, an economics teacher for Murphysboro (Ill.) High School, received a first-place state award in the Sixth Economic Education Awards Program, which recognizes exceptional teaching methods.

Marcia F. Tiberend '68 earned a master's degree in education in 1987 and was initiated into Phi Delta Kappa. She lives in Sullivan, Ill.

Richard A. Green '68 is an attorney for Feirich Schoen Mager Green in Carbondale.

Ronald S. Sherhofer MSED'68 is director of special programs for Hartwick College, Oneonta, N.Y.

William G. Corner '69 has been promoted from associate publisher to publisher at Commerce Publishing Co., St. Louis. He joined the firm in 1974 as assistant editor.

Paul S. McNamara MSED'69, PhD'69, has been promoted to dean at Housatonic Community College, Bridgeport, Conn. He joined Housatonic in 1969 as director of institutional research and was named associate dean in 1977. He lives in Monroe, Conn.

Patrick Wadsworth '69 is director of pastoral care and services at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center. His wife, Donna Dugger Wadsworth '69, is a special education teacher. They live in Lafayette, La.

1970

Robert A. Aikman, a major in the U.S. Marine Corps, is stationed with the 1st Force Service Support Group in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

John P. Burrus has been promoted to labor relations manager at the corporate offices of Oscar Mayer, Madison, Wis.

Mary J. Chesley, MSED'76, was elected to the Mount Vernon (Ill.) City Council.

Russell F. Hanson of Moorhead, Minn., is director of photographic services for Hetland Ltd., a Midwest advertising agency. He and his wife publish the annual Dakota Graphic Society Series of photographs. The Hansons adopted a daughter in October 1986.

Donna Curtner '70 has been named associate director of Food Production Systems at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, Ill. She has been with the medical center for 12 years. The hospital is affiliated with the SIU School of Medicine.
Richard S. Plotkin is the new general manager of WYZZ-TV, Bloomington, Ill. He lives with his wife, Carol Brouwer Plotkin ’70, and two children in Normal, Ill.

Charles Reddington MFA is professor of art at Indiana State University.

Verminta Karell Dixon Winn was recently promoted to mental health sciences coordinator for DeKalb County. Her husband, Richard D. Winn ‘71, is senior pastor at Haoster Memorial United Methodist Church. They live in Atlanta, Ga.

1971

Robert C. Davis has opened a new agency office in St. Charles, Mo., for American Family Insurance. He has been an agent with the firm for 15 years.

Deanna DuComb, MM’72, a physician, is the head of dermatology at the St. Louis University Medical Center. Her responsibilities include establishing a laser surgery program, caring for patients, and teaching medical students. She lives in O’Fallon, Ill.

James F. Frank, MS’72, of Springfield, Ill., is manager of the Remedial Project Management Section for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency’s Division of Land Pollution Control.

1972

Richard Finkley, MBA’77, is professor of business law for the College of Business and Public Administration, Governors State University, Park Forest South, Ill.

Vicott J. Maggio of Calumet City, Ill., is assistant to the international president of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers, AFL-CIO.

Daniel T. Schmitt is director of marketing resources for Helene Curtis Hair Care Products. He lives in Clarendon Hills, Ill.

A.G. Taylor, MS’76, is an agriculture advisor with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in Springfield, Ill.

1973

Dorothy Garsky has been promoted to assistant director of University Relations at SIUC. She lives in Carbondale.

John V. Hartung PhD is president of the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. He lives in Indianapolis, Ind.

Scott R. Wells is senior gas purchase representative with Panhandle Trading Co., Houston, Tex.

Stuart Bonnington MA’73 is assistant professor of psychology at Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn. Before joining the university, he was a marriage and family therapist in Chattanooga.

1974

Denise M. Coppola of Mount Prospect, Ill., gave birth to a son, Anthony, in July 1987.

Brenda Penland Kirkpatrick of Herrin, Ill., is managing editor of the Herrin Spokesman. Her husband, James L. Kirkpatrick ’75, has been an aide to U.S. Congressman Kenneth J. Gray.

Patricia A. Young ’74, MA’77, is a visiting assistant professor of English at Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

1975

Edward A. Benfield is director of marketing research at Stroh Brewery Co. He lives in Troy, Mich.

Scott L. Davis, MSEd’78, a flight engineer for Trans World Airlines, was one of the pilots aboard “Shepherd One,” the 727 carrying Pope John Paul II during his visit to the United States in September 1987.

Davis lives in St. Charles, Mo.

Duane Ladge, a registered architect, works for Goldasich Corp. Ltd. Architects in Jacksonville, Ill.

Kathie Bengala Nowaczynski and her husband, Daniel, are parents of a son, Peter, born on July 30, 1987. They live in Downers Grove, Ill.

Patricia Ann Owens MS, PhD’80, is chair of the science and technology division of Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel, Ill. She teaches history and political science at the college.

Michael J. Smith MS has been named an associate of Camp Dresser & McKee Inc., an environmental engineering firm in Denver, Colo.

Harry B. Staffileno has been named executive director of Preferred Health Insurance Corporation, a joint venture of Wausau Insurance Companies and Samaritan Health Plan located in Milwaukee, Wis.

Tex Stohl is working on an MBA degree from Belmont College in Nashville, Tenn. He is the father of a daughter, Allison, born in July 1987.

1976

Teresa Tolle Campbell of Jacksonville, Ill., gave birth to a daughter, Kelly, on June 13, 1976.

Laura Carrier, MA’78, is a curriculum coordinator in the International Programs division of The Graduate School, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., received a Faculty Excellence Award for outstanding service.

Charles M. Carroll Jr., MS’79, a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, is an English instructor for the Officer Candidate Preparatory School, the Navy’s leading minority officer program. He is stationed in Newport, R.I.

1977

Stephen A. Mccacham of Sonoma, Calif., is owner and president of Creative Audience Research, a company specializing in programming and marketing research for radio and television stations nationwide.

Janet Henne Volpe is reservationist and assistant manager for Go Go Tours in Aurora, Colo.

1978

Steven Salak is the eastern region manager for Hyundai Motor America. His wife, Lynne Hansen Salak ’78, is the advertising business manager for the Hahne’s Department Store chain in New Jersey. The Salaks live in Berkeley Heights, N.J.

George Stickel MSEd, PhD’80, is an assistant professor of education at Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, is the director of the college’s new master’s degree program in elementary education.

Ruth K. Strack is editor of publications for SIUC’s Center for Archaeological Investigations. She served as a correspondent for the Southern Illinoisan newspaper for the past seven years and has been a lecturer in SIUC’s College of Technical Careers.

Del Ulreich is deputy chief of the Mount Prospect (Ill.) Fire Department.

1979

Rob Bailey was promoted to director of marketing in the meat division of Lykes Bros. Inc. He and his wife, Sandy Bing Bailey ’78, live in Tampa, Fla., with their three children.

Elizabeth Blaise Baratta, MS’81, is a sales representative for Nalco Chemical Co. She and her husband, Michael Baratta ’80, live in Palmhurst, Ill.
Victor Muscia '79 has been promoted to district sales manager in the Hammond, Ind., office of the Square D Co. He joined the firm in 1979 as a field engineer and earned an MBA from DePaul University in 1986.

Justin X. Carroll MSED is associate dean for student services at Washington University in St. Louis.

Dennis R. Cockrum of Santa Monica, Calif., is program director of the Wise Care Center, an adult day care and counseling facility for Alzheimer’s patients.

Michael J. Guzan, M.S. '83, is project geologist with the Reservoir Simulation Group of Sun Exploration and Production Co., Dallas, Tex.

Alicia Kunetz Honan of Park Ridge, Ill., received an M.Ed. degree from Loyola University, Chicago, in May 1987.

Joseph E. McMenamin JD, an attorney, is manager of the income tax legal division for the Illinois Revenue Department. He lives in Springfield, Ill.

V. William Meyer is funeral director-embalmer at Graceland-Fairlawn Cemeteries and Memorial Services Inc., Decatur, Ill.

Harvey Michaels, MBA '81, has been promoted to manager in the management consulting division of Touche Ross, Dallas.

The Great Peace March


The photographs were selected from a collection taken by Smithsonian photographers, who each year contribute 16,000 to 20,000 new images to archival files that already contain over 1 million photographs dating to the late 1860s.

Long has an active side business providing posters and cards primarily to the National Park Service in the Washington D.C. area. Before joining the Smithsonian, he operated a studio specializing in retail product photography.

Jeffrey Regan works for the Criminal Investigation Section of the Urbana, Ill., Police Department.

Terrence L. Dordan writes a weekly column for the Streator, Ill., Times Press. William R. Hamilton MSED received the 1987 Field Service Award given annually by the SIUC Department of Special Education. A physician, he is co-director of the High Risk Infant Nursery at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

Lisa F. Jones was promoted to office manager at SouTex Surveyers Inc. She lives in Nederland, Tex.

Della Remack Nelson, JD '84, is an attorney with the Springfield, Ill., firm of Heckenkamp, Simhauser & Drake.

A. Casey Ceasar '81 of Silver Spring, Md., is president of the District of Columbia Society for Medical Technology. She is a microbiologist at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D.C.

Lynn M. Phillips M.S. '81 was recently named by Money magazine as one of the top 200 financial planners in the United States. A Certified Financial Planner, she operates her own investment planning firm, Lynn Phillips Inc., in Starkville, Miss.

Paul J. Reis is manager of community relations for the Chicago White Sox. He lives in Chicago.

Cynthia Nelson Schloss MSED, PhD '83, is assistant professor of nutrition and food science at the State University College at Buffalo.

Lauranne Newhouse Williams and her husband, James, are parents of a son, Benjamin, born in October 1987. They live in Springfield, Va.
1982

Nancy B. Elliott is publications manager for the Association of Newspaper Classified Advertising Managers in Danville, Ill.

David M. Grote received an M.Ed. degree in guidance and counseling from Chadron State College, Chadron, Neb. He is the technology division chairman at Casper College, Casper, Wyo.

Gregory Kabat and his wife, Barbara, live in Kings Park, N.Y., with their daughter, Daralyn.

Carole Smith Miller, a former assistant director for the SIU Alumni Association, married L. Kurt Miller in November 1987. She and her husband live in Woodstock, Md. She is director of alumni services for Towson State University in Baltimore.

Assuayuki Naka MS is a graduate research assistant in the Economics Department, University of Arizona. He lives in Tucson with his wife, Cynthia.

Enrique L. Sadsad has been promoted to lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. He is stationed at Moffett Field, Calif.

Michael S. Trench has been promoted to lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. He is stationed at Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Fla.

Christopher Zetek is vice president and treasurer of Firstbank of Illinois Co., Springfield, Ill.

1983

Thomas J. Beltz is a patrol plane mission commander and lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. His homeport is the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Fla.

Andrew Herrmann is a reporter for the Chicago Sun-Times.

William B. Meneese earned a master's degree in clinical psychology from the University of South Dakota in 1986. He is now working on a Ph.D. He lives in Vermillion, S.D.

Patrick Pettit MS of West Hartford, Conn., is assistant director for operations, Gengras Student Union, University of Hartford.

1984

Laddie J. Blaskowski is assistant vice president of First American Bank, Buffalo Grove, Ill., and a director of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce. He lives with his wife, Linda Blaskowski '84, in Glenview, Ill.

Robert Buechner is fire marshal for Winnetka, Ill.

Jacqueline Doulier of South Holland, Ill., has earned an M.A. from Michigan State University. She is director of marketing and communications for Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, Ill.

Christine Erickson Morris of Lisle, Ill., teaches first grade at Winfield Elementary School in Winfield, Ill. In July 1987 she married Brett Morris, grandson of former SIU President Delyte Morris.

David B. Nava is business manager of the Center Theater in Chicago. His new play, To God Alone, was produced by Streetlight Theatre Co. in Chicago in November 1987.

Greg S. Parbs was promoted to plant manager at the Chicago branch of Pillowtex.

Susan J. Stapleton was promoted to supervisor of the Rehabilitation Unit of Oak Forest Hospital, Oak Forest, Ill.

Jeff Ware is a procurement assurance engineer with Texas Instruments. He lives in Dallas, Tex.

Frank P. Woodard retired in 1985 after 23 years of service in the U.S. Navy. He is now working with veterans as a state employment representative for the Florida Department of Labor. He lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

Chris Zipperer is a wilderness instructor at Eagle Nest Camp, Eagle Nest, N.M.

1985

Dinesh Batra MBA, a doctoral student in management information systems at the Indiana University School of Business, has been awarded a $5,000 fellowship by the IBM Corporation.

Kelly Cichy MA is research development coordinator in the Office of Graduate Studies and Research, the University of Massachusetts at Boston. She most recently was the research project specialist for information in SIUC's Office of Research Development and Administration.

Chip Couzelman and Karen Kamrart '84 were married in August 1987. They live in Hanover Park, Ill.

Vergia A. Franklin '85 of St. Louis, Mo., is a special programs administrator in the Federal Government Division of Motorola Communications and Electronics Inc.

William J. Fitzgerald of St. Louis, Mo., works for Communitronics. His wife, Kimberly Meyer Fitzgerald '83, is educational advisor for St. Louis Community Colleges.

Phillip D. Klein is a bartender at The Snuggery in Schaumburg, Ill. In 1986 he passed the Florida State Board examinations for funeral directors and embalmers.

Joan Lanham Kluwe, MS'87, is a forensic/appraiser trainee with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She lives in Edinburg, Tex.

Annie M. Lanier of Enfield, Ill., was married in July 1987. She is residential coordinator for the Egyptian Health Department and is certified as a senior addiction counselor.

Brian P. Savko is a self-employed agronomy consultant living in Louisville, Ky., with his wife, Michelle.
Ruben Rodriguez '85 is an electrical engineer with Northrop Corporation’s Digital Test Group. He lives in Roselle, Ill.

Bernard G. Segatto III JD is associated with the Springfield, Ill., law firm of Barber, Segatto, Hoffee & Hines.

Lawrence Williamson is an architect for the City of Cincinnati. His wife, Sherry Moore '85, is finishing her work on a master's degree in criminal justice at Xavier University. The couple lives in Cincinnati.

1986

Bruce A. Black is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

Richard K. Gustafson of Zion, Ill., is a senior enlisted instructor for the U.S. Navy in Great Lakes, Ill. He recently received an M.S. degree in occupational education.

Constance Pero-Fox has been promoted from instructor to assistant professor at Lewis and Clark Community College. She lives in Jerseyville, Ill.

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Keith I. Phillips is employed by Phillips Electric. He and his wife, Angela Miller Phillips '85, a microbiologist for Pfizer Inc., live in Odessa, Mo.

Louis G. Pukelis was promoted from a TV research analyst to an account executive at Telerec Inc., New York City.

Larry C. Schimpf is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

Kay E. Wulf of Des Plaines, Ill., is an interior designer for Philip Shaw Associates.

1987

Gerald T. White works for Citgo Petroleum Corp. in Tulsa, Okla.

In 1987 the following persons expressed their lifelong commitment to the University by joining the SIU Alumni Association as life members. Each paid either a one-time membership fee or completed the final five of annual installment payments. (To become a life member, please use the form on page 19.)

The faculty and students of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and the staff of the SIU Alumni Association, express their appreciation to the following alumni and other friends, the new Life Members of 1987:

Akins, Perry '63, MSED'65, Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Alowu, Michael '86, Springfield, Ill.

Armstrong, Connie Jo '74, MS'78, Du Quoin, Ill.

Atwood, Sandra Fellows '80 and Paul x'69, Carbondale.

Baker, Ronald '64 and Mary Von Brock '63, Springfield, Va.

Berg, Thea '71, Lake Forest, Ill.

Bixler, Keith '82, Naperville, Ill.

Bowser, Arthur '77, Mount Vernon, Ill.

Bourgeois, Rose '67, Carbondale.

Braze, Jon '70, Medford, Ore.

Bryant, Donald '40 and Eileen Galloway x'41, Boynton Beach, Fla.

Bunyar, Judith Ann '61, Monsey, N.Y.

Burton, James '63, Waterloo, Ill.

Butler, Macklin and Veneita, Los Angeles, Calif.

Carson, Keith '73, Collinsville, Ill.

Cernosia, Arthur JD'76 and Jennifer Lucas '74, MSED'76, Williston, Vt.

Chandler, Robert '52, MSED'53, Centerville, Ohio.

Cheesewright-Duke, Kay '81, Okeechobee, Fla.

Clark, Grace Odum '52, MSED'57, Gainesville, Fla.

Coleman, Jason '83, Joliet, Ill.

Cooke, Joseph '74, Danville, Ill.

Coors, Annette '77, MS'82, Cookeville, Tenn.

Criel, Fernand MA'61, Westrem, Belgium.

Curner, Donna '70, Rochester, Ill.

Dempsey, Dan '73 and Patricia '73, Mount Vernon, Ill.

Dickey, Lee '77, Chico, Calif.

Dixson, Joel '85, Bloomington, Ind.

Doerr-Bertsche, Kathy '72, MS'73, Isberti, Ill.

Dubois-Allen, Nancy Green '70, Moline, Ill.

Duncan, Harry '68, Bolingbrook, Ill.

Duncanson, Connie Hamm '62, MA'65, PhD'67, Marquette, Mich.

Dusek, Lawrence '68, Waverly, N.Y.

East, Robert '54 and Mary Rukavina x'57, Mount Prospect, Ill.

Elliott, Cynthia '77, Miami, Fla.

Fisher, Henry x'73, Carbondale.

Fletcher, Janet Abernathie '66, Murphysboro, Ill.

Flinn, Stephen '77-2, Lombard, Ill.

Follas Jr., John '67, Melbourne, Mass.

Ford, Meri Sniegowski-university x'75, Pomona, Ill.

Frazier, Renwick '68 and Elizabeth '69, Sparta, Ill.

Freitag, Louis MS'71, Murphysboro, Ill.

Frieldy, John '60, New Barden, Ill.

Furlong, Neal '82, St. Louis, Mo.

Gallant, Mary '65, Colton, Calif.

Gamble, Richard '76, Norfolk, Va.

Gardiner Jr., Hayden '74, Marion, Ill.
Kern, Albert '68 and Janice
Ockerby '68, Carlsbad, Calif.
Kita, Alan '81, Lake
Mary, Fla.
Klebert, Michael '79
Fairview Heights, Ill.
Klimstra, W.D., Carbondale.
Korando, Robert '55,
Manchester, Mo.
Krandel, Richard '71, MS '75,
and Diana Vinrner '70, MSED '71,
Champaign, Ill.
Krusse, Teresa '73, Decatur,
Ill.
Laferriere, Michael '80,
Gurnee, Ill.
Lane, Robert '83,
Bolingbrook, Ill.
Langan, Michael '78 and
Carolyn Blake MMed '79,
Carbondale, Ill.
Larson, Steven '77, Itasca, Ill.
Lipe, John '57, MSED '60 and
Shirley Neubguy '54, Cob-
den, Ill.
Lockwood, Robin '67,
MA '68, Key West, Fla.
Logan, Jamesetta '78,
Columbia, Mo.
Long, Raymond '79,
Waukegan, Ill.
Manuel, Darwin '59, Brea,
Calif.
Marvin, Guy '75, Decatur,
Ga.
Mathews Jr., Richard '84,
FPO San Francisco, Calif.
Maure, Bertha Mcclerren '49, West Frankfort, Ill.
Mayfield, Carol '71-2,
Waukegan, Ill.
McGinnis, Bret '49,
Cincinnati, Ohio.
McGowan, Glenn J. '40,
MSED '46, San Diego, Calif.
McNab, Warren PhD '75,
Las Vegas, Nev.
McNeely, Brian '83,
Greenup, Ill.
Merchen, Mary Ann '83,
Danielle, Ill.
Misker, Dora Koos '39 and
Francis, Ovid, N.Y.
Moehe, Frederick '74,
Carbondale, Ill.
Moore, James '59, MS '62,
Johnston City, Ill.
Moss, Conrad '53,
Memphis, Tenn.
Moy, Caryl Towsley PhD '80,
Springfield, Ill.
Mulbrandon, Charla Weibel '75,
Joliet, Ill.
Nast, Wayne '54, Hamp-
ton, Va.
Neely, Aileen '32,
Carbondale.
North Jr., Thomas '38,
Carbondale.
Obrecht, Gerald '47 and
Bernice Fritz '46, Sullivan, Ill.
Obrecht, Roger '74 and Linda
Glombicki '74, Gifford, Ill.

Olive, Jamie Critvello '75,
Milan, Ill.
Painter, Cynthia Rose '72,
Nashville, Tenn.
Parkinson, Lynn '66,
Bourbonnais, Ill.
Payne, David '80,
Thompsonville, Ill.
Pecheau, Robert '83,
Berwyn, Ill.
Perino, Anthony PhD '71,
Pele, Ill.
Peters, Sandra MS '83,
Ac-
ton, Mass.
Picha, Marionne '79,
Woodridge, Ill.
Pierron, Joseph '49, MSED '54,
Murphysboro, Ill.
Putyra, Gail '80, Des Plaines,
Ill.
Rabelow, Bart MBA '79, St.
Louis, Mo.
Randolph, Victor '35,
Carbondale.
Rea, Jesse '49, MEd '53, and
Betty Manes '49,
Christopher, Ill.
Remer, Mamic '30, Anna, Ill.
Riepe, Marvin '68, O'Falon,
Ill.
Rippelmeyer, Ray '61,
Valemy, Ill.
Roider, Rose '84, MS '84,
Stillwater, Okla.
Rosenberg, Michael '72,
Suffern, N.Y.
Rupert, James '66, No-
komis, Ill.
Russell, Charles '59, MS '65,
PhD '71, Toledo, Ohio.
Russell, Patricia Yates '59,
Sylvania, Ohio.
Sanders, Michael '71,
Marshall, Ill.
Schmitz, Gary '80, Etiwanda,
Calif.
Schoo, Gregory '83 and Mary
Lou '82, Converse, Tex.
Schroedler, Charles '58,
Edwardsville, Ill.
Schwind, Arlene Dickhaut '42,
Christopher, Ill.
Schwind, David '74,
Collinsville, Ill.
Shanley, Thomas '81,
Downers Grove, Ill.
Short, Steven '73, South
Pasadena, Calif.
Sibert, Katherine Meyer x'76,
Murphysboro, Ill.
Simpson, James '80, De
Soto, Ill.
Sims, Patricia '72, MA '75,
Carbondale.

Ocherbr, Gerald '47 and
Bernice Fritz '46, Sullivan, Ill.
Ober, Roger '74 and Linda
Glombicki '74, Gifford, Ill.

Smith, Larry '78, Lake-
ville, Minn.
Spears, Roger '48 and Eileen
Reed x'44, Carbondale.
Stacey, Thomas '50 and
Madelynn Wadding x'51,
Victoria, Tex.
Stanton, Eva '73, MSED '76,
Metropolis, Ill.
Stefan, Stephen '74 and
Melanie Parayotovich '72,
Carterville, Ill.
Stevens, Robert '51,
Alexandria, Va.
Stevens, Susan '55, Be-
thesda, Md.
Stewart, Charles '78,
Chicago, Ill.
Stinson, Quentin '48 and
Barbara Melvin '47, Morton, Ill.
Suess, Thomas '61, Troy,
Ohio.
Sullivan, James '87, Chicago,
Ill.
Swinburne, Mary Lou '72,
MSED '78, New London, Conn.
Tervonil, Ill, George '74,
Donna Hart '74, Chicago, Ill.
Threw, Gary '69, MSED '81 and Janice '71, Murphys-
boro, Ill.
Tracy, Paul '76, Monroe, Wis.
Uno, Satomi MS '86,
Yokohama, Japan.
Urbancic, John '65, Orland
Park, Ill.
Ventura, Mamerto PhD '66
and Eva PhD '68, Philippines
Wallace, Oren '47 and Helen
Stafford x'45, Carbondale.
Wallin, John '72, Glen Ellyn,
Ill.
Washington, James MSED '69,
Bastrop, La.
Weshinsky, Roy '49, MA '50,
Carbondale.
West, Herald '83, Chicago,
Ill.
Wherry, David '83 and
Marian Breuer '82, Des
Plaines, Ill.
Willard, David '64 and
Patricia Williams x'60, Carmel,
Ind.
Williams, Lindsay x'63, St.
Louis, Mo.
Winder, Donald '63, MA '65,
Towson, Md.
Wright, David x'67 and
Marsha, Thompsonville, Ill.
Zody, Richard PhD '68,
Biloxi, Va.
Not Bullish on "USA Today"

BETHEL, Conn.—A number of SIUC Journalism School graduates were concerned about comments made by J-School graduate Marcia Bullard '74 on page 24 in the Fall 1987 Alumnus.

Miss Bullard currently works as managing editor of USA Weekend, an accomplishment of which she is rightfully proud. It seems she also had a hand in designing USA Today, also known as "McPaper."

Apparently she believes she can look down at other communicators from this lofty position. She did just that in your interview with her when she sniffed about SIUC College of Communications and Fine Arts students "studying public relations instead of "honest journalism.""

As have many of her fellow SIUC journalism graduates, I too have worked as a reporter and editor in what she calls "honest journalism." My career has taken me from news reporting to public relations to issues management and, some 14 years after graduating from SIUC, on to perhaps the ultimate communications challenge: a career in the law.

It was a shock to learn from Miss Bullard that I had abandoned honest work when I resigned as a reporter. But has she fared better? I'm sure Miss Bullard is aware of the disdain heaped on USA Today and its related publications by her fellow honest journalists.

Their work at Gannett has not helped "honest journalism." If anything, USA Today and USA Weekend have lowered journalistic standards across the board. In this "McPaper" format Miss Bullard and other Gannett employees eagerly helped develop, important news is boiled down to "factoids" and important issues are reduced to four-color charts.

I believe the USA Today approach to news reporting has lowered readership expectations of how the media should do its job and has contributed in a large part to the general public's mistrust and contempt of the media.

Miss Bullard is quick to dismiss other forms of communications work, implying that there is only one true career path for a journalism school graduate. She does a disservice to all her fellow graduates who serve an important and vital function in the business community through work in public relations and other forms of communications outside news reporting.

In her interview Miss Bullard was reported to have said the best tribute to the SIUC School of Journalism is in the high number of journalism alumni that are now news reporters. I believe there is tribute in the success of any SIUC School of Journalism graduate who maintains a career in communications. What they do in communications does not matter. What matters is that they do it well—that's the real tribute to the school.

Larry Alan '73

Attend Reunions

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—We just received our Winter 1987 issue of the Alumnus and were pleased to see the fine coverage of the Homecoming reunions of the Classes of 1937 and 1962.

As members of the Class of 1962, we wanted to thank the SIU Alumni Association organizers who made our induction into the Quarter Century Club so memorable. The cocktail hour preceding dinner combined the two classes and provided us an opportunity to reminisce with the Half Century Club inductees. The dinner and entertainment were wonderful, made special by the presentation of leather-bound certificates for each inductee.

We wish to encourage the Class of 1938 and the Class of 1963 to make the effort to attend their reunions this October at Homecoming. It will be well worth your time and perhaps a little inconvenience, and it will show your support of the Alumni Association for the great job it is doing on our behalf.

Richard D. Johnson '62
Susan Quick Johnson '62

Picture Perfect

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif.—I really got a kick out of seeing my fraternity photo on page 29 of the Winter 1987 Alumnus. So that your readers fully understand that the Phi Taus of the early '60s weren't just "goof-offs" but, rather, were serious students, I've enclosed an article from an issue of the Egyptian which shows I was the Phi Kappa Tau entrant and winner of the 1963 Ugly Man contest. I'm so proud of this honor.

Stan Shapiro '63
Whitehall Laboratories

Salukis in Mali

BAMAKO, MALI—I would like to inform you of the first meeting of the local Bamako, Mali (West Africa) SIU Alumni Association chapter.

The photograph shows (left to right) Ken Hawkinson PhD '86, professor of English at a teachers' college in Bamako and a Peace Corps volunteer; Robert A. Spurling '63, chief technical advisor for United Nations Industrial Development Organization with our Saluki mascot, Fiston; and myself, director of the American International School of Bamako. Go Southern!

Ron Presswood '70, MS '85

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Biographical Sketches

Members of the W.O. Brown family recall their ties to Southern Illinois and to the University from which they all graduated.

by Laraine Wright

In 1944 a man named William Orrel Brown, age 77, opened his family Bible and in it began writing notes about his early life. He claimed he had no pretensions. He described himself as an "ordinary man" and warned his unknown readers, "If the account bores you, there is always the waste basket."

At the time he wrote those words, however, W.O. Brown headed a remarkable family with close ties to Southern Illinois University. As a member of the faculty from 1914 through 1937, Brown had directed an innovative program that expanded education to rural children in the Southern Illinois counties. His wife, Clara, a former teacher, provided room and board to SIU students and managed the family's home so well that their four children were able to earn SIU degrees.

The reminiscences of those children—all of whom taught school and two of whom were members of the SIU Board of Trustees—are contained in a recently printed history of their family. Together, their stories show the devastation of childhood illness, the energy required for survival, and the ability to form ties with others for per-
The Brown family has been involved in education for a century. W.O. Brown—born in 1867 in a log cabin six miles south of Anna—became a teacher in his late teens. He eventually was elected Union County superintendent of schools and in that role established high schools in Dongola and Alto Pass. In 1914, at age 47, he moved his family to Carbondale and as an SIU professor began frequent travels to outlying counties. The head of the state’s first rural practice teaching program, he promoted the establishment of additional schools, encouraged new SIU graduates to teach in them, and in turn recruited their students to earn degrees from the University.

From 600 to 800 children attended the 10 rural schools visited by W.O. each year. At Christmas he gave each child a bag of candy and an orange, paid for from his own pocket. Often these were the only presents some of the children would receive.

Even after his retirement at age 70 he continued to visit the schools on a part-time appointment through SIU, receiving only travel expenses, not salary. He helped upgrade curricula and reported back to SIU administrators of the needs of the schools and their children.

Such an influence cannot be measured by hard data. Of the problems still unsolved in Southern Illinois, a lack of access to education isn’t among them. “Democracy requires that citizens think,” W.O. wrote late in life. “No one filled with pre-judging (prejudice) can think or reason.”

W.O. Brown was a popular man in Carbondale. Reading the remembrances of his children, you sense that he related well to both the faculty and the townspeople, many of whom appreciated his wit and eccentricities.

His children remember their father’s interest in automobiles—an interest that apparently far exceeded his skill in operating and repairing them. Not long after he joined the University, he purchased his first car—a Chevrolet 490. He and his older son, Van, then 10 years of age, went by train to St. Louis where they watched the car being put together in the factory. They literally drove it off the assembly line and then headed back to Carbondale the same day.

Thus began several decades of odd experiences with cars. “W.O. was continually getting into reverse when he intended to go forward,” recalls his younger son, Leo. Once, while leaving a parking lot, W.O. backed the car into railroad fencing and knocked down posts for 300 feet. On occasion, while trying to park the car in the garage, he would dent it or tear up the back wall or garage door. His father’s driving, remembers Van, “always resulted in squealing brakes and racing engines. This always disturbed me, and my mother did not realize the fierceness of it.”

In the mid-1920s W.O. owned two Dodges, both kept in a two-story barn behind the family’s home at 406 Beveridge. So the cars wouldn’t freeze in the winter, he tried keeping alcohol in the radiators, covering them with blankets and keeping them warm with kerosene heaters. One New Year’s Day, however, a heater lit a blanket, which in turn lit the barn. In the loft were 4,000 books, W.O.’s accumulation of a lifetime.

A close friend happened to be walking by and offered to help put out the blaze. “This is my fire,” W.O. supposedly retorted. “If you want a fire, go home and build one!” His friend embellished the story all around town, claiming that even as the fire burned the insurance man was there writing W.O. a check.

Yet when it came to kidding, Leo reports, his father “could always give more than he got.” The jokesters hung out at Marshall Batson’s barber shop (“No Amateurs,” reads his ad in the 1921 Obelisk), and W.O. was one of their favorite targets for pranks. Once, after midnight, while he and a group of Carbondale businessmen were attending a Lions Club convention in Chicago, his friends pounded on his door in the Palmer House. “W.O.,” one of them shouted, “is my wife in there?” “No,” was his prompt reply, “she left here just a few minutes ago.”

Throughout the family’s history are incidents of illness, many of them related to poor drinking water common throughout Southern Illinois. One of 12 children, W.O. retained throughout his life a clear memory of the 1872 epidemic of spinal meningitis. The disease afflicted an older brother, Jimmie, who “became delirious, stuff from the back of his head to his feet,” W.O. wrote. The next day a younger sister was stricken. She died 24 hours later.

Jimmie was mortally ill for four weeks. He “called out almost constantly for me or his sister who had already passed away to come and help him,” W.O. remembered.

“That four-week period left its mark on my life . . . it left something in my nervous system that is there yet. How vivid were those two funerals. Mother hysterical, father so sad . . . . Time heals almost all things but some memories never grow dim.”

“Heartaches” and “desolations” characterized much of the life of Southern Illinois in the late 1800s. There were no screens on doors or windows, he wrote, “and flies swarmed all over everything all the day long; mosquitoes spread malaria in every home; there were no bath tubs; babies were brought into the world by ignorant, unsanitary mid-wives.” Everyone had malaria, typhoid fever, tuberculosis, or smallpox.

W.O. was particularly afflicted with the “third-day chill” that literally caused him to miss school one day out of three. “Shivering for an hour so that the old house rocked and so that no amount of bed covering could bring about warmth. Then the chill passed into fever and delirium for three or four hours more. After that, one had to ‘sweat’ the fever off. And what a ‘sweat’ that was! The bed clothes would
become as 'wet as water' through and through..." To help ward off malaria, his mother mixed bitter-tasting quinine into his mashed potatoes or made him drink it straight: "bare naked quinine! It was quinine or die and I was not prepared to die!" He suffered from malaria for three years.

His children remember other serious illnesses. Their mother, Clara, developed typhoid fever in 1912 while the family was living in Jonesboro. "There was no hospital," Van later wrote. "The best that families could do would be to hire a trained nurse." Not much was known about contagious diseases, so the children were moved to relatives' homes in Anna and Dongola for many months. "We now know," Van said, "that typhoid was rampant in the late summer in Union County."

Van himself at the age of 12 contracted typhoid fever after playing in muddy swimming holes on Carbondale's west side. "I went down to Dr. Lingle's office," Van said, "and he was able to draw some blood and show it to me on a slide under his microscope." The boy went home and to bed, where he stayed for six weeks under the care of a nurse.

Southern Illinois University is tied into the lives of W.O. and his family in unusual ways, beginning with W.O. long before he joined the faculty.

In 1896 at the age of 19, while working for the Illinois Central Railroad as a telegrapher, he organized the first William Jennings Bryan Club in Southern Illinois during the rancorous McKinley-Bryan presidential campaign. It no doubt galled him to be required to transmit each day a message from the railroad's owners: "To all employees: If Bryan is elected, you will have no job the following day."

Southern Illinois Normal University also supported McKinley. The college allowed the railroad to pass out free round-trip tickets to Republican students so they could go home to vote. Democratic students, with no such privilege, had to attend classes on voting day. These practices—which W.O. felt were "unethical" and "probably illegal"—so infuriated him that he resigned from his job.

But times, and the University itself, changed. In 1940, after 26 years of association with SIU, W.O. wrote that "It is the duty of every individual who has attended Southern to support his Alma Mater in order to further one of the best educational institutions in Illinois... With the cooperation of each and every alumnus, S.I.N.U. will prosper and become an institution not to be overshadowed by the best in the United States."

His oldest son, Van, following a distinguished career as a physician in the U.S. Navy, retired to Carbondale and opened a practice in dermatology. He became active in the SIU Alumni Association and served as president from 1959-60, a role he later said he regarded "as probably my most notable accomplishment." He then was elected to two six-year terms on the SIU Board of Trustees, helping to establish the SIU School of Medicine and the SIU School of Law.

Younger son Leo also served in the Navy as a physician. On returning to Carbondale, he helped establish the Carbondale Clinic and traveled each week to Mount Vernon, Cairo, Fairfield, Anna, and other Southern Illinois towns as a radiologist. "Sometimes," he said, "I would drive 120 miles round trip to read one chest X-ray."

Leo preceded his brother Van as a member of the SIU Board of Trustees. Under the appointment of Governor Adlai Stevenson, Leo served for four years in the late 1940s and early 1950s, a time when alumni comprised the majority on the board. "I was the first lobbyist for the University in Springfield," he writes, "and it was a job which paid no money and one which required a great deal of time. Not infrequently, would I leave my practice at late afternoon and drive to Springfield in time to be in the local bars after the Legislature had met that day. It was my habit to 'treat the boys' and strike a blow for S.I.U.!'"

During his tenure on the board Leo helped establish the Vocational Technical Institute (now the College of Technical Careers) and the Nurses Training Program (now operated by SIU-Edwardsville). Both were "bitterly opposed" by Governor Stevenson and the University of Illinois, Leo remembers.

Stevenson evidently had strong misgivings about the whole area of Southern Illinois, according to Leo. Stevenson subscribed to the report of a well-known geographer who supposedly complete study indicated that Southern Illinois was a dust bowl. His report stated that, as soon as the then present-day relief recipients died, the whole area could be 'plowed under.'"

The Brown sisters—Martha and Marjorie, both SIU graduates—were teachers for a time. Martha taught in Campbell Hill, Mattoon, and Carbondale, and later taught English as a second language in Taipei, Taiwan. Marjorie taught in Carbondale and Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Some of their remembrances have to do with studying at the University. Martha enrolled in SINU at the age of 16. "Probably the best 'training' I got during these years was in the practice teaching I did under my father," she writes, "who at that time was a somewhat renowned teacher himself."

She ultimately was sent to three different rural schools for a six-week stint in each. "I believe now that there was no better way for a teacher to 'cut her teeth' into the profession than to work in a country school. That was life as it was really lived in rural America. I still remember the pie suppers, around which much of the country social life was centered, and the final last-day picnics... and all the pies and cakes crawling with flies."

Marjorie enrolled in the University at the age of 15 and completed her course work in only three years by taking the maximum number of hours in the summers. "I lived at home, of course," she said, "walking back and forth from Beveridge Street to the campus at least twice a day, sometimes three."

She writes, "I did the usual stupid things: joined a sorority, cut classes, began to smoke, dated some pretty weird fellows, lied to Mom and Dad, sloughed off on my work. (Comparative freedom was a pretty heady thing!) But along the way I also had some sense: I played in the orchestra, took all the English courses I could get, worked on the newspaper, did a very creditable job in my student teaching, and had roles in several dramatic productions."

Among the lessons handed down by W.O. to his children was one particularly remembered by Leo. His father liked to pass along "words of wisdom" at mealtimes, Leo said. A favorite biblical story concerned the building of King Solomon's Temple and the fact that a particularly crude and misshapen stone was used as the foundation.

"I shall never forget W.O.'s rendition of the summarizing verse," Leo said. "'Lo, the stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone of the temple.' This story illustrated the boundless opportunity for any person in this great land to achieve his goal, whatever it may be. We never forgot it."
Let's play two!" No, Ernie "Mr. Cub" Banks hadn't come out of retirement to save the dieharders from another ignominious last-place finish. It was a Saluki basketball twinbill—first the women's team played, then the men's—at the SIU Arena in late January.

The opponents for the women's team were the Western Illinois Westerwinds. Our Bridgett Bonds tapped the opening tip-off to Mary Berghuis and got the ball back for a 10-foot turnaround jump shot. And the Salukis never looked back, leading 44–15 at halftime and 80–46 at the final buzzer. The win moved the women's record to 12–6 overall, 8–2 in the Gateway Conference and tied for a share of the top spot.

Quite respectable, and yet there is a sense that with the season more than half finished, this team hadn't found itself. They had lost to Illinois, Indiana and Purdue and had gotten blown out by 20 points at home by conference rival Illinois State earlier in the month.

This was the team that went undefeated in the Gateway in 1986 and '87 to become the conference's representative at the NCAA tourney. Along the way the team established a school-record 26-game home winning streak.

But on this night the team's current problems vanished. This night the Saluki women were golden. They were bigger, stronger, faster, better shots, better ball handlers. And when reserve forward Diane Biedeck's jumper from the top of the key fell at 2:51 in the second half, everybody had drawn WIU blood. Time for fives—high, low and otherwise—all around.

If you haven't seen women's basketball since the old half-court, set shot days, you owe it to yourself to come out and see these athletes play the game. To see the strength and pure athleticism of Bonds, 1987 Gateway player of the year, leaping to snare a high hard pass, coming back down and taking it strong to the hoop, making a steal and going coast to coast with her long, effortless, graceful strides.

And to see Saluki Coach Cindy Scott standing arms crossed, shouting instructions to the players on the court, turning to point out a nuance to a player on the bench, her eyes shooting bullets at an official who has missed a call. Even with the score against WIU 56–26, Scott was up and down off the bench, totally involved in the game.

And to see Deanna Sanders' deft ballhandling, herky- jerky, stop-and-go syncopation, dribbling behind her her back, between her legs, making no-look passes.

To see Berghuis scrapping for rebounds, diving to the floor for loose balls, doing whatever it takes for the team to win.

To see, finally, the camaraderie and closeness of the whole group. The team's slogan is "A Class Act," and it is a class act, indeed.

Then it was the men's turn, taking on a Creighton Bluejays team they had whipped on the road earlier in the season but which seemed to have jelled recently. The Bluejays rolled into the Arena like a winter snowstorm from Omaha, riding a three-game winning streak. They were greeted by the largest crowd of the year—6,128 fans, but it looked like more.

At the tip off, all were on their feet clapping and cheering—the old Southern tradition that nobody sits down to start a half until the home team scores. The Salukis still wear the old-time uniforms—no names on the back, just numbers. That's as it should be. While pro basketball is a star game, college basketball is different, perhaps the ultimate team game, five guys but only one nervous system, a coordination as instinctive as a kid's moving his arms as he runs.

In the first half Saluki fans saw All-Missouri Valley Conference performer Steve
Middleton got into early foul trouble. Kai Nurnberger, from West Germany via Benton, Ill., picked up the slack along with Randy "Rambo" House. Each scored 14 first-half points. At the half the score was knotted: SIU-46, Creighton-46.

House, 6'5" and 210 pounds of muscle, gristle and scar tissue, is known for his all-out kamikaze-style play against taller opponents. But House plays the mental game as hard as the physical one. He's the team's coach on the court, throwing the ball inbounds, directing the other players, a point forward, if you will.

Typical of House's heady approach to the game was a play in the second half when he knocked the ball away from the Creighton guard and, while falling out of bounds at midcourt, had the court savvy to scoop the ball underhand, left-handed toward the Saluki basket. That it even hit the backboard was as good a play as there was all night.

Creighton kept threatening to pull away in the second half with their hot-shooting guard Rod Mason and superior size and strength on the boards. Their lead swelled to eight points with about six minutes to go, and it looked like curtains for the home team. But somebody forgot to tell House. He ripped down a rebound one-handed, made a three pointer and wouldn't let the party be over. He hit another three pointer to close the gap to three points with under a minute left.

With the score 85-82 Creighton, the Salukis called time out to set up a three-point play for House from the right corner. But with time running out, and two defenders hanging all over him, he missed everything. House had run out of miracles. The final was Creighton 87-Salukis 82.

Coach Rich Herrin called the game "a very disappointing loss." A victory would have put us in the hunt with a 3-3 conference mark instead of entrenched in the second division at 2-4.

There were some positives. It was the largest crowd of the season to date, and the students were visible and vocal. Gerry Emig, sports information assistant director, commented after the game on "the genuinely renewed enthusiasm of the student body this year."

Southern played as we've come to expect Herrin's teams to play: hard, never giving up, but finally just outmanned in the front line. This is not, however, the last word. Southern finally has a legitimate Division I recruiting class. To date, those signed are:

- Antonio Harvey, 6'10", 210, from Pascagoula (Miss.) High School, averaging 11 points and 7 rebounds a game while playing for the seventh-ranked team in the state. Harvey is considered one of the top 100 prepsters in the country.
- Barry Dunning, 6'7", 190, a transfer out of Seminole Junior College, averaging 18.5 points and 9 rebounds per game.
- Jerry Jones, 6'6", 230, a transfer student from University of Texas at El Paso. He played his prep ball at Chicago's Hillcrest High School where he averaged 23.5 points and 14.5 rebounds per game and was a Converse All Star high school All American. He is on campus now and has a year and one half of eligibility remaining. Back from this year's squad will be seasoned starters House and Nurnberger and promising freshmen Rick Shipley and Sterling Mahan.

Herrin plays the game the way it is meant to be played—hard and fast, pushing the ball up court. Yet in his three years at Southern he hasn't had the horses to match up against bigger front lines. He has used a zone defense to compensate for his players' lack of size, quickness and athletic ability. The incoming recruiting class could make next year a different story.

You have to see Southern's recruiting problems in the recent past in the context of the Missouri Valley Conference, a premier league in the 1950s and '60s with Cincinnati, NCAA national champs champs in '60 and '61. Also in the MVC were Memphis State and Louisville, teams you can see on Saturday afternoons on network TV. When these teams left the league, they took a lot of its glamour and many of the reasons for young recruits to come to Southern.

The powerhouse also took their media outlets with them. St. Louis University, another former member of the MVC, could provide an entree for the conference into more living rooms than Terre Haute, Omaha, Normal, Tulsa or Carbondale.

The prospects of both the MVC and the Salukis are promising. The MVC is on the way back with players like Bradley's Hersey Hawkins, who receives lots of ink while leading the nation in scoring. At Southern we are just a player or two and a break or two away from starting a new winning tradition.

Coach Rich Herrin
"CRISIS" IS THE ONLY WORD for it: public universities in Illinois are operating on less money while being expected to educate more students and offer more services. To bring this issue before the public and the Illinois state legislators, Southern Illinois University has joined the three other state university systems to lobby for increased funding for higher education.

Heading the joint effort out of offices in Springfield is an SIUC alumnus, Keith R. Sanders '61, MS'62, dean of SIUC's College of Communications and Fine Arts. He is expected to remain in Springfield at least through the end of June.

Sanders heads the state university effort to lobby for more funding for higher education.

Sanders was selected for his special assignment by the chief officers of the four state university systems: Southern Illinois University, the University of Illinois, the Board of Regents, and the Board of Governors, with the approval of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. "This is the first time all the state university systems have worked together in this way," Sanders said.

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O VER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS—and up two-lane roads and behind farm combines. Getting from Carbondale to St. Louis, the nearest big city, is more of a chore than it should be, according to the proponents of a Carbondale-St. Louis interstate.

One idea is to extend Interstate 24 by branching it off Interstate 57 at Marion, brushing it by Carbondale, stretching it northwest, and stitching it onto the Jefferson Barracks Bridge in South St. Louis. A drive that is 110 miles with a travel time of 150 minutes would be reduced to 75 miles in 80 minutes.

The lack of an interstate is a major reason why industry, with its increased jobs and tax dollars, doesn’t locate here. Driving time costs money. Compounding the problem, Carbondale no longer has direct train or bus connections to St. Louis.

Proponents of 1-24 also point out that the University and town would benefit through greater visibility, more connections with St. Louis businesses, and easier access for students.

“Look at Auburn!” an alumnus told us recently. “Look at Georgia!” So we did. We got out the atlas and looked at 45 public universities in 27 midwestern, southern, and southwestern states. We wrote down the town location, size, and type of access to the nearest major city (interstate, four-lane, and/or two-lane).

The results are surprising and unsettling. Carbondale is definitely atypical for public university towns—smaller in size, farther away than the average from a metropolitan area, and harder to get to.

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SIUC is in the company of Arkansas State, Mississippi State, Georgia, Arkansas, Penn State, and Texas A & M in being difficult to get to, farther than average from the nearest big city, and in a town of smaller-than-average population. The latter four universities, however, have Division I football. That takes some of the edge off Sticksville, say the boosters.

With the exception of the University of Illinois, SIUC leads the state in number of undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs; in the number of students; in facilities; in employees and payroll. In the 22 counties south and west of Belleville, Carbondale has the largest enclosed mall and the largest employer (SIUC).

Carbondale is struggling to succeed despite its lack of an interstate. But how much more is possible without it? And doesn’t the University and its town deserve better access—an access granted to the vast majority of major public universities?

As the country’s population keeps growing and industry expands to new locations, more interstates will have to be built. Many cities are keeping their eyes on the potential. When Interstate 55 was laid past its door, Cape Girardeau, Mo., began to change from a sleepy river town to the main economic force in the Bootheel.

Now the Cape has its eye on a connection between I-55 in Missouri and I-24 at Paducah, Ky. Linked to I-24, Cape Girardeau would become a major watering hole between Nashville and St. Louis. And if that happened, the State of Illinois might well have to write off development in its southern counties for decades to come.—Laraine Wright
Rex Ball, acting president of the SIU Foundation since Jan. 1, says he has "a strong service orientation in my blood." As a professor at Laredo State University in Texas, Ball volunteered to raise money for almost all of the town's major charities, including the United Way campaign. After he had reorganized it and set a record in the amount of contributions, the university's president said, "Why not raise money for us?"

That was 10 years ago, Ball said, and he's been a full-time fund raiser ever since.

The SIU Foundation is the private, not-for-profit corporation responsible for all fund raising for the Carbondale campus. The Foundation currently operates on a $1.14 million annual budget, about $1 million of which is provided under a contract with SIUC.

Ball hopes that amount can be raised to $2 million in order to hire the people he feels are needed for a serious fund-raising effort at the University. Additional specialists and support dollars for their efforts are needed, said Ball, in the areas of planned giving, corporate and foundation relations, and special gifts.

In raising funds for SIUC, Ball has a list of priorities that include both short-term and long-term goals. In the immediate future, he is looking to up contributions to $6 million in FY89 and to $7 million in FY90. The goal for the current fiscal year is $5.5 million.

He also has set an ambitious long-term goal of raising the Foundation's endowment to $100 million by the year 2000. The endowment now stands at $6 million, he said. That goal will be possible, he feels, by concentrating on the area of planned giving—annuities, paid-up life insurance policies, and various forms of trusts that often yield income and/or tax savings to donors while they are still alive.

A solid planned-giving program, said Ball, would create a "money machine" for the University by paying off in greater and greater amounts over the years. Planned giving is a win-win situation. "It helps donors plan their estates in such a way that their gifts are mutually beneficial to the donors and the institution."

Both SIUC President John C. Guyon and SIU Foundation Board Chairman Harry Crisp support an emphasis on planned giving, Ball said. Such a program needs to be soldly in place before the University can consider a serious campus-wide capital campaign, he added.

In the meantime, he is looking at ways the Foundation can be "more productive and efficient in the number of dollars we raise." - Laraine Wright

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The Movie "Top Gun" Made the "Top Gun" Squadron at Miramar Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif., famous. Gunnery Sgt. Gilbert Cordova '82 spends his days among the F-16s and F-18s there. It's a noisy, busy place. Cordova's specialty involves non-destructive inspection of airframes—a quality control that helps keep those ace fighter pilots safe in the air.

Cordova, 38, is an 18-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps who's looking forward to "retirement" once he passes the 20-year mark. "I'm curious to know what it's like to be a civilian," he said. "I hear it's a lot different." And he's also looking forward to starting a new career with the help of his degree in aviation management from SIUC's College of Technical Careers.

Born in Los Angeles and reared in El Paso, Tex., Cordova "had no idea whatsoever of going to college. I was taught that if you work hard, you get ahead."

Off-campus baccalaureate programs have been offered through CTC since 1975. There are now 34 programs at 28 military bases and one civilian location in 12 states. The programs are offered in a weekend format. Students attend 16 hours of class every other weekend for courses in their major subject. General studies requirements are achieved through concurrent community college enrollment or by transferring credit from institutions previously attended.

Despite his initial fears of higher education, Cordova found that once he started, "It was fantastic. It was like somebody opened a door to a whole different world. I kept thinking that I'd wasted all that time before."

The father of five children, ranging in age from 5 to 16, he said he wants every one of them to go to college. "They're all going to go if I have to kick 'em."—Bonnie Marx
Jim Hart '67—The Former St. Louis Cardinal quarterback and former Saluki great—is the color commentator for Chicago Bears football games broadcast over network radio. He shares the broadcast booth with Dick Butkus and Wayne Larabie.

When the Kansas City Chiefs came to Soldier Field last November, Hart remarked that the Chiefs' center Tom Baugh '86 was an SIUC grad. "There's a Saluki loose on the field," someone in the booth quipped. "Someone" because this radio crew may well be the most raucous and unrestrained broadcasting team ever assembled. So it's hard to tell who's talking when Hart and Butkus become animated.

At halftime there was more than one Saluki loose on the field. There actually were over a hundred, as director Mike Hanes led the Marching Salukis in providing halftime entertainment to the sellout crowd assembled to witness the splendor and destruction of the "Monsters of the Midway." This was the fourth appearance at Soldier Field for the SIUC musicians, Saluki Shakers, and Saluki Twirlers.

The Marching Salukis are, of course, not your standard college marching band. Their costumes of homburg hats and tuxedos are well known. Not so well known is the fact that 60 percent of the band members are non-music majors. They're in it for the fun of it, and it shows.

The next weekend saw the Marching Salukis make their 23rd consecutive annual appearance at the St. Louis Cardinals-Tampa Bay Buccaneers game in Busch Stadium.—J.M. Lillich

WHETHER YOU STUTTER in English, Dutch, or Japanese—produces the same disturbing effects. To bring relief to stutterers and persons affected by other speech disorders, some of the world's top students in the field are gathering at one of the world's most esteemed research centers: SIUC's Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences.

Gene J. Bruten, professor and chairperson, has helped his department gain an international reputation that regularly brings students from abroad for graduate studies in neurogenic and voice disorders, speech pathology and aphasia, and the field of fluency, which includes stuttering.

Among the international students are some who already are recognized professionals in their fields—a staff member at a Belgian center for speech rehabilitation, an Indian author of two highly regarded textbooks in the area of speech pathology, and a Fulbright award winner from Japan.

Bruten himself has held two yearlong visiting professorships at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands under Fulbright grants, and has done research at the Belgian Universities of Brussels, Ghent, and Leuven.

Like many of his American colleagues, Bruten prefers a classroom style that encourages maximum input from the students. The approach contrasts sharply to the more formal environment of European-influenced lecture halls. "There's another thing we like here," said Luc De Nil, a doctoral candidate from Ghent, Belgium. "Here, you are challenged all through the term with discussions and quizzes. I think you learn more. In Europe, the final exam is the only really important part of the term. You can go to class or not, so long as you get a good grade on the final. There's no pressure until the last few weeks."

A psychologist, he is a staff member at the Center for Speech Rehabilitation in Ghent.

Classmate Corine van Os of Utrecht, Netherlands, already holds a medical degree and is doing research in voice disorders at SIUC on a Fulbright scholarship. She plans to return to the Netherlands to take a residency in otolaryngology, a branch of medicine that combines treatment of the ear and the throat.—Ben Gelman

Shane Bajracharya, age 3, didn't even notice he had become the center of so much attention. Sitting quietly at a table in Stone House, the home of the SIU Chancellor, Shane carefully dipped a large watercolor brush into a tiny container of black paint, then transferred the liquid onto a piece of paper.

The object was to paint a picture of a panda sitting in a tree. But Shane had long since forgotten about the panda. Ever so slowly, and oblivious to the people crowded around the table, he painted a series of wandering lines, then blackened the spaces in between. Meanwhile his 10-year-old sister, Shikha, quickly painted a perfect rendering of a panda. She's the artist, while Shane is the philosopher.

Their parents, Srijana and Jagadish Bajracharya from Nepal, are SIUC students. Shane was born here. "We haven't been back to Nepal for six years," said Srijana, while fondly watching her children. "We're hoping to in one more year."

The Bajracharya children were among 75 invited to a holiday party at Stone House on Dec. 5, 1987. The theme was international customs and crafts. SIUC students from 10 nations—representing Africa, Asia, Europe, and South America—discussed native dress, music, and other aspects of their cultures. The party was sponsored by seven campus departments, but honorary hosts were SIUC President John C. Guyon and his wife, Joyce, and SIU Chancellor Lawrence K. Pettit and his wife, Libby.

The Pettits hope to find many more opportunities for SIUC and community groups to use Stone House for their activities.—Laraine Wright
THE AIRWAY SCIENCE program in SIUC's College of Technical Careers will get a new home: a classroom-laboratory funded by a $312,574 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Construction of the new facility may begin in the summer, with occupancy by air traffic control students as early as the fall semester. The facility will include a large classroom-laboratory with the capability for 20 microcomputer stations; a library and conference room; and office space.

The grant also covers equipment purchases, including flight simulation equipment for flight training programs based at the Southern Illinois Airport near Carbondale.

To quality for FAA Airway Science grant money, a college must have at least one of five Airway Science options approved by the FAA. SIUC is one of only seven schools nationwide to have earned approval on all five options and the generic curriculum. In fiscal 1987 the FAA distributed $5 million in grants to colleges involved in Airway Science programs.

In a letter to SIUC President John C. Guyon, the FAA called the University "a forerunner in aviation education" that has "produced many fine graduates" and "will help guarantee a source of future aviation leaders." Part of the FAA's commitment to the national Airway Science program includes hiring up to 500 qualified graduates each year.

"The Airway Science facility addition is especially noteworthy for the College of Technical Careers, given our classroom and space needs and our budget cutbacks this year," said Harry G. Miller, dean of the college. "The award is recognition of our programs and faculty in aviation, which have a national reputation for excellence."

The new addition to the Technical Careers building will include classroom-laboratory space for the Airway Science program.

A N ARTICLE IN THE JANUARY 1988 Illinois Issues magazine concerns Roland Burris '59, Illinois comptroller and the only black who holds a major office in the state.


R ECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOKS by the Southern Illinois University Press:

Lincoln's New Salem by Benjamin Platt Thomas, a lifetime Lincoln scholar. New Salem, Ill., was home to Abraham Lincoln from 1831 to 1837. Thomas examines the founding of the village and its restoration a century later, focusing on Lincoln's impact on the town and its effect on him. 188 pages, $13.95.

Strategic Newspaper Management by Conrad Fink, professor of media management at the University of Georgia. Fink offers hundreds of case studies on how to manage newspapers. The book shows why some newspapers flourish while others fail. 416 pages, $29.95.

Aliens: The Anthropology of Science Fiction by George E. Slusser, curator of the J. Lloyd Eaton Collection at the University of California, Riverside, and Eric S. Rabkin, professor of English at the University of Michigan. The book includes 17 essays on the topic of when did the alien, as a specific category of "other," take on meaning through its relationship to the study of man. 266 pages, $27.50.

Beyond the Mask: Edward Gordon Craig, Movement, and the Actor by Irene Eynat-Confino, an Israeli writer and theater consultant. The book is based on Craig's previously unpublished diaries, notebooks, letters, designs, and photographs, as well as his puppets, masks, and stage models. Craig (1872-1966) was an English theatrical director, designer, and producer. 256 pages, $26.95.

THE CLASS OF 1988 has a good salary forecast, according to a survey of personnel executives at 226 major U.S. Companies. Starting salaries of new graduates with bachelor's degrees will increase by an average of 3.7 to 11.8 percent.

Selected average starting salaries are $22,608, liberal arts; $22,800, sales/marketing; $22,900, business administration; $25,700, chemistry; $26,100, mathematics/statistics; $27,400, computing; $36,100, MBA, non-technical.

A PROGRAM THAT will offer their students the best of graduate political science programs at SIUC and Sangamon State University in Springfield, Ill., has received approval from the universities' presidents.

SIUC President John C. Guyon and Sangamon President Durward Long have announced an agreement that should bring a closer relationship between faculty and students of the two schools' graduate political science programs. Each university will accept certain political science courses from the other toward a master's degree in political studies at Sangamon State or a doctorate in political science at SIUC.

The agreement stipulates that up to 12 semester hours of the doctoral course requirements at SIUC can be satisfied by designated study and research at Sangamon. SIUC students will have the use of Sangamon's extensive library as well as the research facilities of Sangamon's Legislative Studies Center.
"This is a remarkably thorough chronicle of Delyte Morris and his leadership of Southern Illinois University. It is based on a painstaking examination of the official files that Morris kept and on interviews with his associates. The result is a good picture of the man, his style of operating, and the various stages in the building of the university."
—Ralph McCoy, Dean Emeritus of Library Affairs

Delyte Morris of SIU
By BETTY MITCHELL, with a Foreword by Dick Gregory

When Morris became president in 1948, enrollment at SIU was 3,013. By the end of his career, enrollment on the two campuses totaled nearly 35,000. He instituted Ph.D. programs and created family housing. He lobbied for and got the TV station, the FM radio station, the university press, the news service, and outdoor education. Long before it was fashionable he promoted ecology, just as he provided facilities for the handicapped years before society demanded them. He brought to the school such luminaries as R. Buckminster Fuller. Through it all he demanded that SIU be an integral part of the southern Illinois community. Illustrated. $19.95

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Arby's on East Main (former location of Danver's).

The Carnival, a razzle-dazzle shoe outlet in University Place across from the University Mall.

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Taco John's on the Strip across from campus.

University Place 8, an eight-screen movie theater across from the University Mall.

WHEN FRANK AND MARILYN Black of Carbondale heard the news, they immediately made plans to take a trip to New York in May. "There was never any doubt," said Frank, president of Vogler Ford. "This is something we wouldn't miss for the world." Their son, Randall Black '78, will debut at Carnegie Hall on May 30.

Possessed of a fine tenor voice, Black appeared in a number of opera and music theater productions at the University. He earned a master's degree in music from Indiana University in 1982 (he is now working on a Ph.D. there) and is an instructor in voice and director of the opera workshop at Murray (Ky.) State University.

"Along with some 400 other performers, I had sent a tape to the Third Annual Worldwide Arts Competition," he said, "and they notified me that I was one of about 40 finalists who were invited to audition in person in New York on Saturday, Dec. 5.

"Well, I had a performance on Sunday, Dec. 6, that I could not cancel. So, I rehearsed for it all day Thursday, left for New York on Friday, auditioned on Saturday, and flew back to Kentucky in time to perform on Sunday."

When judging of the auditions was over, Black was one of 12 singers selected to receive contracts to appear at Carnegie Hall. He will be the tenor soloist in the Mozart Requiem on May 30.

The Requiem has long been a favorite of classical music lovers. It received an even wider audience recently when it was featured in the Oscar-winning movie, Amadeus, about the 18th-century Austrian composer, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

While Black is rehearsing for his Carnegie Hall appearance in the spring, he also has plenty of other work to keep him busy, including working on a production of Gian-Carlo Menotti's opera The Medium in the Playhouse in the Park at Murray State and preparing to direct two operas next season for the university's opera workshop.

Randall and his wife, Kim, live with their two-year-old daughter, Megan, in Murray, Ky. They are expecting their second child in May, just a week after Randall's Carnegie Hall debut.—Ben Gelman

CHARLOTTE WEST, SIUC'S ACTING DIRECTOR OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, made national news in January when a long article about her appeared in the respected weekly newspaper, The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The writer, Susan Oberlander, had journeyed to Carbondale to meet West, currently the only female athletics director in charge of Division I football at a U.S. university.


Charlotte, who began her career as a high school physical education teacher, had worked her way up to assistant director of women's athletics, and then to director, before being appointed acting director when the former director was elevated to director of the entire university's athletic department.

In the article, Oberlander reports that West is a "woman of great energy and drive" who has "pushed the boundaries of what women can do in athletics."

"She has the ability to get along with everyone," Oberlander writes. "She has the ability to get along with women and men, black and white, rich and poor."


NEPAL, which boasts one of the world's newest TV broadcasting systems, now has its own version of 60 Minutes. The show is called "8 O'Clock," and Joe S. Foote, chairman of SIUC's Department of Radio-Television, helped put it on the air.

Foote wrote about Nepal TV in an amusing two-page article published in the Jan. 9, 1988, issue of TV Guide. He describes how die-hard staff people overcame the obstacles of "the rugged Himalayas, with nine of the 10 tallest mountains in the world."
AN INTRAMURAL war was waged on campus last fall when 11 academic areas at the University participated in the SIU Foundation’s 1987 Fall Telefund. The annual event has developed into spirited competition among the colleges to see which can bring in the most money or increase pledges by the highest percentage over the year before.

Winners this year were the College of Education, highest dollar amount, $54,535; the School of Law, highest average gift pledged, $69.22, and highest one-year increase in the number of dollars pledged, 80 percent; and the College of Liberal Arts, highest one-year increase in the number of donors, 85 percent.

More than 6,200 SIUC alumni pledged $194,805 to the 1987 Fall Telefund to set a new record for the fund raiser sponsored by the SIU Foundation. The campaign ran for 58 nights and involved 1,327 volunteers. The total amount pledged was 37 percent over the $142,254 amount of the year before:

- $54,535, Education, a 51 percent increase.
- $30,078, Business and Administration, a 2.6 percent decrease.
- $20,720, Technical Careers, a 70 percent increase.
- $19,590, Law, an 80 percent increase.
- $18,551, Communications and Fine Arts, a 62 percent increase.
- $15,805, Agriculture, a 54 percent increase.
- $14,697, Liberal Arts, a 63 percent increase.
- $11,685, Science, a 9.6 percent decrease.
- $7,262, Engineering and Technology, a 28 percent increase.
- $2,408, Human Resources, a 24 percent decrease.
- $472, University Studies, a 29 percent increase.

Money raised through the Fall Telefund is used by the individual academic areas in a variety of ways, including student scholarships, support for faculty, and alumni activities.

Contributions may be sent to the Fall Telefund, SIU Foundation, 1205 West Chautauqua, Carbondale, IL 62901-6805.

ONE OF LIFE’S little challenges: climbing cliffs at Giant City State Park (with proper training, gear, and supervision, that is) is tempting, but only to a chosen few.

70 PERCENT OF EMPLOYERS limit smoking on the job. SIUC will soon join their ranks. Starting July 1, smoking will be allowed only in limited, designated areas, and then only when all workers agree to allow smoking.

Smoking has been prohibited in classrooms since 1973. Recently added to the list are public meeting rooms, reception areas, hallways, restrooms, libraries, copy rooms, and other areas.

By 1995, smoking will be banned in all campus buildings, including dorms. Persons will have to go outside to smoke.
JUNEBUG JABO JONES, the character created and portrayed by playwright John O'Neal Jr. '62, explores various aspects of the Afro-American experience in a "rap" style. As Junebug, O'Neal has been touring the country and performing in Europe the past few years.

As an SIUC student, O'Neal helped form the campus chapter of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). After graduation, he donned a pair of overalls and took part in voter-registration drives for blacks in southeast Missouri, Georgia and Mississippi, where he met the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and Dick Gregory.

O'Neal draws much of the material for his plays from his experience with SNCC during the 1960s.

After settling in New Orleans, he helped establish the Free Southern Theater, where half a dozen of his own plays were produced. In 1978 he returned to SIUC to direct James Baldwin's play, Blues for Mr. Charlie, in McLeod Theater.

O'Neal is well-known in New Orleans. In 1986, the mayor declared a "Junebug Jabo Jones Day." And O'Neal is becoming better known elsewhere. He was interviewed several months ago on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition." A 42-minute version of "Junebug I" was produced for cable television. Recently, O'Neal was awarded a $16,000 Rockefeller Foundation grant to work with the Riverside Theater in Whitesburg, Ky. One project will be to dramatize the little-publicized story of blacks in Appalachia.—Ben Gelman

AMONG THE COMINGS AND GOINGS at the University this quarter were:


Rex H. Ball, from vice president for administration and university relations at Laredo (Tex.) State University, to acting president of the SIU Foundation, Jan. 1, 1988. Ball joined the Foundation as vice president on Dec. 1, 1987, shortly before the resignation of Anne Carman.

Thomas A. Bila, from director of annual giving, SIU Foundation, to executive director of the Rockford Memorial Hospital Foundation, Rockford, Ill., Dec. 31, 1987.

Michael T. Miller '87, from assistant director of annual giving, SIU Foundation, to director of annual giving, Jan. 1, 1988.

Perry Murry '81, from SIUC's coordinator of veteran's affairs, to national public information director of AMVETS, Lanham, Md.

SEND YOUR KIDS TO SCHOOL all year round. Ernest L. Boyer, former U.S. Commissioner of Education, would like that. (So would millions of parents.) Boyer was on campus Dec. 10 to present the 15th annual George S. Counts Lecture, honoring the well-known educator who died in 1974.

Ideally, said Boyer, school calendars should be organized in two- to three-month terms year-round, with two- to three-week breaks for teacher education, planning, and renewal. The current school calender, with the full summer season free, was set up over 90 years ago when 95 percent of all children lived on the family farm where their help was needed in the summer.

Among Boyer's other recommendations:

—Turn off the TV more often and read to your kids in the evenings.
—Give teachers more freedom and respect.
—Require schools to set up mandatory social service units, where youth would work in day care centers, retirement homes, or other community areas.
—Reform the curriculum. High school work needs to be more integrated and global, and educators must help students make the leap between classroom learning and real-world battles with problems like hunger, poverty, the environment, AIDS, and war and peace.
—Set up "basic schools" for kindergarten through fourth grade in which children would concentrate on speaking and writing in classes limited to 15 pupils at most.

Society "faces not just a school problem, but a youth problem," Boyer said. "We have created a culture where we are uncomfortable with our children."

Boyer currently is president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.—Sue Davis
YOUTHS must grow up to become effective, educated men if the black race is to survive in America, say Nathan and Julia Hare, a husband-and-wife social scientist team from San Francisco. The Hares were on campus Feb. 16 to give the keynote address for Black History Month at the University.

In America’s patriarchal society, the black male is the key to saving black families, Julia Hare said. "We've got to have viable, employed black males. In a patriarchal society, an oppressed group must also have strong patriarchs or else that group will not continue to survive." A shortage of available black males is apparent in the United States, their research shows. There are 15 percent more black women than men. Many black men are in prison, have died of drug overdoses, were killed in wars, or are simply "psychological dropouts," she said. By age 10 black males begin to drop out of school psychologically. High school graduation finds four black females to every one black male on the diploma list, and black male college graduates are even rarer.

"It takes a woman to show a girl how to become a woman, and it takes a man to bring a boy to manhood," she said. Blacks should provide solid role models to black boys, offer an additional one to two hours of ethnic schooling after the regular school day, and start disciplining their children again.

"We must also teach our children to think for themselves because as others think for you, they will have you acting in their interests, not yours," she said.

Parents should pay attention to whom their children play with, taking as much time "picking their children’s friends as they do shopping for a job or car."

Nathan Hare said blacks need to set their own social agendas and create solutions that serve the black, not the white, community. "I think that black people need to be more involved in planning what kind of culture we're going to have," he said. "Instead, we have mainly been characterized by the search for social acceptance—that is, for civil rights—to be included. We have not involved ourselves in determining the future values of society. These have been determined by whites."

SUE DAVIS

FOR ONLY THE SECOND TIME IN ITS HISTORY, SIUC has been forced to turn away applicants. Beginning April 1, SIUC began setting aside applications from freshmen for the Fall 1988 semester. Transfer students and those attending off-campus programs will continue to be considered.

As of early February, SIUC had already received 11,165 freshman applications, a jump of about 20 percent over last year. Fall 1987 enrollment stood at a record 24,160 students, including those studying at off-campus locations. An enrollment of 23,277 students was posted for the Spring 1988 semester, an increase of 481 students over last spring.

In the summer and fall semesters of 1976, SIUC for the first time effectively "closed" admissions due to limited resources. Students are already being turned away from several popular SIUC programs, including radio-television, interior design, aviation flight, and architectural technology. Those programs can only accommodate a limited number of students with existing equipment and laboratory space.
On July 2, 1949, Southern Illinois University students stood in period costume on the steps of Old Main. The occasion was Founders Day, part of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the University. In 1949 enrollment was at an all-time high at 3,166 students; Delyte Morris was SIU's new president; and the Homecoming parade attracted 20,000 spectators.
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