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Giving Stock

When SIU alumni Allan L. and Wanda Hancock McCabe decided to endow a scholarship they made their first payment in cash. This year, however, they started to fund it in a way that will benefit Southern and their own financial planning—they made a gift of stock.

Longtime supporters of SIU, the McCabes are both retired teachers who remain extremely active in Williamson County, where they have farmed and raised cattle throughout their married life. The McCabe Scholarship is presented to a junior or senior with preference given to a student from Southern Illinois who majors in animal science.

Giving stock enables the McCabes to endow this scholarship while making a wise financial move: "We believe in the mission of SIU and have always supported the University financially," says Allan McCabe. "Giving stock to fund our scholarship is a way for us to maintain that support and to avoid the capital gains tax by signing over stocks directly to the University."

Wanda McCabe adds, "From our perspective, it is a win-win situation: the University and, most importantly, students for generations to come will benefit from this scholarship. And the bonus is that we are able to make this gift in a way that is advantageous for us."



Allan and Wanda McCabe

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SOUTHERN VIEW

Association 100 Years Strong and Growing

by Wesley Wilkins, President, SIU Alumni Association

I have always been a loyal SIU alumnus. But it was not until I became involved with the SIU Alumni Association, first as a member, then as an elected board member, and, most recently, as president, that I fully realized what it means to be an alumnus of Southern.

As alumni, we belong to a distinguished group of over 160,000 people of all different backgrounds in all different walks of life. We live in every state and territory in the union and in 125 countries around the world. Whatever our life's work, whether it has been as a teacher, doctor, parent, farmer, engineer, pilot, company president or writer, we have, as a group, positively changed thousands of lives, institutions and communities. Just as this current group of alumni creates our legacy, so have we inherited an impressive legacy from the thousands of alumni who came before us.

What I have realized is that as a SIU alumnus I am part of something that extends beyond my own university experience and encompasses the experiences and accomplishments of all my fellow alumni. For me, that is what the SIU Alumni Association is all about; strengthening the bonds we already share and ensuring that the educational experience we had at Southern will be there for generations to come.

This year, as the SIU Alumni Association celebrates our centennial, I better apprehend the significance of this occasion. For 100 years, the SIU Alumni Association has worked closely with

alumni and with the university to reveal and to sustain the excellence of our alma mater. We have evolved from our original mission to find and keep updated records for all alumni. While maintaining those records remains a high priority, the Association has increasingly dedicated itself to other causes that members now support through their participation and dues:

- Student scholarships;
- Student recruitment;
- The development of alumni chapters that provide alumni in cities and regions throughout the country a way to stay in touch with and to support the University;
- The annual Homecoming that invites back all alumni to campus;
- The Emergency Student Loan Fund, to which alumni have contributed over \$60,000;
- The publication of *Alumnus*, the quarterly alumni magazine;
- The Extern Program that places almost 200 students a year with professionals in locations throughout the nation;
- Financial support for the colleges, student athletics, Morris Library and many student organizations.

In commemoration of the Alumni Association Centennial, we are leading a campaign to light Pulliam Tower – another legacy for us to pass on to future generations of alumni and to the local community.

I believe anniversaries are especially important because they compel us to reflect

upon the past and to look toward the future. Today the SIU Alumni Association looks towards the next century with great optimism and determination, guided by our commitment to serve as an advocate and friend to the University as well as to all alumni.

In the coming years, we plan to build membership so that we can even more actively support the many causes I have cited. We will be reaching out to alumni through our chapter development efforts and by building stronger relationships with college constituency societies. We will be working hand-in-hand with colleagues to meet the University's many goals, especially lending our assistance in the areas of student recruitment and university development. And this year, in a cooperative venture with the SIU Foundation, we have purchased and will be implementing a state-of-the-art data base that will enable us to fulfill our original 19th century mission in 21st century style.

Our goal as an alumni association should be no less than to leave behind a legacy that will make current and future alumni as proud as we are of the legacy that has been passed on to us. I look forward to our partnership with each of you to achieve that goal.

Southern View will be a regular column in Alumnus, providing opportunities for the administrative and volunteer leadership of the University to address alumni on issues of importance to SIU as well as to higher education.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Little Greek With My Alumnus Please

I really enjoy receiving my Alumnus magazine. I was a student at SIUC from 1987-91. While I was at SIUC, I enjoyed many extracurricular activities. One of the major activities I never hear about in *Alumnus* is Greek life. Sigma Sigma Sigma, was a big part of my college experience. I would like to see a "Greek Corner" in *Alumnus* updating us on all of their activities on campus.

Greek alumni please write *Alumnus* if this is something you would like to see too!

*Jill Isoue-Zager BS '91
Dyer, Ind.*

Museum Opens A World of Possibilities to Students

It was great to see some of the collections of the SIU Museum on your pages. I worked there as a student from about 1968-73. Through the Museum, I had a chance to work closely with many of SIU's excellent scholars in archaeology and geology, particularly, J. Charles Kelley and George Fraunfelder.

While there was great political upheaval on the local and national scene during that time, I was a small town boy from Southern Illinois trying to discover a larger world beyond Little Egypt. The SIU Museum experience put me on a road that has taken me to many parts of the world, introduced me to some fascinating people and has helped me, in turn, to introduce that world to others through my museum work and writing.

In addition, the mentoring provided by Kelley, Campbell Pennington (geography), Carrol Riley (anthropology),

and others set a high standard of scholarship and professionalism which I continually value.

Thanks for letting me see some artifacts that I remember as old friends. P.S. The Melanesian "shield" on page 14 is actually a "gope board" or ancestor board.

*Robert B. Pickering, Ph.D.,
BA '72, MA '73
Head, Department of
Anthropology
Denver, Colo.*

Wisdom of Division Shifting Questioned

Reading the Fall *Alumnus*, a letter encouraging SIU football to jump from Division 1-AA to 1-A caught my attention and caused mixed emotions. Do we know what we are asking for in this situation?

As a 1988 grad, I recall spending \$10 or \$15 for an all-sports pass (and getting a free Saluki sports watch, too!) that accessed every sport, male or female, on campus. Although we did not witness championship seasons, we "experienced" college athletic events and had a great time tailgating before every home football game.

I went on to earn an MBA from a university that has a Division 1-A football program. This "big time" college football program welcomed me by charging students nearly \$100 for a football season ticket. A men's basketball season ticket would have been another \$100, but how many students can afford that? Because of personal financial situations, many could not afford to see "their" team compete.

Now, I am not against athletics. College athletics, as a spectator or a participant, is an important part of the

college experience, but proper perspective must be maintained. Sure it is disappointing to lose to the dreaded Leathernecks or the hated Redbirds, but in the big picture we go to SIU (or University of Illinois or Northern Illinois) for academics, not athletics.

If the Chicago media thinks SIU is a joke, then there is only one way to alter their view. SIU needs to graduate the best journalism majors possible and eventually the Chicago media will be made up of fellow Salukis who cheered for their Dawgs in victory or defeat against Western Illinois.

Maybe going to Division 1-A would be a benefit to the University, but I hope Jim Hart and the administration consider the ramifications associated with "big time" college football. Let's not sacrifice our main goal of providing quality education in order to keep up with the Joneses at the University of Illinois, and let's not alienate the student body by making intramurals the only affordable spectator sport.

*Larry Wagner BS '88
Tulsa, Okla.*

Strife Also Brought Positive Changes

A letter in the Fall 1995 issue from an alumnus in Wisconsin is highly critical of the dissenters and protesters in the late 1960's and early 1970's.

At one point she refers to the "blathering" of the protesters.

She should realize that there were many positive things that resulted, in whole or in part, from the demonstrations and the political turbulence of that time. These include: civil

rights legislation, lowering of the voting age, the women's rights movement, and greater input by students and faculty into decision-making at universities.

In addition, the political activity was a factor in ending the draft, ending the war in Vietnam, and in the lessened interest since then in involving the U.S. in unnecessary military adventures.

*Allan H. Keith MS '71
Mattoon, Ill.*

A Saluki Fan Anytime, Anywhere

I had recently been living in Miami until this time last year. Whenever SIU played U of M, I was there for the reunion – one of the high points of each year for me.

Last year when I heard on the news that SIU played ODU (and won), I was hoping to see them here this year.

I was very disappointed when Saturday night I heard SIU played ODU here (and won), and I didn't know about it.

I found out today from the SIU Foundation calendar that five days ago SIU played ODU. Ouch!

A suggestion to the new *Alumnus* team. Please print some advanced sporting event dates.

*Kenneth Hoffman BS '77
Newport News, Va.*

Letters to the Editor are always welcome and are edited only for length or clarity. Please mail letters to: Alumnus, Stone Center, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901-6809; or fax them to (618)453-2586 or e-mail them to mmanier@siu.edu.

Guitarist Makes White House Debut

Joseph Breznikar, professor of music and internationally accomplished classical guitarist and composer, performed at the White House during the recent Christmas holiday season. Breznikar, who has taught at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale for 15 years, performed a variety of selections he arranged specially for this occasion. He also performed excerpts from his composition *The Twelve American Etudes*.

After his performance in the East Room, in front of one of six 19-foot trees located throughout the presidential residence, Breznikar and his wife, Chris, were invited to take a private tour and to attend a reception.

Breznikar has previously performed at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Yale University, international music festivals in Yugoslavia and Hungary and in concerts in the Far East, South America and throughout the United States.



SIU Leads Way to Improve Health Care

Southern Illinois University will head a consortium that will seek to improve health care in Illinois and Indiana. With the assistance of a \$300,000 planning grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, SIU will work with educators and health providers from both states to train more nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives and physician assistants. SIU received one of 12 planning grants awarded after a rigorous national competition and is one of only two multistate projects funded.

SIU's president, Ted Sanders, considers this consortium to be a "natural extension of SIU's commitment to rural health care and allows the University to draw on expertise from SIU at Carbondale and SIU at Edwardsville."

This commitment must be translated into increased action. Southern Illinois anticipates needing thousands more trained professionals within the next five years, with Indiana being in a similar position. Both states enter into the project with the hope that it will receive continued funding after the end of the first planning grant.

SIU's grant, titled Partnership for Training, will be coordinated by project co-directors Fred R. Isberner, associate dean of SIUC's College of Technical Careers, and SIUE's Ruth S. Gresley,

Professional Schools Receive Scholarships

Law and medical students at Southern Illinois University will benefit from the generosity of a Herrin couple who left a substantial gift designated for permanent scholarship funds. Irene and Jo Dell'Era, prominent Herrin citizens, decided years ago that the relatively young law and medical schools at SIU deserved their support.

Mr. Dell'Era died in 1974, and Mrs. Dell'Era in 1983. Their estate stayed intact, with the interest going to Mr. Dell'Era's brother and sister until their deaths last year. SIU will invest its five sixths share of the remaining estate, about \$379,000, for endowed scholarships. Shriners Children's Hospital in St. Louis received the remaining

one-sixth of the Dell'Era's estate.

Carl J. Getto, dean of SIU's School of Medicine, says that the gift will help future physicians. "It is gratifying to see people invest in the future by providing student scholarships, particularly for a relatively young medical school, such as ours."

Science Inspires State-Mandated Sculpture

associate dean of the School of Nursing. Current partners in the consortium include, in Indiana, Butler University, Indiana State University, Indiana University Indianapolis and, in Illinois, Midwestern University and University of Illinois at Chicago.

Other partners are Ancilla Systems, Methodist Hospital (Ind.), Illinois Hospital and Health Systems Association, Illinois Rural Health Association and Indiana Primary Health Care Association.

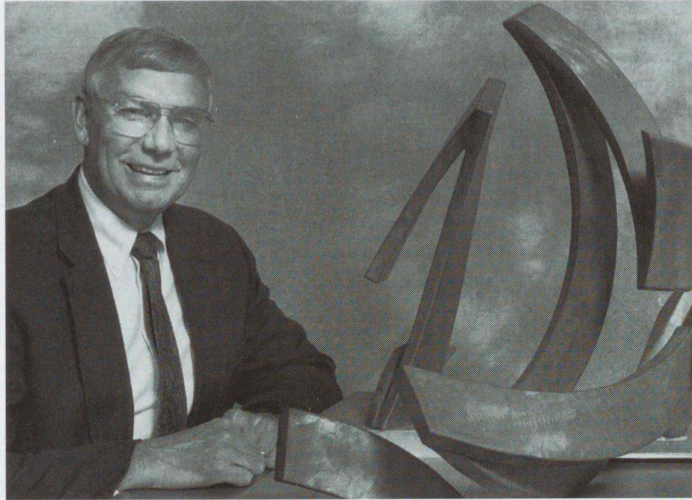
SIU administrators expect the number and scope of partners to grow as the project progresses.

University Appoints New Law School Dean

Thomas F. Guernsey, professor and former associate dean at the University of Richmond School of Law, has been named dean of Southern Illinois University's School of Law. Effective July 1, Guernsey will become the school's fifth permanent dean.

A full professor, Guernsey has been at the University of Richmond since 1980. He was named the University of Richmond Distinguished Educator in 1989 and 1983. His practice for the past 11 years has included pro bono work in the area of disability law litigation. He previously taught at Temple University School of Law as the Honorable Abraham L. Freeman Fellow and Lecturer in Law, and at the Vermont Law School.

Guernsey holds a LL.M. in clinical legal education from



Allen A. Haake, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale's top architect, displays a model of *Vigora*, which will be installed this spring. Its designer, Gene Horvath, worked on the piece for two years, but died in April 1995 before completing it. Young sculptors in Horvath's Rockford, Ill., studio completed the work.

Two new outdoor sculptures are part of the final touches for the new Life Science III Building, completed in the fall of 1995. One sculpture, *Molecular Reflection*, has been installed on the east lawn; *Vigora* will be installed on the building's west side in early spring.

Christiane Martens says that her creation, *Molecular Reflection*, "creates a visual metaphor for the molecular complexities of the physical world and their representation in contemporary science."

Vigora, a 17-foot tall bronze sculpture with a golden sheen, will consist of three blade-like stalks that resemble a wild plant. This sculpture is a lasting testimony to its designer, the late Gene Horvath.

The sculptures were commissioned under a 1977 state law that sets aside 0.5 percent of a state building's construction to acquire artwork, in this case about \$78,000. SIUC's new sculptures were part of a larger acquisition in a state-sponsored competition called *Sculpture for the Third Millennium*.

Temple University School of Law, a J.D. from Wayne State University and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan. He has written and co-authored six books.

"I'm really excited about coming to Carbondale," Guernsey says. "You have a real gem – an institution perfectly positioned for the way legal education will evolve over the next decade."

On the Side

Southern Illinois University President Ted Sanders was named policy leader of the year by the National Association of State Boards of Education at its annual meeting. Before coming to SIU, Sanders had been superintendent of education in Nevada, Illinois and Ohio and served as both deputy U.S. Secretary of Education and acting Secretary of Education during the Bush administration.

SIUC's Outstanding Scholar Lecture was delivered in October by communication theorist Richard L. Lanigan, Jr. Lanigan, a professor of speech communication, explored the idea that cultures develop different codes and perception rules for verbal and unspoken communication.

Judith McCray, assistant professor of radio-television, wrote, directed and produced *Mississippi America*, a documentary chronicling the efforts of volunteer lawyers and black Mississippians to register blacks to vote. The documentary premiered in February on public broadcasting service affiliates throughout the country.

MBA Program Travels Across the Ocean

Launching a program in Hong Kong was definitely an idea whose time had come – even if it did arrive by what you might call the slow boat.

Conversations with the People's Republic of China began several years ago with talk of possible joint ventures in aviation, hotel and restaurant management and agriculture. Ironically, although the College of Business and Administration was not mentioned in those initial discussions, it was an executive MBA program that ultimately held the most appeal to the Chinese and Hong Kong governments. Accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale program has directly met a need expressed by business leaders in Hong Kong.

As Thomas L. Keon, dean of the College of Business and Administration, explains: "The world business community looks to the United States for education."

Richard A. Rivers, director of the program and an associate professor of accounting, says that, although many people in the U.S. may not realize it, America is highly respected for having one of the top-rated economies in the world.

Hong Kong had other reasons to be attracted to this venture. "Hong Kong is a stepping stone into mainland China, especially the Shenzhen



A group from the first SIUC Hong Kong MBA program poses during their class trip to Mainland China.

coast, which is rapidly industrializing," says Iqbal Mathur, a professor of finance who was acting dean of the College during the program's planning stages. "Many Western firms are moving into that region, and they have a need for Western-trained managers."

The Hong Kong Executive MBA Program is essentially the same as the one offered at SIUC, with a few notable differences. The students have no electives, which means they all take the same course at the same time and complete the degree in about 16 months. They also do not have a campus, instead taking the courses at a downtown hotel.

The students in the program have an average of

14 years of work experience, most recently in management, and are an average age of 36 years old. Rivers says that the life and professional experience of the Hong Kong students distinguish them from the average graduate student at SIUC. "What I was struck by the most," said Rivers, who taught in the program earlier in the year, "was how many questions they asked. That doesn't happen as much in a class with recent graduates."

Although Great Britain's territorial lease on Hong Kong expires in 1997 – also the date China assumes governmental control – Rivers is not concerned. "I don't anticipate any changes, but if anything happens, we have no capital investment there. We will not

lose any money," Rivers says. "My only concern would be that we will have an obligation to finish whatever class we're working with at that time."

SIUC has been able to operate the program without that capital investment because of an arrangement made with a Chinese property management group. Charter Management Association, which operates educational programs for other foreign institutions, recruits the students, provides the teaching site, faculty housing and support services, and it collects tuition.

"No state money goes into this program," Dean Keon says. "Right now we're just breaking even, but we hope that in the very near future

this program will become profitable.”

He expects that profits will be manifested on many bottom lines. Both Keon and Rivers believe the Hong Kong students will form a tight-knit group interested in becoming involved in SIUC in a variety of ways.

In addition to giving back to the university financially, these alumni-to-be will be ideal resources in developing international internships for Carbondale students, assisting faculty in research, and in placement and recruitment efforts with the Hong Kong students.

Keon also expects the program to have a positive impact on current alumni, who will be encouraged and excited by this ambitious University step into the international business arena.

The first Hong Kong class has already taken one educational trip to Shanghai, on Mainland China, where they visited numerous businesses, particularly focusing on successful joint ventures.

This May many students will take another trip together as they travel to Carbondale for their graduation. Their trip will include visits to St. Louis, Chicago, and, of course, to their home campus, where they will be feted by the College and by the SIUC Alumni Association.

Rivers says that the students are extremely interested in Carbondale and SIUC and he intends to shown them the region and the University at its best.

Students Ready for Prime Time News



The *River Region Evening Edition*, a half hour student newscast, premiered in October. The broadcast, which replaced the briefer *SIU Night Report*, is staffed by SIUC students who work as anchors, producers, reporters, videographers, editors and technicians.

SIUC is one of a few universities in the nation to sponsor such a newscast – the only such student production in Illinois. Joe Foote, dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, says the value of the project is self-evident. “Students who work hard (on this newscast) will get the experience they need to land jobs in the television news industry,” says Foote.

River Region, which receives significant sponsorship from the *Southern Illinoisian*, features a new set, local and national news, sports, weather, and weekly segments on health, consumer issues, University happenings and more.

Richard Kuenneke, a veteran TV news correspondent and videographer, is the show’s senior news producer and the first professional staff member fully dedicated to working with the student broadcast. He credits Ken Keller, an associate professor of radio and television, for this opportunity. Keller worked directly with the students on their previous news ventures. “Everything we do with this newscast we owe to the foundation laid by Ken,” says Kuenneke.

Several scholarship efforts have recently been initiated by SIUC alumni and friends. **George K. Huggins of Florida has endowed a scholarship in memory of his wife Eleanor.** Preferred recipients of the scholarship will be former students of Anna-Jonesboro High School who are in premedical studies or medical school.

Mrs. Huggins was interested in pursuing a career in medicine, but she was unable to attend college because of the Depression. Mr. Huggins was only able to study at the University for one year.

Patricia Benziger has endowed a **scholarship fund as a tribute to her late husband James C. Benziger, an SIUC English professor for 32 years.** The scholarship will be awarded to needy juniors and seniors majoring in English, foreign languages and literature, history or psychology.

Hoop Dreams co-producer Steve James, who received his master’s degree at Southern, has made **the first gift in a fund drive to establish The Minority Filmmakers Award Fund.** His donation came from the prize he received when he was named one of MTV’s Best New Filmmakers of the Year.

Four women were recognized as the 1995 University Women of Distinction. Given annually by SIUC's University Women's Professional Advancement office, this year's awards were presented to: **Janice Schoen Henry**, chair and associate professor in Information Management Systems; **Diane E. Taub**, associate professor in the Department of Sociology and cross-appointed in the Department of Psychology and the School of Medicine's Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences; **Cheryl A. Presley**, director of quality assurance, evaluation and information management in Student Health Programs; and **Frances J. Gilman**, admissions assistant in SIUC's School of Law. **Janice Schoen Henry** also recently received the 1995 Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois Business Education Association, an 800-member organization of business educators.

SIUC plant biologists **Raymond Stotler** and **Barbara Crandall-Stotler** have won a \$582,000 grant from the **National Science Foundation** to study bryophytes, a group of plants that play a crucial role in fragile ecosystems.

Virtual dioramas of Illinois pioneers. Digitized three-dimensional fossils with captions. Electronic timelines of Native American history.

These are just some of the on-line offerings that could become more than a virtual reality as the University Museum becomes a partner with 25 Illinois public schools. This winter, students and teachers from as far away as Cook County began to visit SIUC's campus to take docent-guided tours of the museum and to learn how to create home pages of their own on the World Wide Web.

The students did not leave the museum empty-handed. They were armed with borrowed museum pieces and artifacts that they will study and make the subject of their home pages, which they plan to publish next fall. Video teleconferences and internet connections will

maintain links to SIUC's museum staff and other experts in art, science and the humanities.

The Museum in the Classroom Project is part of a new, innovative education initiative of the

University Museum Enters Cyberspace

Illinois State Board of Education. The project connects 100 Illinois public schools to a museum consortium. Organizers believe this project will encourage learning as it introduces students to computer technology. It is one of four such ISBE ventures to enhance technology in schools and is supported by a \$15 million allocation from the Illinois General Assembly.

"We believe this will make education engaging for youngsters while opening the museum's doors to people all over the world," says Robert DeHoet, SIUC's Museum Education Coordinator. The University will evaluate participants' attitudes, feelings and literacy in computer-driven learning.

SIUC's University Museum and the Broadcasting Service are overseeing the program locally and have dubbed it the Museum Explorer's project.

SIU Project Distributes Books to Children

More than 2,000 pre-school children living in Southern Illinois received books this past Christmas as part of an SIU-led project. The children are enrolled in SIU's Head Start and Child Development programs. The Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses operate preschool programs at 17 locations.

Head Start has long recognized the importance of supporting parents' efforts to be their child's first and foremost teacher. Family

literacy programs encourage parents to improve their own literacy while they foster a love of reading and learning in their children. The availability of books in the home is considered to be a vital first step to inspiring that love of reading.

The project, titled *A Book in Every Home*, received donations of more than 4,000 books from the Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses, the Springfield medical school, the Alton dental school and the East St. Louis

Center. The books were distributed to children through the preschool centers and SIU's Child Development Program and were also used to set up lending libraries in each center.

This project was sponsored by Beverly Sanders, wife of SIU President Ted Sanders. Mrs. Sanders, who individually distributed the books at the centers, anticipates that, because of the strong response to the program, it might become an annual SIU event.

Project Gives Low-Income Families Legal Advice

Attorneys and law students in Southern Illinois have joined together to give low-income families important legal help. The Southern Illinois Regional Family Law Pro Bono Project pairs Southern Illinois University law students with attorneys to provide services to clients in Illinois' 13 southernmost counties. Typical cases involve divorces, adoptions, and child custody and visitation arrangements.

"These students are going to graduate, set up practice and make a nice living. But they have a responsibility to help people who can't afford to pay for legal services," says SIU law professor Mary C. Rudasill, who oversees SIU's part of the program.

As the arrangement helps students, it also provides relief for the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation Inc., in Murphysboro, which is charged with providing free legal services to poor Southern Illinoisans on civil matters.

William McGrath, executive director of the Illinois Pro Bono center in Champaign, helped organize this new approach in Southern Illinois. "This project is unique because it is the first and only pro bono program in the state that serves a region rather than a single county. It's also the first and only pro bono program that assigns law students to cases with lawyers," says McGrath.

McGrath says attorneys become involved in projects such as these because public service is important to the majority of people in the profession and because they have usually had firsthand experience with clients who couldn't afford legal help. They are also anxious to dispel the negative public perception of attorneys.

For busy law students, the program provides a tremendous opportunity to receive practical experience that will be especially invaluable for students entering a general law practice.

Daily Egyptian On-Line

If you are one of the thousands of Americans enjoying the new pastime of "surfing the net," then you might want to open a connection back in time to the *Daily Egyptian*, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale's daily campus newspaper.

The new electronic version of SIUC's student newspaper contains features, sports, news, photos, and calendar listings. Readers will also be glad to find longtime favorite cartoon philosopher Gus Bode on the net.

Web browsers will find the *DE* at this address: http://www.siu.edu/departments/journal/d_egypt.html. News is posted by 10 a.m., Monday through Friday, with five issues being available at any one time.

The *Daily Egyptian* home page also has links to the new journalism department home page. The *DE* is published throughout the academic year by students from the Department of Journalism.

Alumni may now also keep in touch with the SIU Alumni Association and Alumnus through a new web site that can be found at: www.siu.edu/~alumni

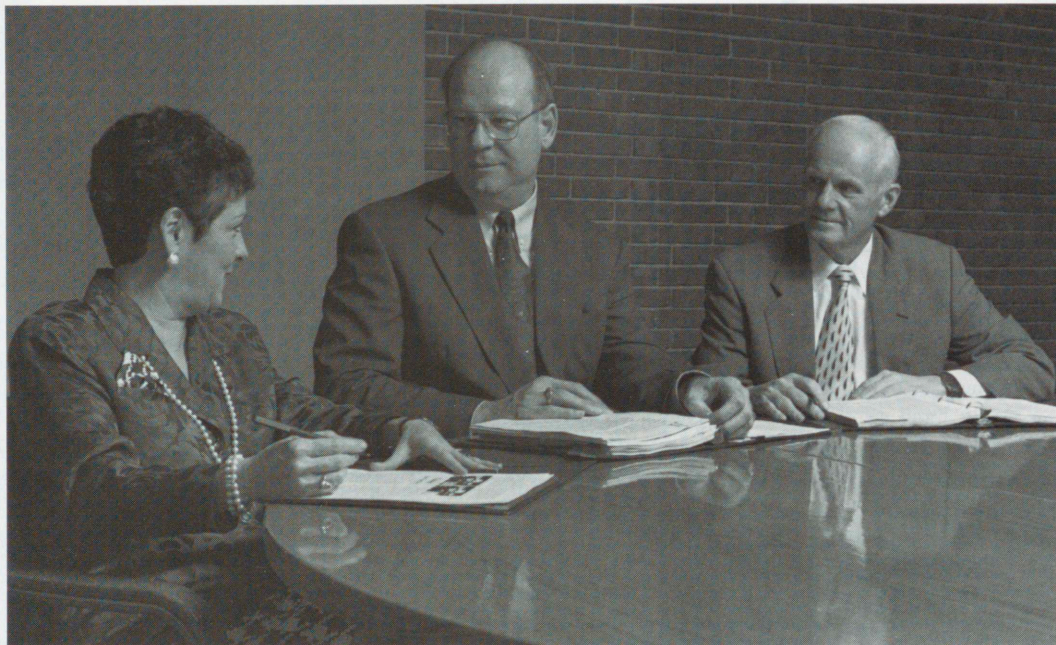
ABC News "Nightline" correspondent and SIUC alumnus Chris Bury gave a University Honors Program lecture on presidential politics and the press. Bury, who earned his bachelor's degree in political science, has covered such major stories as the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building and the Hebron mosque massacre.

Political Philosopher Jean Bethke Elshtain delivered the fall Ward Morton and David Kenney Public Affairs address. Elshtain holds an endowed chair at the University of Chicago Divinity School.

The recipient of a prestigious Fulbright grant, Phillip Glenn, an associate professor in speech communication, spent the fall semester teaching in the Czech Republic at Charles University in Prague. His classes focused on how language and culture affect communication.

Lucia M. Perillo, an associate professor of English, won the coveted 1995 Verna Emery Poetry Prize for *The Body Mutinies*, a collection of 50 new poems. Perillo previously received the Poetry Society of America's Norma Farber Award for best first book.

New Year Brings Changes in Titles and Priorities



Speaking before a Board of Trustees meeting being held in Carbondale are, from left to right, the newly titled SIUE Chancellor Nancy Belck, SIU President Ted Sanders, and SIUC Chancellor John Guyon.

A title switch for executive officers at Southern Illinois University was the first move made among the many changes being proposed by Ted Sanders, the newly titled president of SIU who assumed his responsibilities last July. President Ted Sanders says the revisions in title more clearly define the president (formerly chancellor) as the chief executive officer and the chancellors (formerly presidents) as the chief operating officers. The changes, which were approved by the Board of Trustees and went into effect on January 1, also reflect state and nationwide practices.

In December, President Sanders used the occasion of the upcoming new year to unveil a plan that will lead SIU into the next century. Focusing on some of the most

pressing issues faced by colleges and universities throughout the country, the plan's points of action are:

- the implementation of refocused student recruitment strategies;
- the improvement of student retention rates;
- the creation of compensation policies that allow the University to match rewards to performance and productivity;
- the emphasis of campus partnerships that benefit degree programs, international outreach, research efforts, fundraising and other administrative functions;
- the strengthening of SIU's leadership role with the Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market and the Southwestern Illinois Higher Education Consortium.

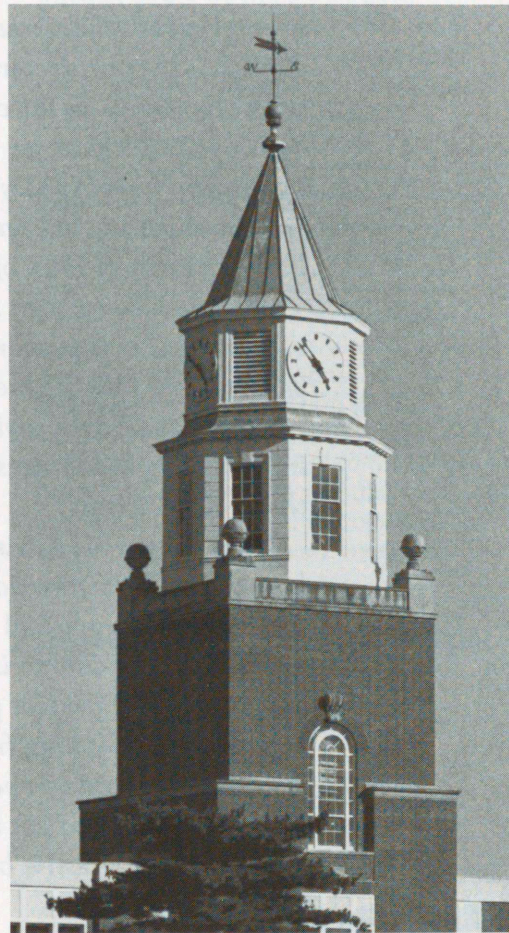
New budgeting and annual

planning procedures are crucial to the plan's success. A cross-campus committee has already been formed and begun work on this task with completion targeted for the fall of 1996.

Sanders said SIU will seize opportunities that arise from existing strengths and new technologies. For example, SIU will explore the possibility of expanding select capstone programs to community colleges around the state, allowing students with associate degrees to finish an SIU undergraduate degree there.

Sander's plan was met with enthusiasm by the SIUC Chancellor, John Guyon, who said the move brings opportunity. "These priorities will prepare us to better serve students and our future."

Lighting Up the Sky



Lighting up the sky was something the SIU Alumni Association decided to take literally in planning activities for its centennial celebration.

As the Association celebrates 100 years of service, it has lent its leadership to a unique effort to raise funds to light Pulliam Tower. But the story of Pulliam Hall reaches beyond the Association and SIU alumni, faculty, staff and students, to the alumni of the university school (once housed in Pulliam) and to the local community. Representatives from all these groups serve on a committee that is conducting a \$35,000 fundraising campaign that will cover the costs of lighting the tower from all four sides.

Pulliam Hall has been a University landmark since its construction in 1951, but it has taken on increased sentimental significance since Old Main burned down in 1969. Pulliam Tower is frequently featured on institutional publications and has been incorporated into the SIU Alumni Association logo.

The story of Pulliam Hall certainly befits a university landmark. Roscoe Pulliam, the University's sixth president, led the fight to bring about important changes that laid the foundation for the modern Southern Illinois University. One of his many goals was to build a major facility that would respond to the University's growing needs. Although he did not live to see it completed, this building, the university school, was opened in 1951 in the exact location and with the plans chosen by President Pulliam. In 1966, the building was named Pulliam Hall in his memory.

Although President Pulliam's efforts ended in the building's successful construction, the university school had to overcome numerous obstacles, including the economic challenges caused by World War II and continuing legislative delays throughout the 1940s. Interestingly enough, the newest advocate for Pulliam Hall has also hurdled several obstacles in his own quest to see Pulliam Tower light the Southern Illinois sky.

Robert Reid '63 graduated from SIUC with a degree in recreation and spent 30 years working to assist developmentally disabled adults achieve greater independence. Upon his retirement, Reid, himself a lifelong muscular dystrophy patient, returned to Carbondale and to the university he so loves. In recent years, he has become a well-known figure on campus as he has volunteered to raise and lower the University's flags. He has also assumed a sense of personal responsibility for Pulliam Tower.

After achieving his first goal, to restore the tower's clock to working order, Reid turned his sights to his ultimate dream: to light Pulliam Tower. After recruiting support from several professors of architecture, he presented his idea to the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors, which unanimously voted to support the effort.

Wes Wilkins '77, president of the Alumni Association, says: "From the first time Robert Reid told us about his dream, the Board of Directors knew that lighting Pulliam Tower was a perfect way for us to commemorate our centennial by giving something back to the University."

Associate Professor of Architecture Jon Davey, who has become actively involved in the campaign through his friendship with Reid, describes Reid as tenacious when it comes to Pulliam Tower. For Reid, the reason for his determination is simple, "Pulliam is more than an historical building. It represents the SIU spirit that we all felt when we were here and that we still feel as alumni."

Fundraising efforts for the Light the Tower project have begun and will continue through the summer, culminating in a ceremony during Homecoming weekend.

As he watches the tower being lit that October evening, there is little doubt that Robert Pulliam '48 MA'50 will be thinking of his father. But he emphasizes that he will also be remembering all the other men and women who have contributed to SIU. As he says, "Lighting Pulliam Tower is a wonderful way to celebrate this University and all those who have contributed to its success."

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The Information Explosion

by **Maureen Manier**

Arkalgud Ramaprasad, director of the Pontikes Center for Management of Information, says this dramatic example only begins to demonstrate the increasing importance of managing all the information obtained and processed each day. Five years ago, Ramaprasad could see that the management of this explosion of information was an area in which SIUC could assume leadership. And so when the late Kenneth Pontikes '63 was looking for projects to endow within the College of Business and Administration, Ramaprasad submitted a proposal that eventually resulted in the formation of the Pontikes Center for Management of Information.

Establishing the Pontikes Center was not, however, as simple as the submission and acceptance of a proposal. Ramaprasad explains, "Ken was very keen that the center be an industry/university partnership. He wanted the center to solve real business problems." Pontikes was also concerned that the center focus equally on teaching and research. Accordingly, Ramaprasad says, the center constantly operates on both a theoretical and a practical axis.

To assist in maintaining this delicate balance, the center has a board of advisers, consisting of external and internal representatives. Paul Conti, a vice president with Alexander & Alexander, and president of the SIU Foundation, has been a member of this board since the center's founding in 1989. Conti and Ramaprasad admit that the relationship between the board's industry leaders and faculty members has had some troubled moments, but in the end both sides have benefitted from the relationship. One of the board's requirements, that the faculty and graduate students who receive grants make presentations to the board, was one of the initial hot buttons.

From an academic perspective, making this type of presentation to a non-academic audience, much less to an audience that fully planned to critique your content and performance, was disconcerting. Faculty members were particularly concerned that the presentations somehow infringed on their academic freedom. But over time the presentations have actually produced positive results.

"I think they (the presentations) encourage grant recipients to ask themselves how their research or efforts are solving a business problem. I think that making sure their work relates to the

real business world, however remotely, is advantageous," says Ramaprasad.

"We hold these grant recipients accountable for being convincing and clear," says Conti. "We fill out evaluations and honestly tell them whether or not we think they have communicated their ideas. I don't think there's any excuse for those in academia not to be able to explain their research to a group of business executives."

Ramaprasad says that over the years the presentations have dramatically improved. "I think the word's out. People applying for grants know they will have to make a presentation and, to a great extent, they now view it as an opportunity." Ramaprasad believes the feedback given to the recipients has also required him to be more circumspect when awarding the grants. "While we still award grants to projects with subjects from the totally theoretical to the totally practical, I always make sure that I can answer for myself how this project will address or solve a problem," he says.

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In addition to awarding approximately \$15,000 worth of grants each year to faculty members and graduate students from throughout the University, the center has also worked with the College of Business and Administration to introduce an integrated curriculum of information management at the doctoral level.

Future plans, also directly connected to the work of the center, include a five-year program that will confer a bachelor's degree in business and computer science and a five-year combined bachelor of computer science and master of business administration degree. Ramaprasad believes these programs are both significant and is especially excited about the five-year MBA program. He says the program will graduate students who will be important "hybrids" in the information management industry. "These students will have both technical knowledge and business skills. I believe they will be highly sought after," says Ramaprasad.

To fulfill its own mission to solve business problems, the Pontikes Center has sought and obtained grants from several prestigious companies looking for an academic partner. Ramaprasad says that several of those projects have become defining for the center: such as the Chrysler Project, which marked the center's first inroad into the arena of data mining.

"Chrysler had lots of information on their customers," says Ramaprasad. "But that information was kept in numerous databases, even kept by different companies." The team that Ramaprasad assembled to work on this problem discovered that by integrating these data bases and looking at all this information together they could detect behavioral patterns. "Data mining," Ramaprasad explains, "is the process of finding out if there are nuggets of truth in data that can be valuable to a company. If we discover such nuggets exist, the next step is to develop a systematic way of finding them."

In the case of Chrysler, the Pontikes team was able to present the company with just such a nugget, and also a very valuable pattern. "One of the things we found out is that a person who returns a business reply card to Chrysler is a much better prospect by far than anyone else. In other words, once you have this behavioral indicator you have the most important piece of information that you can obtain about a customer," says Ramaprasad.

Ramaprasad says that Chrysler was a defining project because it started the center down the long road to establishing its reputation. A reputation that has since earned the center other grants with companies such as IBM and, most recently, Comdisco Corporation.

Founded by Ken Pontikes, Comdisco is a multimillion dollar computer leasing company that also specializes in data recovery for business destroyed by fires, floods, earthquakes or other disasters. Comdisco has awarded the Pontikes Center a \$50,000 start-up grant that calls for it to develop a three-year plan to make the center a repository of information for any company that has suffered a disaster.

or government will call. Establishing the center as this type of international resource will, Ramaprasad believes, have tremendous reverberating effects for SIUC, its faculty and its undergraduate and graduate students. "We will have done something here that is not being done at any other university in the world," he says.

In its five-year history, Ramaprasad says that faculty and graduate students

reputation more companies will come to SIUC to recruit, not just in the college of business, but in other colleges as well."

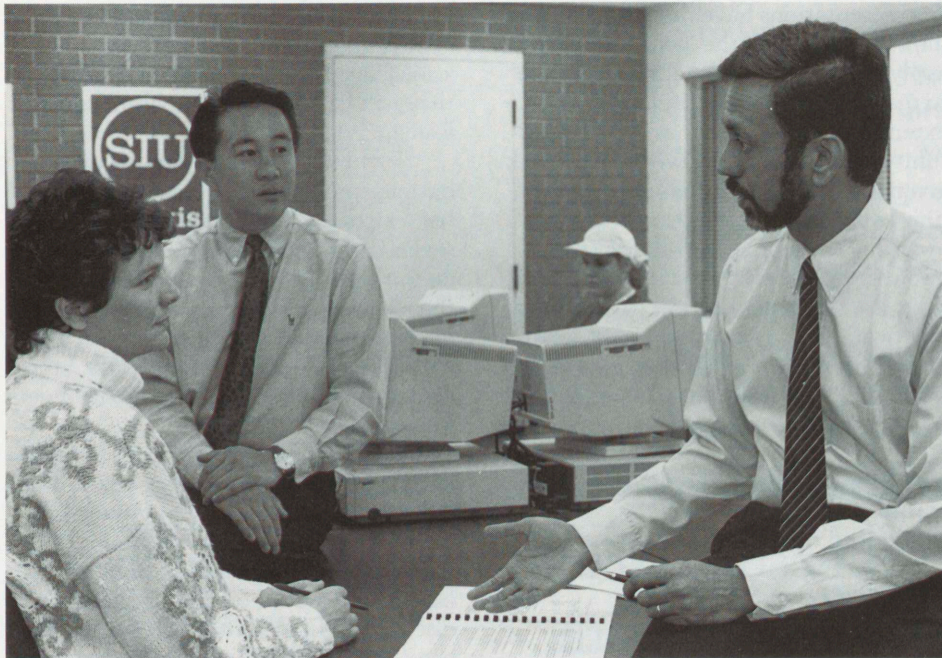
As Ramaprasad looks to the center's future, he hopes to continue obtaining outside research contracts. Eventually, he would also like the center to branch into training, by packaging and marketing some of the research they have done in areas like data mining. His goal for these ventures is simple: "I would like to generate the largest amount of resources so that we can do the highest quality of research and positively influence our curriculum. There is, after all, value in the work that we are doing. We don't have to just 'give it away.' We can do that without compromising our academic values." Ramaprasad believes adopting this kind of entrepreneurial approach is just the legacy Ken Pontikes hoped he had left. "I met with Ken each year before he died," says Ramaprasad, "and I know his hope was that his endowment would be a launching pad for the center."

Paul Conti, who considered Ken Pontikes a personal friend, describes Ken as a self-made man who built his business from the ground up. While Conti believes Pontikes would be pleased about the center's accomplishments, he quickly adds that the board continues to expect that the best is yet to come.

The Pontikes Center for Management of Information has responded to one of the most basic truths about the 20th century: Computers have changed the way we live. But Ramaprasad observes that most of us have simultaneously overreacted and reacted naively to the impact of computers in our lives. "Computers are extremely sophisticated," he says, "But they are capable only of doing what we tell them do."

Ramaprasad makes a similar observation about the explosion of information that now pervades our culture: "There is more information available than people can ever use. If you come from a third world country, any piece of information, even a single book, has value. Here information is widely available, but too few people recognize the value of that information."

Just as recognizing the significant impact computers would have on our lives was the challenge of this century, valuing, managing and, ultimately, maximizing the potential of this information explosion certainly poses the challenge of the future.



Above, Dr. Ramaprasad, on the right, meets with Nick Goh from the SIU Alumni Association and Beth Mohlenbrock from the SIU Foundation. The Pontikes Center serves as an important member of the Foundation/Association team that will be overseeing the implementation of a state-of-the-art data base.

Ramaprasad likens the role the Pontikes Center would play to the role played by the Centers for Disease Control: "If there is an outbreak of a virus anywhere in the world, the CDC knows about and collects data on it. Over time, this kind of data can assist in predicting where a disease might show up or assessing the effectiveness of strategies to deal with that disease. Right now, there is no place where data on information systems disasters and their consequences are being systematically collected and analyzed. That's our goal: to be the CDC of information systems disasters."

Once the center has completed a three-year plan to set up this "data warehouse," Ramaprasad intends to seek additional corporate and foundation funding to implement the plan. Eventually, his goal is that anytime, anywhere there is a disaster, the Pontikes Center will be the first place a company

have most directly benefitted from the center, receiving curriculum and research grants and being members of the research teams that have worked with outside businesses. Ramaprasad has also built his own academic reputation by publishing the theoretical outcomes of the center's contract research. But he believes that undergraduate students are also profiting from the center's "trickle down" effect.

He explains: "I know from the standpoint of my own teaching that students benefit from my experience with the center. I am now directly involved with what is happening in businesses, with the language, with their priorities. My examples are from real business situations. Students gain from my knowledge...as the Pontikes Center grows, these contacts with businesses will make a definite difference to undergraduates. Internship opportunities have already resulted from the center's work. And as the center establishes a national

An Educational Adventure

by Robert Hahn

When I was a child I had an inexplicable fascination with ancient Egypt: the pyramids, the great temples whose columns seemed to reach to the sky, the mysterious mummies, immense granite statues, the golden sarcophagi of King Tut. As the years went by, I took up the formal study of ancient civilizations. Two decades ago I visited those ancient lands for the first time and my attitudes and impressions were completely transformed.

I found myself standing at archaeological sites I had studied. But now everything seemed so strange. I gathered some of my archaeological colleagues and asked them to guide me through the sites. As we walked and talked, I found myself besieged by new questions about ancient calendars and medical remedies, governments and the building techniques that produced their state and religious monuments, techniques for writing and the chemical knowledge for preparing pigments for their art. In short, I found myself asking questions no one specialist could answer.

And so, for the purpose of my own education, I organized some outings with a garrulous team of experts, ranging from astronomers to botanists to engineers to architects. The results were no less amazing than the sites themselves. The ancient world came alive for me as a complex culture that was at once engaging and instructive.

In 1980, I first thought of the idea of translating this experience into a team-

taught, interdisciplinary experience. When I came to SIUC from Harvard and Brandeis Universities, I brought the idea with me and have worked with co-directors Larry Busch, from the Department of Art and Design, and Jon Davey, from the Department of Architecture, Interior and Graphic Design, in its implementation. The program is now entering its 13th year.

Designed to bring together a blend of ages, backgrounds and interests, the program is open to the entire community. Participants have ranged in age from 16 to 77 years old. Approximately 400 persons have travelled with us, including many professors from other universities.

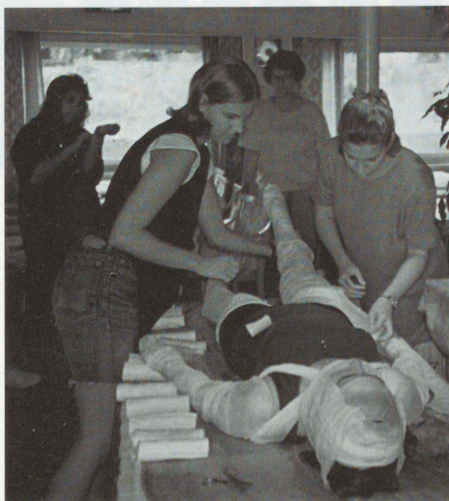
In the early years, a major change was introduced into the program by Classics Professor Frederick Williams, now the director of the University Honors

Program. It was 1982 when, in one of the ancient Greek theaters, Williams put on a specially made ancient-style mask and proceeded to recite passages from ancient drama to our group. Watching how he engaged our group, not to mention passing tourists, I became convinced that a hands-on approach could be employed in many other areas of our study. Soon Jon Davey was working with students on clay model reconstructions of ancient buildings now in ruins; astronomers were assisting the group in making sundials and star-maps; a professor of anthropology was organizing festival processions in traditional costumes; and religious studies professors were having us reenact a mummification ritual complete with the placement of religious amulets and the recitation of magic spells.

This program, the only one of its kind, has clearly been an educational experiment. We gather as a traveling community of thoughtful persons who learn and study, and together we uncover the mysteries of ancient worlds.

Robert Hahn is an associate professor of philosophy at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

The 13th Annual Travel-Study Program in the Ancient World Experience will take place this year in Egypt from May 12-26. A team of seven professors will serve as the group's guides. The cost of \$2,495 includes first class, five star accommodations and a four-day luxury cruise down the Nile. For more information, contact Thomas Saville, International Programs, 618-453-7670.



Students reenact an Egyptian mummification ritual.



When the people of East St. Louis needed someone to revitalize their blighted city, they turned to LaMar Gentry.

With an agenda as complete as the day is long, and a basket full of phone messages, it is no small accomplishment to schedule an interview with LaMar Gentry '69.

From his days as a teenager working at various part-time jobs to his current position as city manager in East St. Louis, LaMar Gentry says he has never actually worked an eight-hour day.

Growing up on the south side of Chicago and throughout his college years in Carbondale, Gentry's jobs ranged from cooking homemade meals to factory work. Gentry, who says it has also become the norm for him to put in 12-hour shifts at his East St. Louis office, doesn't plan to slow down any time soon.

"That is just the way I operate," Gentry says. "I'm used to a routine of working long hours."

Maybe his work ethic played a part in attracting East St. Louis city officials to appointing Gentry as their city manager and chief executive officer in May of 1994. As city manager, Gentry's mission is simple but daunting: revitalize a city with one of the worse reputations in the country. Considering the fact that Gentry thrives on hard work, it seems he may finally have found the perfect job.

For years, East St. Louis, with its high murder rate, has been known as one of the most dangerous cities in America. From 1960 to 1980, the city lost 14,000 jobs and its population dipped from 80,000 to 40,000. As the population and job opportunities declined, East St. Louis hit rock bottom.

"What you have is a lot of people here because they have to be here," Gentry says. "The city has a terrible reputation, but it has the same problems as anyplace else."

Despite the formidable task ahead, Gentry enjoys his job. "It's not work to me anymore," he says. "It feels good to see neighborhoods being built up around me and projects being completed. I am glad to assist people in pursuing the American dream."

Gentry's own dream began with aspirations of becoming an accountant. When he started taking classes at SIUC in 1965, however, Gentry enjoyed more success in government courses and decided to switch his major to political science.

"Some of my instructors were involved in city government," he says. "The thought of being a politician inspired me, because I grew up in Chicago where politics were very strong."

Strong only begins to describe the political turbulence which characterized Gentry's years in Carbondale. The Vietnam War protests in the late 60s and the burning of the Old Main building in 1969 are among Gentry's most vivid memories from Carbondale.

The Right Man for The Job

by Greg Scott

"The general sentiment was that everyone on campus was against the war," Gentry says. "The protests were all over campus."

Gentry says Old Main was the "hub" at SIUC. "A lot of people hung out there," Gentry says. "The vast majority of alumni remember having classes there. When Old Main burned down, it was like we had all lost somebody."

Interestingly, although the Civil Rights Movement and Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination in 1968 caused racial tension nationally, Gentry says these actions didn't negatively affect his college experience. A member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Gentry recalls how the Greek organizations worked together to minimize problems in the Carbondale community.

"There was a lot of tension down there (Carbondale), but we kept people under control so they didn't do any rioting that year," Gentry said. "I don't remember a time when anyone made racial slurs at me. I have nothing but good memories of Carbondale."

Those memories include being on campus when Saluki basketball great Walt Frazier led SIUC to the 1967 National Invitational Tournament championship. Gentry became friends with several athletic standouts. He chummed with the likes of Frazier, Dick Garrett, track star Ivory Crockett, and football great Jim Hart, now SIUC's athletic director.

Gentry was active as a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Congress of Racial Employees (CORE), Black Student's Association, and the Southern Christian Leadership Council. His fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, sponsored the first official black Homecoming queen in 1968. But perhaps the

experience Gentry most appreciates today was with the Kappa Karnival his fraternity coordinated.

Thousands of students and fraternity members attended the Kappa Karnival, which, over a weekend, included a parade, a series of dance parties and aftersets. "It was very organized," Gentry says. "It was just a lot of clean fun."

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But more importantly Gentry gained knowledge and experience that would benefit him for a lifetime. "Greek organizations gave people management skills," Gentry says. "You were in a leadership position and received a lot of training."

Within two months of graduating in 1970, Gentry interviewed for a job with the governor's Office of Human Resources in Springfield. He attributed his appointment

as the state technical assistance coordinator in large measure to his fraternity experience. Three years later, Gentry was promoted to state model cities coordinator. In that position, he coordinated and reviewed funding programs in Chicago, Rock Island, East St. Louis, and Carbondale. Always needing to keep busy, he also worked at a private club in the evenings. "My attention span was short," he says. "If I got off at 4:30, I needed to do something else," he says.

Gentry left Springfield to pursue his law degree at the University of Illinois in 1976. He earned course credit by interning in the city attorney's office and graduated early in 1979.

Gentry's political interests eventually brought him to East St. Louis. Carl Officer, Gentry's fraternity brother who graduated from Southern in 1975, was running for mayor in the city. Gentry had run political campaigns during his spare time in Springfield. "Carl asked if I would help with his campaign," Gentry said. "Afterwards, I was ready to leave to take a job in Chicago. But Carl offered me a position as deputy mayor and director of administration."

As deputy mayor, Gentry handled the city's daily activities and controlled the city and federal funds. In 1985, he served as both comptroller and community development director. "I worked from 8 to 2 as comptroller and then 2 to 5 as community development director," he says.

Gentry left city government in 1988 to start his own development company in the East St. Louis area.

With the encouragement of several councilmen, Gentry returned in January 1994 as director of Business and Economic Development and began developing economic strategies to revitalize East St. Louis. Pleased with Gentry's progress, city officials hired him as city manager in May 1995. As city manager, he oversees the city's operations and administers a \$40 million budget and manages all city departments.

"I cut through the politics and do what is in the best interest of the city," he says. "I make all of the city council mad sometimes. But they are never mad enough to fire me because they know I get it done."

With the increased revenues, the city has hired additional policemen, firemen and public works employees. Its department heads have received needed pay increases. The *Casino Queen* has created jobs, and the city is working on new hotel, bank and housing developments. East St. Louis is spending \$16 million on street and sewer improvements, and \$70 million over the next three years on public housing.



"That is the direction we have to go to bring industry into this community," Gentry says. "We are steadily rebuilding the city. It will take about five years, but it's coming around."

Slowly, the negative perception of East St. Louis is beginning to change. Drug dealers are being chased out of the city and the murder rate has been cut in half over the last two years.

"East St. Louis is a big country town with some of the nicest people you'll find anywhere," Gentry says. "When I moved here I was surprised to find out that East St. Louis is an easygoing town. The city has gained confidence because they know we're serious about building here."

Despite a busy schedule, Gentry still devotes time to his alma mater. Gentry, who was elected as president of the Black Alumni Group (BAG) last summer, says the primary reason he attended Southern was its strong commitment to recruiting minorities.

In Gentry's first year as city manager, East St. Louis received a \$3 million grant from the federal government and a \$6 million grant from the state.

East St. Louis has also received a big boost from gaming revenue. The *Casino Queen* pumps \$10 million into Gentry's budget, allowing him to enhance the city's services. "People talk about the negatives of gaming," Gentry says. "Anything is negative if you do it to the extreme. We are trying to balance that by using gaming revenues to revitalize our activities."

"SIU gave black students an opportunity that many major universities did not," he says.

Gentry's primary objectives as BAG president are to recruit minority students to Southern, to generate scholarship funds, to assist in building black alumni participation in chapters throughout the country, to enhance reunion activities and to build membership in the SIU Alumni Association.

"I want black alumni to get involved in the SIU Alumni Association," Gentry says. "A lot of people thought they were just joining the Black Alumni Association. They must become a part of the main organization to get involved with the University and to have a voice."

Gentry says that BAG is about unity not segregation and is just another avenue to get alumni to return to campus. "There has to be a connection for alums," he says. "People return in groups. I foresee making the BAG Reunion a part of the regular Homecoming weekend someday."

Along with his professional duties and his commitment to BAG, Gentry is a devoted family man. He and his wife Barbara are the parents of two sons, LaMar, 15, and Carlos, 14, who both plan to attend Southern.

"My wife is a former city employee so she understands my dedication and commitment," Gentry said. "It is awfully hard, but I try to spend at least one or two days a week with my family."

From managing the revitalization efforts in East St. Louis to leading the direction of the SIUC's Black Alumni Group to spending quality time with his family, LaMar Gentry is still waiting to work that eight-hour day.



Imagine growing up with a dream and then waking up one day to find that you're living that dream, and better yet, living it with your own brother: that's exactly what happened to alumni Mike and Jonah Cagley.

Mike (on the left in the photograph) has combined his writing prowess with Jonah's illustration skills to create a new comic book series called *Omega Force*. Mike, a salesman in Apple Valley, Minn., was a marketing major and 1990 SIUC graduate. Younger brother Jonah, who works for a games and puzzles manufacturing company in Lafayette, Ind., majored in commercial design and is a 1993 SIUC graduate.

The first issue of *Omega Force* went on sale nationally in December. A mini-series of four issues is tentatively scheduled to be published in June.

Omega Force is based on characters Mike created for an eighth-grade writing assignment. As a creative outlet, Mike continued to write stories about his characters. Although he often daydreamed about the possibility of someday having his work published, Mike admits that he never thought those dreams would materialize.

"It's like every kid who wears a football jersey and dreams of playing for the Dallas Cowboys," he says. "But how realistic is that?"

The Cagleys, natives of Mahomet, Ill., both collected comic books growing up. While Mike was busy developing his characters, Jonah was displaying the skills of a promising young artist.

The younger Cagley began taking art lessons in the second grade. Jonah said he still has his first drawing, which was an illustration of a great white shark. He also had a keen interest in superheroes such as Superman and Batman. "It was a chore taking art lessons at times, because sometimes you just want to go out and play," he said. "But the teachers made it fun for me and I picked up some interesting fundamental ideas."

A Force To Behold

by Greg Scott

The two brothers admit that a four-year age difference caused barriers while they were growing up. Mike says he always seemed to be leaving a phase when Jonah was entering it. However, Mike and Jonah did end up spending a year together at Southern, both living at Thompson Point and working for Student Housing. During this time Mike and Jonah formed a closer relationship.

"In college, age didn't mean as much," Mike says. "I dealt with him in a different way. But he will always be my little brother."

Jonah agrees with Mike's assessment. "We were both pursuing our careers and Mike started treating me on an equal level," he says. "That first year was a lot of fun. I wish we had more time together in college."

At this point, the Cagleys began discussing the *Omega Force* venture. The brothers continued developing the characters. Using Mike's descriptions, Jonah drew illustrations of the characters throughout his college years.

"I had a very rough idea of what the characters would look like," Mike says. "But when it came to fleshing them out, I left that up to Jonah."

During the past year, Jonah submitted his artwork to various comic book publishers. He also did some illustrations for Marvel Comics. Still, the Cagleys hoped that their own concept would be their pathway into the industry.

"I enjoyed drawing Marvel's characters because they are great books," Jonah says. "But I wanted to do our thing."

Mike said the brothers were persistent in their efforts. "I worked on a letter to send to all of the comic book publishers," he said. "Then, out of pure luck, Jonah suggested we tell them that we had already developed the characters."

The Cagleys finally got their break this past summer. Don Chin, an editor at Entity Comics in Chesapeake, Va., was impressed with Jonah's artwork and requested Mike's character backgrounds. Their dreaming and hard work had paid off for the Cagleys as Entity Comics decided to launch the *Omega Force* mission.

The *Omega Force* is a team of six superheroes whose mission is to prevent interstellar Armageddon in the Milky Way Galaxy. The team is led by Archetype, the product of 5,000 years of genetic engineering to create the ultimate leader. His team includes Earon

Raider, Drakon, Pathway, Flashback and Dual. But the *Omega Force* must deal with a formidable opponent in Karad the Godslayer, an evil dark lord who aspires to lead his troops in conquering the Milky Way Galaxy.

The characters in *Omega Force* have various origins. Archetype is patterned after Andrew Champion, a friend of Jonah's. Earon Raider and Karad were both a part of Mike's eighth-grade writing assignment.

Many comic heroes kill the villains to achieve their goals. But the Cagleys said their heroes will take a different approach. "Where we come from a hero is defined by his actions," Mike says. "If you have someone who is killing as many people as the bad guy, is he really a hero?"

The Cagleys live 10 hours apart and communicate extensively by fax and phone. "I have cut down on my phone calls to everyone else," Jonah says.

Although the venture hasn't made the Cagleys rich, *Omega Force* has been well-received. At a book signing in Lafayette, Jonah sold 280 copies of *Omega Force* in an hour and a half. He also ran out of copies at a signing at Campus Comics in Carbondale.

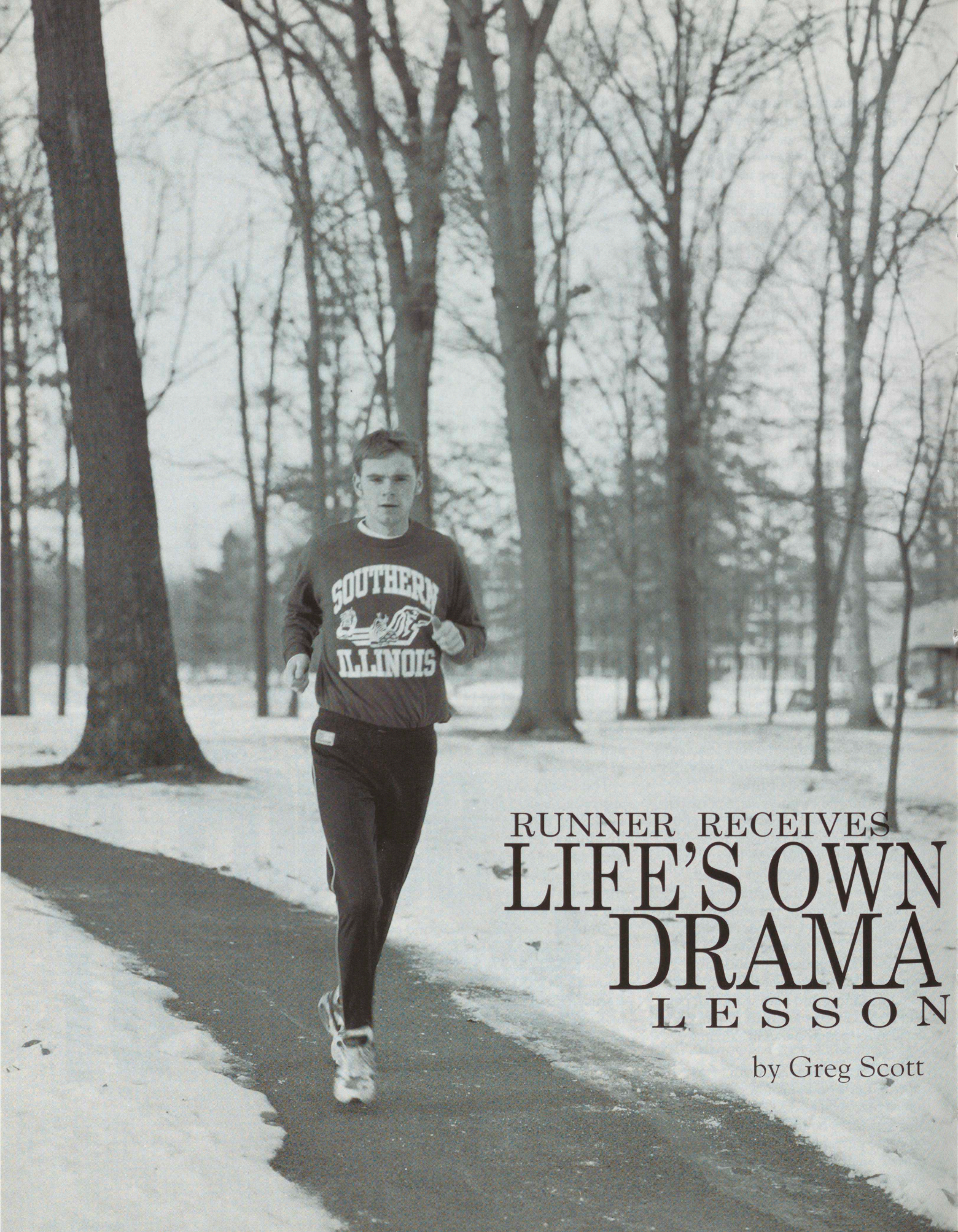
The Cagleys have been as aggressive and persistent in marketing their comic book as they were in selling their idea. Entity Comics had to print additional copies of *Omega Force* after the initial run. Several members of the media have positively responded to the efforts of the Cagleys.

"You have to get out there and push your product to people," Jonah says. "That is the only way they are going to know about it." And once they have learned about *Omega Force*, people are realizing that the Cagleys' characters aren't the only force to behold.

Omega FORCE

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RUNNER RECEIVES
**LIFE'S OWN
DRAMA**
LESSON

by Greg Scott

Little did Neil Lisk know that when he accepted a track/cross country scholarship to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and chose to major in cinema and photography he was entering a period of his life that could easily be an outline for a movie script.

SCENE 1:

A young lad growing up in England, Lisk contacts the American Embassy to request information on film schools in the United States. SIUC is one of the top schools the Embassy mentions. Lisk learns that he will need in the neighborhood of \$50,000 to attend an American film school.

FADE TO FOUR YEARS LATER:

Lisk receives a call from Coach Bill Cornell offering him a full-ride track/cross-country scholarship to SIUC. Seems too good to be true? Maybe, but like a good script, Lisk's story does not end there. The years that followed were far from picture-perfect.

A 1990 Welsh National Youth Champion, the highly-touted Lisk arrived at Southern with great expectations. Instead, only adversity greeted Lisk during his freshman season.

After a back injury forced him to miss a third of the cross country season, Lisk suffered a broken foot during an indoor track meet. Lisk began to doubt himself.

"When you don't fulfill the high expectations people have, it is very difficult," Lisk says. "I felt a lot of pressure, to be honest. That was one of the reasons I didn't perform as well."

Coach Cornell says a lax summer before coming to SIUC may have contributed to Lisk's problems. "We found out he had been touring around Australia and hadn't done any training," Cornell says. "Most coaches probably would have dropped him after that first year. But I still felt we should give him the benefit of the doubt."

Things didn't improve during Lisk's sophomore year. Intense training resulted in four stress fractures in his leg. Lisk had lost his competitive edge and never got on track. "Even when I wasn't injured I didn't run well," he says. "I lost that focus and confidence you need for running."

On the heels of two unproductive seasons, Lisk met with Cornell to discuss his future with the cross country program. With only a dozen track/cross country scholarships available, Cornell faced a tough decision. "He had two years to prove something to us and didn't produce," Cornell says. "So I had no option but to cut his scholarship at that time."

Lisk said he completely understood Cornell's decision and didn't have any hard feelings. "When he told me I didn't say or think, 'How could you do this to me?'" Lisk says. "I was understanding, because coach felt pretty bad about doing it. In two years I had done nothing for him."

Before Lisk departed for England, he told Cornell that he planned on returning. But Cornell was skeptical. "You figure if he comes back to the States, he would probably try to get a scholarship at another school," Cornell says. "But he liked SIU and the academic side of things. He is an excellent student." The odds were definitely against Lisk. He needed no less than \$17,000 to complete his education in Carbondale.

Once he was in England, Lisk worked 14-hour days as a bartender on a ship. It also wasn't unusual for him to run four to seven miles at the end of his work day. "I would run past my co-workers and say, 'see you in eight hours,'" he says.

Lisk was on a mission. "I didn't want to be on that ship the rest of my life," he says. "I became focused in what I wanted to do in life. That was to finish my degree in film at SIU and go on from there."

During his 13-month stay in England, he surpassed his goal by saving almost \$20,000. He returned to Southern and volunteered to walk on to Cornell's squad.

"I was surprised. That is a lot of money for a foreign student to save," says Cornell, a native of Chelmsford, England. "I give him a lot of credit for saving enough money to pay for his final two years of school."

Although he had struggled as an athlete, Lisk had always done extremely well in his cinema and photography major. He earned 1995-96 MVC all-academic honors with a 3.56 grade-point average. Using his experiences with the cross-country team, he produced two films. His first project, titled "Go Dawgs," recaps SIUC's 1994

Missouri Valley Conference championship season.

Coach Cornell is the subject of Lisk's senior thesis film, which chronicles Cornell's life as a student-athlete and a coach. The film includes interviews with Cornell's former teammates and others who knew him as an athlete. Lisk even traveled to New Mexico to interview Lew Hartzog, Cornell's former coach at Southern. The story also discusses the coach's inspirational battle with Parkinson's disease.

"It is a real honor that Neil wanted to do something like that," Cornell says. "It shows there are no hard feelings between the pair of us. We have great respect for one another."

Lisk says he has a closer relationship with Cornell since his return. "Coach Cornell cares about his athletes on and off the track," Lisk says. "He has had an impact on a lot of people's lives. I have great admiration for him."

Concentrating on his academics, Lisk didn't devote as much time to cross country his junior year. Needing only six hours to graduate last fall, Lisk turned his attention to proving his worth on the cross-country squad.

Lisk's senior year was his best to date. He became a solid contributor and was a factor in Southern garnering its second consecutive MVC crown and its first-ever NCAA championship bid. In the national meet, Lisk was Southern's fourth runner to cross the finish line. Lisk had attained another personal goal: justifying his first two years on scholarship.

"I think very highly of Neil for coming back here to prove to everybody that he is not a failure," Cornell says. "He has achieved everything he came back for and has lived up to all expectations."

Lisk now believes his year in England was a blessing in disguise. "It made me realize you have to go after things and not wait for things to happen to you," he says. "I am probably a lot more ambitious now after being away for a year."

In the end, Lisk's story exhibited something every movie producer appreciates – the resiliency of the human spirit. Definitely the stuff of good movies, not to mention a great beginning for a talented young man.

FADE TO BLACK.

SPORTS QUARTER

SIUC Inducts Six Former Athletes Into Saluki Sports Hall of Fame

Chris Bunyan and Vivian Sinou, two of the premier cross country and track athletes in school history, highlight a group of six inductees who entered the Saluki Sports Hall of Fame this fall.

Joining Bunyan and Sinou were Elvis Forde, a two-time track Olympian, Shelly Gibbs, who set 20 school records in softball, Wendy Irick, an 11-time All American in women's swimming, and Richard Theobald, Southern's first All American in men's diving.

Here is a closer look at this year's inductees.

Chris Bunyan is one of only three two-time All-Americans at SIUC in cross country. He led the Salukis to their fourth consecutive Missouri Valley Conference championship in 1983. That season, he clocked the two

fastest 8000-meter times in school history (24:04 and 24:17).

Bunyan became nationally known by placing fifth among 6,664 runners at the 1983 Boston Marathon with a time of 2:10.54 in the 26-mile jaunt. In track, Bunyan's mark of 24:48.86 in the 10,000-meter run is SIUC's best mark ever. He placed 12th nationally in the event. Bunyan's name still remains prominent in SIUC's record books in several events including the 3000-meter steeplechase, 5000-meter run, and 3000-meter run.

Elvis Forde, a native of Barbados, West Indies, competed only one year at Southern before returning to his homeland to compete in the Olympics. But he quickly established himself as one of the most dominant track athletes in school history.

A three-time All American and six-time MVC champion, Forde established five school records and three conference marks. He was a member of SIUC's 1984 squad which finished ninth in the NCAA Indoor Nationals relay (9:46.51). Conference crowns outdoors were in the 400-meter dash (45.91), the 400-meter relay (40.30), and the 1600 meter relay (3:04.60).

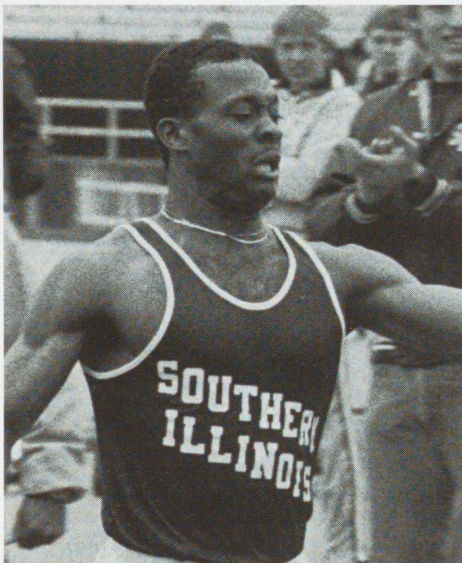
Shelly Gibbs, a three-time Saluki softball team MVP, did not miss a start during her four-year career. The Salukis averaged 27 victories per season during Gibbs's career.

The durable second baseman holds school records for career marks in batting average (.334), slugging percentage (.512), games played (182), hits (186), doubles (35), triples (14), homeruns (12), runs batted in

(91), and runs scored (81). Gibbs is SIUC's first four-time All-Conference selection and only two-time NCAA All-Midwest Region. She was in the Gateway Conference's top 10 in hitting during her last three seasons.

Wendy Irick became the eighth women's swimmer to be inducted into the Saluki Sports Hall of Fame. An 11-time All-American, Irick is one of the top two backstroke specialists in school history. Her marks of 57.17 in 100 backstroke and 2:02.65 in 200 backstroke remain second on SIUC all-time list. Irick had top 10 finishes in her specialty at Nationals twice as a junior.

Irick was a mainstay on SIUC's three fastest 200 and 400 medley relays. The 1986 200 relay was the fourth best nationally. From 1984 to 1986, these relays finished



Olympian and SIUC Track Star Elvis Forde



Three-time SIUC MVP Shelly Gibbs



Track Standout Vivian Sinou

in the top six in the NCAA competition.

As a junior, Irick was SIUC's number two scorer at the Nationals, racking up 34 points as the Salukis finished fifth nationally for the second year in a row. As a sophomore, she propelled SIUC's 200 and 400 medley relays to third and fourth place showings, respectively. Irick, an eight-time Gateway Conference champion, still holds the league record in 200 backstroke (2:40.04).

Vivian Sinou, who won 13 of 19 cross country meets for the Salukis, is SIUC's first and only Gateway Conference champion. She defeated 66 competitors in the 1987 conference meet to garner top honors. In the 1986 meet Sinou finished second only to Western Illinois' Patti Murray, the 1987 NCAA champion in 10,000 meters.

In the 1986 Illinois Intercollegiate at Normal, Sinou clocked a school-record time of 16:52. She turned in another impressive performance in the 26-team Midwest Invitational her senior season. Sinou won by defeating Suzy Favor, the 1986 NCAA Cross Country runner-up.

Also a track standout, Sinou took top honors in the 3,000-meter run, and finished second in the 1500 and 5000 at the 1987 Gateway Conference outdoor meet. She still holds school marks in the 3000, is No. 2 all time in the 5000 and No. 4 in the 1500. Sinou was the 1988 mile indoor Gateway champion. She holds four indoor records at SIUC including the 1500 (4:28.96) and 3000 (9:42.7).

Rick Theobald has become a pioneer of sorts as a member of the Saluki diving team. Theobald is the first men's diver to accomplish each of the following feats: receive an athletic scholarship; become an NCAA finalist and garner All-American honors; and make the Saluki Hall of Fame.

After suffering a broken leg his sophomore season, Theobald returned to earn NCAA All-American honors in the one- and three-meter springboards as a junior and senior. In the 1982 U.S. Diving Championships, Theobald managed to finish second overall after an accident in one-meter competition required five stitches to the head.

Theobald's best finishes came in the 1980 NCAA meet, where he finished sixth on the one meter and ninth on three meter. A 13-time U.S. Nationals finalist, Theobald made the U.S. National Team four times as an undergraduate.

Theobald also excelled in the classroom, maintaining a 3.40 grade point average and receiving the H.P. Lingle Award. After graduating, he assisted as a volunteer coach for the Salukis before becoming the head diving coach at Auburn University. In 1987 he was chosen the NCAA Diving Coach of the Year. In 1989 he was honored as the Southeastern Conference's Coach of the Year. He has produced two NCAA champions, 15 All Americans, and eight SEC champions.

Watson Pleased With Team's Progress

With 18 returning seniors and one of the nation's premier recruiting classes in his corner, SIUC head football coach Shawn Watson was optimistic, believing that the Salukis would improve on last year's 1-10 campaign. A mixture of veteran leadership and promising young talent led the Salukis on their road of continuing progress by producing a 5-6 record in Watson's second season.

SIUC achieved a four-game improvement over the 1994 record. That turnaround ranked the Salukis sixth among Division I-AA teams.

captain who garnered Saluki MVP honors for the second consecutive season.

Hendricks, who also received first-team all-Gateway accolades, was among team leaders in tackles. Watson says Hendricks was the dominating safety in the Gateway this season.

The Saluki coaching staff believes Hendricks is a big-play defender with a legitimate shot at making the National Football League. "He could take control of a game, and there aren't too many of those guys," Watson



Coach Shawn Watson, shown above, took time out at the end of the season to meet with a group of alumni fans in Saline County.

Watson says a solid nucleus of seniors was the key ingredient this season. "We knew we had players that were proven in the Gateway Conference and at this level of football," he says. "With those seniors and the new kids, we thought it was a sweet spot for a turnaround in our program, which it turned out to be."

One of those key senior performers for Watson was Darnell Hendricks, a team tri-

says. "Darnell loves to three-play...you couldn't drag him off the field if you wanted to. He was an awesome inspiration for the coaches and players."

Linebacker Brian Tranchitella and offensive lineman Larry Mullins, SIUC's two other tri-captains, also played key roles in the '95 campaign. Tranchitella, who led the team in tackles, has been a stalwart on the Saluki defense for years.

Mullins, who received SIUC's "offensive lineman of the year" honors, led an improved Saluki line which featured four seniors. Tranchitella and Mullins received honorable mention all-conference honors.

Watson received another good year from senior linebacker Tony Seman, who finished second to

Tranchitella in tackles, after leading the team in that category as a junior. The Salukis also have to replace the production of running back William Tolen, a key member of the Saluki offense in recent years.

"How do you replace guys like Darnell Hendricks, Brian Tranchitella, Tony Seman, Larry Mullins and William

Tolen?" Watson said. "Those guys were all very good football players and had excellent senior years. They left our program with a future.

"We are going to have some young players step up and take their place in the roll call to help us take the next step. We do have some very good, young talented football players."

Several youngsters began to step up for Watson this season. A clutch performer Watson will continue to rely on is Damon Jones, a 6-6, 270 pound tight end. Jones, a first-team all-Gateway member, led the Dawgs in receiving with 35 catches for 597 yards. A strong receiver who has a knack for breaking tackles and making big plays, he averaged 17.1 yards per reception. Jones, who received SIUC's offensive player of the year honors, is considered a legitimate NFL prospect.

"Damon is one of the most outstanding football players in the country," Watson said. "He provides a lot of excitement and is going to do nothing but improve himself."

The Salukis are solid at running back with Karlton Carpenter and Coe Bonner. Carpenter burst onto the scene as a freshman with a team-leading 556 yards on 147 attempts and four touchdowns. His memorable 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown sparked SIUC's opening game victory over Southeast Missouri State. Bonner, a junior college transfer from Franklin, Ga., gained 370 yards on 85 carries. Watson also has high hopes for Kevin Hannah, a sophomore tailback who will challenge for playing time this season.

"We are blessed with three of the best tailbacks in our league," Watson said. "I think any one of them could be starters anywhere in our league. They are really good football players."

Other key returnees include Dave Smith, a reliable senior tight end, junior Reggie Fowler, SIUC's top returning wide receiver and punt return specialist, junior linebacker Tommy Anderson, and junior defensive tackle Ryan Smith.



Saluki Hoopsters and Library Team Up for Academic Win

Academics and sports unfortunately sometimes seem an unlikely pair, but Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is working to change that perception. For the fifth consecutive year, the Saluki men's basketball team and Morris Library matched their efforts to benefit the library and the many faculty and students who use the facility.

In November, staff and Friends of Morris Library were on hand to cheer the Saluki victory in their first exhibition game. Following the game, players and coaches autographed posters, with proceeds from fan donations earmarked for the Library's Excellence Fund.

Coach Rich Herrin and his staff, assistant coaches Ron Herrin, Tommy Deffebaugh and Rodney Watson, shown in the above photograph with Dean of Library Affairs Carolyn Snyder, recently visited the Distance Learning Center at the library to discuss its potential use for their program.

"The Distance Learning Center is an excellent tool, providing state-of-the-art teleconferencing facilities," says Dean Snyder. "You can hold a meeting in Southern Illinois with virtually anyone in the state."

Dean Snyder and the Saluki coaches plan to continue their alliance to raise funds to enhance the services at Morris Library.

Six Salukis were named to the Gateway Conference all-newcomer team. Included on this list were Carpenter, quarterback Danny Smith, offensive lineman Steve Jones, defensive lineman Darryl Holland, and defensive backs Hassan McCullough and C.J. McDavid.

Watson aspires to add stability to the Saluki program through his third recruiting class. He said the coaching staff will look to increase its numbers at virtually every position on defense. SIUC's most pressing need is the offensive line, where it lost four starters. Watson also would like to take some pressure off Jones by adding a big-play wide receiver.

With the departure of Danny Smith, last year's starting quarterback, SIUC's offense will feature a new signal caller next season. Watson does have junior Chris Schullian and Jeff Brune returning. The Salukis also recruited Marcus Capone, a junior college transfer from Nassau Community College in Garden City, N.Y.

Watson believes a competitive situation will solidify the quarterback position. "It is real important that we have some competition to push our quarterbacks along," Watson said.

Heading into the 1996 campaign, his third year at the helm in Carbondale, Watson is satisfied with the progress of the Saluki football program — but continues to challenge his athletes for more. "By year three we definitely should be seeing some things," he said. "We saw in it years one and two so we are really making progress. Anything less than a winner in '96 is a step backward."

Men's Cross Country Qualifies for First-Ever NCAA Championship Meet

The SIUC men's cross country squad earned a second consecutive Missouri Valley Conference title and its first-ever National Collegiate Athletic Association berth.

The Salukis repeated as MVC champions, with junior Stelios Marneros leading the charge. SIUC set league records in best scoring (30) and biggest margin of victory.

SIUC Coach Bill Cornell received MVC Coach of the Year honors. Marneros, a junior from Cyprus, received "MVC Male Athlete of the Year" honors after winning his second consecutive individual championship. Marneros completed the course in 24:40.

The Salukis were third in the District V Championships and received one of three NCAA at-large berths. SIUC finished its season ranked 22nd nationally. With four of its top five runners returning, the future looks bright for the Dawgs.

Cornell's athletes also excel in the classroom. Three Salukis earned MVC all-academic accolades. Marneros (3.35 GPA), Russell (3.03 GPA), and senior Neil Lisk (3.35 GPA) were all honored for their work in the classroom.

SIUC Volleyball Squad Advances to MVC Tournament

The SIUC volleyball squad finished 17-13 overall and qualified for its first postseason tournament since 1989. The Salukis, who finished 14-8 in Missouri Valley Conference play, were seeded fifth in the MVC Tournament. They upset fourth-seeded Southwest Missouri State in the first round, before falling to nationally-ranked Northern Iowa in the second round.

Senior outside hitter Heather Herdes was a second-team all-MVC selection and received all-tournament honors. She led the Valley in ace average (64, 0.58 per game) and ranked as high as fourth nationally. Herdes also had a team-high 364 kills. Herdes, a speech communications major, received MVC all-academic honors, and was named to the GTE Academic All-District 5 Team.

Men's Swimming and Diving Garners MVC Championship

The SIUC men's swimming and diving team won the Missouri Valley Conference swimming and diving championship held in Carbondale.

Steve Munz, a sophomore, received MVC Swimmer of the Year honors after claiming individual records in the 100-yard butterfly, 100-yard backstroke, and 200-yard backstroke. Alex Wright, a sophomore, garnered MVC

Diver of the Year honors in 3-meter diving. Thirteen Salukis were named to the Missouri Valley All-Conference Men's Swimming and Diving Team and 13 were honorable mention selections.

Head coach Rick Walker won MVC Men's Swimming Coach of the Year honors. Saluki diving coach Dave Ardrey was voted the 1995 MVC Diving Coach of the Year.

Women's Swimming and Diving Team Wins Second Consecutive League Title

SIUC's women's swimming and diving team captured its second Missouri Valley Conference championship in as many years. The Salukis recorded a MVC record, easily holding off second-place Illinois State.

SIUC set nine event records in winning 19 of 20 events. Senior Ila Barlean garnered MVC Swimmer of the Year honors after claiming league titles in 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly. Junior Lisa Holland earned the MVC's Diver of the Year honors in the 3-meter dive.

Saluki diving coach Dave Ardrey was voted MVC Diving Coach of the Year. Fifteen Salukis represented SIUC on this year's Missouri Valley All-Conference women's Swimming and Diving Team and nine received honorable mention.

Women's Cross Country Finishes Fourth in Championships

A young Saluki women's cross country squad gave coach Don DeNoon hope for the future by finishing fourth in the Missouri Valley Conference championships.

SIUC's top six runners were all underclassmen. The Salukis were paced by junior Kim Koerner, who finished 12th in the overall standings. A physical therapy major, Koerner also received academic all-conference honors with a 4.0 grade point average

Season Previews: Baseball and Softball

After suffering through a disappointing 1994 campaign, Saluki baseball coach Dan Callahan is relying on a nucleus of returning players and a host of 18 recruits to reverse his fortunes. The season opened in February in Florida.

The SIUC softball squad also failed to qualify for its postseason tournament a year ago. The Salukis finished with an overall mark of 24-24 and were eighth in the MVC at 8-12. Coach Kay Brechtelsbauer is looking forward to the continued success of sophomore short-stop Dawn Daenzer and junior catcher Becky Lis.



West Receives Another Prestigious Honor

Charlotte West, Southern Illinois University's associate director of athletics, recently received the first Honda Award of Merit at the NCAA Convention in Dallas, Texas. The presentation was part of the annual Honda Broderick Awards Dinner, which some 1500 people attended. West was chosen for the honor over nine other finalists for her "significant, enduring contribution to women's collegiate sports."

A nationally prominent administrator in intercollegiate athletics and a catalyst for the advancement of women's sports in particular, West can look back on a distinguished career at SIU, spanning 38 years. She is a past president of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women and a member of the first women's group to be inducted in the SIU Hall of Fame. She has devoted her life to maintaining broad-based sports programs and high academic standards for student-athletes.

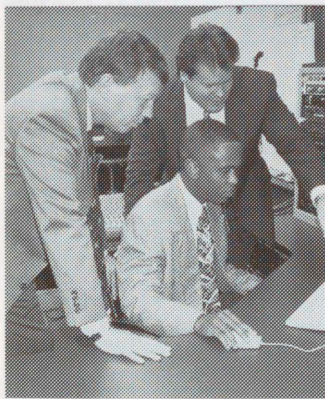
West, a member of the NCAA Council from 1986-91, now serves on four NCAA committees. Five years ago she received the Administrator of the Year Award from the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators.

"To be the first recipient of the Honda Award of Merit is something I'll always remember," says West.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Association Supports Student Productions

DigiDawg Productions, a radio-television student organization, recently received a contribution from the SIU Alumni Association that has improved the organization's production capabilities. DigiDawg used the contribution to purchase electronic equipment called Musical Instrument Digital



Standing, on the left, Ed Buerger, executive director of the Association, with Assistant Director Greg Scott, seated, and Tracy Powell

Interface (MIDI). Tracy Powell, an advisor to DigiDawg, says the new equipment will allow students to automate all their work.

"MIDI enables one person to do the work of five," Powell says. "Students can produce their own music and bring three or four pieces of musical equipment together without having three or four musicians."

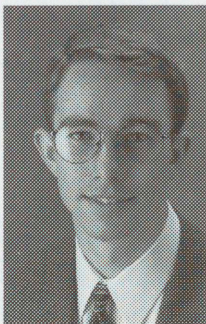
The Association and DigiDawg initially joined forces to produce an advertisement for the Saluki basketball team's journey to Hawaii last season. DigiDawg produced a spot promoting

the Association's travel package for SIUC alumni and friends. Rich Herrin, Saluki basketball coach, and Randy House, a former Saluki basketball player, were featured in the advertisement. The spot was played on several Southern Illinois radio stations.

DigiDawg has produced other Association advertisements for alumni appreciation games, homecoming activities, and Busch Stadium Day in St. Louis.

Cole Named Assistant Director for Alumni Programs and Corporate Relations

Brad Cole has joined Alumni Services and the SIU Alumni Association as assistant director for alumni programs and corporate relations. He will develop



alumni chapters, enhance established chapters, and expand alumni events worldwide. Cole, a former student body president at SIUC, is looking forward to his role with the Association. "Chapter development is one of the foremost concerns of the Association and the institution right now," he says. "We need to be reaching out more to our alumni and

utilizing their skills and knowledge."

The Association has now hired two professional staff members to enhance its chapter development effort. Remy Billups is currently developing Chicago-area alumni programs.

Cole's immediate mission is to build chapters in Indianapolis, Memphis, St. Louis and San Francisco, along with Jefferson and Saline Counties in Southern Illinois.

Long-term target areas for chapter development are Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, Phoenix, San Diego and Washington, D.C.

A 1994 Southern graduate, Cole served two terms as chief of staff in SIUC's Undergraduate Student Government. He was the University's student body president from 1992 to 1993.

He was a member of the Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee for three years, serving as chairman from 1994 to 1995. Cole has been on the Alumni Board of Trustees for SIUC's Delta Chi Fraternity since 1994. He is also a former president of the Sphinx Club Honor Society and a lifetime member of the SIU Alumni Association. Cole was appointed by Governor Jim Edgar to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission from 1993 to 1995.

Before joining the Alumni Association staff, Cole was a research assistant for SIUC's Office of Economic and Regional Development.

Coach Attends Basketball Social

Saluki basketball coach Rich Herrin greeted SIUC alumni and friends at a basketball social in October in Springfield. The Prairie Capital Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted the reception after a Missouri Valley Conference basketball press conference. Don Magee is president of the Prairie Capital Chapter.

Coach Herrin provided a recap of SIUC's three NCAA appearances and an overview of the upcoming season. Alumni and friends enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and several door prizes that were distributed throughout the event.

Watson Visits Saline County Alumni

SIUC football coach Shawn Watson was the featured speaker at a Saline County alumni social in November in Harrisburg, Ill. Watson gave a recap of the 1995 season and discussed the future of the Saluki football program with SIUC alumni and friends.

Ed Buerger, executive director, and Brad Cole, assistant director for alumni programs and corporate relations, were on hand to discuss chapter development in Saline County.

Refreshments were provided by Mackie's Pizza. Dr. Larry Jones and Dawn Boma assisted in organizing the event.

Pre-Game Gathering at SLU Basketball Game

Before the basketball Salukis battled St. Louis University in December, SIUC alumni and friends gathered at KSHE's Real Rock Cafe in St. Louis.

Saluki fans watched a videotape of SIUC's victory over Tulsa in last year's Missouri Valley Conference Tournament Championship game before journeying to the Kiel Center to cheer on an undefeated SIUC squad. Despite a career-high 23 points from senior Scott Burzynski, the Salukis came up short against the Billikins.

Mixer Precedes Bradley Game

SIUC alumni and friends gathered at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria to socialize before the Saluki basketball team played Bradley University in January.

The group was welcomed by Brad Cole, assistant director of the SIUC Alumni Association. Cole introduced Fred Huff, sports information director, and Don Magee, Prairie Capital Chapter president. Huff and Magee each spoke about the Alumni Association and the Saluki basketball squad.

It was a rough night on the hardwood for the Dawgs. SIUC lost to Bradley, the preseason favorite to win the Missouri Valley Conference.

Brewer Earns Service Award from Jackson County

The Jackson County Chapter of the SIUC Alumni Association conferred its annual service award and presented scholarships to six SIUC students at its annual banquet in November on campus.

Don Brewer, who has devoted three decades of his life to public education and community service, was the recipient of the 1995 Service to Southern Illinois Award. Brewer is regional superintendent of schools in Jackson and Perry counties of Southern Illinois.

Brewer is known for giving back to the community. He chairs the John A. Logan College Board of Trustees. He has been active on the boards of the Murphysboro Park District, Southern Illinois Airport Authority, Egyptian Education Service Center and Amateur Softball Association of Illinois.

Six SIUC students, all residents of Jackson County,

were honored at the banquet as recipients of scholarships to SIUC. Pictured below, they are, from left to right, Dustin Kraak, Ava; Anne Nickel, Carbondale; Carrie Parr, Carbondale; Michael Tegethoff, De Soto; and Tonya Wilson, Murphysboro. The recipient of the YMCA Family Scholarship was Jonathan Ugent of Carbondale.



San Francisco area alumni gathered at Knuckle's Historic Sports Bar to cheer the SIUC men's basketball team to victory over Utah State. Above, from left to right, are Debbie Robinson, Jon Covington, Jeff Lohrmann, Dan Craddock, Sue Kettelkamp, Brad Cole, Carole and Ed Mooers, Ed Edelman, Shelly and Dan Ash, Sandi Blodgett and Mike Houlihan.

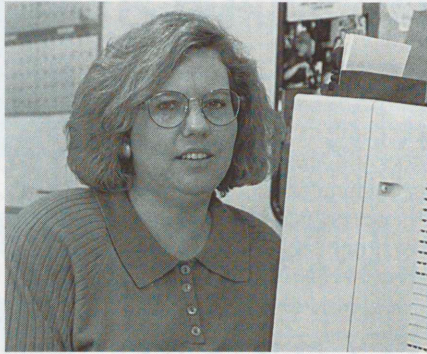
New Editor Joins Alumni Association

Maureen Manier recently assumed the newly created position of editor of alumni publications within the SIU Alumni Association. Her primary responsibility will be as editor of *Alumnus*.

Manier comes to SIUC from Saint Mary's College in South Bend, Ind., where she worked for seven years, first as director of publications and later as director of communications. While at Saint Mary's she was editor of *Courier*, Saint Mary's quarterly magazine which won several regional and national awards during her tenure. A 1989 annual report, which she wrote and supervised for the college, won a bronze medal in an international competition held by the magazine *Financial World*.

In addition to her publication responsibilities, Manier was appointed executive coordinator of Saint Mary's yearlong sesquicentennial celebration. The celebration was honored by the American Marketing Association with a Regional Award of Excellence and with a silver medal from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Manier held several editorial and writing positions before being employed at Saint Mary's. For three years she was the editor of a quarterly magazine and monthly tabloid newsletter



for a health-care system. She also previously worked as a writer for the chancellor's office at Indiana University at South Bend. As a free lance writer, Manier has written articles that have appeared in *Indiana Alumni* and *Notre Dame Magazine* and other regionally published magazines and newspapers.

Association Families Eligible For Pulliam Scholarship

Three years ago, Robert Pulliam BA '48, MA '50 reinvigorated the Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarship Fund that honors his father, a 1925 graduate who became the sixth president of the University (1935-44). The fund now awards two annual scholarships valued at \$1,000 each.

Applications are available from the SIU Alumni Association. Applications must be postmarked by May 31 to be considered.

Applicants must be closely related to an SIUC alumnus or alumna who is a current member of the SIU Alumni Association. The applicants must be either admitted or currently enrolled undergraduate students who are registered for a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Under the terms of the scholarship, "Recipients shall be of good character, worthy and in need." Awards will be made for academic merit. Other criteria include a copy of one's financial award letter and three letters of recommendation, one being from the relative who is a SIU Alumni Association member.

Specific academic requirements include having graduated in the upper 10 percent of their high school graduating class and performing in the top 15 percentile among peers on the ACT exam. Enrolled students should have a cumulative GPA of 3.5, transfer students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5.



Gathered on the veranda are a group of SIU alumni and friends who were invited to a brunch/reception hosted by Alumni Larry and Mary DeJarnett at their Rancho Palos Verdes home in California. Larry is a member of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors and chairs the Foundation's long-range planning committee. Special University guests at the event were Chancellor John Guyon and his wife, Joyce; Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement J. Robert Quatroche; Edward Buerger, executive director, SIU Alumni Association; and James Hawkinson, director of development, College of Mass Communications and Media Arts, and his wife, Susan.

THE STARS COME OUT UNDER BIG TENT FOR HOMECOMING

With movie producer Robert Weiss serving as grand marshall of the 1995 Homecoming parade, a fitting Hollywood theme celebrated the accomplishments of past and present Southern Illinois University students on a weekend that culminated with

a Saluki football victory. A beautiful fall morning provided the ideal setting for a parade through downtown Carbondale. Some 2,000 alumni, students, and friends gathered under the Alumni Big Tent as the SIU Alumni Association and SIUC's

colleges and schools hosted the ninth annual pregame Homecoming Tailgate activities. The Prairie Capital Alumni Chapter in Springfield provided the official hot "dawg" grillers for Homecoming.

The festivities gave classmates an opportunity to renew acquaintances and visit with deans and faculty at tables set up along one side of the Big Tent. Each college and school set up photo displays highlighting the career accomplishments and achievements of their starring SIUC alumni.

Attendees who registered at the Big Tent listened to music and enjoyed a complimentary lunch. The Alumni Association and SIUC's

colleges and schools rewarded registered attendees with door prizes throughout the event. Alumni Association member Tim Langdon '41, of Carbondale, won the Alumni Association's grand prize drawing, a trip to the Missouri Valley Conference Basketball Tournament in St. Louis.

Alumni, students, and boosters capped off the weekend by rooting the Saluki football squad to its first Homecoming victory in nine seasons.



Above, Mary Myers with son, Adam.

More than 12,000 fans watched the Dawgs erase a 20-0 deficit by scoring 27 unanswered points. The Salukis eventually defeated Southwest Missouri State 33-30 in overtime to improve their mark to 4-3 on the season. It was Southern's third consecutive home victory under head coach Shawn Watson '82. Several dignitaries participated in the activities. SIUC Chancellor John C. Guyon and his wife, Joyce, greeted alumni, students and friends. Vice chancellors Benjamin Shepard, J. Robert Quatroche, James Tweedy and Harvey Welch also attended.

Couple Weds Homecoming Weekend

Even though they were in the same graduating class, it took 50 years for Charles and Mary Lou Foehner to meet. But not being able to reminisce about the past certainly hasn't stopped them from making new memories together.

Charles and Mary Lou '44, who were inducted into the Half Century Club in 1994, celebrated their honeymoon during this year's Homecoming. The Foehners were married the night before the Half Century Club dinner, exchanging vows at the Washington Street Baptist Church in Johnston City, where Mary Lou's former pastor presides.

The Foehners, who were classmates at SIUC some 50 years ago, did not meet each other until the 1994 Half Century Club reunion.

"We didn't actually know each other in school," Charles said, "but we recognized each other's name at this reunion and one thing led to another."

Charles had not been on

campus since 1943, when he left to fight in World War II. He took part in the invasions of Normandy and Okinawa. Although he was unable to attend the graduation ceremonies, Charles had completed his coursework before leaving. His official graduation date was June 9, three days after the invasion of Normandy.

Mary Lou. "The ceremony was mostly women. It was a somber atmosphere on campus."

Charles, a real estate salesman in Baldwin, Mo., gave Mary Lou his business card before the two went their separate ways. They exchanged letters and began calling each other frequently.

For several months before their marriage, Charles traveled every week to visit Mary Lou in Decatur.

"He inherited 10 grandchildren," Mary Lou said.

Charles and Mary Lou visited the



SIUC Chancellor John Guyon, on the right, congratulates newlyweds Mary Lou and Charles Foehner.

Mary Lou (McNeil), a Cartersville native who was returning to SIUC for the first time since 1949, said the University was hit hard by the war. "We started out in a class of 1,000 but less than 144 went to graduation ceremonies because of the war," said

alumni office and walked around campus during their honeymoon weekend. The Foehners, lifetime members of the Alumni Association, said they will return to Homecoming every year to celebrate their anniversary.

Class of 1945 New Members in Half-Century Club

Alumni and friends welcomed graduates of the Class of 1945 into the Half Century Club of the SIU Alumni Association at a festive dinner during Homecoming weekend.

Each year at Homecoming, the Alumni Association honors alumni who are celebrating their 50th class

reunion by inducting them into the prestigious Half Century Club. This year 18 alumni attended the celebrated event, coming from Illinois, Florida, California, Missouri, Ohio and Texas.

University Photcommunications presented a slide show featuring happenings on campus in 1945.

Dinner music was provided by Anita Hutton on the piano. Mike Hanes MME'65, director of the Marching Salukis, led his band in playing the Alma Mater.

Wes Wilkins '77, president of the Association, introduced the guests who included Half Century Club members, faculty members of the 1940s,

and reunion chair Emilyn Snow Morris.

Morris gave a profile of the Class of 1945 before distributing certificates to Half Century Club members. Morris then passed the torch to the chair of this year's reunion, Don R. Sheffer '46.

CLASS NOTES

1940s

Retired educator **Mariella Aikman '45** of East Lansing, Mich., taught five years of elementary and 31 years of preschool education at Michigan State University. She volunteers in child-related activities and still plays in a band.

Former Illinois Representative, **Vincent A. Birchler '45** sent a note saying he still lives in Chester, Ill. He served three

terms in the House of Representatives and three terms as Randolph County Superintendent of Schools.

Retired lawyer and Circuit Judge in the 1st Judicial Circuit of Illinois, **Arlie O. Boswell Jr '45** informs us he is keeping busy with the Bar Association, Shriners, American Legion, his Church, and Saline County Farm Bureau. Arlie served in combat infantry in World War II. He was recalled once and served as 2nd

Lt., Assistant State Judge Advocate, Ft. Riley, Kan. He is enjoying his farm and traveling with wife Parley.

Frances E. Clark '45, a retired teacher from Cleveland, Ohio, says she keeps plenty busy with volunteer work at her church and various community activities, and sororities. While teaching she developed an occupational work experience course for the Cleveland Public Schools.

From Granbury, Texas, **Wilma Dean Benedict Cohlmeier '45** tells us that she keeps busy traveling and golfing at DeCordova Bend Estates, where she and her husband Marvin live in retirement.

Ada Kraemer Davis '45 of Mattoon, Ill., tells us she is quite busy with church, organizations, and still works 3 days a week as a cashier at Walgreens. She meets yearly with a group of ten who roomed at Anthony Hall. Ada taught school for 46 years.

Memories of SIU for **Euline**

Dallas Eilbracht '45 include roommates and special friends in Anthony Hall and losing male classmates to the war. She says that the respect for research instilled in her has served her well, especially as a professor at the University of Illinois.

Euline enjoys being an "ambassador of baseball" with her husband, Lee, who was the baseball coach at U of I for 27 years.

Ellen A.

Brown Gates '45 tells us she is volunteering at various organizations, including the Jackson County Historical Society. A retired teacher, she lives in Carbondale, Ill.

"What's retirement?" **Catherine M. Martin Hall '45** wants to

know. Catherine works four days each week as secretary at University Baptist Church. Catherine and her husband Matthew live in Carbondale, Ill.

Journalist and editor **Samuel O. Hancock '45** of Herrin, Ill., spent 32 years as bureau manager for United Press & United Press International at the *Southern Illinoisian*, Herrin and Marion offices, plus seven years as Herrin city editor. Among the awards he garnered were the UPI Bob Crenna Award-1983, SIU Journalism Hall of Fame Master Editor-1990, and Illinois News Broadcasters Association Distinguished Service Award-1992. During World War II he served in the Army Air Force. He and his wife Martha reside in Herrin.

Writer and speaker **Robert J. Hastings '45** tells us that freshman P.E. under Abe Martin was a special contribution and influence in his life. The author of *A Nickel's Worth of Skim Milk* and former pastor continues to work every day. He and his wife **Bessie Emling Hastings '47** reside in Springfield, Ill.

A retired Circuit Judge, who once played fiddle with Tex Ritter, **Snyder Howell '45**, who practiced law in Williamson County, Ill., says he is in good health and enjoying retirement on his farm.

World War II veteran, **Harold R. (Dick) Kinder '45**, is a retired electrical engineer who says he doesn't have enough time to do all he wants to every day. He and his wife Flo live in Orange, Calif.

Before she retired, **Elizabeth Lucille Johnson Morgan '45** taught at Texas Woman's University and University of Texas at Arlington. She and husband, Darold, make their home at Richardson, Texas, where she enjoys gardening, gourmet cooking and freelance writing.

Former SIUC instructor **Emilyn Snow Morris '45**, **MSED '57**, of Carbondale, Ill., has spent more than 33 years teaching—rural elementary, high school and university. She and her husband James recently celebrated their 50th wedding

Veteran Finds Education His Best Weapon

James "Rusty" Boren '39 studied history with the intention of being a teacher. He never expected he would practice that profession in a prisoner of war camp in the middle of Nazi Germany.

Shot down during a bomb run over Berlin in 1944, Boren, who was an Air Force Pilot, vividly remembers his first day in prison: "Ten of us were put in a two-man cell in a jail in a Berlin suburb. The first night they lined us up outside and strip searched and threatened to shoot us. But there was no blood on the snow from the days before, so we had hope."

Boren was eventually taken to Stalag Luft I, north of Berlin. There, using books provided by the Red Cross, he led a group that set up a GI college. Keeping busy was important, Boren explained. Having survived near starvation, the camp was liberated by the Soviets on May 1, 1945.

During his 22-year military career, Boren served in the United Nations command in Japan and Korea. He retired in 1963 to Hawaii, where he has been a substitute teacher for 24 years.



Above, Rusty Boren meets President Bill Clinton during the celebration of V.J. Day in Honolulu. President Clinton was in Hawaii the weekend before his September visit to SIUC.

anniversary. Author of four books, she stays busy as a volunteer, homemaker and writer.

Wanda Conrad Pirtle '45, who taught at secondary level, says she appreciated the diversity of student body and faculty at SIU. Wanda lives in Collinsville, Ill., where she is active in the Womans Club, the Shrine Club, and enjoys golfing with friends.

Former PE teacher at West Frankfort, Ill., **Maryann Peek Riva '45** fondly remembers twirling flags for SIUC band, and the establishment of the "Maryann Riva Award" for teachers who do the most for girls sports. She and her husband Charles reside in West Frankfort, Ill.

Retired and living in Fort Collins, Colo., **Blanche Shearer Romine '45** remembers she liked playing violin in the orchestra and says her education was interrupted by World War II. She served three years in the WACs before continuing her education. Over the years she taught school in Royalton, Ill., worked for the VA in Milwaukee, and taught for 14 years in Fort Collins.

For **Hattie Koons Sheffler '45** traveling and volunteering were a way of life. The wife of a U.S. Army doctor, she lived in Hawaii, Japan, Okinawa, Washington, D.C. and Iran. A mother of five, she sometimes taught school. Her fondest memory is French class with friend Emily. Hattie's hobby is quilting. She and her husband Paul live in Bloomington, Ill.

Harold Wayne Taylor '45 and his wife **Ernestine Cox Taylor '46** live in Winter Haven, Fla. Harold was chief financial officer and senior vice president for Scotty's, New York Stock Exchange and more recently stockholders' relations director in Winter Haven. A veteran, he served as an accountant at the Tennessee Eastman atomic bomb plant. Now he spends time as a volunteer at Winter Haven Hospital and working with mentally handicapped.

A veteran of 27 years as a news correspondent in New York for ABC Network News, **Robert F. (Bob) Walker ex'49** retired to

Sioux Falls, S.D., after a nine-month stint in Berlin, Germany.

Enjoying his family and doing some consulting work is how **Robert C. Yates '45** is spending his retirement. An aviation electrician's mate during World War II, Robert had his own company in the oilfields. He and his wife Grace live in Oklahoma City, Okla.

A rural letter carrier for 43 years, **Walter B. Young Jr. '45**, of Carmi, Ill., fondly remembers the old campus and the Morris years. A veteran, he participated in the Battle of the Bulge and was taken prisoner. Walter received the SIU Alumni Achievement Award in 1974. He served 12 years as a member of the SIU Alumni Association Board.

1950s

A former art instructor at SIUC, **Robert A Wiggs '52**, lectured in the fall at a week-long international symposium in Alexandria, Va. He is a charter member of the International Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Symmetry organized in Budapest, Hungary, in 1989. His lectures focus on his unique system for generating polyhedra and its relationship to his sculpture. He discovered the ninth self all-space filling polyhedron which he titled *Twist Octahedron*. He was invited in November to exhibit his polyhedral drawings and sculpture at a major show in New York City, sponsored by Pratt Institute in cooperation with the Buckminster Fuller Institute and other professional organizations. Robert Wiggs retired from the University of Southwestern Louisiana Fine Arts faculty in 1987.

Retired school counselor **LaDonne Deadmond Neudecker '53** was honored as Woman of the Year in Centralia last year. She also has received awards for continuing programs at Centralia High School for pregnancy prevention and career focus for young women. She and husband Clifton reside in Centralia, Ill.

Bill G. Tweedy '56, of Jamestown, N.C., received the College of Agriculture Achievement Award when he was the College's commencement speaker in May 1995.

Michael Patrick '56, MA'57, of Robertsdale, Ala., tells us his book, *We Are a Part of History: the Story of the Orphan Trains*, is in its second edition. He retired as professor emeritus of English from the University of Missouri-Rolla after 29 years and now teaches courses in folklore at the University of South Alabama Baldwin County in Fairhope.

The Society of Professional Well Log Analysts Distinguished Technical Achievement Award was presented to **Edward L. Bigelow '58** at the Society's 36th Annual Logging Symposium in Paris, France. SPWLA represents interests in subsurface geological horizons. Employed by Western Atlas of Houston, Ed resides in Missouri City, Texas.

A new assistant professor at Illinois' oldest college, **Richard Hunsaker '58, PhD'69** of Belleville, Ill., will direct a new speech and debate team for McKendree College.

For the second time in her 24-year teaching career, **Bobbie Jones Burns '59** was chosen Teacher of the Year in Humble, Texas, where she has taught for 13 years at Atascocita Middle School. A former "Miss Southern" (SIUC), Bobbie had a show business career for nearly 15 years, but says her first love is teaching.

Beryl F. McClerren '59, MS'60, PhD'63 is a one-man show; a member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters, he is currently a professor in the Department of Speech at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston. He has two videos—*A Visit with Lincoln* and *The Goosenet Prairie Farm*—and has

delivered more than 2,000 public addresses to date. He says he "wants to help keep alive Lincoln's beliefs in God, truth, freedom, forgiveness, responsibility, and constitutional government." He resides in Charleston.

1960s

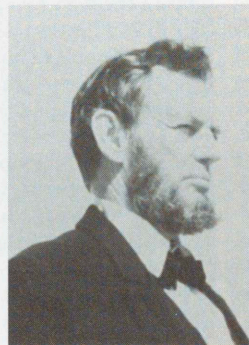
Illinois State University professor of political science, **Bob Hunt '60** is currently directing a program under a grant from the W.K.Kellogg Foundation. The project grew out of two decades of development work done as a consultant with the U.S. Agency for International Development, World Bank, the Peace Corps, and several Fulbright Grants. Bob and his wife Deanna have worked on teaching, research, and consulting projects in over twenty countries including Asia, Africa and Latin America. They and their son Drew live in Normal, Ill.

Robert F. Cullum '60 and his wife **Shirley Harvengt Cullum '57** live in San Antonio, Texas. Robert retired from state service, last serving as chaplain at San Antonio State Hospital.

After 25 years at the University of San Francisco, **William V. Burgess MSEd'62** is now professor emeritus. He served on the faculty, as dean of continuing education, and as associate dean for the school of education. His home is in San Ramon, Calif.

Judith M. Roales '65 is now executive vice president and general manager of the *St. Petersburg Times*, one of the nation's 25 largest daily newspapers. All business, administrative, advertising, circulation, and production operations report to her. Judith lives in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Newly appointed as dean of student life, **Franklin Jon Simpson Jr. '65, MSEd'69, PhD'75**, has joined the College of St. Francis, Joliet, Ill. He most recently served as affirmative action director at West Chester University in Pennsylvania.



Beryl McClerren

Crime Writer Creates A World of Intrigue

Where the Money Is: A Novel of Las Vegas, written by 1965 alumnus Ivan G. Goldman, has made an impressive debut, praised by one reviewer for effectively combining "antic action with sardonic commentary." Goldman was the co-author of *L.A. Secret Police*, a nonfiction book that made the *New York Times* Best Seller List.

After graduating from SIUC, Goldman served in the Army, later earning a master's degree from the University of Kansas. He went on to become a reporter at the *Kansas City Star* and *The Washington Post*, and was an editor at *The Los Angeles Times*. His commentaries are heard regularly on Public Radio International's *Marketplace*. He lives in Rancho Palos Verdes,



Calif., with his wife, Connie, and their three children.

Goldman is at work on a second novel, which will further follow the adventures of former Assistant U.S. Attorney Terry Lasky, featured in *Where the Money Is*.

In thinking about his years at Southern Goldman says, "It seems to me the longer you live, the more places and institutions there are to tug at your loyalties and your memories. To me, Southern remains on top. It was my teacher, and gave me a second chance after a less than auspicious high school career in Chicago. I cherish my memories of Southern, and when I talk with other alumni from my generation, they always feel the same way. It's a wonderful institution."

Susan S. Curtis '66 is president of Susan S. Curtis & Assoc. of Clayton, Mo., where she lives. She shares with us that both her children are in college and her son is a tenor with the St. Louis Symphony Chorus.

A former educator, **Shirley M. Elkin '66** of Decatur, Ill., is a professional speaker and trainer with Elkin Presentations, Decatur.

John E. Moody '66 of Carmel, Ind., is a key account executive with Crops Division of Dow Elanco, Indianapolis. John is also president-elect of the SIU Foundation.

Former teacher and administrator at Cahokia, Ill., Senior High, **Roland Schilling MS'66** was named Father of the Year by the Gateway Area Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Roland, who is married with four grown daughters, is an active volunteer in the chapter's speaker's bureau.

From Easley, South Carolina, we hear from **Gary J. Curto '67**, who after a 27-year career with the YMCA (mostly in California) has accepted the position of executive director of the Baptist Medical Center Foundation in Easley.

U.S. Navy Captain **Jerry Schill '67** has returned from a six-month deployment near Bosnia-Herzegovina as the commander of Amphibious Squadron Eight aboard the *USS Kearsarge*. Schill and his staff helped rescue Captain Scott O'Grady, who was shot down over Bosnia.

1995 was a good year for **Bruce W. Sodervick '67**. He had several exhibitions, including a one-man show at the Coffey Gallery, Rochester, N.Y., and was the featured artist at the Berkshire Center for Contemporary Glass, West Stockbridge, Ma. He also received the Eisenhart Award for

Outstanding Teaching. Bruce is a professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, N.Y. He and his wife Zerbe reside in Sodus, N.Y.

From Madison, Wis., **Lindell L. Whitelock '67** is influencing the world as owner of Ag Consulting Services, where he is an international agricultural consultant. He is working with the Ministry of Agriculture in the Baltic countries of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania to provide advice on policy decisions and assist companies in the transition to a market economy.

Formerly with the Michigan Department of Education, Oak Park School District Director of Special Education **Deborah Livingston-White '68** recently accepted the position of director of special services for the East Detroit School District in Eastpointe, Mich. She resides in West Bloomfield.

M. Alice Fitzjohn '69 is homebased in Silver Spring, Md., but travels the world as a clergywoman and educator for the United Methodist Church. She tells us that her experiences (especially international programs) at SIU inspired her to

provide service to mankind. Her recent travels have taken her to London, Sierra Leone, Maryland and Swaziland.

V-PAN 617, the latest advance in panoramic cameras, is the handiwork of photographer **Richard "Chet" Hanchett '69** of St. Louis. He literally created the intricate parts he needed with the assistance of some machinists in the St. Louis area. The latest version of the camera is the Mark III.

Richard L. Lanigan Jr. PhD'69 of Carbondale, Ill., was awarded the 1995 Outstanding Scholar Award at SIUC. He is a communication theorist.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., is where **Cheryl Parsons McDaniel '69** and her husband Ronald reside with their family. Cheryl teaches part time.

Attorney **Paul Plotnick '69** recently received a Distinguished Service Award from the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services for work done with the Lawyer Referral Panel. Paul was also named Lay Person of the Year by the Illinois Eastern Iowa District of Kiwanis International for his religious activities. He and his wife Eleanor and daughter Sarah reside in



Wilmette, Ill. His practice is in Skokie.

Robert Richardson '69, Ph.D.'85 and **Silvana Richardson Ph.D.'85** are associate professors in LaCrosse, Wis. Robert is the middle-level education specialist at UW-LaCrosse and a member of the Executive Board of the Wisconsin Association of Middle Level Education. Silvana teaches health assessment and health promotion within the nursing curriculum. Both have taken up the sport of "curling" since moving to Wisconsin, and Robert continues to train with the luge team each winter in Lake Placid.

Mark Wolfson '69 is the executive producer/director for KROV-TV and Mark Wolfson Productions, Inc., in San Francisco, where he and his wife Nina live.

Westminster College of Fulton, Mo., has announced that its first head football coach in more than 60 years will be **Ralph Young MS'69**, current assistant football coach with the Iowa Barnstormers of the Arena Professional League. With 21 years of coaching experience, he has served in positions at William Penn

College, Illinois Benedictine College, Southwest State University of Minnesota, SIUC, Southeast Missouri State, Illinois Valley Community College, and the University of South Dakota.

Dave Smith MA '69, a professor of English at Louisiana State University, is the author of *Fate's Kite: Poems, 1991-1995*. He is also the co-editor of *Southern Review*.

1970s

Dental Hygienist **Penny Venezia Picken '70** tells us that her daughter's graduation from SIUC last year was especially meaningful for her. She and her husband Stephen reside in Caledonia, Ill.

Pilot **Charles P. Gilmore '70** and his wife live in Bountiful, Utah, with their family of three. Charles retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 1990 as a major. He often returns to Carbondale and campus to visit. He now flies for Delta Airlines.

Worcester, Mass., is home to **Karen L. Turner '70** and husband Thomas Gottschang.



Chairman of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, **Glen Bower '71** of Effingham, Ill., shown on the right in the above photograph, recently visited in Washington D.C. with U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice **Stephen Breyer**. Bower is also a member of the SIU Foundation Board.

They are both associate professors at Holy Cross College. **Karen** holds a Ph.D. in Chinese history from University of Michigan and has recently traveled to China and Vietnam. She is currently writing a book on Vietnam. In addition, she is a senior research fellow in East Asian Legal Studies at Harvard Law School.

A book, *The Cockroach Hall of Fame and 101 other Off-The-Wall Museums* features **Mike Bohdan '71** of Plano, Texas, and his giant

African hissing cockroaches. **Mike**, who is president of the Pest Shop, Inc., is also owner and curator of the museum featured in the book. He has been featured on an ABC newscast, instructed TV talk show host, Gary Collins in the fine art of cockroach swatting, and coached Johnny Carson in walking one on a leash.

Dick Blasucci '71 is a writer for Jim Henson Productions in Hollywood. He has won two Emmys for his writing on SCTC and Cable Ace Awards for writing for Billy Crystal and Martin Short specials and for writing and producing on the Larry Sanders Show. He and his wife Elizabeth have two children.

Robert Dyer '71 of Kankakee, Ill., was recently elected to the Board of Trustees of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The commission involves men and boys in construction ministry and disaster relief. Robert is a regional manager for the Illinois Farm Bureau

A victim of a cerebral hemorrhage, **Dennis Stowell '71** works with disabled people and related issues. Formerly, he held positions as a lab supervisor and technical director and as an analytical and research chemist. He and his wife Laura reside in Machesney Park, Ill.

From Tishomingo, Okla., we hear from **Jon S. Huston MA'72**, who is professor of botany/microbiology at Murry State College of Tishomingo. Jon recently received the "Neustadt

Innovation Brings Rewards

During his years with Caterpillar, **George Curry '69 MBA'70**, customer services manager, has worked around the world, including many years in Spain. But it was his work on-line that won Curry and his colleague Robert Hoffer an Esprit Award from *CIO*, a magazine for information executives. *CIO* presents the Esprit Award to individuals who have transformed their organization through their innovation and investment in information technology.

Curry and Hoffer, an information services manager, teamed up to solve several serious problems facing their company. With service shops having to work through distributors to obtain critical historical and technical information on trucks, repairs were taking too long. Caterpillar was also taking months to fulfill warranty claims.

After involving more than 500 people in

discussions and meetings about these issues, the team developed the CAT PC software, which now enables second-level dealers, through a modem connection and an 800 number, to access the Caterpillar mainframe. The system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. CAT PC is the first system of its kind in the trucking industry, says Curry, who resides in Peoria with his wife Glenda.

The results of this innovation have been nothing short of remarkable: a significant improvement in customer satisfaction; a 50% reduction in the wait for processing warranty claims. Distributors have also benefitted from the new software, as they have been relieved of massive amounts of paperwork.

"We knew that CAT PC was going to simplify and speed up processes, but we didn't have any idea of the extent of the impact when we first started out," says Curry.

Shown in the photograph on the left, **George Curry**, on the right, and his teammate **Robert Hoffer**.

Award for Teaching Excellence." A first-time award, the recognition also included a cash award.

A freelance video cameraman, **Terry L. Jones '72** of Houston, Texas, says he has worked for Fox Sports, CBS, ABC, ESPN & USA Network and has received several awards. He shared in the 1995 Sports Emmy Award for CBS 1994 Winter Olympics (technical team remote).

Michael A. Monroe '72 of LaPorte, Ind., was promoted to the position of Agency Field Consultant with State Farm Insurance Company. He also received the distinction of being in the Top 100 New Agents in 93-94. He and his wife have five children and reside in Chesterton, Ind.

Crete, Ill., is home to **Donna Williams Swanstrom '72** and **Paul Swanstrom '72** and their three children. Donna is an art teacher for Churchill School in Homewood, Ill. She was recently re-elected vice president of the Board of Education for Crete Monee School Dist 201-V and named "Master Board Member" by the Illinois Association of School Boards. Paul is the assistant superintendent for administration for Elmhurst Public Schools. They agree that SIUC inspired them to pursue careers in education.

Daniel J. Borschnack '73, CPA, has been named partner of Nykiel Carlin & Co., Ltd., and will head the firm's Kankakee office. A five year veteran of Lemna & Co., Daniel joined Schaumburg-based Nykiel Carlin in 1992 when the firms merged. He is active in the Bradley/Bourbonnais Chamber of Commerce and on the boards of directors for the Kiwanis Club, the Irwin Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and Illinois CPA Society.

A dealer in historical vintage photographs, **George B. Palakoff '73** sells to dealers, collectors, institutions, and the White House on occasion. He and his wife Laura Beth reside in Hubbard Woods, Ill.



Above, **John Stubbs '74** is acting co-associate principal first violin with the San Diego Symphony. He also plays with the San Diego Opera and was appointed assistant conductor/music advisor to the California Ballet last year. He is married to Denise Dabrowski, California Ballet's prima ballerina.

A happy mother, **Gwendolyn Hill Lee '73** of Chicago tells us that her daughter has chosen to attend SIUC. Gwendolyn is an intake executive for the Illinois Department of Public Aid-Child Support.

Milford, Conn., majority leader and alderman, **Terry J. Munk '73**, is president of Appaloosa Custom Products, Inc., and president/general manager of the Connecticut Skyhawks, a professional basketball team in the United States Basketball League.

Merle Hanneken '74 of Lakeland, Fla., has been promoted to executive vice president for A. Camacho, Inc., of Tampa.

Raymond A. Hicks PhD'74 was elected as fifth president of Grambling State University by the Louisiana Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities. He has served as interim president since July 1, 1994, as well as teaching and serving in various other administrative capacities at the University in the past.

Texas Tech University, College of Education, Lubbock, has named **Mary K. Tallent-Runnels MS'74** associate dean of administration and special projects. She came to Texas Tech

in 1986 and most recently served as program coordinator for educational psychology.

Hearst New Media & Technology of New York City announced that **Susan C. Russo '74** has joined that firm as vice president, advertising strategy and sales, for both HomeArts and Hearst Multimedia Publishing. Susan is currently chairman of The Advertising Club of New York Foundation and serves on the boards of The Advertising Club of New York, Clearpool Foundation and Interlochen Arts Academy. She resides in Norwalk, Conn.

A licensed counselor and social worker for the State of Illinois, **James Robert Willis Jr. '74** was recently promoted to administrative program supervisor. He and his wife Jacquelyn reside in Hazel Crest, Ill.

Survey report analyst **Randy A. Donath '75** works for the Joint Commission/Accreditation on Health Care Charges in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill. He and his wife Laura reside with their two children in Bensenville, Ill.

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, resident engineer **Darryl M. Heffernan '75** Fort Worth, Texas, where he is the resident engineer for a spillway project at Sam Rayburn Dam, Texas. He recently returned from major engineering construction projects in Germany, Israel, Korea and South America, where he received a commendation for water resource development done there. He and his wife Rebecca presently reside in Jasper, Texas.

Med A. Theno-Nelson '75 was recently promoted to photo editor at the *Wisconsin State-Journal* in Madison.

Jeffrey I. Hiller '75 is an employment consultant for Boulder County Enterprises, Longmont, Colo. He says he and his wife Marie have lived two-and-a-half years in Colorado, (Loveland), and they love it!

Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles **Gilbert L. Holmes '75** has been named chairman of the board of the American Association of Motor Vehicle

Administrators. AAMVA represents motor vehicle and law enforcement agencies in all 50 states, U.S. territories, and Canada.

Principal/communication strategist of Creative Media Services, St. Louis, **William C. Zeh '75** is currently serving as legislative liaison for the St. Louis Chapter of the International Television Association. He and his wife Kathleen live in St. Louis.

Loren E. Coleman Jr.'76 of Portland, Maine is a research associate professor for University of South Maine-Muskie Institute, Portland. Some recent activities include being keynote speaker (with Colin Wilson) at UnConvention 95, University of London, April 1995. He was executive producer of *Sworn to Protect*, a Department of Justice, OJJDP, six-part video series on training rural officers on conducting sensitive child abuse investigations.

U.S. Navy Commander **Danny R. Scarborough '76** recently received the Meritorious Service Medal while serving as the commander of the Branch Medical Clinic in Gulfport, Miss. He currently serves as the navy representative to U.S. Army Combat Doctrine Training Development Command at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

From Baton Rouge, La., **Lee S. Feinswog '77** tells us he is a sports writer for the *Baton Rouge Advocate* and the producer and on-air host for *Sports Monday*, a one-hour local live television show.

At Zanie's Comedy Club in Chicago, **Edith Reese-Gordon '77** appeared for the second year as part of The Public Offenders, an all-lawyer comedy troupe. This year the revue was called *Natural Born Lawyers*, mostly song parodies and skits written by the performers. In her real job Edith is now a claims specialist in the optometric/dental unit of CNA Insurance's HealthPro Division, Chicago. Edith lives with her daughter Sandra who is seven. She says she enjoys reminiscing about her SIUC days.

Turner Falls, Maine is home to **Hyrum H. Huskey Jr. PhD'77**

and his wife Isabel. He is a licensed mental health counselor and a certified clinical mental health counselor. He is writing a novel and has published articles in professional journals. He shares with us news that his daughter, an SIU grad, Christina Huskey-Grabow, is an attorney in Eureka, Calif.

From East Alton, Ill., where she and her husband Rick live with their four children, we hear from **Lynne Marie McLean Rose '77**. Lynne is presently assistant professor of dental assisting and the new dental hygiene program at Lewis & Clark Community College, Godfrey, Ill.

John P. Sterrenberg '76, of St. Louis, shares this information with us: **Dale P. "Tink" Freehill '77**, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was named 1994-95 Teacher of the Year at the Pine Ridge Alternative School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Upon retiring, **Robert K. Jenkins '77** and his wife are changing their address from New Lennox, Ill., to Las Vegas, Nev.. He began his career in 1963 at Flora, Ill., and retired last year in June from New Lennox School District.

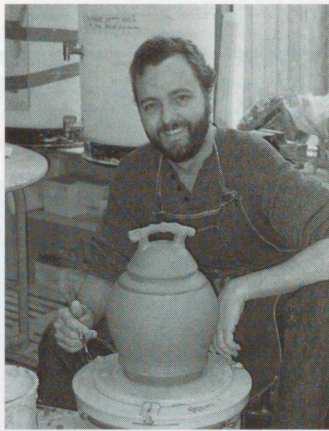
President (95-96) of Midwest Healthcare Marketing Association, **Jeffrey D. King '77** of Barrington, Ill., is vice president of advertising sales for Medi-Promotion, Inc., Barrington.

A 17-year veteran of Citibank, **Peter M. Magelli '77** is a vice president and manager of the Old Orchard branch in Skokie, Ill. He and his wife Janet Edwards Magelli, both Arcola natives, live in Arlington Heights, Ill., with their daughter Mallory.

Mark Ashley MA '79 and **Dave Krych BA '77 MA'79** were honored this fall as the Outstanding Alumni for 1995 by the SIUC School of Communication Disorders and Sciences. Mark and Dave are the co-executive directors of the Centre for Neuro Skills in Irving, Texas and have coauthored several books.

Kurt A. Mische '78 of Henderson, Nevada, is vice president/general manager for four radio stations in Las Vegas-

KSNE-FM, KFMS-FM, KKAAM-AM and KEYV-FM.



Artist and teacher, **Richard Akers '79**, pictured above, has accepted a position at the Contra Costa College in San Pablo, Calif., teaching ceramics and sculpture as well as overseeing and developing that department. Richard has lectured and exhibited his art nationally and internationally, in Hong Kong, Paris, Nice, Stockholm, Krakow, China and Mexico. Author of a book and a video, in 1995 Robert was among a select group of outstanding educators presented The Robert Rauschenberg Award in Washington, D.C. Richard, who is afflicted with dyslexia, was honored by the Learning Disabilities Association of Illinois as LD Adult of the Year.

Southeastern Computer Consultants, Inc., of Austin, Texas, has promoted **Wayne A. Sturdevant '78** to manager of their new instructional systems design department. Wayne and his wife Helen live in Austin.

Author **Susan J. Tweit '78** was featured this fall in *Bloombury Review*, the largest book review magazine in the west. She has two new books out this fall: *Barren, Wild and Worthless: Living in the Chihuahuan Desert* (University of New Mexico Press) and *Meet the Wild Southwest*, for young readers. She is also co-director of the Border Book Festival and was awarded the Mesilla Valley Author of the Year Award. Susan and her husband Richard live in Las Cruces, N.M.

Associate professor of music at

Murray State University, Murray Ky., **Randall Black '79**, is a performing teacher, teaching voice and foreign language diction. His recent performances include the role of Choragos in the premier of *Antigone* with the Baton Rouge opera, a solo concert at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, and the release of his first solo compact disc. Randall is the regional governor for the Mid-South Region, national board member, and finance committee member for the National Association of Teachers of Singing. He and his wife Kim have two children.

U.S. Navy Chief Petty officer **Robert E. Fanger '79** is stationed with the 2nd Tank Battalion based at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The president of Root Feeders, Inc., **Donald A. Guzan '79**, of Buffalo Grove, Ill., has recently received a U.S. patent for a unique deep root, dry granular, ornamental tree and shrub fertilizing, and soil conditioning device. He says it is environmentally safe and uses no moving parts.

At the annual business meeting of the Great Lakes Association of College and University housing Officers at Eastern Michigan University, **Leonard Jones '79, MS'82**, was elected president-elect of the Association. At the same conference, a multicultural training program that Leonard and a colleague facilitated, *Walking in the Shoe of Others*, was judged the third ranked program out of more than 80 program sessions.

Formerly with WSIU-FM and TV, **Jay H. Pearce '79** has been named executive vice president of Magnitude-Cubed Holdings LLC of Chicago, and general manager of the company's first radio station, WEBX-FM in Champaign, Ill. Jay, his wife **Susan (Murphy) '89, '91** and their daughter Sara live near Chicago.

Senior scientist for Lockheed Engineer & Sciences Co., Environmental Programs, **Thomas L. Pettit '79** is a temporary lecturer at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas, where he lives.

The founder of Quality of Life Services, Inc. (QLS), **Jean Dorsett Robinson Ph.D.'79** has recently been accepted into the Chi Eta Phi Sorority. QLS, with administrative offices in Carbondale, Effingham, Marion, Metropolis, Mt., Vernon, Morris City, Ridgway, and Rosiclare, Ill., employs over 200 professionals.

Self-employed artist **Robert O. Sheridan '79** of Dix, Ill., was for three years the coordinator of graphic design and photography and senior lecturer in the fine art department at the University of Papua, New Guinea. He taught and coordinated the only program of its kind in that country.

Garland, Texas is home to **Nancy A. Young Lewis '79** and her husband Larry. She is the owner of New Life In Christ of Garland.

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Khalid H. Akkari MS '80 is project manager at BASF Corporation in Research Triangle Park, N.C. He and his wife Mariama reside in nearby Durham, where she is employed as a medical associate.

Attorney **Mark Rouleau '80** has been in Rockford, Ill., for two years, focusing in the area of civil litigation. He has written several publications and presented many programs for the Illinois State Bar Association.

Aurelia Lynn Davis '82 is currently employed as an organizational restructuring consultant in Indiana. She lives in Merrillville with her two children Auréana and Marcus.

R. Patrick McFadden '80 moved across the country after being promoted to director of the east coast region for Volt Viewtech. His new position has made him a resident of Atlanta, Ga.

Bloomington, Ill., resident **Nancy Behrens '80**, a management assistant for State Farm Life Insurance Company, was elected to a three-year term as a member of the Society of Actuaries Board of Governors. A Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, she has been involved with the society since 1987.

Currently an associate professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at SIUC, **Gertrude L. Volk MEd'80, PhD'83**, was named College of Education Teacher of the Year in 1995. She also received the "Outstanding Contributions to Research in Environmental Education Award" from the North American Association for Environmental Education in September 1995. She makes her home in Carbondale.

University of Alabama faculty member **Beverly Thorn '80** has been named a Distinguished Teaching Fellow by UA's College of Arts and Sciences. A professor in the department of psychology, she has written more than 40 research articles in her field of expertise.

Life-long Southern Illinois resident **Frank J. Steinmarch '80** accepted a management position as the Real Estate Tax Analyst for Commonwealth Edison Company in Chicago. He holds a Certified Illinois Assessing Officer's designation and plans to complete the Certified Assessment Evaluator designation. He and his wife Joni now reside in Naperville, Ill.

Joan Steele '80, MEd'81, MS'91 resides in Murphysboro, Ill., with her husband Gary and sons Kevin and Michael. She is employed by the VA Medical Center and the Elverado School District as a speech pathologist. She is parent coordinator for the Midwest Five P Minus Society and a member of the local DORS Next Steps team.

Gregory T. Siegel '80, a spatial analysis specialist with the Regional Ecosystem Office (R.E.O.) in Portland, Ore., is serving as technical support staff implementing Geographic Information Systems technology in the R.E.O. He tells us that this office is responsible for implementing the President's Forest Plan. He resides in North Plains, Ore.

Herb Nelson MFA '80 is the manager of educational support services at Madison Area Technical College. He is the administrator for a department of 15 staff members.

Cave City, Ky., has become home to **Bob Piontek '80**, his wife Karen and their three children. In February 1994, he reported for duty at Mammoth Cave National Park as the operations supervisor for ranger activities. A native of Illinois, he enjoys fishing and gardening.

From the sunny state of Florida, **Bradford W. Joseph '80** tells us that he is practicing gastroenterology in Jacksonville. He has been elected to the Florida Medical Association Board of Governors and will serve as chairman of the Young Physicians Section for two years. He and his wife Terri are the parents of two children.

CPA **Chuck Marx '80**, a member of Arthur Andersen's Business Consulting Practice, has been admitted to the Arthur Andersen partnership. He and his wife Sherry live in Downers Grove, Ill., with their four sons.

Brandon Rufkahr '81, writing under the pen name of Dustin Marks, has published two books: *Cheating at Blackjack* and *Cheating at Blackjack Squared*. He is working on a film documentary and is marketing his screenplays to Hollywood.

Writer **Mary Wilson '81, '82** published a children's book about a boy who raises a guide dog. Titled *No Ordinary Dog*, it has received endorsement from Guide Dogs of the Desert. She and her husband Bruce live in Claremont, Calif.

Special Agent **Gregory E. Picur '81**, employed by the United States Agency for International Development, tells us that he has gone "from Little Egypt to Cairo, Egypt." He was transferred to the Cairo Regional Office of the Inspector General, Investigations, Cairo, Egypt, and now makes his home in Maadi, Egypt, with his wife Linda and daughter Lora. Says Greg: "They may call Southern Illinois little Egypt, but it bears little resemblance to lower Egypt."

Recognized in *Who's Who Worldwide* in 1994/1995, **Bruce J. Simmons '81** works as an independent staffing consultant for Quixote Enterprises in Bolingbrook, Ill., where he and his wife Cheryl reside.

Paula A. Klinge '81 and her husband Jeffrey live in Bremen, Ind., where they own and operate Falcon Feed and Garden Center. In a recent update, Paula wrote: "We love living in a small town

after nine years in Phoenix, Ariz." They are the parents of two daughters, Katherine and Margaret.

Major **Vitor M. G. Marques '81** is employed as Operations

It's A Cat's Life



Paul MFA '86 and **Dawn Haney Engelhardt BA '87** are living the good life in Chicago along with their four cats.

Nothing unusual there, except that one of those four cats is Morris, the finicky feline spokescat for Nine Lives cat food. The story of how Morris came to live with the Engelhardts began at Southern.

"When I was in school at SIU," explains Dawn, "I adopted a cat from the Humane Society of Southern Illinois. I called him George, and he looked so much like Morris, he won a Morris lookalike contest when I was still in school. I took him with me to Chicago when I graduated and went to work for the Treehouse Animal Foundation, a humane society specializing in cats."

When Treehouse began sending its cats out on pet therapy assignments, George went along because he is such a "people cat."

"George is one cat in a million," says Dawn. "He's very sensitive to people's needs." Eventually, George became somewhat of a local celebrity,

winning an award from Purina for his work with the elderly.

Dawn credits her experience with George and her eight years with Treehouse for landing her the job of handler and trainer for Morris. Dawn accompanies Morris around the country. "In every city in which he appears, Nine Lives makes donations to the local humane society because all the Morrises have been humane society cats," explains Dawn.

Dawn and Paul met while at SIUC, but lost contact for four years, meeting again during Earth Day celebrations in downtown Chicago. Paul is a founding member of Straw Dogs Theater, a loft company on Chicago's North Side, and a freelance writer.

Dawn is a second generation SIUC alumnus, "I was born while my parents were students at SIU. They took me to the beach a lot. My photo, as a baby wearing sun glasses, was in the *DE*." Dawn's mother Donna received a master's degree from SIUC while Dawn was attending the University.

Support Squadron Director of Operations with the United States Air Force at Langley AFB, Va.

Navy Lieutenant Commander **Linda M. Boris '81** received her third Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal while serving at the Naval Hospital at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. She currently serves as deputy director of the Patient Administration Division at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D.C.

Leslie Sloan '81, MFA'86 is the director of the Black Theatre Touring Company at Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich., where she is a second-year doctoral student. She was awarded the Departmental Service Award at the end of her first academic year for her work with the touring company. She makes her home in Peoria, Ill., with her husband Rickey Orr.

Daniel R. Kunis '81 lives in Fort Collins, Colo., with his wife Theresa and daughter, Genevieve Mary. He was promoted from planner to planner/geographic information specialist with the Larimer County Planning Department in Fort Collins.

Retired from the U.S. Air Force, **Richard Fidelman '81** now works as a community liaison for Del Valle ISD in Del Valle, Texas. He and his wife Mercedes reside in Buda, Texas.

Morris, Ill., has become home to **Alec B. Williams '81** his wife Jeanne, ten-year-old Tony and their mini dachshund Groucho. Alec will serve as director of new Copley Hospital located in Aurora, and tells us that he is glad to be back in the Chicago area.

Ronald B. Crowell '82 has assumed the position of audit director for Chiquita Brands International. Responsible for European, Latin and North American operations for the company, Ronald will be based out of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he lives with his wife Kimberly and their two children.

Navy Lieutenant Commander **Fredrick D. Pawlowski '82**, was selected as top pilot with Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 117, Naval Air Station Miramar, San Diego.

Chicago, Ill., resident **Alphonse Soliz Arias '82** is the owner of Informa Management Group, a computer installations and training firm.

Since graduating from SIUC, **Kathy A. Doornbosch '82** has earned her master's degree and her doctorate degree in art history. She lives in Bridgeport, Conn., with her husband Mark S. LeClair and son Ryan.

The Thomas J. Lipton Company promoted **Harold Roy Metzger '82** to sales manager for the entire state of Ohio. Harold is a resident of Hilliard, Ohio.

Marine Major **Charles M. Hamilton '82** has reported for duty at Headquarters, Fleet Marine Forces, Europe.

Mount Vernon, Ill., native **Kevin B. Satterfield '82** has graduated from the Border Patrol Training Academy in Artesia, N.M. Decorated for gallantry during the Persian Gulf War, Kevin is a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Navy Commander **Bruce A. Rannin DDS'82**, who currently serves as a dentist with the Naval Dental Center in Great Lakes, Ill., received the Navy Commendation Medal while serving as director of the Naval Branch Dental Clinic in Kansas City, Mo.

Jeffrey Clark '83 received a bachelor of science degree in nursing and has been commissioned lieutenant junior grade with the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps. The resident of San Diego, Calif., is currently assigned as an emergency room staff nurse.

Named Coach of the Year in 1992, **John Thomas Hayman MSEd'83** is the athletic director and head swim coach for the men's and women's teams at the University of Delaware. He and his wife Tamara and their two young sons make their home in Elkton, Md.

Songwriter **David Lee Murphy '83** has released his first album, *Out With A Bang*. The album includes his single, *Just Once*, which was included on the soundtrack for the movie *8 Seconds*.



The Wyoming Public Radio news team of **Robert D. Beck '83**, left, and **Jim Morgan '83**, won its sixth consecutive News Station of the Year Award. Their news production studio is in Laramie, Wyo.

At home in Los Angeles, Calif., trichologist **John A. Lord '83** is president and CEO of Lord Clinic, Ltd. His plans are to open a second clinic in New York in the fall of 1996.

Richard Haberberger PhD'83 is head of microbiology at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, Calif. He is a recipient of the Navy Commendation Medal and was promoted to the rank of Commander (O-5) USN in April 1995. He and his wife Cynthia live in San Diego.

The new vice president/director of marketing at Slack Myers & Barshinger in Chicago, Ill., is **Neil M. Brown '83**. Neil will be responsible for new business development, account planning and agency brand development.

In May 1995, **Lynda Kay Hawkins '83, MS'86** received her doctor of philosophy degree, with a major in cell and molecular biology.

William H. Koenecke Ph.D.'83 is an assistant professor in the Education Administration and Foundations Department at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill. He and his wife Marcia live in Normal.

Brent D. VanDerVliet '83 is a manager in manufacturing engineering at Seagate Technology in Oklahoma City, Okla. He tells us that he is working in a technical support group responsible for the assembly and test

development of printed circuit board assemblies. He and his wife Daphne live in Edmond, Okla., with their two children.

Retired from the U.S. Navy with over 22 years of service, **Johnny Smith '83** returned to Illinois to accept the position of plant electrician with Plastipak Packaging, Inc., in Champaign, Ill. He resides in Thomasboro, Ill., with his wife, Elizabeth.

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer **Janet L. Michaud '83** received her second Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal while serving with Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 126, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va. She was awarded the medal for her outstanding performance as supervisor of the Avionics Division and Night Shift Maintenance Department while deployed aboard the nuclear aircraft carrier *USS Dwight D. Eisenhower*.

Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer **Robert J. Monahan '83** received his fifth Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal while serving at Naval Air Station Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Fla. The medal was awarded for his outstanding performance as the sea operations coordinator for the aircraft maintenance department.

In September 1995, Navy Chief Warrant Officer **Sammie L. Robinson '83**, returned from a six-month deployment aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Theodore Roosevelt*, which most recently participated in the NATO air strikes in support of United Nations operations in Bosnia.

Decatur, Ill., resident **James A. Ielase '84** is employed as a marketing manager at Archer Daniels Midland Company in Decatur. He and his wife Neltina are the parents of three children.

Richard S. Mathews, Jr., '84 was promoted to senior training specialist with AlliedSignal Aerospace in Albuquerque, N.M., and made project leader

for a nationwide OJT program for the Department of Energy's Transportation Safeguards Division. He resides in Albuquerque.

Steamboat Landing Resort in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., has promoted **Glenn D. Eubank '84** to the position of general manager. Retired from the U.S. Air Force, Glenn and his wife Elaine make their home in Navarre, Fla.

Gary J. Hagberg '84, has graduated from the Senior Enlisted Academy at the Naval Education and Training Center in Newport, R.I. He is a Senior Chief Petty Officer.

Mary Ann Dickerson '84, received her master's degree in aeronautical science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1995. She lives in Dayton, Ohio, with her husband, Theodore.

San Jose, Calif., is home to **Daniel A. Ash '85**. Dan works as a consultant, programming microprocessors for use in audio and video equipment. His company, AshCan Engineering, is based in San Jose.

Playwright **Jeffery Scott Elwell '85** tells us that he has just finished a great year of playwriting. Five of his plays received six productions Off-Off-Broadway and three were produced in Los Angeles. He is the director of theatre at Mississippi State University and was promoted to full professor in the spring of 1995.

Andrew S. Naftel '85, '86 is a material control officer with the U.S. Navy in San Diego, Calif. He is working towards his master's degree and hopes to pursue a career in finance after retiring from the Navy. He lives in San Diego with his wife Estrellita.

Peoria, Ill., resident **Margo E. Bubb '85** is a manufacturing and systems engineer. She serves as president of the central Illinois section of the Society of Women Engineers and is a counselor for the SIUC student section.

Vincent G. Kueter '85 is employed as a researcher for the *Seattle Times* in Seattle, Wash. He received his master's degree in library and information

science and is on the board of directors for the Washington Poets Association. He lives in Tacoma, Wash., with his wife Andrea.

After practicing as a school psychologist for eight years, **Gary L. Canivez '85, '87** is now an assistant professor of psychology at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. He and his wife **Lisa Meyer Canivez '85** reside in Charleston.

The Culver Academies has promoted **Denise Goralski MS'85** to the position of instructor in physical education/health. She has been employed at the academies since 1986, and from 1991 to 1993 participated in a teacher exchange program in which she taught and coached at the International Schule of Hamburg in Germany.

U.S. Air Force Instructor Loadmaster **Todd A Salisbury '86** was awarded the Air Medal for operations over Iraq during February 1994. He and his wife Kelly live in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Saint Charles, Mo., resident **Stephen C. Hult '86** is a pilot with Trans World Airlines in St. Louis, Mo. He is currently a DC-9 first officer.

Sally J. Eiseman Staub '86 is a homemaker living in Freeport, Ill., with her husband Anthony and two children. She is a member of the Freeport Leadership Institute.

Stephen D. Cheshire '86 is employed as a circulation operations manager at *The Augusta Chronicle* in Augusta, Ga. He and his wife Deborah reside in North Augusta, S.C., with their five-year-old son David.

Price Waterhouse LLP has promoted **Kevin D. Bastien '86** to senior manager. He specializes in providing tax consulting services to public and privately held multinational clients. Kevin, his wife Debra and son, Bryce, are residents of Columbia, Ill

David D. Downey '87, is a Senior Chief Petty Officer with the U.S. Navy.

Calumet City, Ill., is home to **Mark E. Harris '87** and his wife Lisa. Mark received his master's

degree in general management in 1994 and is a project manager at IBM in Chicago.

Michael J. Lynch '87, MSED'89 his wife Nancy and son Jimmy live in Houston, Texas, where Michael works as a marketing specialist. He also operates Westside Waterfowlers, a small outfitting business.

Navy Lieutenant **Jeffrey S. Spearman '87** completed a six-month deployment aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Theodore Roosevelt*. While on deployment, Jeffrey participated in *Operation Deliberate Force*, the NATO operation supporting UN forces in Bosnia.

Steven M. Grochowsky '86 and his wife Karen are pleased and proud to announce the birth of their first child Jacob Thomas. They reside in Charlotte, N.C., where Steven is employed as the associate director of library services for the Charlotte Area Health Education Center at Carolina's Medical Center.

Navy SEAL **Andrew W. Deley '87** was assigned as commander of a SEAL platoon aboard the *USS Theodore Roosevelt* during operations in the Arabian Gulf and the Adriatic Sea.

Medline Industries has promoted **Daniel E. Sanchez '8**, to director of marketing for the textile division. Daniel, his wife Jane Ellen, and their three children now reside in Lindenhurst, Ill.

During a port visit to Naples, Italy, Navy Lieutenant **Rodney G. Saffles '87** volunteered his time to help build a playground at an orphanage and renovate a home for the elderly.

Navy Chief Petty Officer **George L. Natal '88** returned to Naval Air Station North Island, Calif., after completing a six-month deployment with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron six aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Abraham Lincoln*. He was one of 189 squadron members who helped enforce the international no-fly zone over Southern Iraq.

The Missouri National Guard has promoted **William Bryant Fuller '87, MS'90** to the rank of captain.

Digital Consulting and

Software Services has promoted **Steven E. Wade '88, '89** to technical manager. Steven and his wife, Karmen, live in Jerseyville, Ill.

Sports videographer **Wade Allen Smith '88**, is employed by KDNL-TV River City Broadcasting in St. Louis, Mo., and is the recipient of a National Press Photographer Award. His wife **Nancy J. Nelson-Smith '89** is self-employed in freelance production services. They reside in St. Louis.

Producer-director **J. R. Olivero '88** has completed an archival documentary titled *Death In America*, which explores American history beginning in 1607 and continuing into the 21st century and investigates, in part, advances in medicine since colonial times.

Ana Maria Acevedo-Czachor '88, MSED'91 is employed as a commercial analyst at First Union National Bank in Jacksonville, Fla. She and her husband Lance make their home in Fernandina Beach, Fla.

After receiving his master of fine arts degree, **Daniel T. Green '88** moved to Los Angeles where he has been working as an assistant to the co-executive producer of the television show *ER*.

Marcelo Cecim MS'88, PhD'94 was the recipient of the 1994 Outstanding Dissertation Award.

Thomas Wikle PhD'89 is in his second year as associate professor of geography at Oklahoma State University. He lives in Stillwater, Okla., with his wife Michelle and children Paige and Garrett.

The publisher of two instructor's resource manuals, **Stephanie L. Chenault '89, MSED'90** has been promoted to senior instructor in the computer science department at the College of Charleston in Charleston, S.C.

David A. Brenningmeyer MS'89 is an appellate attorney with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Board of Veteran's Appeals in Washington, D.C. He lives in Vienna, Va.

Navy Lieutenant **Gerald L. Creech '89** received an Outstanding Chapter Presidents

Award while assigned at Naval Hospital, Charleston, S.C.

B-line Systems has promoted **Elizabeth A. Reinders '89** to marketing communications coordinator. She will be responsible for media and marketing promotions. She and her husband Mark make their home in Glen Carbon, Ill.

Diane Daly Drake '89 has joined the staff of Balcom-Vetillo Design, Inc., an advertisement agency in DeKalb, Ill. In that position, she will be responsible for the concept development and writing of print, video and broadcast publications. She is a resident of Rockford, Ill.

Charles A. Kramer '89 and his wife Lolita are enjoying their tour of duty in Hawaii! Charles is a Chief Aviation Electronics Technician with the U.S. Navy and is currently seeking a master's degree in teaching.

Campus Promotion Network, Inc., in Chicago, Ill., has promoted **Heather K. Grass '89** to nationwide director of marketing. She is responsible for handling two major accounts for national credit card issuers. In recent correspondence, Heather wrote that she is "soon to be vice president of marketing!"

Phoenix, Ariz., resident **Louis Mastrangelo III '89** is the youth correctional director for the state of Arizona. He and his wife Donna, make their home in Scottsdale

Michael E. Hyers '89 has retired from the U.S. Air Force and is currently employed by Black & Decker North American Power Tools in Fayetteville, N.C. Michael received numerous awards and medals while in the Air Force, and tells us that he flew 16 air/land missions into Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina and flew 14 airdrop missions over Eastern Bosnia for the UN. Michael now lives in Fayetteville.

Robert J. Brunner '89 is a group supervisor in the U.S. Navy. The 1992 Federal Employee of the Year (San Francisco Bay Area) received his master of science certificate in human resource management in 1994.

Vallejo, Calif., resident **James R. (Rhett) Mullinax '89** owns *Sub-Surface Enterprises*, a business which specializes in boat hull cleaning, zinc and prop replacement, and search and recovery. He recently earned Senior Explosive Ordinance Disposal Technician qualification with the U.S. Navy.

Price Waterhouse LLP has promoted **Jodi A. Hill '89, MA'90**, to manager in the Tax Services Group. She joined Price Waterhouse in 1991, and specializes in corporate manufacturing and middle-market clients. Jodi and her husband Mark reside in St. Louis, Mo.

Gregory D. Kraus '89, MA'90 was promoted to manager in the Personal Financial Services Group of Price Waterhouse LLP in St. Louis, Mo. The O'Fallon, Ill., resident has been employed at Price Waterhouse since 1991.

Gilman, Ill., is home to **Michele Price Schroeder '89** her husband Gary, and their three-year-old daughter, Riley. Michele is employed as an after care services coordinator at Onarga Academy in Onarga, Ill., which is a nexus residential treatment program for juvenile offenders. She plans to pursue her master's degree in counseling.

In 1994, **Parfait Jean-Marie Likibi PhD'89** began working for General Electric in Mount Vernon, Ind., where he has been promoted to Product Line Design Leader. He and his wife, Sylvie Bouiti, reside in Newburgh, Ind.

Navy Chief Petty Officer **Floyd E. Palmer '89** completed a six-month overseas deployment aboard the *USS John Paul Jones*, which included duty in the Persian Gulf near Iraq.

Mark S. Kadlub '89 is a Senior Chief Petty Officer with the U.S. Navy.

In July 1995, **Michael E. Sheedy '89, MD'95** entered a family practice residency at the SIU-affiliated hospitals in Springfield. He and his wife Gloria are the parents of one daughter Kylie.

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Morris, Ill., is home to **Kristine M. Simon '90** and her husband **Mark A. Simon '90**. Kristine has become an Illinois Certified Nurseryman and is employed as a landscape horticulturist at Art's Landscaping in Burbonnais, Ill. Mark is a conservation police officer with the Illinois Department of Conservation.

Navy Lieutenant j.g. **Robert A. Murray '90** received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service during Operation Restore Hope in Somalia. He earned the medal while assigned aboard the guided missile frigate *USS Aubrey Fitch*.

Stephen M. Lennon '90 received his master's degree in English and is teaching as a Peace Corps volunteer at the university in Gjirokastra, Albania.

Navy Chief Petty Officer **Philip S. Robert '90** has returned to Yokosuka, Japan, after completing a six-month overseas deployment aboard the *USS McClusky*.

The new director of corporate relations at Berry College in Mount Berry, Ga., is **Donna C. Davin MPA'91**. She will be responsible for corporate fund raising to support college programs, facilities and scholarships. She and her husband Bill live in Rome, Ga.

Pekin Energy Company has promoted **Joel D. Gustafson '91** to industrial marketing manager. He and his wife Amy reside in Greenview, Ill., with their son Eric.

Mary Jo Hall MS'91 received her doctorate degree in philosophy, with a major in education, from Saint Louis University.

After being chosen as a Rotary Group Study Exchange Ambassador, **Rene D. Roeder-Redfern '91** spent the fall of 1994 in England. On August 12, 1995, she married Brett M. Redfern. They reside in Des Plaines, Ill., where Rene is business manager at the Kerrigan Company.

Michael Benard '91 attended the 1995 National Park and Recreation Congress after being selected for the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration Young Professionals Externship Program.

Saluki Cove at Campus Lake (SIUC) was where **Ken Gilbert '91** and **Barbara J. Tyler '93** said "I do" on July 8, 1995.

Sven Klaus '91 graduated from the SIU School of Medicine and entered an internal medicine residency at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in July of 1995.

West Frankfort, Ill., native **Steven D. Young '91** entered an orthopedic surgery residency at the Michigan State University Kalamazoo Center for Medical Science in July 1995. He is a 1995 graduate of the SIU School of Medicine. Steven and his wife Kathy have one daughter Whitney Paige.

Gail Otterson '82, MSEd'91 has joined the faculty at Ivy Tech State College as interior design program chair. She is a professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers.

A news series and a play-by-play sports broadcast earned **Robert Palmer '91** two first-place awards from the Missouri Broadcasters Association. Robert is a news and sports reporter/anchor for Zimmer Broadcasting in Cape Girardeau, Mo. He and his wife Sherri reside in Perryville.

Operation Desert Storm veteran **Peter J. Speciale '91** was awarded the National Defense Service Medal for his service during Desert Storm. The former U.S. Marine is a letter carrier with the United States Postal Service in Aliquippa, Pa. He lives in East Pittsburgh, Pa., with his wife, Nancy and son Peter.

Stephen C. Reyes '91 is a risk management associate with Allstate Insurance Company in Overland Park, Kan. He has been named Underwriter of the Quarter and Underwriter of the Year for the Kansas City Regional Office.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **William J. Sullivan '91** has retired from active duty after 15 years of service.

Ronda J. Lyerla-Price '91 has accepted a production manager position at WLXI-TV in Greensboro, N.C. Ronda is married to **Tim Price '90**.

Phoenix, Ariz., is home to **Dominic P. Magnoni '91** who is employed as a project engineer in the Phoenix area. The recipient of Arizona State University's College of Engineering Scholarship Award received his master of technology degree from ASU in 1993.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Paul Gardner '91** has graduated from Field Medical Service School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. During the course, Paul learned how to operate with Marine Corps combat units as a Navy hospital corpsman or dental technician.

Matthew T. Fritz '92, '93 was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in September 1995 and is now working as a project officer with the Air Force Space Lift Range Program. His wife **Stacy Ann Baker-Fritz '91, MSED'94** teaches English at St. Lucy's School in Long Beach, Calif. They reside in San Pedro.

Air Force Master Sergeant **Leroy D. Britt '92** is currently assigned as an airfield superintendent at Fairchild AFB, Wash., where he lives with his wife Marcia. However, he tells us that in March of 1996 he will be transferred overseas to an airbase in Turkey.

Champaign, Ill., resident **Stephanie M. Slife '92** was chosen Employee of the Month after only one month of employment at T.I.S. College Bookstore in Champaign, where she is training for the position of supply department manager.

In recent correspondence, employment firm owner **Ronald T. Emery '92** wrote: "I own my own company and am always on the look out to hire good people with a high motivation to make money." His company, Search Solutions Inc., is located in Geneva, Ill., where Ronald makes his home.

Barbara A. Litherland PhD'92 is an assistant professor at Tennessee Technical University, where she has taught health education for four years. As a graduate faculty advisor, she

supervises student teachers. She resides in Cookeville, Tenn.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class **Vencent W. Logan '92** completed a six-month overseas deployment with Sea Control Squadron 24 aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Theodore Roosevelt*. During his deployment, he participated in Operation Deliberate Force, the NATO operation supporting UN forces in Bosnia.

Navy Seaman **Stephen M. Baer '92** has graduated from the Communications Signals Collection and Processing Course, designed to instruct Army, Navy and Air Force personnel on gathering and analyzing intelligence information.

Navy Lieutenant j.g. **David C. Dehaan '92** was recently designated a Naval Aviator and awarded the coveted Wings of Gold. David received his flight training with Training Squadron 31, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., resident **David Andrews MA'93** was awarded third place in the Culture category of the Silver State Documentary Festival for his video titled *Cape Girardeau: The First 200 Years*. Using music, historic photos and his own narration, David traces the history of the city from its founding.

Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer **Mark E. Lichvar '93** departed for a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean aboard the lead ship of the *USS Peleliu* Amphibious Ready Group.

Jodi Cardoni '93, a resident of Fort Atkinson, Wis., works as a physical therapist assistant and tells us that she just loves it.

Grand Forks, N.D., is home to **Charles H. Mulvaney '93** a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

EDS employee **James R. Stiff '93**, has been promoted to distributed systems manager and is responsible for overseeing 600 seats and 10 staff members. He lives in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

I.T.T. Technical Institute employee **Neal S. Harris '93** transferred from South Carolina to Alabama to accept a promotion to education supervisor. He and his wife Pamela are now

residents of Birmingham.

Navy Senior Chief Petty officer **Jack T. Scull '93** completed a goodwill deployment to several Japanese ports while serving aboard the U.S. Seventh Fleet flagship *USS Blue Ridge*. The *USS Blue Ridge* serves as the flagship for the admiral in charge of all U.S. naval operations spanning 52 million square miles of Pacific Ocean from the International Date Line to the Arabian Sea.

Brian K. Montgomery '93 is a chief engineering geologist with the Illinois Department of Transportation in Dixon, Ill., where he resides.

Timothy D. Daigle '93 tells us that he is utilizing his vocational education degree in his position as fuels training manager for air combat command with the U.S. Air Force at Langley AFB, Va. Timothy lives in Yorktown, Va., with his wife Patty.

Married in April 1995, **Andrew Jon Sugg '93** and **Susan Lee Ochoa Sugg '93** have made their home in Highland, Ill. Andrew is employed as a power systems engineer with Ross Power Systems in St. Louis, Mo., and Susan is a dental hygienist at Cedar Creek Dental in Highland.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Andrew M. Uskavitch '93**, was aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Theodore Roosevelt* during King Hussein's visit to the ship as it traveled through the Red Sea.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class **Tony K. Peters '93** has returned from a six-month deployment with Strike Fighter Squadron 15 aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Theodore Roosevelt*. Tony traveled more than 50,000 miles during the six-month voyage, which included going to the Mediterranean Sea, Suez Canal, Red Sea and Persian Gulf.

Retired Navy Lieutenant Commander **Mitchell D. Culbert '93** was hired by the Scarlet Oaks Institute of Technology to develop a new Navy Junior ROTC Program at the Scarlet Oaks Career Development Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. He and his wife Sharon reside in Middletown.

The new computer lab coordinator at Webster Univer-

sity in St. Louis, Mo., is **John "Will" Godfrey '93**.

William D. Soddy '93 is the national operations director for Multi-Ad Services, an advertising/print agency located in Peoria, Ill. He has also completed Officer Candidate School and has been commissioned a Second Lieutenant with the Illinois Air Force Reserves. He is a resident of Peoria.

Navy Chief Petty Officer **David A. Brown '94** was one of 321 sailors who completed a six-month deployment aboard the guided missile destroyer *USS Arleigh Burke*. While in port in Toulon, France, David helped repair a playground at a local children's home.

Stacy D. Kelley '94, a quality specialist with The Ensign-Bickford Company in Wolf Lake, Ill., has received certification as a quality engineer from the American Society of Quality Control. The Jonesboro, Ill., resident plans to pursue her master's degree in manufacturing systems from SIUC.

Mount Vernon, Ill., resident **Brian K. Bush '94** is a funeral director at Hughey Funeral Home in Mount Vernon. He has received certification as a Certified Eye-Bank Technician (CEBT).

Upon completion of Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla., **Douglas James Flannery '94** will be commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy.

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer **T. N. Englund '94** completed a six-month overseas deployment aboard the guided missile cruiser *USS Princeton*. While in port in Singapore, T. N. helped to clear brush, cut grass and repair the roof of a local children's home.

Robb C. Williams '94 is the director of business affairs at the International Headquarters of Phi Sigma Kappa in Indianapolis, Ind. He is currently enrolled in an MBA program at the University of Indianapolis and volunteers his time to the Big Brother/Little Brother program.

While in the Adriatic Sea aboard the guided missile cruiser *USS Normandy*, Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Carl W. Ray '94** participated in the launching

of 13 Tomahawk cruise missiles at Bosnian Serb military installations.

Navy Chief Petty Officer **Timothy L. Gjerde '91** completed a six-month overseas deployment to the South Pacific and Indian oceans aboard the guided missile frigate *USS Rentz*.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Frank E. Caruso '94** is deployed aboard the *USS Monterey* as part of a NATO allied operation in the Adriatic Sea.

Navy Ensign **Mark D. Clark '94** has completed Officer Indoctrination School at the Naval Education and Training Center in Newport, R.I.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Alan F. Williams '95** received his second Navy Achievement Medal while serving at Chief of Naval Education and Training, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. He was awarded the medal for his outstanding performance as an Equal Opportunity Program specialist and for his selection as the command's Sailor of the Year.

Ray W. Burkhard '95 earned his degree through off-duty studies while assigned with Mobile Technical Unit Four, Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, Conn. He is a Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer.

Chicago, Ill., resident **Daniel (Carver) Furey '95** is working for Merrill Lynch as a financial consultant for the private client group.

Linda K. (Childers) Baggett '95 is living in Carbondale, Ill., with her husband Donald. She is the president/victim Advocate for Mother's Against Drunk Driving in Makanda, Ill., and has been voted in as Vice-Chair of MADD-Illinois.

Durand, Ill., resident **Heather A. Hendricks '95** is a display editor for *The Illinois Times* in Lansing, Ill.

R. Mark Allred JD'95 recently passed the Utah State Bar examination and became a member of the Utah State Bar. He is currently studying for an MBA at Brigham Young University. He resides in Bountiful, Utah.

Donald Joe Wasmer DBA'95 is chair of the department of business at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in Indiana. He

was awarded the Sister Mary Joseph Pomeroy Faculty Excellence Award at the 1995 graduation ceremonies.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class **Dennis I. Ramilo '95** has received the Navy Good Conduct Medal. He is currently assigned at National Naval Dental Center, Bethesda, Md.

William J. Hein '95 earned his degree through off-duty studies while assigned with Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Naval Air Station, Cecil Field, Fla. He is a Master Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Charles W. Lutz '95** received the Navy Achievement Medal while assigned with Reserve Patrol Wing, Atlantic, Norfolk, Va.

Carbondale, Ill., resident **Nora Ferguson-Buhlig '95** was selected the 1995 State Young Careerist by the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women. She is currently employed pursuing a master's degree in business administration and telecommunications.

Nominations Sought For Alumni Achievement Award

Each year the SIU Alumni Association presents an Alumni Achievement Award for Service at its Board of Directors' Homecoming luncheon. This award is given for outstanding service to the Association and, therefore, to the University. Nominees may be graduates, former students or friends of SIUC who have demonstrated their commitment through their service. The current president and board members may not receive this award while they are on the Board.

A five-member committee studies the nominations and selects the recipient. Nominations remain in the active file for five years.

Members of the Association are asked to submit names with resumes and background material. Send the material to the SIU Alumni Association, Nadine Lucas, Stone Center, Douglas Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901-6809.

Unsolved Mysteries of The Class of 1946

In preparing for Homecoming 1996 when the Class of 1946 will be celebrating its 50th reunion, we are trying to obtain addresses for all the class members who are presently "lost". We have included the last known addresses for members of this group. If you know the address of one of these individuals, please contact Nadine Lucas, SIU Alumni Association, Stone Center, Douglas Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901-6809.

- Miss Mary L. Alexander:
Carterville, Ill.
- Mrs. Mary Allen House: Chicago, Ill.
- Miss Edna Bare
- Mrs. Denalee Benson Sheinbein:
Beverly Hills, Calif.
- Miss Elizabeth I. Bivert: O'Fallon, Ill.
- Mrs. Mary Blackburn McMackin and
Lorin C. McMackin: Branford, Conn.
- Mr. Jim Brown: Collinsville, Ill.
- Mr. Don L. Cade: Elmhurst, Ill.
- Mr. Paul R. Carpenter
- Dr. Norman Carr: Allison Park, Pa.
- Mrs. Velma Carrell Oldham:
Susanville, Calif.
- Col. Bruce B. Church:
Fort Worth, Texas
- Mr. Edward E. Clark: New York, N.Y.
- Mr. Youthel Combs: East St. Louis, Ill.
- Mrs. Zella A. Cook
- Mrs. Marion Cramer
- Mrs. Ruth R. Davies: Elroy, Wis.
- Mrs. Dorothy Deason Canning
- Mr. Hervie Dillingham, Jr. and Joan
Karnes Dillingham: Lafayette, La.
- Mr. M. Richard Dowell: Windsor, Ill.
- Mrs. Geneva Dunn Hodgdon:
El Paso, Texas
- Mrs. Virginia Eckert Possehl
- Mrs. Rudelle Edmonds Anderson
- Mr. Edward S. Edwards: Belleville, Ill.
- Mrs. Anna T. Eldridge:
Grand Island, N.Y.
- Mr. John O. Erkman:
Silverspring, Calif.
- Mr. Robert B. Foltz:
San Gabriel, Calif.
- Mrs. Alice E. Ford
- Mr. Allison G. Golden
- Miss Ora E. Gray
- Mr. Philip S. Hancock:
Independence, Mo.
- Mrs. Marian Hargis Watkins:
Anna, Ill.
- Mr. Clifford Harrelson
- Mr. George Harris
- Mr. Warren C. Hess: Salem, Va.
- Mr. Homer W. Hiser
- Mrs. Martha Holloway Moore:
Pendleton, Ore.
- Mrs. Betty Howell Englehardt
- Mrs. Susan F. Jones
- Mr. George Jasper, Jr.:
Scottsdale, Ariz.
- Mrs. Tessie Keene
- Mrs. Wilma D. Kennedy
- Mr. Harold D. Kirkendoll:
Holland, Pa.
- Mrs. Betty R. Krusiec
- Mr. Carl H. Kuehn: Andover, Mass.
- Mr. Thomas E. Lauderdale:
Simpson, Ill.
- Mrs. Lois Lay Lackore: Lakeland, Fla.
- Mrs. Gladys Lichtenberger: Carmi, Ill.
- Mr. John E. Loftus: Geneva, N.Y.
- Mr. Robert Lynn: Park Forest, Ill.
- Mr. William T. Mallams:
Carbondale, Ill.
- Rev. Max L. Martin: Marion, Ill.
- Mr. Bob McDowell: Holbrook, Ariz.
- Mrs. Elizabeth McKee Clem, Jr.:
Whittier, Calif.
- Mr. Ernest J. Mills: Orange Park, Fla.
- Miss Cleta Z. Moore:
East St. Louis, Ill.
- Mr. Richard H. Moore
- Mr. Milton D. Morgan: Dayton, Ohio
- Mr. Carl Moskop: Chicago, Ill.
- Mr. Larry G. Mullnix
- Mr. Thomas B. Newman:
Collinsville, Ill.
- Mr. Herbert Odle: Raleigh, Ill.
- Mr. Jack L. Olive: Anderson, S.C.
- Mrs. Helen S. Petty
- Mr. Jerry E. Pharis: Bloomington, Ind.
- Mrs. Catherine Pittser L'Hoste
Miss Esther Polan
- Mr. Arnold E. Ramsey:
Carbondale, Ill.
- Mr. William Rednour:
Indianapolis, Ind.
- Mr. George B. Rogers
- Mr. William B. Sendt: McCall, Idaho
- Mr. Harold L. Shanahan
- Miss Betty H. Shaw
- Miss Elsie M. Sheaffer: Okawville, Ill.
- Mr. James A. Smith
- Mrs. Lydia Sparacia Corron:
Enon, Ohio
- Mrs. Lola Speck Grothman
- Miss Julia J. Spytik: Royalton, Ill.
- Mr. Lee R. Sullivan: Moline, Ill.
- Mr. Cecil G. Trainer:
Morton Grove, Ill.
- Mrs. Faye B. Vandever:
Galesburg, Ill.
- Miss Vivian Vickers
- Mr. Eugene J. Wallace
- Mr. James R. Wallace: Naples, Fla.
- Miss Guanaviere M. Wheeler:
Taylorville, Ill.
- Mr. Bill E. Williams: DeKalb, Ill.
- Mrs. Bonnie Willmore Wilkinson:
St. Charles, Mo.
- Mr. Alonzo J. Woods

Alumni Deaths

Myrtle M. Harris '23 Carbondale, Ill. 6/20/95	Ana M. Huffman BS '49 Carbondale, Ill. 11/4/95	Betty Heinzman BS '62 Christopher, Ill. 10/7/95	Marlene Alice Matten MS '77 PHD '88 Carbondale, Ill. 10/11/95
Zena Mae Mullins '26 Lakeland, Fla. 6/8/95	Chester H. Albers ex '50 Murphysboro, Ill. 6/10/95	Dorris L. Jenkins BS '62 Benton, Ill. 10/31/95	John L. Payne BA '91 Decatur, Ill. 10/29/95
Marie M. Matwig ex '27 Belleville, Ill. 12/9/95	Hubert J. (Bud) Loftus BA '50 MA '51 Addison, Ill. 5/28/95	Bill L. Hindman BS '61 MS '63 Las Vegas, Nev. 1995	Patrick K. Musangi (Degree Pending) BS '94 Carbondale, Ill. 8/21/95
Bernice E. Webster '27 Makanda, Ill. 10/8/95	Freddie Neibel ex '51 West Frankfort, Ill. 6/12/95	Ralph (Terry) Popp MS '63 Mashpee, Mass. 10/23/95	Catherine Mary Roberts MA '94 Carbondale, Ill. 8/9/95
Nellie R. Hammack ex '28 Winter Haven, Fla. 1995	Roy Boyd Belcher MS '52 Anna, Ill. 11/24/95	Charles Rayburn (Ray) White BS '63 Murphysboro, Ill. 8/7/95	
Virgil Sprague '29 Catoosa, Okla. March '86	Gerald M. (Jerry) Lingle BS '53 Cobden, Ill. 6/18/95	Norman Remington Halliday MA '66 Cairo, Ill. 7/3/95	
Esta T. Stelzriede ex '29 Benton, Ill. 7/2/95	Mary Lou Anthony BS '54 Carbondale, Ill. 7/25/95	Ann Dee (Levin) Lepsi BS '66 Voorhees, N.J. 11/13/95	
Mary G. Whitlock BS '30 Kalamazoo, Mich. 9/9/95	Lucille K. Phillips BS '54 Herrin, Ill. 11/1/95	Harry Otis Betterton, Jr. MS '63 PHD '68 Mesa, Ariz. 12/17/94	
Mauriene Webb Robertson Bowers BS '33 West Frankfort, Ill. 12/8/95	Martha Jo Robinson ex '55 Herrin, Ill. 10/1/95	Lynn Meade Thompson BA '69 Nashville, Tenn. 7/29/95	Faculty and Staff Deaths
Robert Jacobs BS '35 Murphysboro, Ill. 6/26/95	Gene E. Ernest BS '56 West Frankfort, Ill. 11/29/95	Helen Anne Thiriez BS '73 MS '75 Barrington, Ill. 6/10/95	Lester R. Breniman Hot Springs, Ariz. 7/17/95 Professor of Oral Communication
Wayne Bird ex '36 Galatia, Ill. 7/4/95	James R. Allen BS '42 MS '57 Belleville, Ill. 9/6/95	Gordon C. Britton MS '76 Canyon Country, CA 6/12/95	Martha McCammon Clark MA '53 Urbana, Ill. 4/8/95 Professor of English, 1948-65
William J. (Bill) Burke ex '37 Herrin, Ill. 7/4/95	Carol B. Keller BS '57 St. Louis, Mo. 1995	Covey Bryant BS '68 MS '76 Carbondale, Ill. 12/6/95	John H. Erickson Carbondale, Ill. 7/4/95 Professor of Vocational Education
J. Kenneth Craver BS '37 French Village, Mo. 9/25/95	Jessie Inez McCarver BS '58 Anna, Ill. 8/12/95	Shawn K. Simmons BS '79 Champaign, Ill. 12/95	
Luella M. Davis BS '38 Carbondale, Ill. 9/7/95	Warren D. (Rick) Talley BS '58 Las Vegas, Nev. 8/8/95	Kenneth R. Anderson BS '79 BS '81 Glenview, Ill. 6/3/95	C. Addison Hickman Carbondale, Ill. 5/21/95
Mary V. McCall BS '40 Goreville, Ill. 1/18/95	Lois Mackey Wooldridge BS '32 MS '58 Mt. Vernon, Ill. 6/19/95	Carla Denise Allen Schauf BS '81 Marion, Ill. 5/24/95	Lee D. O'Brien Carterville, Ill. 11/9/95 Executive Director, Broadcasting Service
William E. Lipsey BS '41 Olive Branch, Ill. 11/22/95	Carolyn Keepper Lassiter BS '59 Mauldin, S.C. 9/28/95	Darwin L. Baggett BS '66 MS '82 Marion, Ill. 5/31/95	
Grace Boyd BS '42 Carbondale, Ill. 4/23/95	Agnes V. Sitter BS '59 Cobden, Ill. 7/6/95	James Simon Ebben BS '82 Gilberts, Ill. 6/22/95	
Geraldine (Gerrie) Webb ex '42 Dallas, Texas 7/24/95	Norbert R. Backs BS '61 Carlyle, Ill. 7/28/95	Darla Kay Benard BS '85 Marion, Ill. 8/26/95	
Agnes G. Bruce ex '44 Carterville, Ill. 10/11/95	LaDonna McMurray Geddes BS '57 MS '61 DuQuoin, Ill. 10/26/95	Todd E. Fink BS '81 MA '85 Ozark, Ill. 7/11/95	L. Stuart Robson Du Quoin, Ill. 11/2/95 Assistant Treasurer, Chancellor's Office
Dorothy Canning ex '46 Murphysboro, Ill. 12/15/95	John C. Carlisle BS '60 MS '62 Merrillville, Ind. 11/27/95		
William Carey Hodge BS '46 Warrensburg, Mo. 10/20/95	Mabel P. Crane BS '62 Tamaroa, Ill. 6/12/95		
Elmo C. Kirk ex '46 Clearwater, Fla. 8/3/95			
Phillip T. Cain BS '47 MS '48 Carbondale, Ill. 4/11/95			

Alumni Calendar

The 13th Annual Travel-Study Program in the Ancient World Experience will be held this year in Egypt from May 12 to 26. A team of seven professors will guide the group on an interdisciplinary, team-taught, hands-on expedition. The cost of \$2495 includes first class, five-star accommodations and a four-day cruise down the Nile River. For more information, call Thomas Saville, International Programs, 618-453-7670.

In honor of the 500th doctorate awarded by the department, a reunion of Ph.D. psychology graduates and will be held April 12 to 13. The reunion will include a panel discussion, a poster session, dinners, brunch and a talent show.

For additional information, please call Jack McKillip

618-536-2301 or contact by e-mail at McKillip@siu.edu.

GLBF, the SIUC Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Friends student organization, celebrates its 25th anniversary April 12 to 14. More information may be obtained by contacting the GLBF Office in the Student Center 618-453-5151 or by e-mail, GLBF5151@siu.edu.

A network news correspondent conference, sponsored by the Colleges of Mass Communication and Media Arts and Liberal Arts and the McRoy Lectureship endowment, will be held at SIUC April 26-27. Three of the four speakers are SIUC alumni. They are **Jim Bitterman '70** and **Chris Bury '75**, ABC; **Roger O'Neill '68**, NBC; and

Walter Rodgers '62, CNN. Also participating in the conference will be SIUC alumnus Lane Vernardos of CBS. For more information on the conference, please contact the College of Liberal Arts at 618-453-2466.

A 42nd Street dinner/theater benefit will be held at Drury Lane Theatre on May 19 for the Chicagoland Scholarship Endowment Fund. The event is sponsored by the Chicagoland Advisory Council of the SIU Foundation. You will attend a 2:30 p.m. performance, 5:00 p.m. dinner. \$65 ticket price. Seating limited. Call 708-574-7774.

Undergraduate and graduate commencements for all colleges will be held this year the weekend of May 10-12.

The Friends of WSIU Fantasy Auction will be held on Saturday, June 1 in Carbondale. The gala, with over 400 guests and more than 200 valuable auction items, also includes cocktails, dinner buffet, live music and live and silent auction. Seating is limited. Call 618-453-4343 for information or reservations

All dates are subject to change and should be verified by those interested in the event. To have events of interest to alumni included in this calendar, please send them to: Alumnus, Stone Center, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901-6809.

Intercollegiate Athletic Schedule April/May

Men's Golf: April 13-15, Bradley Invitational; Wichita, Kan.; April 24-26, Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa

Women's Golf: April 12-14, Liz Murphey Invitational, Athens, Ga.

Men's Tennis: April 5, Creighton, Des Moines, Iowa; April 6, Drake, Des Moines; April 7, Northern Iowa, Des Moines; April 12, Bradley, Terre Haute, Ind.; April 13, Tulsa, Terre Haute; April 19, Missouri, Tulsa, Okla.; April 20, Oklahoma State, Stillwater, Okla.; April 21, Oklahoma, Norman Okla.

Women's Tennis: April 5-7, Creighton, Evansville, Indiana State, Bradley, home; April 12-14, Wichita State, Southwest Missouri, Illinois State, Wichita, Kan.

Men's Outdoor Track: April 5-6, SEMOtion Relays, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; April 13, Tyson Invitational, Fayetteville, Ark.; April 17-20, Kansas Relays, Lawrence, Kan.; April 26-27, Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa; May 5, National Invitational, Terre Haute, Ind.

Women's Outdoor Track: April 29, Indiana State Invitational, Terre Haute, Ind.; April 26-27, Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa; May 5, National Invitational, Bloomington, Ind.

Baseball: April 3, Austin Peay, home; April 19, 20, 21, Wichita State, Wichita, Kan.; April 24, St. Louis, home; April 26, 27, 28, Indiana State, home; April 30, Illinois, Champaign; May 1, Eastern Illinois, Charleston, Ill.; May 3, 4, 5, Creighton, Home; May 10, 11, 12, Illinois State, Normal, Ill.

Softball: April 6-7, Western Illinois Invitational, Macomb, Ill.; April 10, Missouri, Manchester, Mo.; April 12, Indiana State, home; April 12, Bradley, home; April 14, Illinois State, home; April 19, Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa; April 20, Drake, Des Moines, Iowa; April 23, SIUE, Edwardsville; April 26, Wichita State, home; April 27, Creighton, home; May 1, Southeast Missouri, Cape Girardeau; May 3, Tulsa, Tulsa, Okla.

Editor's Note

Alumnus has a long history of communicating with its readers about the events, programs and, most of all, the people who make Southern Illinois University at Carbondale such an interesting place. As the magazine changes editorial hands with this issue, we hope you will continue to feel that the stories you read make you proud to be connected to Southern.

We also hope you will notice some subtle changes.

At this critical juncture in the University's history, *Alumnus* has an increasingly important mission. Simply put, *Alumnus* is the University's most powerful communication tool. It is the best way to inform you about why Southern continues to be worthy of your interest, involvement and support. *Alumnus* links you to SIUC and it is our goal to make sure that, as you read the magazine, your connection grows deeper and stronger.

We hope to affect that relationship by featuring a range of articles as diverse as this University and our readers. We will be working closely with all the colleges to highlight stories about their faculty, students, departmental innovations and accomplishments.

Profiling talented and successful alumni from a wide variety of professions will also be a high priority.

We will increasingly focus on how Southern is responding to contemporary challenges faced by colleges and universities throughout the country.

Finally, we plan to make some deliberate efforts to expand and diversify some of the regular departments in the magazine, such as the sections on university news, sports, the alumni association and class notes.

Our goal is to create a balance within the magazine so that no matter what your degree, your profession, your age or your interests you will always find something in *Alumnus* that speaks directly to your relationship with SIUC.

We also want *Alumnus* to reflect your interests and talents. We extend an open invitation to all readers to call, send, fax or e-mail us your ideas for possible stories, alumni profiles, information for class news, and, of course, letters to the editor. If you are a writer or photographer who would be interested in free lancing for the magazine, we would also like to hear from you.

No time is more exciting, or admittedly challenging, in my profession than being a new editor. I believe these first months test every skill and instinct a journalist possesses.

During the coming year, let me know if my instincts are serving *Alumnus* and you well. Never hesitate to say what you like or what you don't like. After all, this is your magazine, and, as the old newspaper adage goes, the worst news is no news at all.

Maureen Manier
Editor, *Alumnus*

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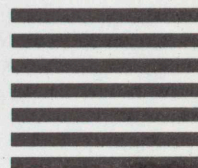
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Director for Re-election

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Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Illinois, Carbondale, Ill.

Election for Members at Large

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[] [] Paul Conti '72, MBA '74
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[] [] Liz Sexson '60
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[] [] Mildred (Mimi) Wallace '62
President, Los Angeles County Club, Beverly Hills, Calif.

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The Right Stuff

As a lead engineer for NASA's Payload Management and Operations Directorate, Shirish Patel provides ground and flight software support for the space shuttle's payload testing and supports launch countdown on the day of shuttle launches.

Now in his fifth year at NASA Patel was involved in the crucial mission that serviced the Hubble Space Telescope and in a landmark astronomical mission. He also supported the shuttle mission that docked with the Russian space station, exchanging two cosmonauts with the U.S. astronauts who had been on the station. Patel has recently been assigned to work on the first mission of the International Space Station Alpha.

From his own home base of Kennedy Space Center, Patel has taken an active interest in mentoring elementary and high school students interested in pursuing careers in science. Just like when he joined the SIU Alumni Association, it is one more way that Patel shows that he has the "right stuff."



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