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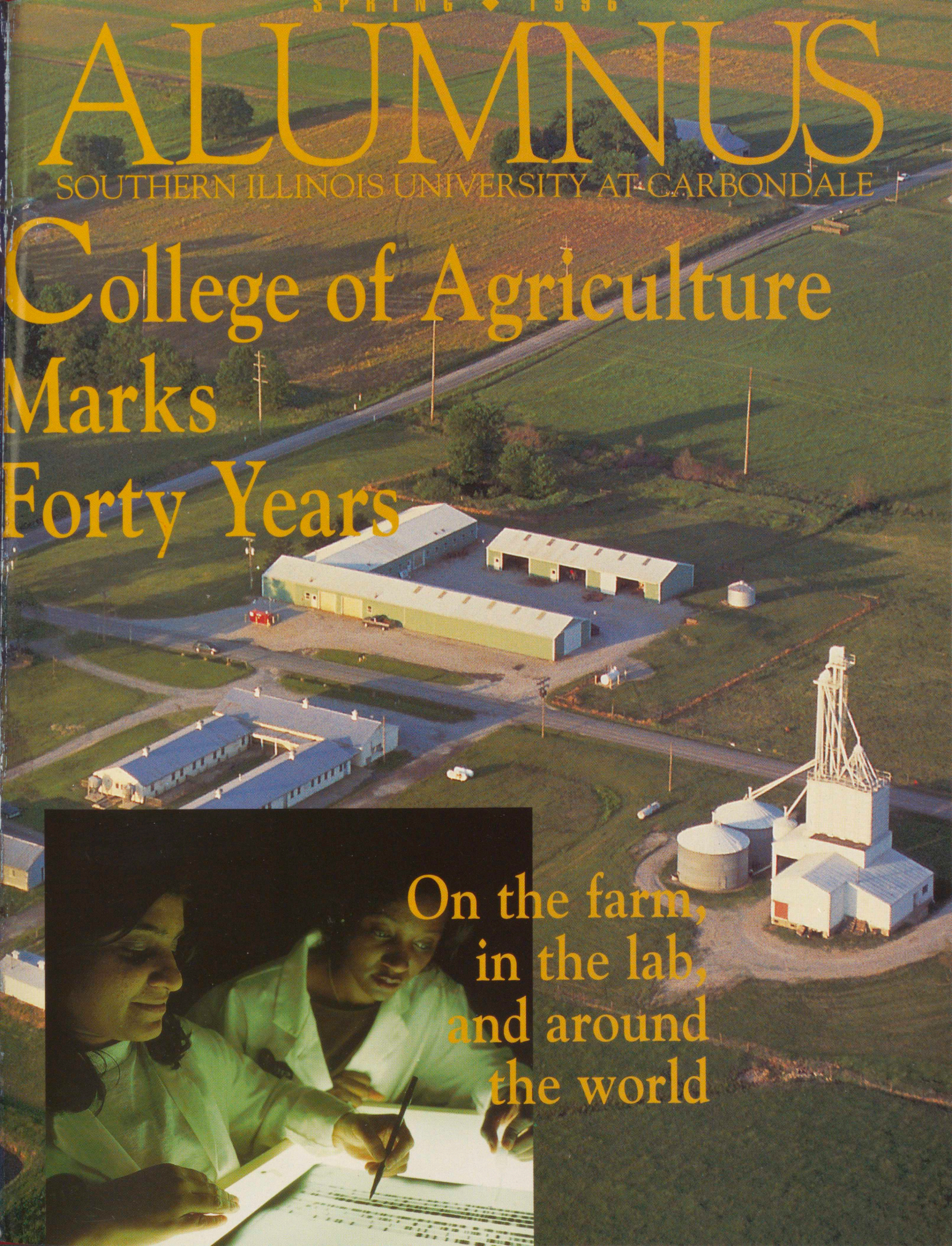
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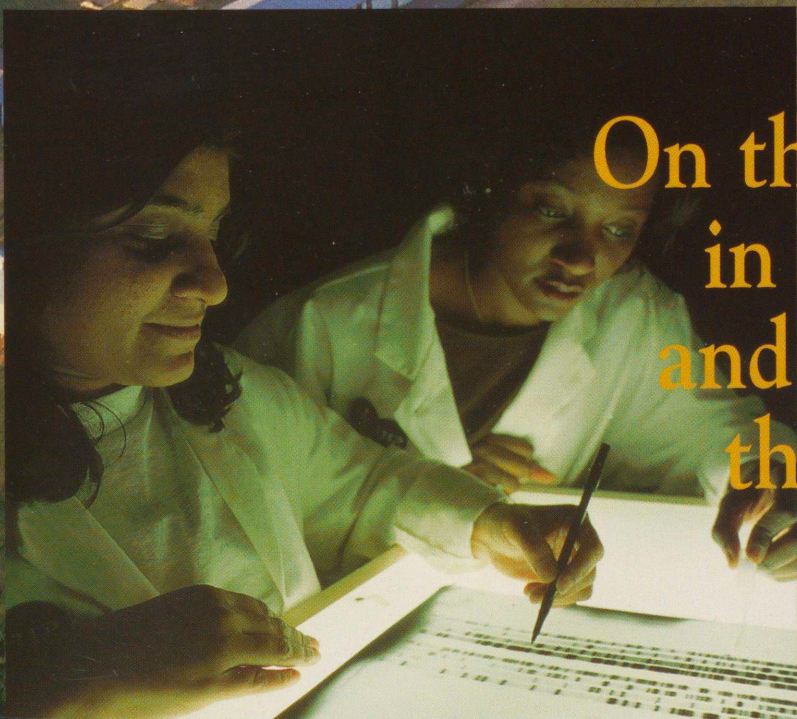
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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT CARBONDALE

## College of Agriculture Marks Forty Years



On the farm,  
in the lab,  
and around  
the world



# Estate Planning

Barbara Parrish '72, MA'88, has a legacy of giving to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. With her late husband Gary Parrish '70, Mrs. Parrish is a founding member of the President's Council. She has also served on the boards of the SIU Museum and the Friends of Morris Library and established the Gary N. Parrish Excellence Endowment Fund for Southern Illinois Business Outreach. Her philanthropy has been recognized by membership in the Robert Allyn Society (cumulative giving of \$10,000 to \$24,999).

Active in the community, Mrs. Parrish has been an ambassador for the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, a member of numerous civic clubs and a board member for the Jackson County of the American Red Cross and the Carbondale Community High School Athletic Booster Club. She is the 1995-96 president of the Southern Illinois Women's Business Council. Since 1993 Mrs. Parrish has owned and managed The Career Development Employment Agency.

In the spirit of her many contributions, Barbara Parrish has extended her legacy to SIUC and this region by including the University in her will. Her generosity has been recognized by membership in the Paul & Virginia Society.



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## Association Reconnects Alumni

by Edward M. Buerger, executive director, SIU Alumni Association

Alumni frequently ask me, "Do alumni and the Association make a difference at SIUC?" I thought I would take advantage of this column to try to answer that very important question.

At its spring meeting, the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors honored the 1996 National Champion SIU Debate Team and made a gift to the team to assist in assuring future success. I invite you to turn to *Southern Exposure* to read more about these remarkable students who earned SIU its fifth national debate championship.

Recognizing the accomplishments of these students provided a proud moment for the Association. It also reinforced why the Association is such a critical member of the University community. The SIU Alumni Association, which represents over 160,000 alumni, exists to perpetuate the excellence of SIU. Supporting the debate team is one way we accomplish that mission. But it is the proverbial tip of the iceberg.

During the last year the Association has made a direct impact on the lives of students with contributions to the Morris Library, intercollegiate athletics, student scholarships and several international student organizations.

The Association also purchased U.S. and SIU flags for McAndrew Stadium, equipment for a student video company, and became a charter member of *The Crab Orchard Review*, the University's literary review. The contributions made by this new publication are detailed in a feature on the Irish Studies Program.

This year, as in years past, we sponsored the 25 Most Distinguished Seniors and the Super Student Scholarships. You can learn more about several of these students in articles published in this issue.

Perhaps the most notable way the Association supports students is through sponsoring its nationally renowned Extern Program. As the article in this issue recounts the experiences of three externs, remember they are only three among the 201 students who participated in this program. The Extern Program works with alumni, the Student Alumni Council and representatives from the participating colleges and schools in making this program a success story.

Meeting with alumni throughout the country and encouraging them to build chapters is another way we make a difference. Only by having informed and involved alumni can SIU build for the future. In Association News you will find out more about how chapter development is progressing in such cities as Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis and San Francisco and about how you might become an alumni volunteer.

By now I'm sure you've noticed that whenever I've told you about how the Association is pursuing its mission, I've also told you about how an article in the magazine can give you more details and insight. We know that only by communicating with you can we expect you to understand and to support the University and Association.

We may profile women's basketball coach Cindy Scott

or legendary theater professor Christian Moe or tell you about the College of Agriculture's stellar programs, or herald some of the Association's own triumphs. Always our goal will be to inform and motivate you to become more involved.

But, as the Executive Director of the Association, what I most want you to know is that *Alumnus* is your magazine, just as the Association is your representative and advocate on campus. You are why *Alumnus* and the Association exist.

During our 100-year history the Association has learned that often the hardest step for alumni to take is that first step back toward their alma mater. We graduate, immerse ourselves in our careers and families and too often fail to keep in touch with our University.

My hope is that *Alumnus* will bring you closer to taking that first step. Maybe that step will be attending an alumni event; maybe it will be assisting with student recruitment; maybe it will mean becoming a dues-paying Association member; or maybe it will be as simple as returning for a long overdue visit to see how the campus has changed and progressed. Whatever your first step is, the most important thing you can do is take it. If we are doing our job right, then you will realize why it is so important that you and all alumni become involved in the life of our University.

Individually and collectively, alumni do make a difference at our alma mater.

# SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

## Debaters Capture National Championship

**T**he two-man team of SIUC political science majors Glenn Frappier and Bill Shinn argued their way into the winner's circle and unanimously won the tournament crown in this year's championship of the National Cross-Examination Debate Association. The late spring competition was held at California State University at Long Beach and attracted 196 two member teams from 82 colleges and universities. The teams argued the pros and cons of strengthening the U.S. foreign policy in Mexico.

SIUC finished second—behind Michigan State University—in overall yearly

national rankings. The SIUC team of Jeremy West and Matthew Moore also turned in a notable performance, finishing in the tier of the nation's top 16 teams.

“Winning the national tournament and taking second nationwide in the collegiate circuit is a major testimony to the quality of our student populations,” says John C. Guyon, SIUC chancellor.

“Our performances show we are again a powerhouse in the nation's collegiate debate community,” says Gregory Simerly, faculty director of the team. “This unanimous decision was the first in the tournament's 11-year history.”

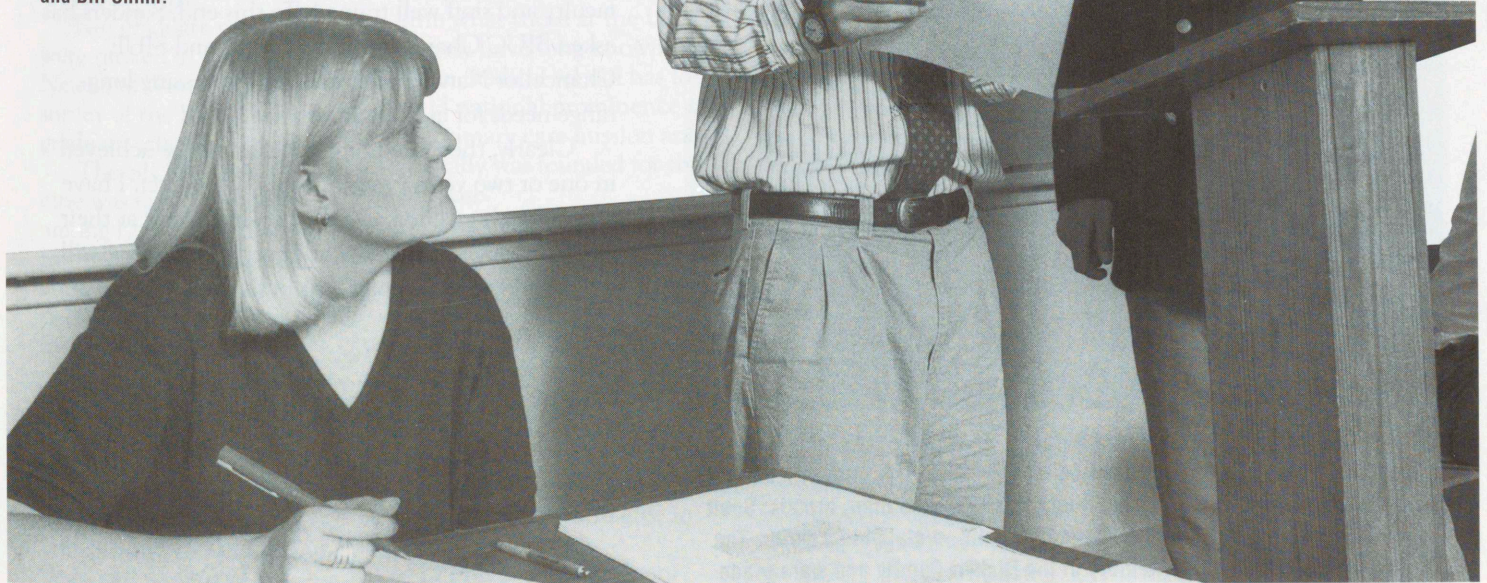
The debate team was honored at a recent Board of Trustees meeting and at the spring meeting of the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors. The alumni association presented the team, which encounters extensive travel expenses, a check for \$500. This year the debate team travelled more than 20,000 miles, participating in

600 debates at 21 different debate tournaments.

SIUC last posted a national championship with consecutive wins from 1986 to 1989. But as John Jackson, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, asserts: “You can't live off tradition, you have to renew that tradition

with good, bright debaters and a good coach ... We're back and we're proud.”

Debate team members, left to right, Wendy Wolry, Zachary Sapienza and Bill Shinn.



## University Adopts New Budget Structure



**When employees at WSIU, the University's television station, learned that preschoolers and kindergartners at Carbondale's Lakeland School didn't have a library they decided to take action.**

**Working with Scholastic Books, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and private benefactors, they arranged to have 13 sets of books donated to the school. To celebrate the delivery of the books, WSIU administrator Beverly Wallace, shown above, read the children several stories from their new books.**

**T**he Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees has adopted a new budget planning process that will be implemented on all campuses beginning with the fiscal year that begins on July 1. The plan links the University's spending decisions to its priorities and sets aside money for strategic initiatives. It also earmarks funds for contingency problems, competitive salaries, building maintenance, equipment updates, and faculty and staff development.

"I have received positive feedback about the plan," says SIU President Ted Sanders. "People believe the University needed a better planning process and support the approach that is being taken here."

"Each campus will develop an action plan for each priority which addresses campus goals, measurement indices, assignment of responsibility, budget allocations and source of funds for SIU's strategic priorities."

SIU, along with other state universities, finds it increasingly challenging to keep campus buildings in good repair, equipment working and up-to-date and faculty and staff well trained. To this end, Sanders has asked SIUC Chancellor John Guyon and SIUE Chancellor Nancy Belck to begin addressing long-range needs for asset maintenance.

"Clearly, these are not goals that can be achieved in one or two years," says Sanders. "However, I have asked the chancellors to take a realistic look at their respective campuses and work out the steps that will let us achieve these goals within five years."



**The 1996 Rickert-Ziebold Trust Awards, from one of the most prestigious student art competitions held in the Midwest, were presented to, from left to right: Ghislaine Torres, fibers; Steve Musselman, metals; Scott Lukowski, product design; and Andrew McDonald, metals/blacksmith. The awards were established in memory of the Rickert Family and were made possible through the generosity of the late Joseph Rickert.**



**The Reverend Jesse Jackson, well-known political activist and former presidential candidate, visited the Carbondale campus this spring to encourage students to take an active role in the upcoming elections and exercise their right and responsibility to vote. A crowd of several hundred students and members of the community attended his noontime rally.**

## Programs Gain National Attention

Three SIU programs have been recognized nationally in recent months.

Two graduate programs were ranked in the *U.S. News and World Report's* survey of the best American graduate schools.

The SIU School of Medicine was ranked seventh among U.S. medical schools in the field of primary care—a combination of general internal medicine, pediatrics and family medicine.

"This ranking is another indication that SIU School of Medicine is meeting the challenge to educate the physicians Illinois needs, particularly in primary care," comments Dr. Carl Getto, dean and provost of the school.

John S. Haller, SIU's vice president for academic affairs, says the rankings simply confirm what those at the University have long known, "The medical school has long held national prominence in its primary care mission and actually was founded for that purpose."

The magazine's survey lists SIUC's master's degree in radio-television as thirteenth in nation. "Our master's program in radio-television will only get better in the years to come," predicts Haller. "It is a first-class program with a stellar faculty, talented students and accomplished alumni who give to the program."

"This is a management oriented degree that

emphasizes new technology, policy and management. It attracts mid-career people who are trying to move into a management position and understand the convergence that is occurring in the marketplace," says Joe Foote, dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts.

National attention was also given to the College of Business and Administration's Department of Finance. The *Journal of Finance*, the most prestigious journals in the field, recently evaluated departments for their research productivity. SIUC's Department of Finance was ranked 44 among 330 departments for the years 1989 to 1993.

## ON THE SIDE

And the winner was...Elizabeth Ralston. Ralston, a 1986 graduate of the Department of Cinema and Photography, was a member of the team that won this year's Academy Award for Best Visual Effects for the hit movie *Babe*. As a visual effects producer at Rhythm & Hues, Ralston was responsible for putting the words into *Babe's* mouth—or at least making it seem as if she had.

The Academy of the Television and Arts & Sciences paid credit to College of Mass Communication and Media Arts alumni in the 17th Annual College Television Awards. Regional honors went to John Philbin, who earned a master's of fine arts degree from the department, for *Last Stand at Black Rock*, judged the best drama in the Midwest, and to recent graduates Charles Kingsley, Katie Mak and Kazue Tsuijioka for *Foal Watchers*, judged the best documentary in the Midwest.



# Getting On Board To Save Amtrak

Students returned for the spring semester this year to find a vital artery to the University on the critical list. The federal government had substantially reduced funding for Amtrak. If the state didn't make up the difference, this vital Southern Illinois lifeline would be cut.

"Amtrak brings a lot of students down from the northern part of the state," said Kim Clemens, immediate past president of Undergraduate Student Government. "A lot of students don't have a car or any other way of getting here."

Jack Dyer, executive director of University Relations, said, "If [students] find that they can't go home over weekends and breaks, it will be less likely that they'll come to a school that's far away."

"There were 58,651 people who used the Carbondale depot [last year]," said Amtrak Public Affairs representative Marc Magliari. "It's the highest ridership of the four state trains that are subject to some service cutbacks."

To keep the train service running through June, the state would have to come up with a \$2.5 million supplemental appropriation. Illinois Governor Jim Edgar was quoted in local papers saying he hadn't heard any public support for preserving

Amtrak's down state service. Unless he heard such an outcry soon, the "Illini" Chicago to Carbondale route, after 25 years of service, would be no more.

The community was quick to respond to the crisis. Rebecca Whittington, president of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, first heard about the problem in December. But because final exams were already in progress she knew it would be impossible for the student body to get involved until after break. "Still, I went on our weekly radio show and said, 'Hey folks, we have to do something,'" said Whittington.

David Klapproth, owner of a local enterprise called Mailboxes, Etc., was instrumental in the petition drive. At the end of each business day Klapproth faxed the petitions to representatives at the capitol. Coining the theme, "Save the Train," Klapproth said, "It seemed to me, after the Governor made it clear he had not heard enough outcry, it would be a good idea to bend his ear."

Both the Carbondale City Council and USG passed resolutions expressing support for Amtrak. Jim Prowell, from the Chamber, called Jak Tichenor at WSIU-TV, the University's public television station, and asked if the

station could produce a video about the issue.

Three days later, with the help of students who operated cameras and edited the film, Tichenor delivered a 13-minute tape which included interviews with disembarking riders, SIU President Ted Sanders, Whittington and several other local officials. "We wanted to show ... that we're not faceless statistics," says Tichenor.

The response to the video was overwhelmingly positive. The video was broadcast over WSIU, and was also shown in the Student Center, where students collected signatures on petitions. A copy of the tape was sent to Governor Edgar.

While no one can say whether the Governor actually watched the video, what is certain is that he heard the response to his challenge. In February he referred to Amtrak as "a vital state interest."

Governor Edgar and the legislature eventually appropriated the funds to cover the rest of the fiscal year. They also appropriated \$6.5 million for next year. That was the good news.

"This was a collective effort between our town, our representatives, the administrators and the students," says Clemens.

Tichenor echoed Clemens's sentiment. "SIU is the largest employer in the state south of Springfield," says Tichenor. "Anything that happens to SIU has a ripple effect on the community."

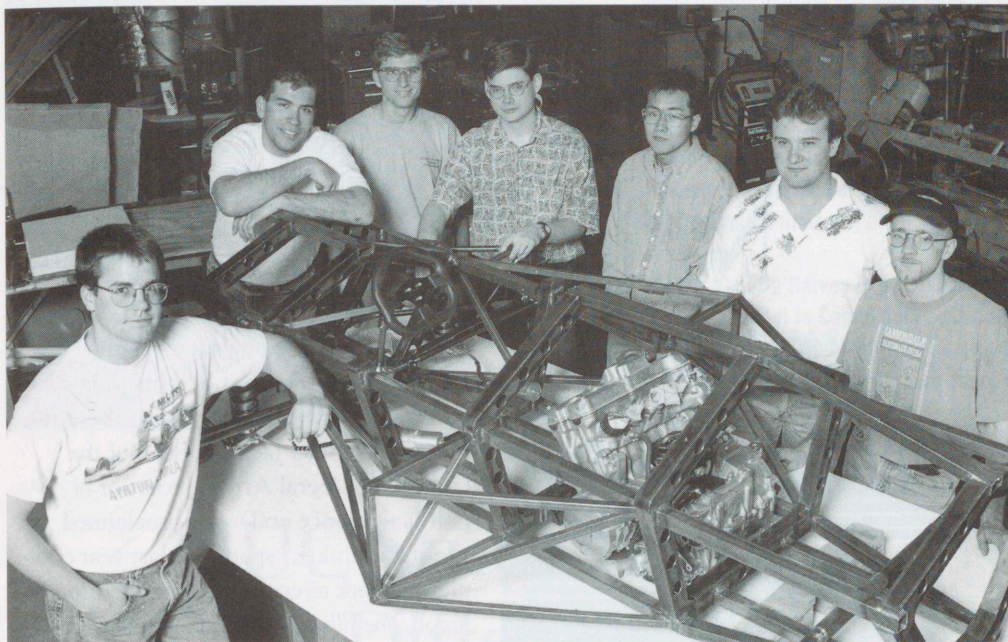
"We rise or fall together," says Whittington, adding that the effort to "Save the Train" was a "nice dovetailing" of the school and the community.

On the other side of the ledger, however, the state cut service from seven days to six days a week. Food service on the train will either be contracted to a private firm or discontinued. Local governments will be asked to pick up some of the cost of operation and maintenance of train stations. Probably the hardest pill to swallow was a 10-percent fare increase.

Though the combined effort was at least temporarily successful, it's hard to say whether the issue will rear its ugly head again a year or two down the road. "This problem will not go away," says Klapproth, who refers to the fix as "interim funding."

"In terms of a long-term proposal, it's really too early to say," says Whittington. But she agrees with Klapproth, "We should not be lulled into thinking it's over. We have to keep an eye on what's going to happen with this issue."

-Richard Rostron



A group of mechanical engineering students have spent a year designing and building a Formula SAE car. Shown above in an early stage of construction, the team built the formula car to enter a competition sanctioned by the Society of Automotive Engineers. The formula car is a single seat, open wheeled car constructed solely for racing. Groups of engineering students from all over the country participate in this yearly competition.

Now completed, the SIUC students' car is powered by a Honda CNR F3 engine and accelerates from zero to 60 miles per hour in just over three seconds.

## Funding for Friction Center Announced

The National Science Foundation has committed \$1.05 million over four years and state and industrial partners have kicked in over \$2 million to launch a center at SIUC that will research brake performance. The Center for Advanced Friction Studies, as it will be known, will conduct studies on improved materials needed to manufacture high-friction components for the automotive and aircraft industries.

The College of Engineering will guide the center, the only one of its kind in the United States, and build on the work being done by scientists in the University's Materials Technology Center and by the college's own faculty.

"Since 1990, the National Science Foundation has funded only 13 cooperative research centers to tackle cutting edge research that will benefit academic, industrial and government partners," says SIUC President Ted Sanders. "Discoveries made in our laboratories will shape the face of the industry in years to come."

"Students who work in the center will move directly into industry and begin productive, professional lives," says SIUC Chancellor John C. Guyon. "Very few engineering schools offer students a front-row seat to the research and design marketplace."

The Center for Advanced Friction Studies, supported by such industry leaders as Allied Signal Aerospace, Rockwell International and BF Goodrich Aerospace, is one of three centers around the nation to win NSF sponsorship this year.

### More On the Side

Two-degree SIUC alumnus Philip Pfeffer has been named president and chief operating officer of Random House Inc., one of the world's publishing giants. Pfeffer, who earned a bachelor's degree in 1965 in mathematics and a master's degree in economics in 1966, has been active with the University on the boards for the College of Business and Administration, the SIU Alumni Association and the SIU Foundation.

SIUC's College of Business and Administration recently honored two Midwestern businessmen for their outstanding professional achievements. Southern Illinois Healthcare Enterprises President and CEO John Buckley was named Southern Illinois Business Leader of the Year. Emerson Electric Co. Vice President Charles Groennert '58 was named Executive of the Year.

COBA has inducted five graduates into its Hall of Fame. They are: Lawrence Burk '65, chairman and CEO of Alexander & Alexander; the late Michael L. Glassman '61, MA '62, president of Glassman-Oliver Economic Consultants, Inc.; Frank Rosenbaum '69, president of Frank A. Rosenbaum, P.C.;

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More On the Side

Anthony Schubert MBA '76, president, Contract Exchange Corporations; and Diane Kosmach Schumacher '74, vice president, corporate secretary, general counsel, Cooper Industries.

The SIU Board of Trustees conferred the 1996 Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Awards to Forestry Associate Professor James Fralish and the late Lee O'Brien, who served as executive director of the University's Broadcasting Service.

Fralish, who received the Sturgis Public Service Award, is known for starting and sustaining the area soccer league. He is an avid conservationist.

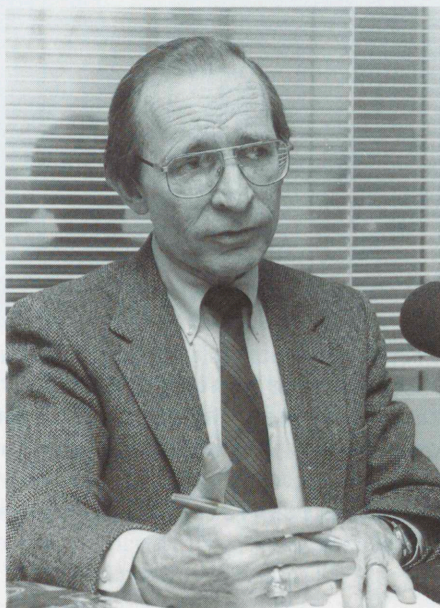
Lee O'Brien posthumously received the Sturgis Professional Achievement Award. O'Brien was a tireless advocate for public television and led SIU's Broadcasting Service into a new era of technology.

The Sturgis Awards memorialize Lindell W. Sturgis, who served for more than 30 years on the state Teachers College Board and the SIU Board of Trustees.

A number of notable gifts have recently been received by the SIU Foundation.

Dino Angeli, a three-degree SIU graduate, has established an annual scholarship of \$3,000 for students

# The Voice of the Nation



It's a big election year and John Jackson is right where he wants to be: writing, talking and speculating about the months to come. Jackson, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, a professor of political science and a self-proclaimed "political junkie," spent the last year completing work as coauthor of the monograph *The Illinois Presidential Primary, 1812-1992* and of a book titled *The Politics of Presidential Selection*.

In the monograph on the Illinois primary, Jackson and his coauthor explain how Illinois voters are more representative of the nation than those in New Hampshire or Iowa, where the state primaries receive the most media attention. In addition to providing a brief history and a number of significant comparative statistics,

the monograph gives further impetus to a reexamination of the role primaries currently play in presidential elections.

Jackson foresees his book *The Politics of Presidential Selection* filling a gap in undergraduate political science education. The book provides a comprehensive overview of the presidential selection process and also incorporates many current events, such as the meaning of 1994 midterm elections, into its analysis.

Jackson hopes that these publications will engage students in the political scene and process. He says this year should be an interesting one for students to become involved: "Students always ought to follow elections. Elections have to do with the quality of life for all of us."

He predicts that the upcoming presidential elections may hold some surprises: "If this is at all a normal year, Clinton should certainly win. But I hasten to add that this might not be a normal year."

Jackson cites the example of the 1994 election. Early in the presidential primary season, during the time of the Gulf War, George Bush had the highest approval ratings any president had received since polls have been taken. He says Bush's experience should teach Clinton this lesson: "Don't take anything for granted ... Bob Dole is not to be taken lightly."



Girls in grades seven through nine gathered in February on SIUC's campus to deepen their interest and knowledge of math and science. The program, *Expanding Your Horizons in Math and Science*, was sponsored by SIUC. A companion program was conducted for parents and guardians dealing with gender equity, tips to help students prepare for science fairs and information on financing a college education.

Left, Victoria Harvey from Covenant Christian School in Carbondale uses a stereo viewer with the help of Margaret Berry, an assistant professor in the Department of Geology.

## SIUC Students Make Difference in Local Schools

Ten SIUC students returned to elementary school this year as they joined 30 volunteers from five community colleges in an Americorps National Service Project aimed at working with children at-risk. The federally-funded Americorps National Service initiative is administered by the Illinois Commission on Community Service.

SIUC students worked with children at three Carbondale schools. Kathie Lorentz, who heads SIUC's Saluki Volunteer Corps and coordinates the project, describes the target population: "Some of these children have personal problems—maybe their parents have just gotten a divorce and they're having trouble adjusting, some of them might be slow learners, some of them might simply be poor—but for a wide variety of reasons, their school systems have identified them as being at risk of failing."

SIUC's Americorps students worked 20 hours per week throughout the year, doing everything from tutoring to conflict resolution. They completed 900 hours each at their assignments, for which they received a \$4,206 living allowance and \$2,636 toward tuition expenses.

Alana Lynn Adorjan, a junior elementary education major from nearby

Murphysboro, spent the year working at Thomas School. She set up a study hall so that she could work individually with the 30 students who had been identified and referred to her by their teachers. In addition to tutoring the students, she also tried to serve as a mentor and role model for them.

Adorjan found her Americorps experience valuable and eye-opening. This past year, she says, "I worked with a lot of first year teachers, and I learned you can't do everything you want to do."

She also discovered that although only 30 children were referred to her, that she eventually crossed paths with almost all of the students. "This experience helped me to learn that all students have special needs," she says.

Adorjan describes being idealistic as both her strength and downfall. After a year dealing with children who exhibited all of society's greatest problems, she admits that she has few illusions left about education. "I have had a big dash of reality," she says, "but I'm still idealistic ... I still want to be a teacher."

### More On the Side

whose parents work in the coal mines. To qualify, students must have an "A" average.

The Grayson Memorial Distinguished Professorship of Law and Medicine will now bring experts to the SIUC School of Law to teach and conduct research. Two \$4,000 annual scholarships will also be awarded to students concurrently studying for law and medical degrees.

The professorship and scholarships were made possible by the Garwin Family Foundation. Marsha Garwin Ryan, a Carbondale surgeon, earned an SIU law degree in 1987. Her brother Mark is a Carbondale anesthesiologist and a part-time law student. Their father, Leo, is a retired chemical engineer who also holds a law degree. Their mother Ruth, a retired professor of sociology, died last year. The endowment is named for Ruth's brother, Arthur Grayson.

The late Nada Gramaticoff Henson, an SIUC alumna and teacher in the St. Louis school system, left a bequest of more than \$250,000 to help needy SIUC business undergraduates with solid academic credentials. Eight Henson scholarships will be awarded beginning in the fall of 1997.

# Golf Outing Funds Scholarships

For seven years, the SIUC and Carbondale communities have gathered to do two things both love to do: support students and play golf. Chancellor Guyon's own commitment to students and his love of golf inspired several of his associates to organize this major annual event.

The annual Chancellor John C. Guyon Golf Scholarship Outing was inaugurated with the intent to raise scholarship funds and to provide local business leaders and alumni the chance to interact informally with the Chancellor and his senior staff.

Each year the tournament has grown and it now attracts between 100 and 120 players. The event has successfully achieved its primary goal: to raise scholarship funds.

Over \$40,000 has been raised, with funds being used for scholarships for minority and female students. Organizers now have set their sights on building a scholarship endowment that will benefit future students.

While raising scholarship funds, the Chancellor's Tournament has also realized another goal: improving interaction with the local business and alumni community. Seymour Bryson, assistant to the chancellor and one of the event's organizers, pays credit to the local business community for contributing to the event's success. Each year the event attracts a dozen corporate sponsors who each pay an increased entry fee. Additionally, individuals, organizations and businesses sponsor holes during the scramble.

This year more than 100 people gathered at the Crab Orchard Golf Course on May 17 and raised more than \$10,000 toward the Chancellor's Scholarship Endowment.



In the top photograph, Chancellor and Mrs. Guyon at this year's golf outing. In the above photograph, from left to right, J. Robert Quatroche, vice chancellor for institutional advancement; Harvey Welch, vice chancellor for student affairs; and Chancellor Guyon. On the left, Chancellor Guyon golfs with the Central Bank corporate team. From left to right, they are: J. David Thompson, Don Shay, John Cherry, Karen Parrish, Roger Gray and John Guyon.

# Super Attitude, Super Student

by Greg Scott

Whether she is serving as a health education ambassador or as a role model for her teenage daughters, Sharon Hesselmeier practices what she preaches.

"I have never been one to pollute my body with drugs, alcohol, nicotine, caffeine or

them to get involved in extra-curricular activities. I figured if they could do it, so could I."

While maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.553 in health education, Hesselmeier has been a member of the Saluki Volunteer Corps and participates in the Muscular Dystrophy Tele-

the Environmental Task Force in Tamms and coordinates and hosts social activities for area teenagers. It's understandable that Hesselmeier, who at times also holds down several paying jobs, just laughs when people say they don't have time to get involved.

"Time management is the key," she says. "I hear people all the time saying they don't have time to do things. They don't have time because they don't prioritize their life."

Whether Hesselmeier is studying for an exam or exercising at the Recreation Center, time never seems an obstacle. She plans her days on a large wall calendar and often completes class assignments in advance.

"That's how I keep from getting stressed,"

she says. "There's a reason they give you a syllabus. If you have five major papers, why wait until the due date to do them?"

With her own priorities in order, Hesselmeier has even more time to assist others. "Being an advocate is really important. It doesn't take a lot to make me happy; therefore, I can devote a lot of my time to making other people happy," she says.

Hesselmeier was selected by the SIUC Student Alumni Council as a Super Student scholarship winner. Recipients must have a 3.5 overall grade point average, be a full time student, participate in at least two Registered Student Organizations and be currently employed.

Hesselmeier also received SIUC's Health Education Major of the Year honors, the Outstanding Academic Achievement Plaque and the Mamie Hall Memorial Scholarship. She has been an honors student throughout her college career.

Hesselmeier admits that returning to school after a 20-year layoff wasn't easy, and credits her daughters for their support.

"I wanted this to be positive for them, too, because they are my whole life," she says. "I wanted to major in something they could relate to. It has been the ultimate challenge, but they have been behind me 100 percent."

It also hasn't hurt to have her daughters around when Hesselmeier needed to stay updated on today's trends.

"They keep me abreast of the cool things," she laughs. "They'll say, 'Mom, whatever you do, don't dress like that or use that kind of book bag in college.'"

Hesselmeier plans on working with teenagers who have been affected by or are involved with violence and substance abuse. She thinks she may have a thing or two to tell them about hanging in there and beating the odds.



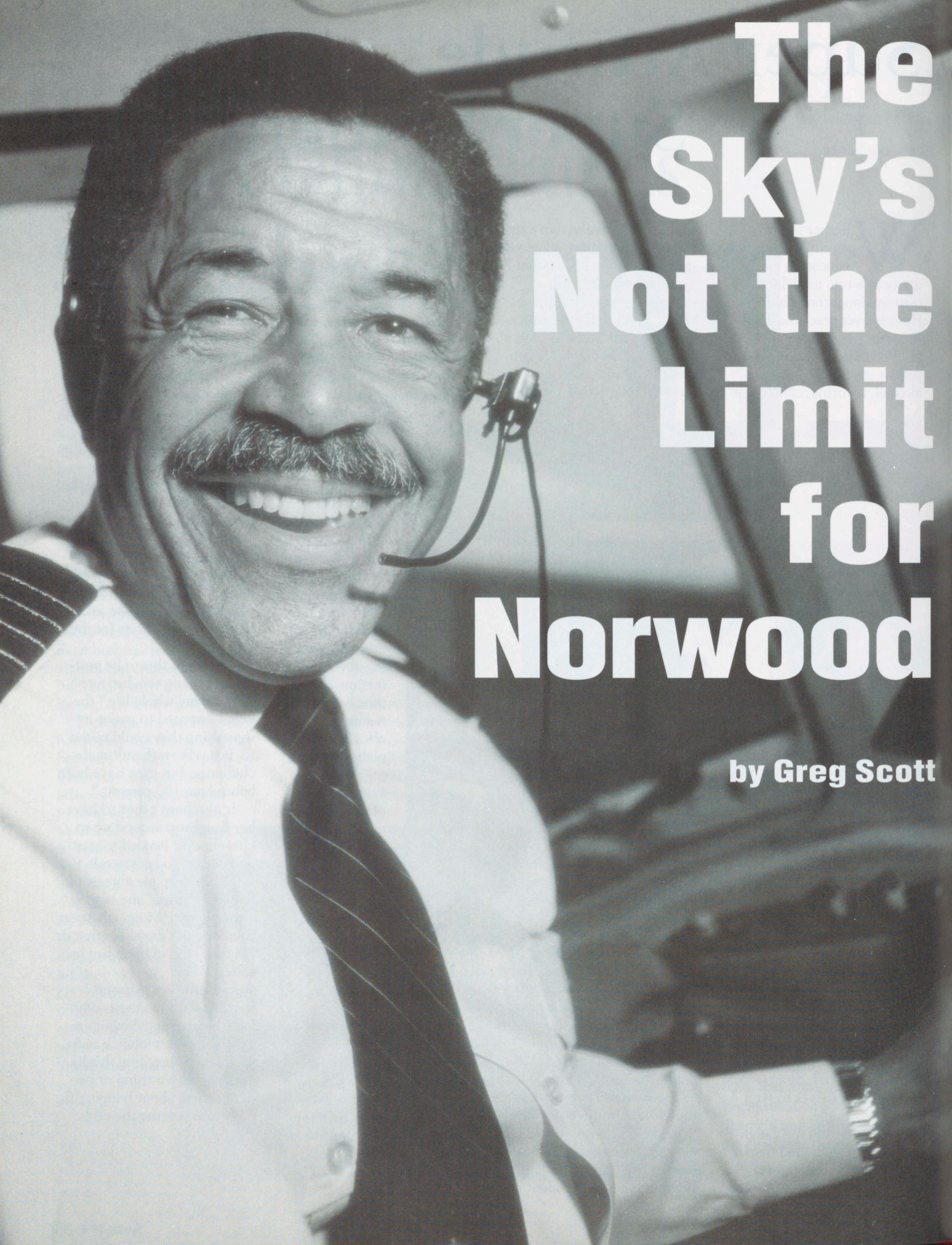
any of those things. I exercise and take care of myself," she says.

As a 37-year old-mother of two daughters and a full-time student at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale involved in campus and community activities, Sharon Hesselmeier strives to set a positive example.

"I couldn't tell my daughters to keep their grades up if I didn't do it," Hesselmeier says. "And I've always pushed

them, World Aids Day and Holiday Safety Challenge. She is a member of the Alpha Alpha chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma, health education's national professional honorary society and serves as the chapter's historian and social committee chairperson.

Hesselmeier, who commutes 45 minutes each way from the Village of Tamms, also promotes health education in her community. She is the founder and president of



# The Sky's Not the Limit for Norwood

by Greg Scott

**W**hen William R. Norwood joined United Airlines in 1966 it was not unusual for passen-

gers who saw him in the cockpit to turn around and return to the terminal.

"I always figured that was their loss," Norwood says.

He even used their response as a source of inspiration. "I am pretty stubborn," he says. "If someone tells me I can't do something, I normally work harder at trying to do it."

That stubborn outlook paid off for Norwood and United Airlines. Norwood, the first African-American pilot hired by United and the first to achieve the rank of captain, retired this winter after an illustrious 30-year career. United honored Norwood by painting his name on the side of a United 727 that is part of the *Take Flight* exhibit in the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. Alongside the plane is a plaque that chronicles his career.

"You dream about a lot of things happening at the end of your career," he says, "but I never thought this would happen in my wildest dreams."

Over 800 United colleagues and friends also attended a retirement dinner in Norwood's honor. A longtime member of the SIU Board of Trustees and the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Norwood was saluted for his accomplishments in aviation and his commitment to higher education.

Norwood, who flew DC-10s between Chicago and Honolulu for United, ended his career with one of his most memorable flights. The destination was Cleveland, which is where he started flying. "A lot of people wanted to pay to fly on my last trip," Norwood says. "So I chose Cleveland rather than having them pay to go to Hawaii or San Francisco."

Nearly 500 people greeted the traveling party on their return. But the journey, televised by a local station, was special for another reason. Norwood's son William, Jr. was the air traffic controller. "That was very emotional," Norwood says.

"When that many people take time out of their schedule it makes you feel good. One woman who wasn't even working that day came to the airport just to be there," he adds.

Norwood first became excited about flying when he was in the sixth grade and his elementary school principal, a former Tuskegee Airman, shared stories about his flying adventures.

"His face would light up and that's when I got interested," Norwood says. "He sort of became my mentor."

When he began looking toward college, however, he focused on becoming a doctor. He came to SIUC on an athletic scholarship and majored in chemistry.

Norwood became the first African-American quarterback in the University's history. He earned the starting role at quarterback in each of his last three years at Southern and is a member of the Saluki Hall of Fame.

While some assistant coaches tried to get Norwood to change positions, his head coach and backfield coach were supportive. "I was fortunate to have my head coach [Al Kawal] and backfield coach [Carmen Piccone] completely in my corner," Norwood says. "I worked

hard at it and they made it easier for me to stick with it."

He eventually abandoned his plans to become a doctor to pursue his childhood dream of becoming an airline pilot. His first flying experience was in ROTC. After graduating from Southern in 1959, Norwood began a six-year stint in the Air Force, where he flew B-52s for the Strategic Air Command. After leaving the service he launched his career in commercial aviation.

Along with a master's degree in business administration from the University of Chicago, Norwood has earned such awards as United's 1991 Community Relations Award and the airline's Flight Operations Division Achievement award. Despite the individual honors he has received, Norwood says he is most proud of the opportunities he has created for others.

"I opened the eyes of some of my [fellow] pilots who were set in believing that blacks couldn't fly airplanes as well as they [whites] could," Norwood says. "That has assisted others in getting an opportunity. The doors are open wider now."

Norwood belongs to an African-American pilots organization, formed in 1976, that mentors young people interested in aviation and gives aspiring pilots a chance to network with professionals. He has also been pivotal in United's joint effort with SIUC to encourage high school minority students interested in aviation.

Norwood plans to continue his commitment to higher education and to young people.

"This University is where I got my start and it has been very good to me," Norwood says. "I would like to help the University be better for students— that is the reason it exists."

Thirty years ago people turned and walked away when they saw Norwood at the controls. Today he is admired and respected not only for his achievements as a pilot, but for his commitment to education and to helping others be as stubborn as it takes to achieve their goals.

**"If someone tells me I can't do something, I normally work harder at trying to do it."**



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# Down on the Farm, In the Lab, and Around the

World

The College  
of Agriculture  
Celebrates  
Forty Years  
of Growth,  
Progress and  
Survival

by Maureen Manier

“**W**e’re going to put you yokels on the south acres.”

**T**hat’s the response an alumnus received when he asked where an agriculture building was going to be built. It was the early 1950s, and Wendell Keeper, first dean of the College of Agriculture, says the truth was even more disturbing than that terse answer: an agriculture building wasn’t even in the University’s plans. Realizing the future was in their hands, agriculture alumni and faculty committed themselves to the cause. The cornerstone for a new agriculture building was laid in 1957—in a former wheat field perhaps, but not in the back forty.

The College of Agriculture has come a long way since those early days when Dean Keeper’s office could be found in an eight-room prefabricated house purchased from Sears Roebuck. “I remember that I had to move a coke machine to the front porch to make room for my war surplus desk,” he says.

By the time Keeper retired in 1974, the school had changed in so many ways you might think it barely recognizable to students and professors from that era. But as students, alumni, professors and administrators gathered this spring to celebrate the college’s fortieth anniversary, it became clear that while each of the five deans has

contributed to the college’s growth, each has also preserved a piece of the past.

Under Keeper’s leadership the college’s budget grew from \$70,000 to over \$500,00 and the number of faculty increased from five to 59. When Keeper stepped down in 1974, the enrollment was almost 800 students. Although this period of time was one of great growth, the College of Agriculture encountered a set of distinct challenges, “There were people in the state who didn’t want to see a School of Agriculture here,” remembers Keeper. “But we were also fortunate to have some strong supporters who hung in there for us.”

Keeper initiated the college’s participation in a six-year

United Nations project in Brazil, where faculty assisted U.N. personnel in establishing a school of agriculture in the country’s southern region. The college also served as a training site for Peace Corps volunteers to prepare them for the rigors of their future experiences.

Following Keeper in a recent presentation made by the former deans, Gilbert Kroening, a member of the college’s inaugural class and the second dean, commented that, “Wendell Keeper was a hard act to follow in 1974 and he’s a hard act to follow today.”

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Kroening's 12 years as dean were marked by some of the college's most notable advancements and challenges. He remembers his tenure by borrowing the opening line from Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." The Vietnam War, the World Food Conference, the early 80s farm crisis, and the college's highest and lowest enrollment all hovered over Kroening during his tenure. Yet Kroening believes that the tumultuous nature of these years ultimately prompted creative responses

continued involvement in Brazil as well as in new projects in Zambia and Pakistan. Success in these efforts brought the college opportunities to add faculty and to establish a name for itself on national and international fronts.

It was during this time the first woman graduated from the college and the first women were hired on the faculty. Kroening sees both as having been integral to the college's growth and progress.

Research, for which funding had once been in the tens of thousands, began to expand exponentially during this time as

ments in agriculture programs: "It was an image problem," Tweedy says. "The attitude was, 'All the farmers are going broke, so why go into agriculture?'"

With a situation that was growing more serious by the semester, Tweedy knew he had to take immediate action: "I hadn't been dean for two weeks when Don Elkins [then associate dean] came into my office and proposed starting the Agbassadors. I hadn't been in the dean's office long enough to know if I even had any money. But I knew we had to give it a try anyway."

Launching the Agbassadors—the college's star corps of students who assist in recruitment—and funding other recruitment efforts set the college on an upward enrollment trend. This year the college experienced its sixth straight year of increases in enrollment, with 897 students majoring in the college's various programs.

As his predecessors had, Tweedy devoted attention to research and international expansion. His efforts led to major state funding for agricultural infrastructure research. He also oversaw the development of an exchange program with St. Petersburg Agrarian State University that continues to provide opportunities for Russian and American students to travel between the two universities.

In 1992, Tweedy's strong management skills brought him a promotion to the position of vice president for administration. He was replaced by William Herr, a longtime professor and former department chair who served as interim dean for the next year. Herr remembers that, despite the recent surge in growth and reputation, intense discussions ensued about the future of the college and whether there would

be budgetary advantages to "carving it up." Herr says he accepted his interim appointment only after "all the discussions concluded with the decision to allow the patient to live."

Current Dean James McGuire came to SIUC in 1993 from Mississippi State University. Although enrollment in the

that have, in the long term, built a stronger college.

He also emphasizes that, although difficult, the years were productive as the college ventured further into the areas of research and international agriculture. Building on Keepper's efforts, Kroening encouraged the college's

faculty solved important problems facing agriculture, particularly in Illinois.

Still, it was with an enrollment of less than 700 that, in 1986, James Tweedy assumed the responsibilities of being the college's third dean. He agrees with Kroening that many events contributed to the national trend of declining enroll-



**All five deans spoke at the recent anniversary celebration. They are, from left to right: Wendell Keepper, Gilbert Kroening, James Tweedy, William Herr and James McGuire.**

college is on the rise as is funding for research, his first three years have been overshadowed by across-the-board University budget cuts. He has had to struggle to keep the college on its steady course of growth by focusing on recruitment and retention, building a strong alumni organization and continuing to seek out research dollars. He is presently leading the college through a strategic-

planning process, preparing to meet the demands of the coming years.

As much as the college has changed, it has remained committed to its primary mission of undergraduate teaching and sustaining a nurturing environment. McGuire explains, "We are working hard to make students in the college feel as if they are part of a family. In some ways that is more important now than ever

before." And, as it has for 40 years, McGuire says, the college will continue to adapt, grow and retain its optimism and determination—not unlike that alumnus who 40 years ago responded to the quip about building an agriculture building in the south acres with a reply of his own.

"The hell you are," he said.

## Research Responds to Region's Call

While funding sources for universities and scholars throughout the country have been drying up, SIUC's College of Agriculture has struck oil. Anthony Young, the college's associate dean for research, believes this success is easily explained, "It's primarily a product of how we have addressed specific problems that are important to producers rather than pursuing research that furthers the knowledge of science but has no basic application."

Young believes the college's extensive work with soybeans, one of the state's primary crops, exemplifies this type of research. Soybean growers originally came to the college faced with dire problems in growing their primary crop. "They basically told us," says Young, "that unless their problems were solved they wouldn't be able to produce soybeans in Southern Illinois."

Working with other universities, SIUC has led the research in developing disease-resistant strains of soybeans to combat the most serious problem of all: sudden death syndrome, caused by a fungus that seems immune to all known pesticides.

Meanwhile, animal science faculty members are studying the estrogenic content of soybeans to evaluate their influence on reproduction. Their work has important implications because feeds for many animals, such as for swine, usually have a high soybean content.

Soybeans have also been a major consideration in the research and advocacy of food and nutrition faculty members as they work to encourage nurs-

ing homes to use the many award-winning soybean recipes they have compiled. These recipes provide valuable protein to elderly patients, who are often protein-deficient.

Dialysis patients' aversion to animal protein has also prompted SIUC dieticians' action. Despite their aversion, these patients still need a high protein intake, something which can again be addressed with soybean-supplemented recipes.

Young points out that ongoing research in the college's departments also covers such diverse areas as developing a new breed of heartier apple trees, preventing food poisoning in restaurants, studying the alternative use of wooden pallets and investigating the possibility of producing a corn plant that more efficiently utilizes nitrogen and, therefore, causes less ground water contamination.

Young says the college's philosophy is first and foremost to subsidize research that can make a positive impact on the economic development of this region.

He cites a rich regional resource base that he says isn't being adequately used and could easily support a major industry such as an ethanol plant. Young explains that a strong agricultural economy attracts industry; therefore, the college will continue to

make improving that economy its highest priority.

That priority will be exhibited as the college begins to review faculty proposals for distribution of a \$330,000 grant from



**Agriculture professor David Lightfoot works on soybean research with an assistant.**

the Illinois Council for Food and Agriculture Research. Young says the review committee intends to look for projects that will directly benefit Southern Illinois.

Grants counted in the hundreds of thousands are not yet a common occurrence in the College of Agriculture, but they are no longer rare. With research dollars totaling more than \$2 million last year, the college is increasingly becoming known for its leadership in solving problems for the people of Illinois and beyond.

# Farming a Cerny Family Affair

**R**ichard Cerny and his family have been honored by the Smithsonian Institution, the State of Illinois and now by his alma mater, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. But Cerny takes it all in stride, humbly accepting the honors but firmly stating exactly how he feels about them: "Recognizing us is really recognizing the family farm. I think the family farm is still pretty important to this country. The family is still at the heart of this society."

Cerny, who recently received the college's service award at its fortieth anniversary celebration, says that although farming has been good to him and his family, it has also been a tough life. He and his wife Jo, their three children and his brothers and their families have endured many difficult times. But throughout the highs and lows, Cerny says, he has continued to focus on this residing belief: "My philosophy is that we're only here a short time and we have to take care of the land while we're here. Not taking care of the land will lead to our civilization's downfall."

It was this philosophy, along with encouragement from state and county groups, that convinced the Cerny family to begin practicing no-till farming in the 1970s. Cerny describes this surprisingly simple farming method, "You just go out there in that field and plant." He says that no-till farming is good for the land because less chemicals are used; it is also a good way to slow erosion.

"We knew the idea was good," Cerny says, "if we could just get the yield. And what we discovered is that most years we can get as good a yield with no-till as we did farming conventionally." Using no-till farming, crop rotation and other conservation methods on their 500-acre Cobden farm, earned the Cerny family the title of 1995 Illinois Conservation Farm Family of the Year.

The Cernys were no strangers to public recognition. In 1991, the Smithsonian Institution selected the family to participate in their 25th annual Festival of American Folklife. When the family's

story was featured in *The Washington Post*, Norbert, Richard's brother, commented on the family's commitment to their farm: "It took a lot of endurance for our ancestors to hang on in the farming business like they did. We've got to have that same endurance, confidence and, really, sort of a gambling spirit to maintain the farm."

Two of Richard and Jo's three children were attracted by that gambling spirit and have made agriculture their life's work. Teresa and her younger brother Eric both

Agriculture's exchange program with a university in St. Petersburg in Russia. She even had to come back from an internship in France to take part in the family's Smithsonian celebration.

Before attending SIUC, Teresa's pursued her interest in flowers through 4-H and by starting a small business with her mother. "She got me into this flower business," Jo Cerny explains, "and then she left me with it!" Jo has slowly built the flower business into another source of family income, even adding another facet



**Richard and Jo Cerny take a rare moment of leisure to plant flowers in their own garden.**

attended SIUC and graduated with degrees in agriculture. Teresa recently earned her master's degree in horticulture from the University of Tennessee and is now working at Clemson University in a research position. Meanwhile, Eric is pursuing a graduate degree at North Carolina State University, working with one of the country's top tomato breeders.

Both Cerny children have taken full advantage of the opportunities offered by their education. Teresa was the first SIUC student to participate in the College of

to it by drying and selling herbs and flowers.

Eric, who was an active Agbassador for the college, graduated at the top of his class. Like his sister, Eric was active in 4-H and ran his own business, growing vegetables on three acres of the farm. Last summer he completed an internship in Scotland.

His father says that although he knows Eric loves farming, he doesn't know if he will return to the family farm. "We raise our children so that when they become

adults they are able to make their own decisions," says Jo. "We figure we've raised them right and they'll make the decisions that are best for them."

Richard Cerny knows a little bit about figuring out which road to take. After graduation he joined the military and spent two years in Europe. When he

returned to Cobden he still wasn't sure whether staying on the family farm was exactly what he wanted. "But farming was always what was in my mind," he says.

Richard and Jo are proud of their farm and their three children (their daughter Christina lives in Colorado with her husband and daughter Madison), but in a

decidedly understated way. They speak as straightforwardly about the difficult times as they do about the good ones. And always they speak about being guided by the values their work has upheld: values symbolized by the land they have tended and that has, in turn, nourished and provided for them.

## Students Learn Service With a Smile

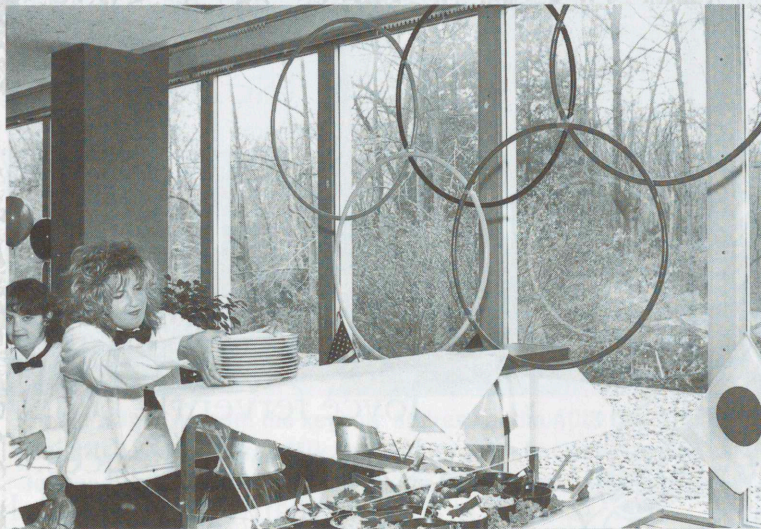
**S**outhern Illinois is the classroom for over 100 students enrolled in the College of Agriculture's Hotel, Restaurant and Travel Administration Program (HRTA). Program coordinator Patricia Welch explains that only real-world, hands-on experience prepares students for the job market, "They can read and write about problem solving, but solving the problems themselves is the only way they will really learn."

Welch says that top HRTA schools, located at universities like Cornell, Michigan State and Florida International, have some advantages over SIUC's relatively young program. For instance, most of these programs have an on-campus hotel or conference center that the students use as a laboratory.

But Welch believes the SIUC program makes up for that lack by requiring students to have over 800 hours of field experience. She and other professors have developed relationships with organizations such as Marriott and Choice Hotels that provide students with tremendous internship opportunities.

SIUC also offers something that nationally recognized schools can never offer. "If you're a top school, you pull in as many as 1,000 majors," says Welch. "What is the interaction with students in a program that size? Now, more than ever, students need contact with faculty—as instructors, as career advisers and as mentors. We provide that here."

All HRTA students also have an on-campus work experience when they take the Old Main Class, a class that puts students in charge as the chief cooks, bottlewashers, servers and coordinators for the Friday lunches served in the Student Center's Old Main Room. These lunches are planned around themes that incorporate everything from the menu selection to the servers' attire to the room decoration.



**Students taking the Old Main Class serve one of their famous Friday luncheons; this one revolving around an Olympic theme. SIUC's HRTA program is one of only 30 (out of 214) accredited hospitality programs nationwide.**

The class is a highlight for students, but it also provides difficult lessons. "When you have a personnel problem in this class, it's with a classmate, maybe even a friend," says Welch. "There was even a case when one student decided to fire another student ... When they encounter problems in this class I help them

identify and articulate the problem. Then I say, 'Okay, now solve it.' Just like they'll have to do in real life."

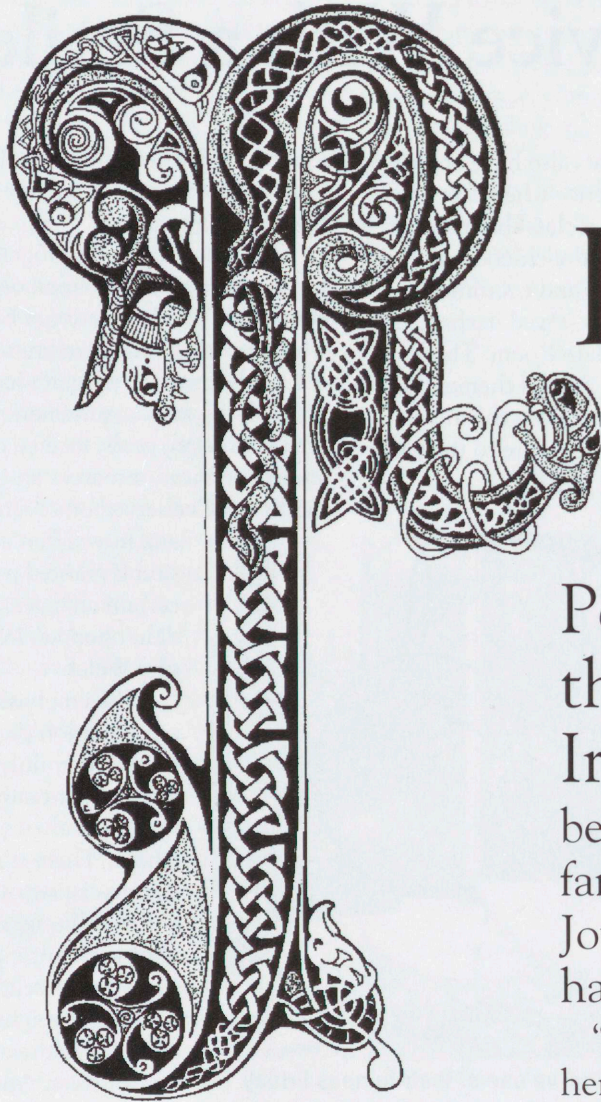
This year the HRTA program received top marks from the Council on Hotel Restaurant and Institutional Education, which granted full accreditation after acknowledging the program had met the council's rigorous requirements in the area of mission, goals, faculty, curriculum, student services, resources and evaluation methods. "I've served on several teams,

and most often accreditation is granted pending certain changes. That didn't happen in this case," says Welch.

She emphasizes that the accreditation process went so smoothly only because she and her team followed the lesson they so often teach: "There is no such thing as being over prepared ... We spent years of hard work anticipating what the accreditation committee might look for and then addressing that area or issue. And I participated on several site visit teams so I could observe what sometimes made the difference between receiving and not receiving accreditation."

Welch believes the SIUC accreditation planning team, which went through years of collaborating and compromising, ultimately provided an important model for students "I think we taught them that just because somebody succeeds doesn't mean someone has to fail. When one of us wins we all do."

# The Luck of the Irish Studies Program



Richard

Petersen likes to say that for many years Irish studies at SIUC benefitted from something famous Irish author James Joyce fervently believed in: happy coincidences.

“For many years, I think Irish studies here was just that—a happy coincidence of scholarly interest, library resources and administrative support,” says Petersen, a professor and former chair of the English department. With Charles Fanning’s decision to accept a cross-appointment as a professor of English and history, however, those coincidences coalesced into a program that, although still young, has already garnered impressive financial support and scholarly attention.

by Maureen Manier

**I**rish studies have long been part of the academic culture at Southern, with notable presence in such disciplines as sociology, history, music, theater and certainly English. That tradition dates to the late 1960s when then President Delyte Morris hired Thomas Kinsella, one of the best known and respected Irish poets of his generation, as an artist-in-residence and visiting professor. Kinsella brought one of the first American Conferences on Irish Studies to SIUC in 1970.

Petersen, who was here during Kinsella's tenure, says that for many years he and others engaged in activities that revolved around Irish studies. "We always had fun and kept the spirit alive," he explains. "But it took Charles Fanning to give Irish studies here direction and energy." John Jackson, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, supported Petersen in his desire to bring Fanning to SIUC: "We had a lot of the elements for an Irish Studies Program in place. But Charles Fanning has been the catalyst for realizing its potential."

Fanning explains that he was impressed by both the tradition and the potential he saw at SIUC. Courted by other major universities, Fanning finally chose SIUC because he could envision a program here that would not only be strong and attract students and scholars, but that would be unique in its own right because, in keeping with his own expertise, it would extend beyond Irish studies to the literature and history of Irish immigration.

One of Fanning's goals was to convince John Kelleher, a longtime professor at Harvard University who is generally regarded as the father of Irish studies in America, to donate his heavily annotated working library to SIUC. Seeing the

impact his collection would have here, discovering that it added to the library's impressive holdings but did not duplicate them, and knowing that it would benefit Fanning, his former student and close colleague, Kelleher gave his highly sought after collection to Morris Library.

Kelleher's contribution clinched Fanning's decision to come to SIUC and begin work on his next goal: to spring-board the Irish Studies Program from a place of tradition to one of permanence. To fast forward these efforts he knew he needed significant outside funding. Last

lecture, run workshops, and conduct scholarly research. Graduate students will also be supported in an exchange program between the two campuses. This connection to UCG and the incumbent sharing of research opportunities and resources is vital to the growth of SIUC's program. Although scholarly collaboration between the two universities occurred intermittently for many years, this formal three-year agreement both advances and solidifies that relationship.

The FIPSE grant will also support faculty members in various disciplines



**On his way to present the keynote address at the ACIS Conference is former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, center, with Charles Fanning, on the right, and Jeanne Hurley Simon, wife of Senator Paul Simon and a participant in the conference.**

year he received that funding in the form of a \$236,000 three-year grant from the Fund for Improving Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE).

Fanning credits the grant with giving him the means to accomplish in three years what might have otherwise taken three times as long. The grant makes strengthening SIUC's academic links with University College Galway (UCG) a high priority. During the next three years nine SIUC faculty members will travel to UCG and nine UCG faculty members will come to Carbondale to

with a series of summer seminars and workshops that will build a core of committed faculty able and willing to teach multidisciplinary Irish studies courses at the undergraduate and graduate level.

Another major FIPSE-funded project is the publication of an Irish studies home page that, among other features, now provides access to information on the Morris Library collections. In developing the web site, voluminous resources were sifted to identify the best links to information



on Irish music, genealogy, tourism, literature and history. These carefully selected resources are invaluable to so-called “web browsers,” who otherwise could spend countless hours looking for, and never finding, these links.

Fanning also sees this home page, the first of its kind for Irish studies, as bringing significant attention to the SIUC program as it becomes a repository for various databases, course syllabi and bibliographies that will be indispensable to students and scholars

Significant attention was also brought to Southern’s Irish Studies Program this April when the American Conference on Irish Studies (ACIS), for the second time in its history, held its national conference here. Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist William Kennedy and George Mitchell, former majority leader of the senate and chairman of the International Commission on Disarmament in Northern Ireland, were among the conference’s

speakers. Hundreds of scholars representing a wide range of disciplines and universities gathered in Carbondale for the three-day conference.

Fanning took full advantage of the ACIS conference to acquaint his colleagues with SIUC’s burgeoning program. Chancellor John Guyon and his wife hosted a reception at which the guests were entertained by the music of The Dorian, led by Brian Kelso Crowe, an SIUC professor who hosts the locally produced and syndicated National Public Radio program *Celtic Connections*. The conference sessions concluded with a theater department production of a play by Flann O’Brien.

A reception at Morris Library introduced participants to one of the best Irish collections in the country. In addition to the recently acquired Kelleher collection, Morris Library maintains an impressive collection of manuscripts, correspondence, photographs and other memora-

abilia that illuminate the work and lives of, among others, James Joyce, William Butler Yeats, Lady Augusta Gregory, Sean O’Casey, Liam O’Flaherty, Padraic Colum, Mary Lavin and John Montague. Special Collections also contains extensive holdings from the early Cuala Press and The Abbey Theatre as well as The Sherman Theatre Collection, a collection that has profound implications for students not only of Irish-American studies but of American theater. As David Koch, director of Morris Library Special Collections, says, “The depths of our Irish collection have just begun to be explored.”

Fanning believes the conference gave the library important exposure: “It is often the case with collections that you don’t know what you have until it is studied. Although these collections have been catalogued, that is just the beginning of identifying the importance of the material.”

With the leading scholars in Irish studies now having had first hand contact with the collection, Fanning anticipates an appreciable increase of interest in graduate Irish studies at SIUC. Attracting these students is vital to the program and the field of Irish studies itself. Fanning expects these students, working independently and with professors, will begin to scrutinize the troves of information, even mysteries, contained within the library’s collections.

Finally, Fanning made certain that conference participants left with an appropriately literary token of SIUC: a special issue of *Crab Orchard Review*, the new journal of creative works published twice a year by the Department of English. This special issue features fiction, poetry and essays that deal with the Irish and Irish-American experience and includes work from such prominent contemporary writers as James Farrell, Edward Delaney, Angela Bourke and Harry Clifton. In another “happy coincidence,” two poems written by Thomas Kinsella are also published in this issue.

As Fanning, guest editor for this issue, writes in his foreword: “The creative works presented here exemplify the literary vitality that continues to emerge



**A reception was held in Morris Library’s Special Collections during the conference to showcase the library’s impressive Irish studies holdings. Among those holdings is the Harley Croessmann Collection. Dr. Croessman was a Du Quoin ophthalmologist who had a lifelong interest in James Joyce and donated his numerous books, photographs and other memorabilia to SIUC.**



**Pulitzer-prize winning Irish-American author William Kennedy read from his new book *The Flaming Corsage* to ACIS participants and members of the SIUC community. His lecture was also a highlight of the University's Visiting Writers Series.**

from Irish experiences and perspectives on both sides of the Atlantic."

*Crab Orchard Review* Editor Richard Petersen says, "While the first issue of the review established its quality, this second issue establishes its identity and its commitment to publishing writers of national and international reputation."

With this issue, as with future issues, Managing Editor Jon Tribble believes writers will find themselves in good company: "We are not being complacent. We are going out there, asking for and getting work from some of the best writers around."

Fanning believes this issue of *Crab Orchard Review*, like Morris Library, serves as yet another SIUC lure to talented graduate students and faculty.

The resurgent interest in Irish studies, exhibited by the number of Irish Studies Programs that have been established in the last decade in universities around the world, makes Edward O'Day, an SIUC history professor currently teaching a course in immigration history, speculate that there may be truth to an old adage: "How does it go? The third generation tries to recover what the second generation tried to forget."

Fanning says it took much longer for Irish studies to flourish at the places (such as Boston College or the University of Notre Dame) where you might have expected it to find a welcome home, "I wonder if it was too close to their roots, too close to where they had been."

Although individuals of Irish ancestry are often interested in Irish studies,

Fanning hastens to point out that Ireland offers all scholars much more than a way to express or exorcise their sentimental attachment to the old country: "Ireland has a coherent culture that goes back thousands of years. It offers endless possibilities for students of anthropology, archaeology, history, music, religious studies and literature."

Ireland also provides an ideal multidisciplinary model for the study of post-colonial Europe. And with over 40 million people of Irish descent living in the United States, the study of Irish immigration history and literature offers extensive opportunities to explore both the American and Irish experience.

Fanning believes that, at a time when budgets are so closely watched, the Irish Studies Program does something significant. "What we are doing is being innovative with existing resources," he says.

Dean Jackson agrees with Fanning, "At the same time that we are cutting programs to save money, we have to find programs such as this which build on strengths and have the leadership of someone like Charles Fanning."

As the Irish Studies Program enters an era of growth, Richard Petersen glances back at the past with a combination of pride and humor: "I can remember a few

**"The creative works presented here exemplify the literary vitality that continues to emerge from Irish experiences and perspectives on both sides of the Atlantic."**

years ago walking across campus and seeing John Guyon (SIUC Chancellor) walking into Anthony Hall. He waved at me and called out, 'Let's have an Irish Studies Program.' Before that point I don't know if anyone had ever mentioned having an actual program."

It wasn't too long after that chance meeting that Petersen learned Charles Fanning was available and possibly interested in coming to SIUC. Needless to say, Petersen feels comfortable calling that the happiest coincidence of all.



# The Play's The Thing

by Maureen Manier

Plays have been the stuff of Christian Moe's dreams since he was a boy growing up in New York City regularly attending the theater with his mother. He writes them, directs them, acts in them, teaches them, and, most notably, he teaches students how to write them. During his 38 years as a professor of theater at SIUC he has transmitted that lifelong enthusiasm to students, colleagues, audiences and to his prized accomplishment—a nationally respected playwriting program.

The playwriting program is an auspicious achievement for a professor who had a very inauspicious introduction to SIUC. "I remember," says Moe, "that it was muddy, rainy, and the campus looked pretty desolate. There was certainly nothing in the surroundings that gave me much encouragement." But the gloominess of the campus only gave strength to the late Archibald McLeod's assertion to Moe that what they were currently doing in the theater department was nothing short of missionary work.

Inspired by department chair McLeod's fervor, attracted by the friendliness of the people and impressed by SIUC's reputation as one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, Moe arrived here in 1958, his recently earned doctorate from Cornell University in hand, ready to embark upon what he knew would at the very least be an adventure. As he prepares to retire at the end of the 1996 summer season, he says those early years were exciting, if exhausting: "In retrospect, I spent a lot of time running around in circles. I enjoyed myself, but I think I was a bit overextended."

Still, Moe made certain he found the time to begin the playwriting program he originally came to build. By 1968 the University was conferring a master of fine arts degree in playwriting. Today, SIUC is one of only two theater programs in the country that accepts creative work, such as completed full-length plays, to fulfill the doctoral dissertation requirement.

Moe's philosophy has shaped the program: "I don't agree with those who say that playwriting can't be taught. To be sure, I can't teach experience or talent;

yet I can furnish for the writer a creative atmosphere or environment for writing. And within that environment I can familiarize the student with basic methods of work and principles which a writer should learn before he can break them."

Joanne Koch Ph.D. '94 credits Moe for practicing this philosophy in the classroom: "The wonderful thing about Chris is that he knows how to teach writing without being discouraging about trying new things."

Jeffrey Elwell Ph.D. '85 similarly found the program to be liberating: "I wrote a total of nine plays during the time I was there. One semester I read 64 plays for one class alone ... I think it was because of all this reading that I felt comfortable experimenting as a writer."

Koch's introduction to SIUC's playwriting program came when she won the University's International Play Competition in 1986. Each year the competition, which just concluded its ninth year, issues a call for plays on an individual or topic. The winning playwright receives an honorarium and the opportunity to have his or her play premiered at SIUC.

Moe has directed many of the competition's winners and appropriately enough ended his academic directing career last fall by directing this year's winning play *Anglers* written by Dinah Leavitt.

In addition to producing the winning plays of the international competition, Moe has insisted that the department produce student scripts. Moe teaches students that only in seeing their plays produced can they truly learn about their craft. "A writer, seeing his work tested in performance, can best learn the strengths and weaknesses of his work and revise accordingly," he explains. "The writer learns not only from collaboration with fellow artists, but also, and most importantly, from the audience."

Having to meet production deadlines is also an important lesson Moe teaches his students. "It is almost as important as learning that plays are not written but rewritten," he says.

Sarah Blackstone, who succeeds Moe as department chair, says that Moe and the playwriting program he built "by the sweat of his brow" may be synonymous, but that long after his retirement the department will be steadfastly supporting this now distinctive part of its identity: "The playwriting program and students contribute immeasurably to this department ... We would cut off an arm before we would ever sacrifice this program."

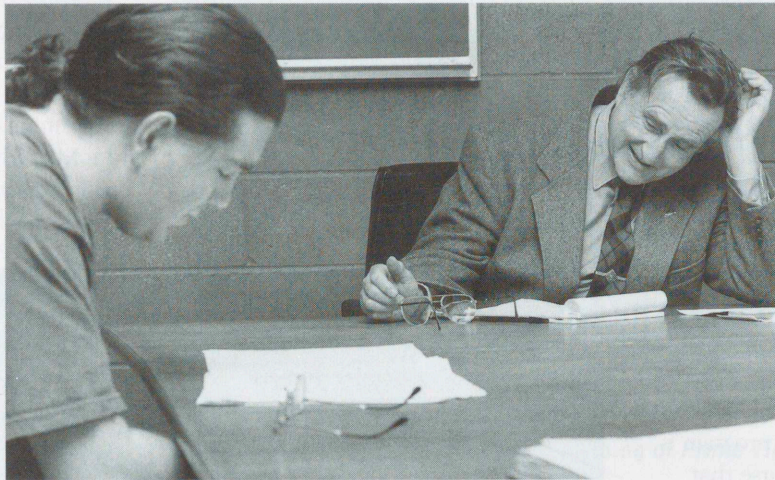
The playwriting program is perhaps the greatest—but only one—of the legacies Moe leaves behind. He has developed and promoted a youth theater program that each year brings a mainstage production to area schools. He wrote the only play written and produced during Illinois' sesquicentennial celebration; and he is the coauthor of a textbook on writing and producing historical drama.

Moe has also been instrumental in supporting and building the McLeod Summer Playhouse. Working in summer theater provided him with his first opportunity to direct a musical. The musical was *Hello Dolly!* and it also marked the

beginning of a long professional collaboration and friendship with Mike Hanes.

Hanes, well known as the director of the Marching Salukis and the Playhouse musical director, has worked with Moe during more than 25 summer theater seasons. Hanes speaks fondly of his friend, noting that it's been especially fun to watch students become acclimated to Moe: "He has a great sense of humor, but it's so dry that at first students don't know quite how to take him. Eventually you can see that they take great joy in being around him."

Hanes believes Moe's greatest contributions have been as a professor: "Chris has always seemed to me to be the inveterate professor. From the tweeds that he wears to his overall demeanor, he's someone you look at and think, 'That's a professor.' And he has always been a professor first, a writer and director second."



Hanes says he knows how much Moe means to the students he works with: "For these students, no matter when they graduated, all they will ever have to say to each other is, 'Remember Dr. Moe.'"

Moe certainly returns the feelings of admiration expressed by alumni. He has worked with many students who have gone on to successful writing and acting careers, including David Selby, Peter Michael Goetz and Judith Helton. Helton and Goetz returned to the theater department this June to perform the play *Love Letters* as a farewell tribute to Moe.

Future students, as Moe's students have for many years, will continue to do much of their work in the Communications Building's laboratory theater,

which will henceforth be known as the Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater.

It's a tribute that Moe finds flattering and one that Blackstone says is well-deserved: "Chris poured his life and soul into this department. His contributions extend beyond the department to this campus to the Carbondale community and to the Southern Illinois region. This is a better place to live because of Chris Moe."

Moe will direct one more play this summer and then officially begin his retirement. He plans to devote time to something that received all too little attention during his tenure at SIUC—his own playwriting: "With teaching, directing and raising a family, something had to give—you literally run out of hours in the day. I have written 12 plays that have been produced, so I think I have had some success. But I have a musical that I co-

wrote with a colleague in the music department that I think has potential."

Based on a Rudyard Kipling story, the musical revolves around a man, who in an effort to seek revenge, makes a laughing-stock out of a town by convincing them that the world is flat and urging them to form their own Flat Earth Society. The plot provides a perfect showcase for Moe's trademark wit.

The physical face of SIUC has changed significantly since Moe's first visit. In 1958, the theater department was housed in a Quonset hut, situated where Faner Hall now stands—a far cry from its current home in the Communications Building. Yet down to his last day, he has approached his work with the same missionary zeal that characterized those early years, determined to make solid programs stronger as well as to support fledgling ones. It is a zeal he still brings to each play he directs, to each student play he reads, to each theater production he attends. And it is a zeal that he now brings to this next stage in his life where clearly Christian Moe's revels are far from ended.

# The Entertainment Connection: From Carbondale to Nashville to Hollywood

by Greg Scott

Returning from a full day in Nashville, Angie Shaw begins to dream out loud about making a living as a professional singer. Since the eighth grade, she has sung with *Class Act*, a trio who has experienced every thing from the exhilaration of performing at an Oscar Gala in Los Angeles to the emotion of singing *God Bless America* at an SIUC men's basketball game during the Persian Gulf War.

"The basketball game was one of the most moving performances I can remember," Shaw says.

While these moments are enough to inspire any aspiring singer, they have also made Shaw savvy about the music business. A junior from Elverado majoring in public relations, Shaw knows her dream is a long shot.

"I want to have a degree to fall back on," she says. "It would be great if music took me somewhere. But music is a tough business."

Like Shaw, many students are becoming more familiar with that tough business through the Music Business Program, which has been offered at Southern since 1979. The cornerstone of the program is Commercial Music 174, a course that introduces students to the music industry.

In this course, also known as the Nashville Connection, students make the six-hour round trip to Nashville six times during a semester. They listen to lectures from professionals on everything from management to cash flow to contracts to recording to publishing. They take tours of recording studios, publishing houses, performance rights societies, and video and television studios.

Whether they are interested in becoming professional singers, recording engineers, publicists or talent agents, students receive a hint of what it will take to be successful.

Phillip Brown, an assistant professor of music who coordinates the program from the Carbondale side, says that in addition to attending the Nashville classes students complete projects that range from writing jingles to recording and performing songs to marketing entertainers to presenting a promotions plan. Students present their projects before a four-person committee. Although some students may become discouraged at the critical feedback they receive, Brown says the panel is doing them a favor.

"It's a very cut throat market out there and it becomes the survival of the fittest," he says. "It's not like we can promise these kids a job when they get out. But if they work hard and have initiative, they can come through our program and have an edge."

The College of Mass Communication and Media Arts is trying to further

sharpen this edge for students by offering an entertainment arts concentration through the radio-television department. In cooperation with the School of Music, the Nashville Connection course will still be offered twice a year. In the fall the video and other technical aspects of music will be emphasized; the spring section of the course will focus more on songwriting and composing.

Brown says that offering the course two semesters will allow students without a music background a chance to explore other opportunities in the entertainment industry. "We have broadened the concept to include all forms of entertainment," he says. "Obviously, there are jobs for people who don't have music training."

Mike Starr, chair of the radio-television department, says another feature of the entertainment arts concentration is



The Grand Ole Opry was one of the stops during this March class.

the Hollywood Studies Program which gives students an opportunity to do hands-on summer internships with production houses, television shows and radio and television networks. "Only three or four programs in the country do this," he says. "Our strong alumni network in California allows us to do it."

Another reason SIUC can offer the entertainment arts concentration is Henry Romersa, the Nashville-based instructor who founded the music business program and will coordinate the new entertainment arts concentration. Romersa says he looks forward to working with Starr and Joe Foote, dean of the College of Mass Communications and Media Arts, in developing the new program.

"With this program in place students can go into music, business, or mass communications," Romersa says. "I think in three or four years Southern Illinois University will be really proud of what they have here."

A key to the program's success is Romersa's ability to call on friends, former students and colleagues to share their experiences with students. "Nashville has a very soft spot in their hearts for students," he observes. "It is fortunate for the students and the program."

Some students take the course twice to reaffirm their career choice or to maintain contacts they have made. Romersa says their networking often leads to internship or job opportunities.

"The music business is a close-door industry," Romersa says. "The only way you're going to make it in this business is by knowing someone. It isn't like getting a degree in engineering and climbing up the corporate ladder."

Guided by Romersa, the class, which ordinarily participates in a succession of intense lectures, demonstrations and tours, received an added treat on a recent March visit.

The activities kicked off at the home of Earl Spielman, a copyright infringement expert with 20 years of experience who holds a Ph.D. in musicology.

The group then journeyed to Opryland where Bill Turner, a 1957 SIUC alumnus, escorted them onto the Grand Ole Opry stage. Turner, a senior producer at Opryland, shared the Opry's history and reflected on the growth of country music.

90-minute taping of the program. Joe Bonzall of the Oak Ridge Boys is the guest host, with featured appearances by Aaron Tippin, Toby Keith and David Frazell. Much to the delight of the students, Bonzall acknowledges their presence during the program. He also



Students were invited to attend a taping of *Prime Time Country* and to speak to the show's creative team.

"Country music is becoming like pop and rock," he says. "In the past a singer could live their whole life on one album. But now, once you finish one album, you need to be thinking of another."

A long day in Nashville ended on an inspirational note. As Turner leads the class into the Nashville Network television studios, they catch a sneak peak of Randy Travis, who is concluding an interview on *Ralph Emory: On the Record*. The students then venture onto the set of *Prime Time Country*, where they watch a live

mentions that the publicist for the Oak Ridge Boys graduated from Southern 20 years ago.

Somehow the trip back to Carbondale doesn't seem quite as long after such an exciting day. Tajuan White, a sophomore from Phoenix, says: "This class gives everyone a chance to get out and see what it's about."

As Angie Shaw follows in the footsteps of these stars, she realizes it will take more than talent for her to succeed. But she also knows that this Nashville connection has brought her a little bit closer to realizing her dreams.

# Students Experience Life-Changing Externships

by Greg Scott

**K**im Blum had been dreaming about this moment since the fourth grade. As she looked out the window from the *USA Today* office and saw the Washington Monument, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and the Capitol Building, Blum knew she had arrived; this was the “big time.”

A journalism major, Blum spent her spring break researching and reporting articles for *USA Weekend* magazine in Arlington, Va. *USA Weekend* reaches 40 million readers as a Sunday supplement in 492 newspapers nationwide.

“It was just so rewarding to know this is what you’re working for,” Blum says. “I was so excited that I couldn’t even sleep. Now I know I’m working to regain that feeling.”

Blum was one of a record number of students who participated in the 1996 Extern Program; 201 students took part this year, a sizeable increase over last year’s number of 156. Administered by the SIU Alumni Association and the Student Alumni Council, the program matches juniors and seniors with SIUC alumni and friends in their professional settings. This year the program’s efforts

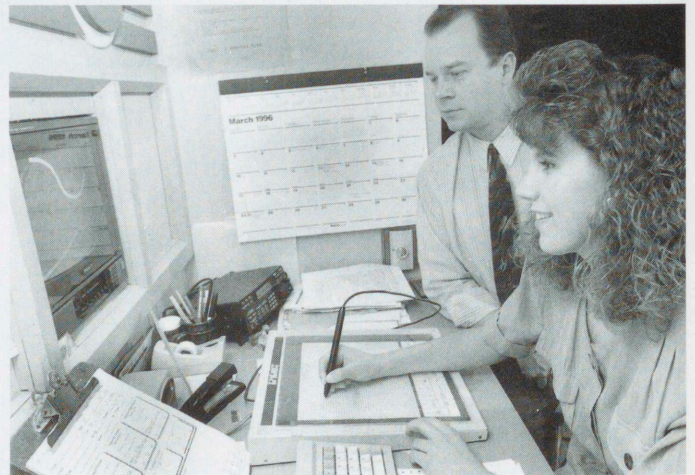
were recognized nationally when it garnered a silver medal in a prestigious competition conducted by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

During her externship at *USA Weekend*, Blum worked closely with editor Marcia Bullard, a 1974 SIUC graduate. Blum, who attended weekly and daily editorial meetings, prepared research reports to be used for future interviews; reported celebrity items about Alanis Morissette, Madonna and Seal for the *Who’s News* page; and compiled a list of sources and statistics about food trends that will be used in planning *USA Weekend’s* annual special food issue.

Erin Chadbourne, who is majoring in plant and soil science, stayed a little closer to home to learn more about

meteorology. She spent the week working with weatherman Jim Rasor at WSIL-TV, the local ABC affiliate.

Agricultural meteorology, sometimes referred to as biometeorology, focuses on



**Jim Rasor and Erin Chadbourne prepare for the evening newscast.**

how the weather affects crop conditions, causing diseases, fungal growth and viruses in crops. Chadbourne says the environment plays an important role in agronomy.

“As an agronomist you need to know weather concepts,” she says. “Weather is a very serious business when it comes to agriculture because it dictates the market.”

she became extremely attached to the wolves she tended.

“They are just gorgeous animals and I love them to death,” Neal says. “I would have taken one home with me.”

feeding and watering the wolves, cleaning up their areas and conducting tours. She also assisted with a capture and performed a sonogram.

Although Blum, Chadbourne and Neal have diverse interests, they well represent a growing number of students who bypass tanning on a Florida beach for gaining professional experience in their chosen fields. Jo Lynn Whiston, assistant director for student and college relations, says the program has prospered since its inception in 1984. During this time 20 percent of the students who have participated in the program have received job or internship opportunities. This year that figure reached 30 percent.

Whether an extern dreams about writing for a major publication, forecasting the weather or reintroduc-

ing wolves into the wild, for one week each year the SIU Alumni Association gives students the chance to experience their own version of the “big time.”

***Solicitation of sponsors and distribution of applications for the Extern Program begin in the fall. Interviews are conducted in January, and both sponsors and externs are required to formulate goals and objectives.***

***If you are interested in sponsoring a student, please refer to the postcard in the back of this issue of Alumnus or call Jo Lynn Whiston at (618) 453-2408.***



**Kim Blum, center, joins in a critique session with *USA Weekend* editor and SIUC alumna Marcia Bullard and Jim Sexton, associate editor.**

Chadbourne intends to stay with her plant and soil science major. But she has taken a course in geographical informational systems and global positioning and says meteorology could be an option for her in the future.

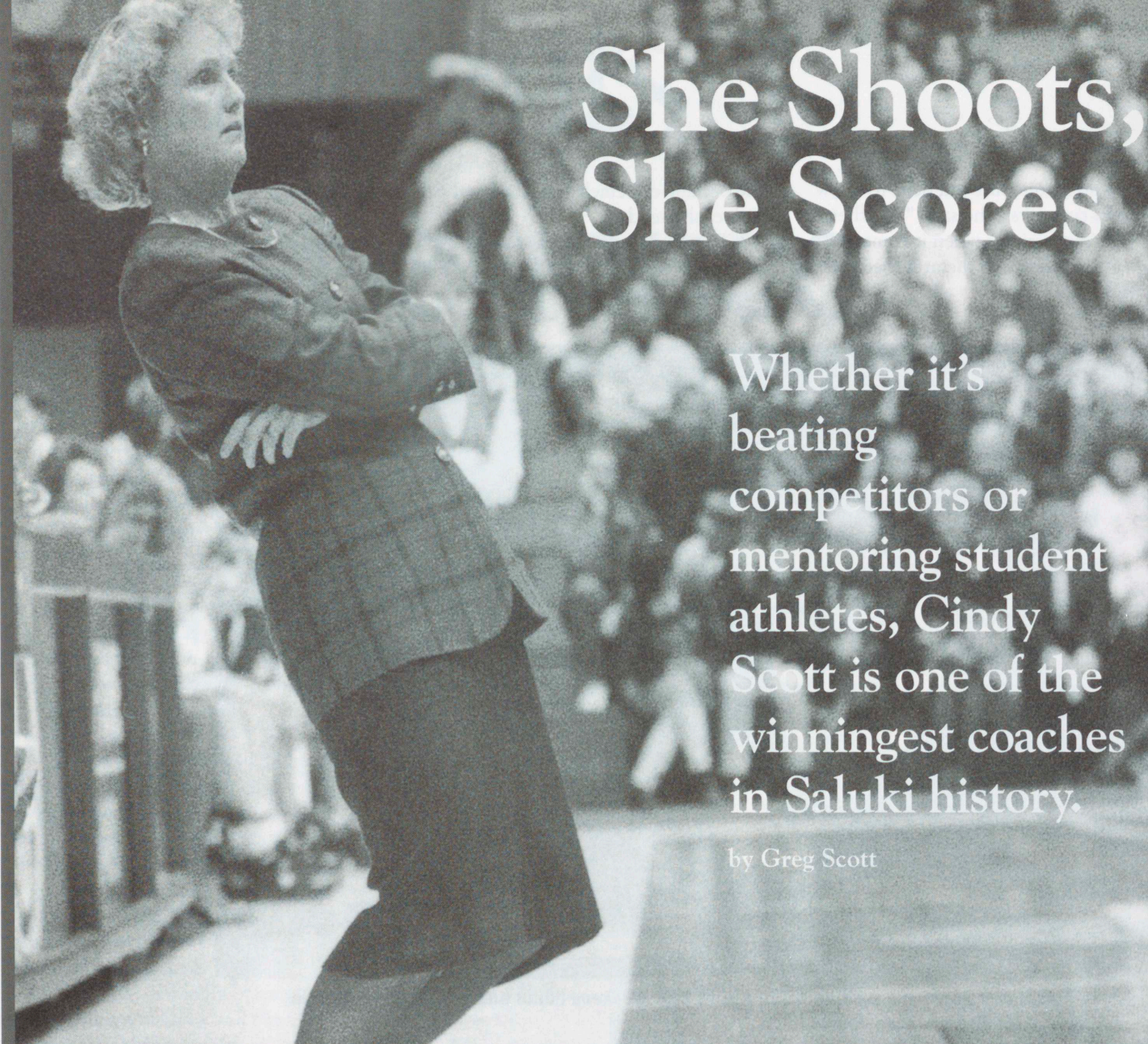
“The externship broadened my perspective,” she says. “It gave me the opportunity to learn something new and maybe bring something back to the College of Agriculture.”

Shawnee Neal, a zoology major, almost brought something back from her externship. After spending her spring break at the Wild Canid Survival and Research Center, popularly known as the Wolf Sanctuary, in Eureka, Mo., Neal says

Since the Wolf Sanctuary wants the wolves to have a natural fear of humans, Neal says contact with the animals is actually minimal. “You don’t want the wolves to become too familiar with people,” she says. “One of these wolves may be approached by a person who might hold a gun to its head.”

The Wolf Sanctuary is a holding facility for wolves that will eventually be reintroduced into the wild. A private, nonprofit conservation organization, the Wolf Sanctuary is dedicated to the preservation of the wolf.

Neal worked with Dr. Sue Lindsey, an SIUC alumna who is executive director of the facility. Neal assisted the keepers in



# She Shoots, She Scores

Whether it's beating competitors or mentoring student athletes, Cindy Scott is one of the winningest coaches in Saluki history.

by Greg Scott

**A**lthough coaches spend countless hours preparing for games and scouting the competition and are often evaluated by their won-loss record, Saluki women's basketball coach Cindy Scott says this kind of work accounts for only 10 percent of her job.

As a matter of fact, if coaching just included diagramming plays, scouting opponents, and making adjustments on game day, Scott says she would have left the profession years ago.

"Coaching is about trying to provide opportunities for kids to be successful in life," says Scott, who just completed her nineteenth year coaching the Salukis. "I hope to make a positive difference in the lives touched by this program. Sometimes kids come back years later and tell you that they understand what you were doing." For Scott, that's what coaching is all about.

One of those former players has joined Scott in the coaching fraternity. Bridgett Bonds, an assistant coach at University of Wisconsin-Madison who starred for the

Saluki women from 1984 to 1988, says compassion is one of Scott's best qualities.

"I remember her being very caring and supportive of us on and off the court," Bonds says. "She loves doing things for the kids, because they come first in her mind."

"My players come to school thinking they're leaving their parents but they find out they have a mother here," Scott says. "My greatest job as a coach is taking care of my kids. I wouldn't coach if I didn't believe that."



Mitch Parkinson, the women's sports information director who has worked closely with Scott during her career at Southern, says he has observed this quality.

"Cindy worries about the kids not just as basketball players winning ball games, but as students and individuals," he says. "It's like she takes them by the hand and ushers them through college."

Maybe this is one of the reasons why during her first 16 years as a head coach all but two of her four-year players left Carbondale with their college degrees. She also continues to encourage former players who haven't completed their degree requirements.

"Anyone who comes into this program and stays in it four years—or if they need a fifth year—is going to graduate," she says. "If my players don't graduate, they fail themselves, their family and me. And I, in turn, feel I have failed them."

The Saluki women's basketball program hasn't failed too often under Scott's leadership. Since 1977 Scott has compiled a 364-183 record. Her teams have had 15 consecutive winning seasons and eight 20-win campaigns. Since 1986 the Salukis have won three conference championships, with NCAA appearances in 1986, 1987, 1990 and 1992.

SIUC gained national recognition with its performances in 1986 and 1987. Both squads were unbeaten in conference play and earned AP and USA Today rankings for the first time in school history. The 1986 squad won 23 games straight before losing to Auburn in the NCAA Tournament. In 1987 the Dawgs knocked off four nationally-ranked opponents en route to the NCAA Midwest Regional.

Perhaps the program's greatest success came when SIUC garnered its 500th all-time victory with a win at Creighton. The Salukis are one of only 15 women's basketball programs nationally to have won 500 games, joining the ranks of powerhouses like Tennessee, Louisiana Tech, Texas and Old Dominion.

"It is really a credit to the commitment this University has had to women's

basketball for a long time," Scott says. "The longevity of the program and the consistency of success throughout those years is outstanding. It is certainly something we use in recruiting."

And it is something that led to Scott being inducted into the Saluki Sports Hall of Fame in 1994. She says the honor is probably the nicest thing that has ever happened to her. "It means the University is saying thanks for what you have done," she says.

Scott's commitment to SIUC, although extraordinary, has been tested. Big-name programs such as Kentucky,

**"I love Southern Illinois University and the potential we have here. It's hard for me to even think about coaching anywhere else."**

Purdue, Florida State and, most recently, Kansas State, have been interested in Scott. But Scott says she doesn't have the desire to coach anywhere else.

"I love Southern Illinois University and the potential we have here. It's hard for me to even think about coaching anywhere else," she says.

Despite her 15 consecutive winning seasons, conference championships and NCAA Tournament appearances, Scott wants more. She wants to take the Salukis to the next level by being a perennial NCAA top 25 contender. It's not unusual to see highly-touted opponents such as Tennessee, Tennessee Tech or Vanderbilt on SIUC's schedule.

"We're not going to attract the top 10 Parade All-American recruits here," Scott says. "But we take great pride in

taking kids who are less recruited and going back and beating the Parade All-Americans."

Scott's intensity and competitive nature rubs off on Saluki players.

Karrie Redeker, who played for Scott from 1988 to 1992, says the coach's demeanor plays a role in the team's success. "She instilled confidence in us every time we got on the court," Redeker says. "We had a chance to win every game if we followed her game plan."

But Scott is motivated by more than just winning conference championships and reaching the top 25 poll. Scott's

primary goal is to have her program become better appreciated and respected in the Southern Illinois region. Despite a winning tradition, fan support has been hard to come by for SIUC. The Saluki women averaged only 578 fans at home contests this season.

While Scott says the program has a solid core group of faithful fans, building a following has been a struggle. She dreams of someday averaging 2500 fans at home games.

"I'm not sure people understand how well respected our program is across this country," she says. "It's frustrating and it hurts, but we just have to keep working at it."

Despite her own attendance woes, Scott says interest in women's basketball is growing nationally as television coverage gives the sport more exposure.

"The sport is just booming," she says. "There are many more games being televised and fan support and acceptance continue to soar. We just have to try and get those figures to soar a little here."

Scott has played a role in this growth through her involvement in national professional organizations. She is a past president of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and a current member of the USA Basketball Staff Selection Committee.

Cindy Scott's commitment to student athletes and to the future of women's basketball has proven to be a winning combination for Southern and for every player she has coached.

# SPORTS QUARTER

## Saluki Women

by Mitch Parkinson,  
Women's Sports Information Director

### High on Hoops...

For SIUC women's basketball, the beat goes on. The Salukis just put the finishing touches on a 15th consecutive winning season.

The 1995-96 campaign provided a number of historical highs for coach Cindy Scott and her cagers.

For starters, SIUC became one of only 15 NCAA Division I schools in the history of the sport to reach the 500-win plateau, joining such national powers as Tennessee, Louisiana Tech, Ohio State and others.

The magical moment came when the Salukis prevailed 78-68 at Creighton.

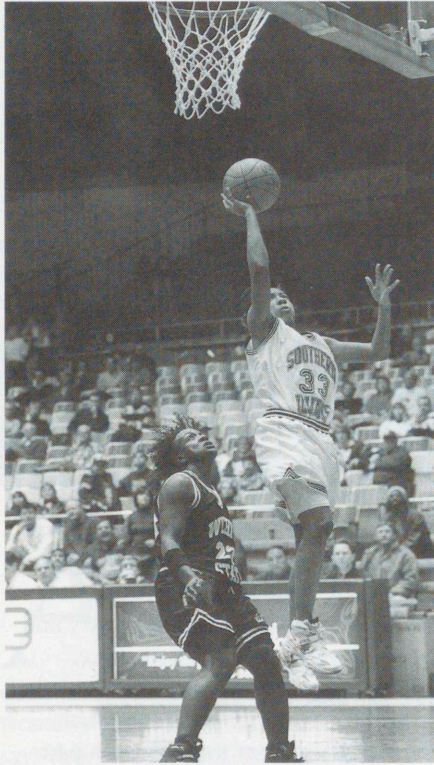
Add in this year's 18-10 record and SIUC now struts out front with a 507-253 mark on the hardwood the past 37 years. That translates into a .667 win percentage.

Scott, who began the season as the 34th winningest active women's coach, lassoed her 350th career win when Drake fell 78-68 in Carbondale.

Junior point guard Kasia McClendon (Gary, Ind.), now SIUC's career steals leader with 235, repeated as the Missouri Valley Conference's Defensive Player of the Year, besides being named All-Conference and to the MVC All-Tourney Team.

**Junior point guard Kasia McClendon was named the 1995 and 1996 MVC Defensive Player of the Year.**

Senior guard Nikki Gilmore (St. Louis, Mo.) became the first SIUC player ever selected All-Conference three times and the Salukis' 14th 1000-point scorer.



### On the Oval...

In indoor track and field, the Saluki Women finished second in the 1996 MVC Championship.

SIUC had five first place showings. Senior Katrina Daniels (Park City, Ill.) was involved in two of those. She won the 400-meter dash with an MVC meet record of 55.91, and was on the winning 4 x 400 relay.

Stephanie Smith (Villa Grove, Ill.) set a league mark (5-8 1/2) to win high jump. Donna Wechet (Palatine, Ill.) was tops in 55-hurdles with an MVC season-best time (8.14). Senior Stefany Saracco was victorious in shot put.

All told, SIUC had 11 athletes grab All-Conference accolades. Daniels and sophomore Mindy Bruck (Westerville, Ohio) were each honored in two events.

### Academic Excellence...

In the classroom last fall, 121 SIUC female athletes combined for a sparkling 2.93 grade point average.

Members of the Saluki women's tennis team garnered a program-high 3.14 GPA, finishing just ahead of the SIUC women's golfers (3.11).

Three of coach Judy Auld's netters, who made the dean's list were: Sanem Berksoy (3.79), Liz Gardner (3.57) and

Helen Johnson (3.81). On the courts, that trio forged a remarkable 44-14 record in singles, winning nearly 76 percent of their matches.

Coach Diane Daugherty's golfers were led by junior Molly Hudgins (3.75) and freshman Jami Zimmerman (3.94), who made the dean's list. Hudgins was just tough on the links, posting a team-best 79.8 stroke average for 12 rounds, which included a career-best 74 at the Lady Kat Invite in Lexington, Ky.

# Saluki Men

by Greg Scott and Fred Huff,  
Men's Sports Information Director

## Basketball Team Reloads...

A 4-14 mark in league play kept Coach Rich Herrin's squad out of the Missouri Valley Conference postseason tournament. The play of Troy Hudson was, however, a bright spot. The sophomore guard led the Valley in scoring with an average of 22.4 points per game. Hudson and point guard Shane Hawkins each have two years of eligibility remaining and should be cornerstones in Herrin's rebuilding effort.

Herrin is looking forward to the development of youngsters like Monte Jenkins, James Watts, and James Jackson. He is using the junior college ranks to address the deficiencies on his club—primarily rebounding.

Immediate help could come from Rashad Tucker, a 6-7 all-around talent from Southeast Community College in West Burlington, Iowa. Tucker, a former teammate of Hudson's at Carbondale High School, is capable of playing all five positions. He chose SIUC over Cincinnati, St. Louis, Iowa, and Texas Christian. Shawn Lattimer, who began his career at Southwest Missouri State, could also give the Dawgs a lift. The 6-7 forward averaged 15 points in five games against SIUC.

## Seven Football Home Games...

Shawn Watson's second recruiting class contributed to a four-game turnaround in SIUC's record a year ago. He has a good shot at continuing this trend as the Dawgs are scheduled to play seven of their 11 games at home this season.

Watson, who aspires to build a winning tradition at McAndrew Stadium, hopes the home-field advantage will assist in raising SIUC's win total to eight.

Another reason Watson has high hopes is the influx of talent. Special emphasis was placed on the offensive line and at quarterback. Seven players were added on the offensive line, including Jeff Davis (6-4, 280), Jason Krivis (6-4, 285), and Damon Parks (6-8, 225), all junior college transfers.

Two quarterbacks were also signed. Marcus Capone of Long Beach, N.Y. (Nassau J.C.) appears to be the frontrunner. But competition will come from Steve Luce of Arcadia, Calif. (Mt. San Antonio J.C.), who was rated among the top quarterbacks in southern California. Watson also has high hopes for wide receiver Cornell Craig, who earned all-district honors at

Louisville Central High School.

The Salukis have also added two defensive players from the St. Louis area. Linebacker Luther Claxton (6-1, 215) was one of the most highly recruited performers in the area. Dante Stovall, an all-state defensive end, will

challenge for playing time.

During SIUC's game against Winston-Salem State on Sept. 21, all former football lettermen will be honored at halftime. For more information, former players can contact Jim Hart, SIU's Athletic Director, or Football Coach Shawn Watson.



## Indoor Track and Field...

In indoor track and field, the SIUC men's team finished sixth in the 1996 MVC Championship meet.

Senior Cameron Wright (shown above) won the individual title in high jump with a leap of 7-1 3/4. The four-time all-American also received SIUC's Athlete of the Year and Senior Leader honors. He concluded his career at Southern this spring and at press time was gearing up for the Olympic Trials.

# ASSOCIATION NEWS

## Chapter Development in Full Swing

Memories and friendships are primarily what motivate alumni to become involved in SIU Alumni Association programs and chapters. Whether it is to rekindle friendships, to share memories or just to give back to their alma mater, alumni volunteers are crucial to the University and the Alumni Association. Active alumni are the guardians of tradition as well as the advocates who are vital to future recruitment and development efforts.

In November 1995, recognizing the need to broaden alumni participation, the SIU Alumni Association committed itself to revitalizing alumni chapters.

"Volunteer effort is going to be the key to the Association's continued success," says Brad Cole, assistant director for chapter development and corporate relations. "We're not asking for anything more than time; we're not even asking for a great deal of time. Most alumni volunteers spend an average of between eight to ten hours of their time annually. What we're really asking people to do is be

committed to SIU and the SIU Alumni Association. And they can do that by coming together with fellow alumni."

A sense of commitment is exactly what alumni volunteers Jeri Mullins Beggs '86, MBA '93 and her husband Brent '91 M.E.d. '95 feel toward SIU. "I have realized how important it is to be a volunteer," says Jeri, who lives in the St. Louis area with her husband.

Mike Munge '71, a volunteer from Peoria, explains that he has made friends from a lot of places through alumni programs and meetings; people he otherwise would not have met.

Cole explains the goals for future programs, "We are looking at doubling the number of our off-campus programs and diversifying that programming. We will be running the gamut of programs."

Future programming being considered includes student

recruitment picnics, business card exchanges, resume writing sessions, interview training sessions, after-work mixers, notable speaker presentations, luncheons and pregame socials.

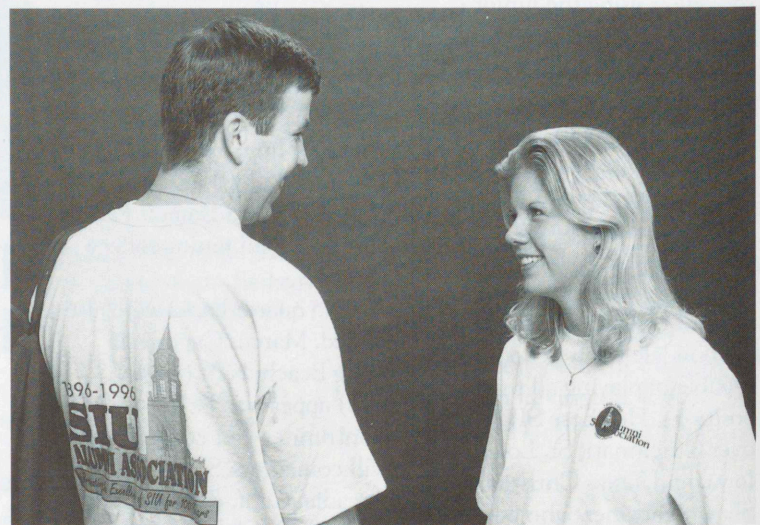
"By June of 1997, we hope to have 16 alumni chapters throughout the country," says Cole.

Currently, new chapters are being established in St. Louis, Southeastern Illinois, Peoria, Memphis, San Francisco and Indianapolis. These areas have already experienced a marked increase in alumni activity. "We are

seeing camaraderie develop among our alumni volunteers," says Cole. "They are joining together for a common cause, enjoying one another's company, supporting SIU in their communities and demonstrating to the world that our alumni are strong and dedicated."

*by Todd Hillman*

**For more information about alumni chapters and off-campus programs, please contact Brad Cole at the SIU Alumni Association at (618) 453-2408.**



**Celebrate the SIU Alumni Association and support the Student Alumni Council by purchasing a special centennial t-shirt. The shirt, which features the centennial logo on the front and Pulliam Tower on the back, may be purchased for \$12 plus shipping and handling by calling the SIU Alumni Association at (618)453-2408.**

# Alumni Baseball Outings

One of the most heated rivalries in baseball will provide the setting for back-to-back events this summer.

With Chicago Cubs fans celebrating the return of Ryne Sandberg and St. Louis Cardinals followers revelling in their team's new influx of talent, the battles between these two teams promise to be as fierce as ever.

The SIU Alumni Association will host its annual Wrigley Field Day July 13 in Chicago. The activities will begin with a pregame reception at the Cubby Bear Lounge. George Loukas '73, owner of the Cubby Bear, will again host this popular event.

Tickets are limited and priced at \$17.50 for members, \$19.50 for nonmembers. The Cubby Bear will provide a picnic-style buffet for \$8 per person. Buffet tickets should be ordered with game tickets. Alumni can order a maximum of four tickets by calling Remy Billups in SIUC's Oak Brook office at (708) 574-7774, extension 4.

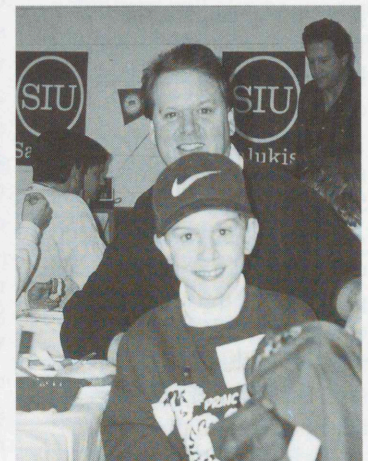
One week later, the Cardinals and Cubs will meet again as the Association sponsors its Busch Stadium alumni outing on Saturday, July 20, in St. Louis. Alumni and friends will gather for a reception in Busch Stadium's Hall of Fame Club prior to the 7 p.m. For more information, call Brad Cole in the SIU Alumni Association office at (618) 453-2408.



The Salukis were among the teams competing in this year's Irish Baseball Classic held in San Antonio, Texas. Nearly 60 alumni and friends gathered to cheer on the team as they played against the University of Notre Dame.



Tom Keyser '70, a former Saluki baseball player, speaks with Saluki baseball coach Dan Callahan. Keyser, a San Antonio resident and practicing attorney, was instrumental in organizing the successful San Antonio event.



Dennis Johnson '73 and his son Kylan join in the fun at a reception held in Bloomington/Normal prior to the SIU vs. Illinois State University men's basketball game. The Salukis beat the Redbirds.

# Senior Leaders Pave the Way

**G**raduating seniors Kimberly Clemens and Chad Gordon both received significant honors during their senior year. But what both students want most of all is to leave a legacy that will positively affect students who follow in their footsteps.

Gordon and Clemens were two of the 25 most distinguished seniors recognized by the Student Alumni Council. The recipients were honored at a banquet sponsored by Chancellor and Mrs. Guyon. Many award winners' parents also attended the event.

The 25 Most Distinguished Seniors are chosen because they are actively involved in all facets of campus life, including academics, athletics, housing and registered student organizations.

Clemens, a social work major, was Undergraduate Student Body President. As the official voice of the undergraduate population, she participated in campus and community activities. In addition to helping others, she says the position has helped her develop as a person.

"I think [being a distinguished senior] means giving of yourself unconditionally toward the common good of students and people in the community," Clemens says. "You need to do these things without really expecting something in return."

Clemens is most proud of her work on the campaign that has kept the Amtrack route from Carbondale to Chicago operational. She was

also instrumental in bringing President Bill Clinton to campus last fall and implemented a local area network for student organizations in the Student Center.

"I have met the most wonderful people in student activities," she says. "SIUC provides a comfortable setting. It just feels like home here."

While she has received several accolades, Clemens says being an advocate for fellow students was most important. "I want to be remembered as a fair and considerate person," she says. "Someone who actually cared about what the students thought and then actually took action on it. I did this for the students."

Gordon, a radio-television major, has made an impact at SIUC as a senior producer at WSIU-TV and sports director at WSIU radio. When you also factor in the news reporting he does in at WPSD-TV in Marion, Gordon's 3.0 grade point average is even more remarkable. But Gordon considers himself more than "just a student."

"I am already out in the professional world," he says. "With everything I do on campus, I'm really in more of a mentoring role helping other students."

Gordon is also known for

developing the top two locally-generated programs on WSIU-TV, which have increased the exposure of Saluki athletics. Gordon coordinated the broadcasts of four Saluki basketball road games this season, assembling

creating programs that few schools have."

Although he has held as many as three jobs during a semester, Gordon finds time to be a College of Mass Communication and Media Arts Ambassador. He communicates



**Kimberly Clemens at the Super Student Banquet with Chancellor Guyon, on the left, and Martin Tracy, director of the School of Social Work.**

students to assist in the production.

The weekly coverage of Saluki sports has also expanded. Gordon created "SIU Sports Weekly," a 30-minute weekly program he anchors and produces that gives an overview of all Saluki sports. A national award winner for his radio and television broadcasting, Gordon takes pride in being a catalyst in his college.

"It has been a pleasure to be a part of improved learning opportunities on campus," he says. "We have made the radio-television department more attractive to incoming students by

with prospective students by visiting high schools and providing tours of campus.

"It's really a good idea with the enrollment declining," he says. "We need to go where the best students are. The better the graduates are after I leave, the more valuable my degree is going to be."

Gordon, who was also honored as radio-television's Outstanding Graduate, says being recognized as a distinguished senior is something he will always cherish. "The University has made me feel proud."

by Greg Scott

## Mission Possible: Chicago Chapter Development

**I**t's five o'clock on a Friday. You've just ended a hectic week of projects, deadlines, meetings and proposals. You're stuck in traffic and you're trying to decide whether to attend an SIU alumni program located on the other side of the city. You'd like to participate, but your free time is limited, and, of course, travelling anywhere in Chicago is a hassle.

This scenario rings true with

most Chicago alumni won't travel over 30 to 40 minutes to attend a chapter meeting or social function. Billups plans to address this problem by eventually establishing four conveniently located Chicago area chapters.

With nearly 26,000 SIU alumni and roughly one third of the current SIU student population calling Chicago home, Billups says:

holding an officer position in a club/chapter to sponsoring an extern student for a week during spring break. For the busy alumnus who wants to get involved but can't attend club meetings or events, sponsoring an extern gives people another way to get involved and strengthen ties with SIU, according to Billups.

Opportunity is exactly what Kelly Kasak Collins, and her husband, Art, were looking for

when they became involved with the newly formed Chicago club. "We felt very strongly about continuing our affiliation with the University," says Kelly. "We wanted to give something back. We wanted to promote career

networking, friend networking and an atmosphere that promotes and supports SIU."

In spring 1996, the Collins became involved in forming a core group which later became a club in which they presently both hold officer positions. Kelly explains that they have

found a "large core group of alumni who are fond and proud of their affiliation with the University. We enjoy the fun, friendship, and fellowship."

Kelly gives this advice to alumni who might want to become involved: "Give as much time as you want to give or as little time as you have to give. Whatever you have to give, alumni clubs are here for you."

In the upcoming months Chicago alumni can participate in the annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field (July 13) and the Chicagoland Golf Scramble (Wheaton-July 26). Alumni volunteers will also be sponsoring or cosponsoring numerous business card exchanges, alumni-student recruitment events, socials and programs.

"If these clubs and programs are going to be successful, we need to be constantly getting new people involved," says Billups. "An alumni organization cannot function without people, and it can't be the same people year after year."

From increasing clubs to boosting alumni numbers at events, Chicago alumni have begun to work together to accomplish their common goal of celebrating their connection to each other and to SIU.

by Todd Hillman

**For more information on opportunities for Chicago alumni, call Remy Billups at (708)574-7774, extension 4. Billups' office is located in Oak Brook.**



**Meeting to discuss the future of their new club are alumni volunteers, standing, from left to right, Chris Durkin, Jackie Timmons, Dan Herbst and Tom Lense; seated, from left to right, Steve Olson, Geanette Olson, Kelly Kasak-Collins and Art Collins.**

many Chicago alumni who want to get involved, but who say that time and distance are obstacles to their involvement. Remy Billups, assistant director for Chicago chapter development and corporate relations, says, that according to surveys sent out last year,

"My intention is to give alumni so many ways to get involved in the alumni association and in the University that they no longer have any excuse not to join."

Current Chicago alumni opportunities range from

# CLASS NOTES

## 1940s

**Florence Crim Robinson '49, Ph.D.'63**, represented SIUC President Ted Sanders and Chancellor John C. Guyon at the inauguration of Walter E. Massey as the ninth president of Morehouse College.

## 1950s

After 25 years on the faculty of the University of Texas at Austin and 15 years working in Texas mental institutions, psychology graduate **Charles C. Cleland '50, MA '51**, has retired to work on books number 13 and 14. His wife of 46 years, **Betty Lou Johns '46-'47**, died in November 1993.

Carbondale native **James H. DeLap BA'52** is retiring from Stetson University, where he has been since 1962. He received an award for teaching excellence in 1982. He has held Fulbright lectureships in Nepal and Liberia and has taught with the University of Maryland overseas program in Malaysia and Turkey.

Girard, Ill., is home to **Juanita Peradotto Rule '55, MS'60**, and **Lee Rule '56**. Juanita is a high school principal with the Girard School District and also works for Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield. Lee has retired from Springfield School District 186 and is currently the pastor of the Modesto Baptist Church.

**Leland Shelton '57** and **Joan Bramlet Shelton '58** tell us that for more than 50 years the extended Bramlet

family has celebrated Christmas together in Eldorado, Ill., at the home of 89-year-old C. Harry Bramlet, an SIU graduate who met his wife, the former Etta Schanot, while attending classes at Southern. The Bramlet family has a long-standing history with the University—not only did Harry and Etta attend SIUC, but three of the four Bramlet children and their spouses are alumni as well!

Having served four years as treasurer of the Illinois Chapter of the National Association of Tax Practitioners, **Quincy A. Nettleton '58** is now serving a one-year term as president. A resident of Edwardsville, Ill., he has been a professional income tax practitioner since 1960.

## 1960s

**John C. Carlisle '60, MS '62** recently passed away in Crown Point, Ind. Carlisle was affiliated with Purdue University Calumet for 23 years as an English professor, an administrator, and also received distinction for his work as a photographer and expert on post office murals. He is survived by his wife Patricia and two daughters.

Retired counseling psychologist **Nick Earll '60, MA'66** lives with his wife **Marjorie Johnson Earll '54, MFA'56, MS'66** near Cobden, Ill. Before retirement, Nick began acting with the Stage Company in Carbondale and appeared in several productions at McLeod Theater on the SIUC campus. He has also performed throughout Illinois and in North Carolina. He is

currently performing a one-man play about Carl Sandburg, written by **Joanne Koch Ph.D. '94**. In a recent letter, Nick stated that he believes Sandburg's message about the "Family of Man" is still relevant and needed as much now as when he wrote.

**Sanh Huu Nguyen '64** is currently a resident of Humble, Texas, where he is employed as an inspector at Enerpro International in Houston.

The 1995 Charles A. Bane Humanitarian Award of Excellence, a statewide honor, was presented by Illinois Governor Jim Edgar to **Carl L. Schweinfurth Ph.D.'64** of Mt. Vernon. A philanthropist and patron of the arts, Schweinfurth is closely tied to the John R. and Eleanor R. Mitchell Foundation, which supports the Mitchell Museum in Mt. Vernon and its many exhibits and competitions; the annual outdoor Cedarhurst Craft Fair; and the annual Cedarhurst Chamber Music Series, which includes a program by winners of the National Beethoven Society annual competition. He also supports a local organ recital series; the Southern Illinois Chamber Music Society; the Illinois Summer School for the Arts in Bloomington; the Pyramid Players; the Centralia Cultural Society; the Looking Glass Theatre at Lebanon; and the Southern Indiana Foundation, which provides many activities at historic New Harmony, Ind.

As a teacher at Bethany College in West Virginia he inaugurated a summer-school program in social studies and the first African studies

program in West Virginia.

**James L. Moody '67**, a lecturer at California Institute for the Arts in Valencia, Calif. and a resident of Oxnard, has had a busy year. In March his design firm became part of Moody, Ravitz, Hollingsworth Lighting Design, of which he is now CEO. He became full-time director of photography for *Wheel of Fortune* at the beginning of the '95-'96 season, and has been appointed staff lighting designer for Telluride Repertory Theater Company, which staged *Forever Plaid* in March '96. His textbook *Concert Lighting: Art, Technique and Business* is in its third printing.

**William A. Johnson '68**, has been promoted to manager of agricultural customer services for Wisconsin Power & Light. He was in education for 20 years—for 16 years the dean of agriculture/general education at Blackhawk Technical College in Janesville, Wis. He and his wife Tara have no children, but three dogs.

Illinois Department of Transportation employee **Joseph Hill '69** was awarded the National Rehabilitation Association's 1995 E.B. Whitten Silver Medallion Award for his role in installing telecommunications devices for the deaf at rest stops along Illinois' interstate highway system. The Rochester, Ill., resident was chosen for the honor from a nationwide group of nominees.

**James E. Kerr '69** is currently teaching at Triad High School in St. Jacob, Ill. He has been honored as one of five Illinois recipients of the 1995 Milken Family Founda-



tion National Educator Award, which recognizes outstanding educators in 30 of the 50 states.

**Peter Shiue MA'69, Ph.D '71**, chairman of the mathematical sciences department at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, has been selected by a faculty committee to

receive the Barrick Distinguished Scholar Award, an honor that carries with it an unrestricted cash award of \$5,000. Shiue, who has been at UNLV since 1985, has also received grants from the National Science Foundation and the Cray Corp. and is the author of 70 research papers—

35 written while at UNLV— and 10 undergraduate textbooks in Chinese. His work focuses on polynomials in finite fields, permutation polynomials, elementary number theory and enumerative combinatorial theory.

## 1970s

Crossing cultural boundaries, **Richard F. Carr '70** and his wife Elizabeth make their home in Bitburg, Germany, where Richard has been employed as a physical education instructor and football coach at Bitburg American High School since 1978. Their children Travis and Katie attend Bitburg Middle School, where Elizabeth is a teacher.

**Clayton Bierbaum '70, MS '73**, a Viet Nam veteran, has been a life skills teacher for T.A.M.P. Special Education Services in Olmsted, Ill., for 25 years; his wife Cabrini is a substitute teacher. They have four children and will celebrate their silver anniversary this year.

In April, **Jacqueline Blackwell MS '71** began her 3-year term as vice president for infancy/early childhood education of the Association for Childhood Education International, focusing on issues involving children from birth to age 8. Blackwell currently resides in Indianapolis, Ind.

**Harry W. Stonecipher Ph.D.'71**, professor emeritus of journalism at SIUC, takes an insightful and nostalgic look at his long and eventful life in *Meaningful Connections: A Personal Retrospective* (Steindorff Press, P.O. Box 2976, Carbondale IL 62902). The author focuses on a number of "meaningful connections," including growing up in Southern Illinois, newspaper publishing, and teaching journalism at SIUC.

# Alumna Named Illinois Mother of the Year

Mother's Day arrived a little early this year for Louise Kabat '60, a Scheller resident, when she was named the Illinois Mother of the Year by the American Mothers, Inc. Kabat was nominated for the honor by the Illinois Agri-Women. Perhaps Kabat, her husband Melvin and their five children and six grandchildren celebrated Mother's Day on May 2—better known in Illinois as Louise Kabat Mother of the Year Day.



Kabat says she was especially pleased about being nominated after she learned more about the American Mothers organization. "The purpose of American Mothers is to strengthen the moral and spiritual foundations of the family and home and I feel this is what we need in America," she says. "We need to get people to recognize the responsibility and dignity of motherhood."

The Kabats operate a farm in which Louise is an active partner, doing everything from caring for the pigs, to keeping farm records

to helping with planting. She also works as a substitute teacher, is a member of the American Agri-Women, National Geographic Society, the SIU Alumni Association, St. Barbara's Catholic Church, and serves as a director on the Daughters of American Agriculture Board.

All five of the Kabat children graduated from college and live in the Mount Vernon area: three are teachers, one is a nurse and one is the vice president of a local bank. Kabat earned her degree from SIUC in zoology.

After recently returning from the National American Mothers Conference in Lincoln, Neb., Kabat described the event as one of the most momentous she and her husband had ever experienced, "I never felt I would receive such an earthly honor."

Kabat says that while she was surprised to be honored for doing something she loves so much, she does believe she has some insight into what it takes to be a good mother. "It takes total commitment and lots and lots of love and sacrifice," she says. She observes that too often parents aren't willing to make the commitment necessary to give their children the attention they need.

**Robert A. Young '71, MS'72, Ph.D.'82**, a resident of Oak Ridge, Tenn., was recently elected president of the Southeastern Regional Chapter of the Society of Toxicology (SOT). Robert, a technical information toxicologist analyst in the Health Sciences Research Division at the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory, became interested in toxicology while working on his doctorate in physiology and pharmacology at SIUC. In addition to his membership in SOT, Robert is a member of the International Society of Toxinology (a specialization of toxicology) and is a board-certified toxicologist.

The Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators has elected **Ann Acton '71, MPA'83**, president of the association for the 1995-96 academic year. She is the director of student resources at Shawnee Community College, Ullin, Ill. She and her husband Bill live in West Frankfort, Ill.

**Art Ackermann '72** has been promoted to deputy manager for Central Environmental Operations. He is currently serving as project principal for nine design-build water treatment systems underway at the Tennessee Valley Authority. Art is a registered professional engineer with an M.S. degree in environmental engineering from the University of Illinois.

Equality, Ill., is home to **Barbara Allen '72**, a recent recipient of the 1995 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. Barbara was

among 150 educators in 30 states to receive the award.

**Richard O'Dell '72** is employed as program director for WKYC Television in Cleveland, Ohio. He is a member and a national trustee of the National Awards Committee of

NATAS (National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences). Richard resides in Westlake with his wife Susan, who is an administrative manager at Sealy Inc.

**Mark R. LaVelle '72** has been named SIUC College of Business and Administration

Entrepreneur of the Year by the Chicago business alumni. Owner of Calumet Paint and Wallpaper Inc., a chain of five stores in and around Chicago, Mark attributes his success to the in-depth curriculum and outstanding teaching in the SIUC business college. LaFelle is a Palos Heights alderman, president of the Palis Township Republican Organization, and first vice-president of the Palos Lions Club. He and his wife Pat have three children.

A recipient of the B. J. Lazan Medal from the Society for Experimental Mechanics, **Michael A. Sutton '72, MS'74** is presently a Distinguished Carolina Professor at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. He resides in Columbia with his wife Elizabeth, who teaches physics at Dutch Fork High School in Irmo, S.C.

**Therese A. Schuepfer '73** was recently appointed acting provost of Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. She has served as associate provost since 1994 and has been a member of the university's psychology faculty since 1984.

Success seems to run in the family of **Loren B. Muckelroy '74**. Muckelroy, a sales/buyer for CRI Sales, Inc., in Stratford, Conn., was named Salesman of the Year and Top Dollar Salesman of the Year. His daughter earned recognition as an all-American cheerleader and is a member of a five-time national champion team. Muckelroy resides in Nicholasville, Ky.

Sacramento resident **Ruth-Marie Chambers '74, MS'82** states that she has been "in a



**Two SIU alumni have combined their talents to produce *Vertical Heartland: A Rock Climber's Guide to Southern Illinois*. Eric Ulner, who has been climbing since 1977 and David Hart, a photographer at Egyptian Photo Lab in Carbondale, produced the book. The book describes all of the rock climbing opportunities in Southern Illinois.**

continuous motion of artistic and literary endeavors." She most recently was cast in *Scandals, Lies and Then Some*, a historical production about the life of Mary Ellen Pleasant.

Amway recently promoted **Ken Davis '74** to senior manager at the Texas Regional Distribution Center. In his new position, Davis is responsible for the overall operation of the center. Davis, who earned his degree in industrial engineering, has been with Amway for 15 years.

**John H. Martin '75** is a multi-talented member of the Tulsa Police Department. A patrol officer assigned to Uniform Division East of the TPD, he is a qualified field-trainer for rookies fresh out of the Police Academy; a state-certified driving instructor, instructing officers in defensive and pursuit maneuvers; a certified railroad accident investigator; a state-certified instructor in the use of mobile videocameras; and a federally certified DUI detective.

Hoffman Estates, Ill., resident **Gary Platek '76**, an employee of the Walgreen Company since 1977, has recently been promoted to divisional merchandise manager.

**Carolyn Sue Denison Armstrong '76** has been appointed to the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs representing the American Mental Health Counseling Association. The CACREP board is a national accreditation body setting minimal standards for university programs graduating

master's and doctor's level counselors. Following her graduation from SIUC, Sue received her MA in philosophy in 1982, her MS in counseling in 1983, and her Ph.D. in counselor education in 1991 from Oregon State University. She is a licensed professional counselor in private practice in Corvallis, Ore.

Matteson, Ill., police officer **Thomas E. Dermody '77** has a new partner in his fight against crime. "Wanko," a four-year-old pure-bred German shepherd, joined forces with Thomas following Thomas' March 1995 appointment as K9 officer.

**David G. Harding '77** has been elected to the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 15 in Palatine, Ill. David is a 1981 graduate of the John Marshall Law School and practices law in Chicago.

**Alan Gibes '78** writes to tell us that he became news photo editor at the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* in October 1994. Alan's wife **Judy Gibes '76** is a "stay-at-home mom" to Katie, Lee and Ben.

For 25 years **Donald L. Felthouse '78** has been a rehabilitation therapist for the blind in the Puget Sound area of Washington, teaching living skills to visually impaired veterans through the VA Medical Center and the Puget Sound Healthcare System in Tacoma, Wa. Retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve, where he served as a Hospital Corpsman Chief for Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare 101 in Seattle from 1966-1992, he now owns a

small service-oriented business, Individualized Rehabilitation Instruction Services (IRIS). Felthouse is married and has two children and a grandchild.

United Behavioral Systems recently named **Karen D. Lloyd MA '78, Ph.D. '85** its executive director for its Milwaukee operations.

**Jacqueline Timmons AA '79** is a court reporter with Wolfe, Rosenberg and Associates in Chicago. She spends a lot of time traveling reporting various conventions and also for pleasure. She recently returned from a European cruise to Greece, Italy and Israel.

The Grand Chapter of Iota Lambda Sigma recently honored **Jean Dorsett-Robinson Ph.D. '79**, founder and president of Quality of Life Services, for her 20-year membership in the Psi Chapter, which she joined in 1976. QLS, in operation since 1977, is licensed and certified by Medicare and Medicaid to provide visiting health care services in 32 counties of central and southern Illinois.

**Edwin R. Harris Ph.D. '79**, who has served as acting dean and department head during the past seven years, was recently appointed dean of Ferris State University's Timme Library. Harris, who joined the library staff in 1989, after nine years with SIUC's Morris library, has extensive experience in the field of information technology. During his tenure he has helped to select and install an automated library systems catalog, an automated library network, and an acquisitions approval plan.

Associate Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations at Pennsylvania State University **Brad Choate '79, MS '83** was named president and chief executive officer of the Minnesota Medical Foundation, effective April 8, 1966. The foundation raises private contributions to support the research and educational mission of Minnesota medical schools.

**Becky R. French JD '79** has been hired by Microelectronics Communications Supercomputing as general counsel and secretary. She came to MCS from North Carolina State University where she has served as general counsel since 1986.

## 1980s

Four years after opening a new plant for American National Can in Cypress, Calif., **Steven Craig Kinkade '80** was promoted in 1995 to plant manager for a larger New Jersey plant. He and wife **Constance Kinkade '80** now reside with their three boys in Bethlehem, Pa., where she is a teacher. Steven tells us they are an "avid camping and fishing family" and are quite active in "typical boy activities" such as hockey, baseball, and basketball.

**Roger K. Przybylski '80, MS '87** was recently elected president of the Justice Research and Statistics Association, the national professional association of criminal justice researchers and policy analysts dedicated to the development of objective information for making criminal justice policy.

Przybylski is a resident of Chicago, Ill.

**Michael J. Ashner AAS '81, '81** and **Tuesday L. Turk '92**, both of Carbondale, were recently married.

Emmy Night was December 2, 1995, for **John Lang '81**. Employed as a television news photographer/editor for WTVJ-TV in Miami, Fla., Lang shot, edited, and co-produced a series on Florida's education system that won him an NATAS (National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences) Emmy Award. John and his wife Deborah live in Coral Gables with their son Taylor, who was born on John's birthday.

**Rick Zabel '81** walked from Los Angeles, Calif., to Washington, D.C., as part of the Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament.

In his 21st year with the U.S. Navy, Lieutenant Commander **William B. Haflich '81** has departed for a six-month overseas deployment to the Persian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Nimitz*. He works on the staff of the officer in charge of a group of U.S. Navy cruisers, destroyers, and frigates assigned to the nine-ship *USS Nimitz* Battle Group.

Tolono, Ill., resident **Greg Hazel '82** has joined the engineering consulting firm of Sodemann and Associates, Inc., in Champaign to establish an electrical division specializing in power distribution and substations.

The new face on KOMO-TV in Seattle, Wash., is anchor/reporter **Sharon Dennis '83**.

**Thomas Nicholson Ph.D. '83** is a professor of public health at Western Kentucky University and was elected to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the National Association for Public Health Policy.

**Fernando Ares '83, MA '95** is the director of prevention programs for the Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association (IADDA). Ares and his wife Karel live in Springfield, Ill., and are expecting a child.

Sallie Mae, a stockholder-owned corporation that is the nation's leading provider of financial services for postsecondary students and their parents, has promoted **Pamela K. Newman BA '83**, of Reston, Va., from director to assistant vice president for servicing data integrity.

**Phillip D. Klein AAS '83, '95** and his wife Candace, who received her MS in social work at Barry University on September 8, 1995, announce the birth of Christian Jacob Klein on September 19, at Coral Spring Medical Center, Coral Springs, Fla.

**Leonard A. Demaray '83**, a budget analyst for Resource Management in Fort Bliss, Tex., has completed the course of training and passed the test to earn the title 'Accredited Financial Counselor' from the Accredited Financial Counselor Planning and Education Association. He lives in El Paso with his wife Renee.

**Christine D. Wilson '83, MA '85** is the owner of a massage therapy practice in NW Atlanta, Ga., and is coordinator of the massage program for Australian Body Works Health Clubs.

**S. K. Ramesh '83**, is presently serving as chairman of the department of electrical and electronic engineering at in the California state university system. His wife, **Utpala Ramesh '86**, was recently promoted to the post of senior scientist at Dade International, with management responsibilities for a group of scientists in manufacturing engineering. The couple has moved to a new home in Gold River, Calif.

**Sherry L. Knapp Ph.D. '85** has for the past four years served as vice president for clinical operations at a mental health facility in Carlisle, Pa. She is also a member of the board of directors of the South Central Pennsylvania AIDS Planning Coalition, the Kiwanis Club of Carlisle, and the Association of Mental Health Administrators. She recently elected to serve on the board of the AIDS Alliance of Greater Harrisburg.

Lowe's Homecenters Inc., recently promoted ten-year veteran **Michael D. Brenner '85** to manager of the Seneca, S.C., store following a one-month stint as manager of their store located in Greenwood. Michael now makes his home in Seneca.

**Douglas A. Goff '85** was recently awarded American Cyanamid's top honor—the 1995 Circle of Excellence Award—for outstanding sales achievement and teamwork. Douglas, a senior sales representative, has also won the Central Region Innovator Award and was named a Cyanamid Technical Certificate Program Crop Protection Specialist in 1995. He lives in

Hopedale, Ill., with his wife and son.

Houston, Texas, entrepreneur **Matt Rex '86** attributes a large part of his success to the education he received at SIUC. Matt and his wife Joyce opened their business, Rex Technical Services, Inc., in January 1994; by December 1995 his \$3.5 million-a-year business was staffed by 78 full-time employees!

Navy Ensign **Kevin F. Kelley '86**, who enlisted in 1976, is in the western Pacific Ocean near the island of Taiwan, aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Independence*, which carries 5000 sailors and marines and more than 70 tactical aircraft. The *Independence* operates from Yokosuka, Japan, and Kelley recently completed a port visit to Manila.

**Berl D. Jones '86** tells us that as the American Red Cross special representative to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region II, he has worked as FEMA's voluntary agency coordinator on the Long Island wildfires, Hurricane Felix, Hurricane Luis, and Hurricane Marilyn in the Virgin Islands. The Hurricane Marilyn response brought together four FEMA staff members, all from different parts of the country, who are SIUC graduates. Says Berl, "Most recently I walked into a local store wearing my SIU shirt, and heard a salesperson yell out "SIU Class of 88!" Jones resides in New York City.

**Staci Ann Wingo '87** is a kindergarten teacher in Springfield District 186 in Springfield, Ill. She is

working on a master's degree in early childhood education.

**Michael A. Brown Sr. '87**, a U.S. Air Force journalist at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., was named the Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Headquarters, U. S. Air Force. His wife Michele works in accounting at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

The Cittone Institute's Mount Laurel campus has honored **Emanuel Centifonti Jr. '87** with the annual Court Reporting Instructor Performance award for 1995. He joined Cittone in 1990 after 25 years with the Ford Motor Company, and is a past member of the Board of Business Studies at Burlington College. He is a volunteer

teacher of swimming and cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes through Red Cross and Community Services programs. He has been assistant swim coach for Special Olympics and coached field, track, and tennis for handicapped athletes, and he is also active in the Trenton Diocesan Festival Choir. He and his wife Anne have five

children and six grandchildren.

**Rodney Germann '87 and Donna Germann '87** live in Joliet, Ill., where she is manager of Medicare billing for Vitalink Pharmace Services and he is a coordinator for Service of Will, Grundy and Kankakee Counties. Their daughter Olivia was born last May and

## Alumni Draft Support for Basketball Team

"No matter where we are attending meetings involving our alumni whether it's in Springfield, Washington, D.C., California, New York, Tampa or New York, our fans are excited about the basketball program," Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Athletic Director Jim Hart was once quoted as saying.

And Hart is one of the first to admit that Mt. Carmel, Illinois and its number one Saluki fan John Rhine '74 can be added to that list.

Rhine, a Mt. Carmel attorney, organizes a golf outing each year to benefit the SIUC athletic program in general, and the basketball program in particular. Rhine's first outing in 1988 raised approximately \$1,500. His last outing in September 1995 brought in almost \$5,000. Overall contribu-

**Posing after last year's scramble are, from left to right: John Rhine, Jim Henning, Steve James (co-producer of *Hoop Dreams*), Coach Rich Herrin, Chris Carr (a former Saluki basketball player presently playing in the NBA), and Larry Jennings.**



tions from these outings now total near to \$30,000.

"I don't think there's any doubt that John is one of the premier fans that we have," says Rich Herrin, the SIUC basketball coach. "He is a great booster. The golf scramble is one of the best that we have."

"One of the most enjoyable things about the event is the spirit of volunteers," Rhine says. "Everything is donated. The City of Mt. Carmel donates the golf

course and carts. The golf pro (Bruce Bottom) donates his time in organizing the tournament. The food, trophies, even the souvenirs are all donated."

Hart says the outing gives the University an opportunity to share with alumni first hand what has been happening with SIUC athletics. "By us visiting Mt. Carmel, and John gathering the troops, we have an opportunity to talk about other sports as well as men's

and women's basketball. You never know when you talk to someone how many people they may reach with the same message. The message can be multiplied."

Rhine is already busy planning the 1996 outing. Anyone who would like to participate can contact him at his office, 616 Market Street in Mt. Carmel or the Pro Shop at the Mt. Carmel Municipal Golf Course.

—Robert Livingston '73, MA '76

they plan to enroll her at SIUC in 2013. They cite basketball games and riding bikes through the campus on weekends as favorite memories.

**Lt. Blair N. Smith '87** is a U.S. Navy helicopter pilot assigned to the USS aircraft carrier Nimitz, which has recently relocated from the Arabian Gulf to the western Pacific Ocean, near Taiwan.

Jennifer Putlak and her husband, **Dennis M. Putlak '87**, have opened Kids Corner, a clothing store exclusively for children, in Dunedin, Fla.

Formerly the chief of Fire Academy Operations for the Chicago Fire Department, **Charles Burns Jr. '87** has been appointed to the post of assistant director of training at the Robert J. Quinn Fire Academy. He is also employed by SIUC-CTC as assistant professor in their Fire Service Management Program and has been teaching with Harold Washington College's Fire Science Technology Program for eight years. Charles and his wife Violet live with their daughter in Chicago, Ill.

Canton, Ill., resident **Daniel Zinck '87, MS'88** recently earned the 1995 Circle of Excellence Award from American Cyanamid. The six-year veteran of American Cyanamid was recognized for his outstanding sales achievement and teamwork. He also won the President's Club Award in 1993 and the Central Region's Best of the Best Award in 1992 and 1993.

Navy Lieutenant **Richard P. Franco '87**, a member of the armed forces since 1973, recently received the Navy

and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for superior performance of duty while serving as a company commander with 1st Force Service Support Group, Marine Forces Pacific. The medal was awarded for his initiative in making a significant contribution to the accomplishment of the command's mission. Franco currently serves at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class **Peter J. Borsay '87** was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for outstanding achievement while serving as corpsman at Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill. He was singled out for the award because of his superb initiative and contribution in helping the command fulfill its mission.

**Timothy J. Meeson '88** is currently rigger general foreman at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Wash. Timothy lives in Silverdale, Wash., with his wife Ellen Diane.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Shelly A. Rawson '88** is currently on a six-month overseas deployment to the Persian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz. While in port at Hong Kong and Singapore during the holiday season, Rawson volunteered her time to participate in community service projects and local sporting events.

**Kelly Ann Burkhouse MA '88, Ph.D. '90** has been appointed director of professional services at Family Service of Jamestown, N.Y. She is a member of the

Jamestown Choral Society.

**Charles A. Rhodes '89** (a.k.a. Drew) is a U.S. Navy Petty officer serving at the American Embassy in Cairo, Egypt. He has previously served in embassies in Paris, Dakar, Senegal, and Rabat, and spent more than three years in Japan. He will be in Egypt until 1988, and then will retire to St. Louis, his home town. He and his wife Fatima have two children.

## 1990s

Springfield, Ill., resident **Daniel Cass Mills '90** has received his Juris Doctor degree from Thomas Cooley Law School. After graduating from SIUC, Daniel served in Washington, D.C., as an intern with Robert H. Michel, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives. Returning to Illinois, Daniel served as an intern with Governor Jim Edgar, then with the legal office of the Illinois State Police, before entering law school.

The role **Karen Reeves '90** played in South Georgia Technical Institute's donation of a mural to the Museum of Aviation went from project coordinator to artist after no one else came forward to provide the painting. With very little formal art training, Karen used oils to paint "A Wing and a Prayer," which depicts Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, and Wiley Post. The Americus, Ga., resident is an electronics instructor at South Georgia Technical Institute.

Two of the four students who received 1996 Charles H.

Revson Law Students Public Interest (LSPIN) Fellowship Grants through the Touro College Law Center were **William Hall '90, MS '94** and **Susan Hall '89**, first-year law students from Smithtown, N.Y. The \$3250 grants are awarded each year to first- and second-year law students for ten weeks of fulltime public interest work during the summer in the New York metropolitan area.

**Raghava Venkata Cherabuddi MS '91** received a Ph.D. in computer engineering from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, in Lafayette, La., December 16, 1995. His dissertation topic was *A Design Methodology for Synthesis of Application Specific MultiChip Architectures.*

**Kanonkulk Vanapipat MS '91** received a Ph.D. in computer engineering from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, in Lafayette, La., December 16, 1995. Her dissertation topic was *A Framework for Object Integration in the Context of a Multidatabase Environment.*

**Heather Marie Burnham '91, MS'95** is a research assistant at North Carolina State University. She is working on a study installation concerning fertilization in forest plantations, in cooperation with forest industry in the southeast. She makes her home in Raleigh.

Marine Captain **William A. Vargo '91** is a recent recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, presented in recognition of his outstanding achievement while serving as

air traffic control commander with Marine Air Control Squadron Seven, ATC Detachment B, Santa Ana, Calif.

**Michelle G. Mossberger '91** was recently promoted to team leader by Southwest YMCA in Alsip, Ill. In her new position, she will be responsible for the supervision of six child welfare case managers. She and husband Rick expect their first child in 1996.

Navy Petty Office 1st class **Gregory L. Foster '91** who enlisted in 1984, is in the western Pacific Ocean near the island of Taiwan, aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence, which carries 5000 sailors and marines and more than 70 tactical aircraft.

**Tracy Dougher '91** won a Vice President for Graduate Research Fellowship for 1995-96. She and her husband **Frank L Dougher '92** live in Logan Utah with their son Frank Thomas, born in August 1995.

**Joseph W. Hayden MPA'91** is currently employed as the superintendent of public works for the city of Ferguson, Mo. The Belleville, Ill., resident was recently accepted to *Who's Who of Professionals* in 1995.

**Rufus Earl Branson '92**, who works with a computer systems squadron at Kapaun Air Station in Germany, was selected HQ United States Air Forces in Europe Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter and Kaiserslautern Military Community Volunteer of the Quarter (Jul-Sep 95) and Senior Non-Commissioned

Officer of the Year for United States Air Forces in Europe Computer Systems Squadron

Newlyweds **Kyle R. Hester '92** and Heather Howard honeymooned in Belize during January 1996, while Kyle photographed and Heather wrote an assignment for *Student Travels*, a magazine for international travel, study, and work. Kyle is the owner of Purple Fish Photography in Wynne, Ark., where the couple make their home.

Marine First Lt. **Jeffrey L. Congletonb '92** received the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal while serving with Marine Wing Support Squadron 374 at Tustin, Calif. He is now service as aide-de-camp to the commanding General of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, El Toro, Calif.

**Patricia Kane '92** is currently employed as the aquatic supervisor for the city of Orlando, Fla., and is a substitute teacher for Orange County Schools. She received a certificate of appreciation from the Orange County Schools for her participation in the Learn to Swim Program, and in 1994 received the Lifesaving Club Award from the City of Orlando Aquatics. She resides in Winter Park, and tells us that she is still single and misses everyone at the SIUC Student Recreation Center!

Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer **Jack T. Scull '93**, who enlisted in 1977, recently departed on a 10-week western Pacific Ocean deployment aboard the U.S. Seventh Fleet flagship USS Blue Ridge. Scull is one of 750

sailors and marines who work aboard the command ship, home-based in Yokosuka, Japan. The ship will visit Australia, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand.

On December 3, 1995 **Michael Dean Barnes Ph.D. '93** represented President Ted Sanders and Chancellor John C. Guyon at the inauguration of J. Michael Orenduff as the nineteenth president of New Mexico State University.

Navy Ensign **Clint West '93** recently received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla.

**Shawn Bernidett Richards MS '94** of Carterville and Bryan Rotherham, an SIUC student, were recently married.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Charles D. Lazar '95** was recently selected as Sailor of the Quarter and received a Letter of Commendation while serving at Trident Training Facility in Kings Bay, Ga. Lazar was chosen as the unit's top performer and was cited for outstanding professional accomplishment, proficiency, leadership, initiative, and military bearing.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Jeffrey T. Stephens '95** was the subject of a recent news release titled "Southern Illinois University Graduate Keeps Navy Afloat!" Jeffrey is one of the many mechanics and technicians assigned to Sailors at the Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA), a unit responsible for keeping the ships stationed at

Naval Station San Diego running smoothly. Trained as an electronics technician, Jeffrey also serves as a computer repair technician, a job he terms "very challenging" because he is responsible for the corrective and preventive maintenance of 500 computer workstations at the command.

After serving three and one-half years in the U.S. Navy, **Lemond Embrey '95** is now self-employed in Orlando, Fla. He and his wife Nabiha live in Orlando with their daughter Nichele Zharad.

**Constance F. Curlott '95** says "Thanks SIU!" In a recent note she tells us that since receiving her degree in September 1995 (which took 38 years), she has developed a new course for Florida Community College at Jacksonville, enrolled in a postgraduate course at Florida State University, become an advisor to a textbook publisher, and become a grader for the Institute of Certified Travel Agents CTC Program. She added, "That doesn't leave much time for my 14 grandchildren!"

Clinton Township, Mich., resident **Fred A. Harvell MS '95** has been hired to assist in the re-engineering of General Motor's training programs. The hire, he tells us, was based on past experiences and curricula completed through SIUC's College of Education.

# GREEK ROW

**A**t the request of an alumna, *Alumnus* is periodically including this new feature. Known as Greek Row, we will be relying on fraternity and sorority chapters to supply information for the column.

## Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority

by Elaine Gower

During spring 1996, the ladies of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority worked hard to raise money for our philanthropy, The Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation. We have cleaned our "Adopt-A-Spot," worked at the Blood Drive, setup community fund raisers at several businesses in town, and sponsored a car wash. Also, we are currently building our scholarship fund, which is the Cindy Deaveureux Memorial Scholarship Fund. Our chapter has an excellent scholarship program with a current 3.0 overall GPA.

## Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity

by Craig Troyer

The men of the Theta Zeta chapter would like to thank all alumni for their continued support. Things have been going well at 109 Greek Row the past few years. The men of ATO have won the I.F.C. Sports Trophy eight out of the last 10 years. In the Theta Xi Variety Show we have received 1st place the last two years. At the 1995 Greek Awards Banquet we were named "Most Improved Chapter," and also one member was named "Greek of

the Year." In fall 1995, there were 21 members who achieved at least a 3.0 GPA.

Any questions, suggestions, comments, or donations can be sent to: ATO c/o Kirk Kaltenbronn at 109 Greek Row, Carbondale, IL 62901. We look forward to hearing from you by letter, phone, or in person.

## Delta Chi Fraternity

by Jeffrey Shabino

The Southern Illinois University chapter of the Delta Chi Fraternity currently has 74 active members. Of those, 45 men reside in the chapter house located at 105 Greek Row, which is conveniently located on campus next to campus lake. The fraternity has been an active participant in the American Red Cross Blood Drive which was hosted at our chapter house. Our community service commitment is also apparent through contributions to the Big Brother/Big Sister Program of Southern Illinois.

## Delta Zeta Sorority

by Alice McDonald

The ladies of Delta Zeta put together a Dynamic Duos skit and won three out of five awards at Greek Sing. Delta Zeta and Sigma Nu teamed-up for homecoming. Many Delta Zeta alumni visited SIU to cheer-on their float and meet new sisters. Delta Zeta also holds three offices on Panhellenic Council.

The 3rd annual Taco Dinner to help raise philanthropic and house improvements was a tremendous success.

## Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity

by Aaron Schwartz

The gentlemen of Lambda Chi Alpha (Delta Chi Zeta) recently formed an Alumni Association. Recently two scholarships and an honorary award were created by chapter alumni. All chapter alumni are encouraged to contribute to these scholarships.

Delta Chi Zeta has received two consecutive years of highest grade point average within the SIUC Interfraternity Council as well as an International Recruitment Award. Seven members of our chapter received regional awards at the Great Plains Leadership Conclave.

Delta Chi Zeta encourages alumni to stop by the house during Homecoming Week-end. We are located at 609 S. Poplar (soon-to-be 510 S. Poplar). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact alumni chair, Troy Arnoldi, at (618) 684-2180. You may also write to Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association, PO Box 4001, Carbondale, IL 62901 or e-mail to t6710@siu.edu.

## Phi Rho Eta Fraternity

by Carl Kimmins

The proud men of Alpha Chapter of Phi Rho Eta provided services to the community, participating in events such as an overnight sleep-over at the Eurma Hayes Center. Also, we sent members to the Million Man March in Washington, D.C. The fraternity, though, still in its infancy, is growing in numbers from semester to semester.

## Psi Omega Chi Sorority

by Jennifer McConnell

Psi Omega Chi sorority is in its second successful year as a member of the SIUC Greek system. During the past year, Psi Omega Chi has built a strong membership, moved into a new house located at 520 S. University Ave., and is currently involved in an expansion process with Panhellenic Council to be recognized by a national sorority.

## Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity

by Alan Thompson

We are nearing the end of the rebuilding stage since the 1991 fire destroyed the Poplar Street house. We have written a stronger constitution. All past debts should be paid-off this semester, allowing the Sig Taus to fully participate in Greek life at SIUC. Recent activities have included several socials with sororities and celebrations of Founders Day with Sigma Nu fraternity. To reach us, write to 516 S. Poplar Ave., Apt 16, Carbondale, IL 62901.

The Alumni Association is prospering again with several events planned in the Chicago area. For more information or to update your address for newsletters, please write to: Anthony Petruzzi, 2037 Bissel, Chicago, Ill. 60614.



# Alumni Deaths

- WIESE, Clara (Diedrich) '24  
Versailles, Illinois  
11-18-95
- FELTS, Ethel Croessmann '26  
Kansas City, Missouri  
4-8-96
- WORLEY, Cleta (Kerley) '26, BS '27  
Carbondale, Illinois  
2-12-96
- BRYANT, Floralee Questell ex '30  
Carbondale, Illinois  
2-10-96
- RIPPLEY, Mabel L. (McMinn) '30  
Alton, Illinois  
12-2-95
- WHITLOCK, Mary G. '28, BS '30  
Kalamazoo, Michigan  
9-9-95
- SCHULTZ, Dorothy (Hails) '32  
Peoria, Illinois  
1995
- NORMAN, Tessie C. '33  
Marion, Illinois  
March 1990
- GUNN, Naomi ex '34  
West Frankfort, Illinois  
12-17-95
- KEENE, Roland BS '34  
Carbondale, Illinois  
1-2-96
- MULLEN, Helen '35  
Merrillville, Indiana  
10-28-95
- HAMILTON, Marjorie L. '32, BS '38  
Jacksonville, Illinois  
2-19-96
- HENSON, Alma Neil '28, BS '38  
Grand Tower, Illinois  
2-2-96
- LEMING, Paul BS '38  
Urbana, Illinois  
11-20-95
- HANLIN, Janet P. BS '39  
Winchester, Kentucky  
2-4-95
- SANDERS, Harold L. BS '39  
Mount Olive, Illinois  
12-14-95
- LARSON, Veda Elizabeth (Taylor)  
BS '40  
Champaign, Illinois  
3-4-96
- MARSH, Mildred (Lemmel) BS '40  
Vacaville, California  
12-30-95
- McGUIRE, Kenneth R. BS '40  
El Paso, Texas  
2-15-96
- FURLOW, Elmer Allen BS '41  
Greenville, North Carolina  
12-30-95
- PARKER, Louise O'Neil BS '45  
Normal, Illinois  
1-19-96
- ELDRIDGE, Anna T. ex '46  
Grand Island, New York
- KIRKENDOLL, Harold ex '46  
Holland, Pennsylvania
- KUEHN, Carl BS '46  
N. Andover, Massachusetts
- LICHTENBERGER, Gladys ex '46  
Carmi, Illinois
- PHARIS, Jerry E. ex '46  
Bloomington, Indiana
- REDD, Ruth L. ex '46  
Los Angeles, California  
1986
- STIFF, Robert E. BA '46  
Jacksonville, Texas 2-96
- FRANK, Louis F. BS '49  
Grayslake, Illinois  
8-17-95
- SWAYNE, Doris BS '49  
Herrin, IL
- CRADER, Richard M. BA '54  
Fairview Heights, Illinois  
12-2-95
- McKINSTRY, James Walter BS '57  
Louisville, Kentucky  
12-8-95
- THOMAS, Charles B. BS '57  
Arnold, Missouri  
1-15-95
- ADAMS, Florence S. '29, BS '58  
Herrin, Illinois  
2-20-96
- WHITE, Richard O. BS '58  
Detroit, Michigan  
12-21-95
- JONES, Paul Meredith (Paul Mariah)  
BS '59  
Sonoma, California  
1-12-96
- PETERSON, Jack E. BS '60  
Mokense, Illinois
- WRIGHT, Mary Virginia BS '60  
Carbondale, Illinois  
1-6-96
- BENDER, Pataricia Ann BS '61  
Williamsburg, Virginia  
2-4-94
- MEDLIN, James S. BA '62  
Carbondale, Illinois  
3-21-96
- HUCH, Harold W. MSED '63  
Belleville, Illinois  
1-14-96
- WEAVER, Lawrence David BA '63  
Springfield, Illinois  
1-21-96
- VITTITOW, Charles W. BA '63,  
MS '65  
New Haven, Kentucky
- BEARDSLEY, Elizabeth T. MSED '66  
Metropolis, Illinois  
3-25-96
- GEORGE, Alan D. AB '66  
Northville, Michigan  
3-15-96
- McCLUSKEY, Delpha Mae BS '66  
Carterville, Illinois  
12-30-95
- VANN, James K. BS '67  
Scottsdale, AZ  
1989
- EVANS, Roy W. BS '50, PhD '68  
Columbia, Missouri  
1995
- McINTYRE, Rev. Charles E. BA '67,  
MS '68  
Carbondale, Illinois  
4-4-96
- HARTWIG, Anna Beata Erickson  
BA '69  
Carbondale, Illinois  
3-3-96
- SWAYNE, Doris M. BS '49, AA '66,  
MSED '69  
Herrin, Illinois  
3-27-93
- CHAMBERLAIN, Richard Lee '68,  
BS '72  
Carterville, Illinois  
4-3-96
- HUDSON, Lois Jean (Tippy) BS '73  
Carterville, Illinois  
1-23-96
- RHINEHART, James R. BS '73  
Ravenna, Ohio  
11-19-95
- WRIGHT, Edward Stelle AAS '78,  
BS '78  
Chicago, Illinois  
1-2-96
- RODGERS, Pryntha BS '80  
Daytona Beach, Florida  
11-23-94
- SMUSZ, Paulette A. (Brindisi) BS '82  
Baltimore, Maryland  
3-31-95
- LANGSTON, Michael E. AAS '83  
St. Charles, Missouri  
2-13-96
- KACIREK, Steven M. '85  
Berwyn, Illinois  
5-30-95
- WENZEL, Frederick Eugene  
AAS '93, BS '95  
St. Louis, Missouri  
2-13-96

## Faculty/ Administrative Professional/Staff

- ALLEN, Clark L.  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
10-15-95  
Professor Emeritus of Economics
- EASTMAN, Gladys Jane  
Food Service (retired)  
Goreville, IL  
6-19-95
- HARDENBERGH, William Spencer  
Carbondale, Illinois  
1-28-96  
Professor Emeritus of Political Science
- JAMISON, James Arthur  
Maintenance Technician  
Carbondale, IL  
8-12-95
- PERKINS, Marlis  
Housekeeping Supervisor  
Goreville, Illinois 8-18-95
- ROMAIN, Jr., Edwin P. MM '73  
Carbondale, Illinois  
5-20-95  
Professor of Music
- ZITTER, Robert N.  
Carbondale, Illinois  
3-25-96  
Professor of Physics

# Alumni Calendar



From the 1995 Wrigley Day, SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger, on the right, shakes hands with alumnus Larry "Moose" Calufetti, former Saluki baseball All-American, who threw out the game's first pitch.

SIUC Wrigley Day will be held this year on July 13 as the Chicago Cubs meet the St. Louis Cardinals. Activities begin at 10 a.m. at the Cubby Bear Lounge, owned by George Loukas '73. Game time is at noon. For more information, call Remy Billups at the Chicago SIU Alumni Association office at (708) 574-7774, extension 4.

The SIUC Busch Stadium Outing will also feature a game between the Cubs and Cardinals on July 20. For more information on tickets and pregame activities, you can call Brad Cole at the SIU Alumni Association office at (618) 453-2408.

The 7th Annual Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble will be held on July 26 at the Arrowhead Golf Course in Wheaton. Proceeds from the event benefit Saluki Athletics. For more information, please call (708) 574-7774.

Billed as an "all-inclusive vacation on wheels," the Bike Across the Magnificent Miles of Illinois will benefit the American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago. One of the designated overnight stops is on August 8 in Carbondale. Alumni interested in fighting for cleaner air and healthier lungs while they take a nostalgic ride from Chicago to Carbondale, can call Jennifer Georgas at (312) 243-2000 for more information.

The Annual AgAlumni Society's Backyard Barbecue will be held at the Governor's mansion on Tuesday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the DuQuoin State Fair Grounds. Proceeds from this event benefit alumni activities for the College of Agriculture.

The SIU School of Law Reunion for the classes of 1981, 1986 and 1991, will be held this year on September 6 and 7. For more details, you may call the School of Law at (618) 453-8707.

Arts in Celebration, September Night and October Days, will be held this year on September 27 and October 5 and 6. September night features mini-concerts and exhibit openings throughout the community. October Days host a multi-arts extravaganza that includes six performance stages, a children's center, and an art market. Carbondale Community Arts produces Arts in Celebration. For more information, please call the CCA office at (618) 457-5100.

Homecoming, celebrating the SIU Alumni Association's Centennial, will be held on October 18 and 19. The Alumni Association will welcome back the Golden Jubilee Class of 1946 and will host a pregame lunch under the big tent. The Saluki football team will be playing host to Western Illinois. More Homecoming information can be obtained by calling (618) 453-2408.

The National Health Law Moot Court Competition will be held at the SIU Law School this year on November 8 and 9. For more information, you may call the Law School at (618) 453-8707.

*All dates are subject to last minute change and should be verified by those interested in attending the events. 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.*

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- Annual membership, \$30
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## THE 1997 EXTERN PROGRAM

The Extern Program, sponsored by the Student Alumni Council and the SIU Alumni Association, is an exciting opportunity for alumni and friends of SIUC to share their knowledge with current students. Typically, a student will spend the week of Spring Break observing the sponsor on his or her job, meeting and talking with others about their jobs, and assisting with a short-term project(s) that benefit the company and the student. The Extern Program is at no cost to the sponsor other than his or her time and involvement.

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*"I consider everything I learned in the classroom and in the sports arena at Southern to be my most valuable assets on my journey through life—that's why I joined the SIU Alumni Association."*

Connie Price-Smith '85  
Olympian Athlete  
Annual Member

A two-time Olympian with 16 national championships, Connie Price-Smith will compete in her third Olympics this summer in Atlanta.

During her Southern athletics career, Connie competed as a member of the women's basketball team. Since graduation she has won 10 national championships in the shot put and four U.S. discus titles. Her personal best of 64 feet, three and three-quarter inches in shot ranks her second among U.S. Women and her 212 feet, eight inches discus throw ranks her third.

Connie receives tremendous encouragement from her husband and another SIU alumnus John Smith. John was himself an All-American shot putter during his SIU career and has gone on to a successful coaching career that has included coaching high school athletes to 17 Indiana state championships in throwing events. He also acts as his wife's manager.

Connie earned a bronze medal at the World Indoor Championships in Barcelona, becoming the second American woman to ever win a medal in a throwing event at a major international competition. Her appetite is whetted now as she seeks to compete in her third Olympics.

On behalf of 165,000 alumni worldwide, the SIU Alumni Association salutes Connie Price-Smith. We'll be cheering for her she continues to go for the gold.

# Go for the Gold



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