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*During my four years at SIU, I completed three paid summer internships with an agricultural chemical company, one externship with a certified meteorologist and six semesters as a student research worker. I served as an officer in several clubs and participated in numerous community activities. Last May, I completed my bachelor of science degree in plant and soil science. I'm now working on my master's with Professor George Kapusta, a weed scientist. All of this was made possible by the Kuehns' generosity."*

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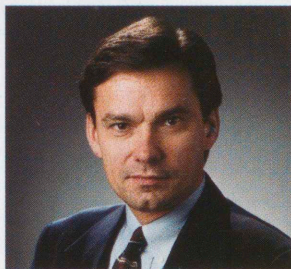
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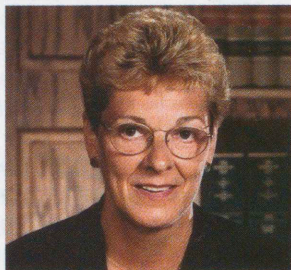
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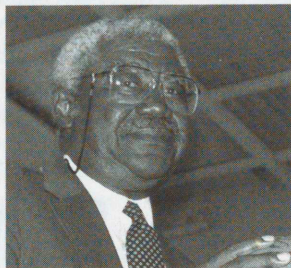
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# SIU Alumni Association Online

Do you want to reconnect with SIU—electronically speaking? Bookmark [www.siu.edu/~alumni/](http://www.siu.edu/~alumni/) and your alma mater will only be a click away.

The SIU Alumni Association web site gives you access to information on becoming an association member, alumni trips, the SIU credit card and what alumni chapter activities are occurring in a city near you.

The site also serves as a doorway to SIU's web site where you can obtain information on admissions, find out more about important dates and events or even browse through the latest edition of *The Daily Egyptian*.

But, as with everything the association does, your involvement and feedback are vital. So, the next time you're surfing the web, please stop by and let us know what you think.

## A Letter to Our Readers

We are always anxious to hear from our readers. As with all alumni magazines, we believe we can only be as good as the feedback we receive.

Maybe you've read an article that reminds you of a memory you would like to share. Perhaps reading about a new university project provokes some thoughts you would like to express about the direction your alma mater is taking. And there's always the chance you have read an article that you like (or dislike) so much you want to make sure we

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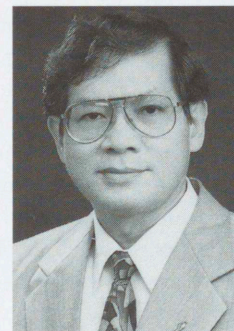
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You can also e-mail your letters to [alumni@siu.edu](mailto:alumni@siu.edu). Letters are sometimes edited for length and style.

We look forward to hearing from you!

### Correction

The 1997 College of Engineering Alumni Achievement Award winner Thirachai Ongmahutmongkol is the president of DuPont Thailand. We regret his job title was incorrectly reported in the last issue of *Alumnus*.



# Letters to the Editor

## Thanks for the NIT Memories

Thanks for the great articles about Walt Frazier and the NIT Team!

Although I graduated in 1966, I did have the opportunity of broadcasting some of Frazier's games earlier in his career on WSIU. That was back in the good old days when the SIU Broadcasting Service covered all the Saluki home and road games, not only in basketball, but football and baseball as well.

Keep up the good work!

**Lawrence A. Rodkin '66**  
Coral Springs, Fla.

Thanks so much for the memories brought back by your articles on Walt Frazier and the NIT Champions in the winter issue of the *Alumnus*.

Having lived at Thompson Point during those days, I got to know many of the players on the Saluki teams between 1967-68. It was great to be reminded of these wonderful years and to see what the players have been doing since the "Big Apple" visit.

As for "Clyde the Glide," he gave us oh so many thrills as a Saluki, but, being a Celtic fan, far too many disappointments as well. Congratulations Walt for your work and dedication with the youth of New York City.

**Jim Greenwood '65, M.S. '68**  
Venice, Fla.

## Articles Spark Reminiscences

Three articles in the spring 1997 issue of *Alumnus* revived some of my dormant memories.

David Kenny's picture renewed memories of government classes I was in.

The Abe Martin article reminded me of a football game. A close student friend,

Eugene Dillow, was a strong, determined member of the football team. He was knocked senseless in a game. After recovering his senses, he was still an active, determined person. He became an ace Marine fighter pilot during World War II.

Paul Simon's outstanding character, political career and present hometown are of interest to me. I spent a memorable summer vacation with my grandparents in Makanda when I was a youngster.

Starting with a good work ethic and getting two degrees while in Carbondale, prepared me for a successful career.

Thank you, SIU, for the good education and cherished memories.

**Paul K. Lynn '48, M.S. '52**  
Murray, Ky.

## The Saluki Bond

It seems the older we get the busier our lives become, so believe me when I say I have just finished reading the winter issue of *Alumnus* and look forward to finding the time to read the spring issue. I have to admit it was Chancellor Beggs' article on alumni bonding which made me want to share this story with you.

For the past 10 years, I have been the environmental manager for a municipal electric and water utility in south Florida. For years a colleague from a nearby utility and I pooled our resources and had countless discussions regarding our industry. I had always felt a commonality or familiarity with this person going back to our first introduction. I chalked it up to our similar work and environmental backgrounds.

Four years passed before we discovered, by a chance conversation, that we were both graduates of SIU. One from the

College of Engineering and one from Agriculture (Forestry). We both had a good laugh when we finally discovered the "common" connection—we should have known. The sense of fellowship between alumni is SIU's eternal gift.

**Margaret Johnstone '83**  
Lake Worth, Fla.

## Mendenhall Deserved Better

I look forward to receiving each copy of the *Alumnus*. The coverage of items of importance and interest is good, and the magazine has evolved into a first-class publication that represents the association and SIU very well.

I was disappointed, though, that the spring edition ignored the death of Harlan Mendenhall, professor emeritus of journalism. Outside of a listing on page 44, there was no story, nor photo, about this dedicated man.

Harlan went out of his way to spend extra time with students, to stay in touch with them after graduation, and to take a personal interest in their careers. He was a published author, having written several books; and for many years was one of the real mainstays in the School of Journalism.

Frankly, if you can devote a full page and photo to Abe Martin's passing, you should do the same for Harlan Mendenhall. I hope you can recognize and honor Harlan in an upcoming issue.

Keep up the good work, as *Alumnus* gets better with each issue.

**Kurt Mische '78**  
Las Vegas, Nev.

## Simon's Presence Questioned

I read with dismay that former Senator Paul Simon, Democrat, joined the SIU faculty. I was also dismayed by the puff-piece printed about him in your journal. Any course on politics or history given by Simon must be evaluated for partisanship in the same way that Newt Gingrich's history course was evaluated by Congress. It is a violation of basic principles of fairness and the First Amendment to have a politician like Simon teach his theories at public expense.

**George Kocan**  
Warrenville, Ill.

## Wife Confirms SIU Appeal

My husband Clyde Axley and I have been married four and a half years. I've heard him talk often with great respect for his alma mater, SIU.

Recently, we attended an SIU dinner in St. Louis. We met and enjoyed the people and evening so much. Then in mid-July we attended a seminar at the university in Carbondale. Finally, I got to see and do some of the things Clyde had related to me for years.

The seminar was informative, but to walk the halls and many walks that lead to the vastness of SIU was a real and rewarding pleasure.

Thompson Woods was especially a nice place to collect your thoughts. Having dinner in the dining room in the lodge at Giant City State Park was truly a great way to end the day.

Thank you Carbondale for three great days.

**Jessie Berry Axley**  
Saint Peters, Mo.

# Britton Leads Advancement Team



Many of Tom Britton's friends and colleagues were curious about why this successful SIU administrator, most recently an associate dean of the School of Law, would accept the position of acting vice chancellor for institutional advancement. Wanting to be frank not flip, Britton frequently gave them the same answer. "Because I was asked," he would say.

Britton explains his response: "I was extremely flattered when Chancellor Beggs approached me about taking this job. I was also surprised—at first. But in talking to him and thinking about this opportunity, I realized I had a lot to offer in

this area that I hadn't really thought about before."

A three-time alumnus, Britton has spent the majority of his career at SIU. As a graduate student he worked for University Housing as a head resident, residence hall director and residence hall coordinator. After earning his master's degree in higher education and later graduating with the first class from the SIU School of Law, he served as administrative counsel to the SIU Board of Trustees' office, executive assistant to the chancellor, system administrative officer, vice chancellor for administration and acting dean of the law school.

Not bad for a man who says he came to SIU "without knowing much." "What SIU did for me," reflects Britton, "was give me a multitude of opportunities . . . It took a boy from Effingham by the nape of the neck and shook him. SIU dared me to reach my potential."

Britton and his fellow alumni, brother Don, a banker, and sister Janet Bilderback, a teacher, were first-generation college students, something Britton never forgets. "My parents were poor farm kids from Franklin County who never had the chance to go to college . . . So we never took that chance for granted."

Britton's strong connections to SIU were pivotal in University Chancellor Don Beggs' selection of him for the position. Beggs expresses confidence in Britton's ability to take over the helm of the three-year-old division: "Tom Britton has invested his professional life in SIU. His strong management and analytical skills will help SIU build an even stronger outreach team." Beggs has charged Britton with fine-tuning the division before a search is initiated for a permanent vice chancellor. Britton will not be precluded from seeking the post permanently.

Although Britton embarks upon his responsibilities without direct experience in development, he's not concerned. Instead, he reassures

alumni and friends of the university: "I've never been a fund raiser. But I've also never been shy about asking for money for a good cause. And I can guarantee you I won't be shy about asking for money on behalf of the university."

A lifetime member of the SIU Alumni Association, Britton looks forward to aggressively meeting the division's challenges: "As we work to support the university's mission of teaching, research and service, I will look for ways to better use resources and reward teamwork."

That same determination comes through when he says what he intends the legacy of his first year leading the division to be: "I want people to be able to say that I moved quickly. I resolved some long standing turf issues. I made some difficult decisions. And that we, as a division, successfully began to set the stage for the university's first major capital campaign."

Britton is confident he can meet his high goals: "I don't want to come across as arrogant, but I know myself well. I think I have a combination of abilities that are important in this job. I'm well organized and I'm a sequential thinker. I also have good interpersonal skills. I think those skills and my energy will serve the university well." ■



Winners and finalists in the 1997 Rickert-Ziebold Trust Award competition sponsored by the School of Art and Design are joined by the executrix of the trust fund, **Marguerite Proctor** of Shawnee, Kan., at a spring reception in their honor. Seated in the front row are the winners, from left to right, **Michael Hofer, Todd Chapman**, trust executrix **Marguerite Proctor, Erika Fitzgerald** and **Terril Johnson**. The winners divided a \$20,000 award. Other finalists, standing, from left to right, are **Stacey Holland, Kirsten Reese, Laurie-Jean Flint, Eric Gehner, Jay Thomson, Jeff Siemers, Alisa Fritz, Yoko Kawazoe** and **Saori Tozaki**.



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## New Logo Reflects Global Presence

Gone is the SIU dot adopted in the mid-1960s. Replacing it is a new logo intended to update Southern Illinois University's visual image.

SIU President Ted Sanders says the new logo represents all of SIU's campuses and centers in Carbondale, Edwardsville, Springfield, East St. Louis, Alton, and Niigata, Japan.

"The new logo reflects our ties to international students, alumni and educational exchanges on many continents,"

Sanders observes. "Our horizons have expanded far beyond that of a regional teachers' college. We have a global presence, a global mission."

The winning look is the brainchild of Gregory A. Myers, director of University Graphics and Publications on SIU's Edwardsville campus. He explains the logo was derived from input from students, faculty and staff.

The new look will be phased in as publications, letterhead and business cards are reprinted.

The system's central office will use the new design in red. The Carbondale campus will use the design in maroon, and Edwardsville campus will use it in green. Different colors will let SIU campuses and centers establish a cohesive image while retaining their own identity.

SIU plans to register the new logo as an official trademark with any proceeds from that trademark being used to fund student scholarships.

On The

# Side

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, nationally recognized as having one of the **top graduate rehabilitation programs** in the country, has been given approval to offer the only bachelor's degree in rehabilitation services in the state of Illinois. The first class will begin their undergraduate studies this fall.

**James Ferraro**, associate professor in the SIU School of Medicine, received the 1997 Distinguished Alumni Award at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Ferraro is internationally renowned for his work on the effects of air and space flight on the body.

SIU Chicago Business Alumni recently honored executives **Douglas Whitley**, president of Ameritech Illinois, and **Stephen Olson**, president of AMJ Industries Inc. Whitley was named Executive of the Year, and Olson received Entrepreneur of the Year honors at the group's annual banquet.

Physiology **Professor Richard Falvo** has been named acting dean of the graduate school, replacing John Yopp who recently accepted an administrative post at the Educational Testing Service. Falvo came to SIU in 1973 and previously served as the graduate school's associate dean.



# Courtyard Represents Allegiance

Creating a need to recognize its successful alumni, provide student scholarships and sustain its nationally-recognized programs, the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts embarked earlier this year on the Communications Courtyard fundraising campaign.

The campaign goal is to raise \$350,000 for scholarships and equipment. Before the official opening ceremony in May, some 400 alumni, students, and friends of the college committed or pledged \$125,000 to the campaign. This figure included \$5,000 sponsorships from WSIL-TV, the *Southern Illinoisan* and the Zimmer Radio Group.

Several student organizations have also made contributions, including the MCMA Ambassadors, Sigma Alpha Gamma Class of 1997, and the Delta Zeta Gamma Omega 1953.

"We wanted to do something out of the ordinary to recognize people who contribute to the college," says Jim Hawkinson, the former director of development for the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts who recently resigned to enter private business. "Alumni and students can be recognized for the long term, as opposed to us just sending them a receipt and thanking them for their gift."

On the right, **Beth Sherman** admires her brick in the newly laid courtyard.



The Communications Courtyard features inscribed bricks set off by a black granite obelisk centerpiece. Four options are offered to donors, including three brick sizes and a nameplate on the obelisk. The three brick levels are stepping stone (4" x 8", \$100), milestone (8" x 8", \$300), and cornerstone (12" x 12", \$500). A nameplate on the obelisk centerpiece is \$1,000.

The campaign will specifically assist the departments of journalism, cinema and photography, and radio-television stay on the cutting edge.

"The college is so equipment intensive that we really needed to do something in our efforts to offer state-of-the-art equipment," says Hawkinson, who was instrumental in the planning and design of the courtyard. "This will also assist our scholarship needs."

Every dollar that comes into the campaign is split, with half going toward equipment and the other half supporting scholarships. Donors can select which department they want their donation to support.

"We have had hundreds of alumni and friends donate bricks and nameplates from all over the United States," says Joe Foote, dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts. "We have received an outstanding response to this campaign."

Marcia Bullard, president and chief executive officer of *USA Weekend* magazine, serves

as co-chair of the campaign and is equally excited about the alumni response.

"The response we've seen to the Communications Courtyard project is the best proof we have that this was a smart idea and one long past due," she says. "Clearly, SIU alums are proud of the courtyard and want to support it. The courtyard has provided the perfect opportunity for them to do just that. Personally, I'm very much looking forward to visiting the campus this fall to see the courtyard and, of course, to check out my brick."

Students can join alumni in supporting the project. A special student rate of \$75 can be paid over a three-year period. Hawkinson believes students have a vested interest in supporting the Communications Courtyard.

"I think there is a very close relationship between professors, alumni and students because our college is so hands-on," Hawkinson says. "Communication students are so involved that they can't help but gain closer relationships in this atmosphere."

Beth Sherman, a senior majoring in radio-television, is one student who definitely felt that close connection. Although she does not graduate until December, Sherman purchased a \$500 brick in the Communications Courtyard.

Sherman was a reporter for *The River Region Evening Edition*, a half-hour daily

student newscast. SIU is one of the few universities to provide a newscast that features local and national news, sports, weather, university happenings and special weekly segments. She also participated in the Hollywood Studies Program, completing an internship at KABC-TV in Los Angeles. Purchasing a brick was a way for Sherman to show her appreciation for these opportunities.

"I knew this was going to be for something that I could look back on. The one university that stood out that I wanted to go to because of its strong reputation was Southern Illinois University," Sherman says. "I've been given many opportunities through the Hollywood Studies Program, the River Region newscast and the fine teachers we have."

Students like Beth Sherman and alumni like Marcia Bullard became a source of inspiration for Hawkinson, who says: "A lot of times I visited with the students in this college and found out that they were working until two o'clock in the morning somewhere so they could afford to attend SIU. Watching how hard these students worked and the number of hours they put in outside of the classroom really made it easier for me to go out there and get more scholarship and equipment money." ■

—Greg Scott

## More On the Side

The School of Social Work is now organizationally part of the College of Education. School Director **Martin Tracy** calls the move positive, giving faculty in various disciplines the opportunity to work together more closely.

The small business incubator has been named to honor retired State Senator **Ralph Dunn** of Du Quoin and retired State Representative **Bruce Richmond**, formerly of Murphysboro. The two statesmen aided in obtaining the funding for what will from now on be known as the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center.

SIU Professor of Mathematics **Salah-Eldin Mohammed** is one of only six mathematicians worldwide to win a research professorship at the Mathematical Research Institute in Berkeley, Calif. Mohammed, whose research assists scientists in better understanding natural phenomena, will work at the institute while on sabbatical during this academic year.

**SIU's Public Policy Institute** has released its first official report. In keeping with the institute's bipartisan spirit, the report, which contained recommendations for Social Security reform, was written by former Senators **Paul Simon (D-Ill.)**, **David Pryor (D-Ark.)**, **Jack Danforth (R-Mo.)**, and **Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.)**. The report was issued after a two-day symposium held on campus in May.



# A Tall Grass Tale

Three SIU researchers are listening to the grass grow. What they're hearing is a story of selfish plants, famished cows, global warming and the eternal quest for protein.

The plant talking to them is tall fescue—a humble but important grass. Cows all over the Eastern and Southern United States graze in pastures of fescue. Like all plants, tall fescue uses carbon dioxide and produces oxygen as it grows. Like all animals, cows need protein. Chomping on fescue provides a cow with roughage and part of her protein needs.

The research team, funded by the Illinois Council for Food and Agriculture Research, includes: Jonathan Newman, an assistant professor of zoology; David Gibson, an associate professor of plant biology, and Rick Dado, an assistant professor of animal science.

The team's research begins with a basic botanical fact—the more carbon dioxide a plant gets, the bigger it grows. Early results of the SIU study predict a world of bigger, less nutritious plants.

Earth is becoming increasingly plant-friendly. As Gibson explains, "Carbon dioxide CO<sub>2</sub> has been rising in the last 20,

30, 40, 50 years just from looking at measurements taken around the world." Unfortunately, CO<sub>2</sub> and other pollutants are greenhouse gases. Gibson says the latest predictions show the "ambient" level of CO<sub>2</sub> could double over the next 50 years. Air pollution could cause the atmosphere to warm by two degrees celsius by the middle of the next century.

Last summer, Gibson and Newman began to test how fescue would respond to a double dose of CO<sub>2</sub>. They grew 80 pots of fescue in a cluster of open-top chambers at SIU's Touch of Nature facility. The open-top chambers allow the

plants to grow in natural sunlight and weather. Newman says the total harvest would only be "morning munchies for one cow."

The researchers pumped twice the ambient level of carbon dioxide into half the chambers day and night for three months. As expected, tall fescue became taller fescue. But Gibson and Newman did receive a surprise. "You get bigger plants," says Newman. "But they're also different."

Gibson and Newman called in Rick Dado who mixed the fescue clippings with digestive juices from a dairy herd cow. He discovered the double CO<sub>2</sub>

fescue had only three-quarters as much protein as current fescue.

Then Dado crunched the numbers.

"If a cow has a requirement for 10 pounds of protein a day, and the protein content of a foodstuff is 20%, the cow would have to eat 50 pounds of it.

"If instead of 20% the protein content was 15%, the cow doesn't have the nutrients to make milk or put on muscle. Most producers are not going to let that happen, so you [feed the cows] another high-protein source. That drives up cost tremendously."

We live in an age of cloned sheep, but Dado says we can't re-engineer cows to work on less protein: "The majority of the protein [a dairy cow] consumes ends up in her milk. If you try to engineer the cow to lower her protein needs, you will ultimately lower the protein content of the milk.

"If anything, you would rather have a higher protein value. In the future, if we try to transgenically manipulate cattle, we're going to try to increase the protein content of the meat and milk. [That way] humans, instead of getting fat, will get low-fat, high protein foodstuffs.

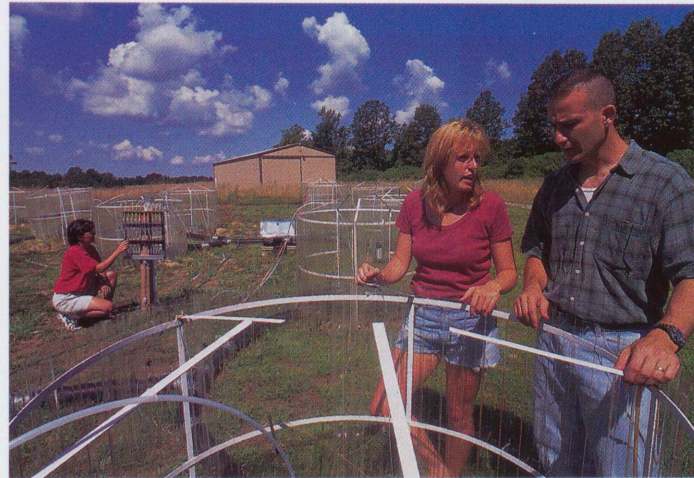
"When we do that, the cow's protein requirements will go up. It's just the biology, you can't make protein out of nothing; you've got to get it from somewhere."

Newman, Gibson and Dado are seeing if they can reverse the slip. Plants use nitrogen from the soil to make protein. Gibson says they're measuring the effects of different levels of nitrogen fertilizer, "It may be if we have higher levels of nitrogen in the soil, and the plants produce sufficient protein, we may not see this problem."

Dado is skeptical: "I don't think it's necessarily going to work. Last summer when we

did this, the plants had more nitrogen than they could ever possibly use. I'm just speculating, but the nitrogen availability was probably not a limitation."

Dado would like to move on to study other crops: "Who's to say this is limited to just fescue?"



Zoology Professor **Jonathan Newman** works at the Touch of Nature site with student assistants Michelle Abnek (on the far left) and Andrea Hickman.

What if it happened to soybeans and corn or any other thing that not only animals eat, but humans eat as well? I'd like to put alfalfa, soybeans and corn into those chambers and see if the same thing is happening. If it does, that's not a good sign at all."

Zoologist Newman sounds the biggest warning: "Individual species like tall fescue don't go through climate change alone. They go through it with their herbivores, parasites, predators and viruses. We may have massive changes in where species live or what species can live with other species. People have been doing good quality research on one or two species at a time, but they haven't really [looked] at what it means for bigger systems. I think our work is starting to address that."

When you look at the earth as one big system, you finally find some good news in all of this.

First, Gibson reminds us, the predicted changes in temperature and CO<sub>2</sub> levels are still many decades off.

Second, there may be no such thing as a "normal" ambient carbon dioxide level. Volcanoes, forest fires and other natural processes have always

belched huge volumes of pollution into the atmosphere. "If you look at CO<sub>2</sub> levels historically," Gibson says, "in the past, they've been a lot lower; in the past, they've been a lot higher. The plants around today historically have experienced both higher and lower levels of CO<sub>2</sub>."

Finally, bigger, faster growing plants produce more oxygen than their stunted relatives. If the CO<sub>2</sub> level continues to rise, the world's plants may produce enough oxygen to correct the problem.

In the end, tall fescue's tale is a good news-bad news mystery reminding us life is about struggle and adaptation—no matter where you are in the food chain. ■

—Gary Hart

### More On the Side

The **Fourth Annual Aviation Career Day**, held in April, brought a plane load of Chicago area high school students to campus on a United Airlines flight staffed almost exclusively by SIU alumni and accompanied by close to 30 alumni who now work for United. The students were given a tour of the aviation facilities at the Southern Illinois Airport and the SIU campus and met with many administrators and faculty members during their day-long visit.

The **new director of admissions and records**, Walker Allen, comes to SIU from the State University of New York at Buffalo where he served as associate vice president and dean of enrollment management.

Professor of Marketing Siva Balasubramanian has been named **acting dean of the College of Business and Administration**. Balasubramanian previously directed both the master's and doctoral programs in business administration.

**LIN Television Corporation** is underwriting the remodeling of the television newsroom used by student journalists who produce the daily newscast River Region Evening News.

Alumnus **Gary R. Chapman** heads the Rhode Island-based company which owns and operates eight network affiliated television stations around the country.

# Student Wins Academic & Personal Victories

**H**e's tall, he's African-American and he plays basketball. But Javan E. Walker defies and rejects any stereotype he might superficially seem to fit.

The 6-foot-eight-inch Detroit native, who finished a master's degree in English at SIU this spring, was recently informed by the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools that the thesis he wrote to earn his degree was the best one produced this year by students in 18 states.

Walker's prize-winning work explores how race-based stereotypes affect the characters in Ralph Ellison's novel *Invisible Man*. Echoing the idea he developed in his analysis, Walker explains the notion of stereotypes is one cherished not just by whites but by many African-Americans as well.

"Back in 1952 (when *Invisible Man* was published), Ralph Ellison saw something no one else did—that the magical African essence that draws all blacks together is a fraud," Walker says. "Get rid of that [idea] and blacks are free to be who they are." Pausing, he adds, "Free to be English majors."

Walker always did well in school, not a problem when he was younger. "My [black] friends would tease me and call me 'genius,' but I was in with them," he recalls. "We did

everything together, and I was just the smart one."

Things changed as Walker got older. "There was a stigma attached to being intelligent," he says. "The idea that you'd do well in school, get a good job and move out to the 'burbs' meant that you were leaving them behind. I'd say, 'I'm not leaving you behind. What's stopping you from following me?'"

By the time he reached high school, there was another force at work as well. The son of a career Army officer, Walker had lived in four large, racially mixed cities before his father retired. After they settled in East Peoria in 1976, Walker began to feel "different."

"I was one of only eight black kids in my school," he recalls. "People, not meaning to be mean, would say or do things that would just crush me. The thoughtless black joke . . . or, 'We don't think of you as black.' I'd think, 'Well, then, what am I?'"

"For a long time, the issue of race was very troublesome. It's probably what sent me down the road I'm on."

For a time, it's also what sent him down the road to alcoholism—like his father before him.

Walker continued drinking even as he attended a nearby community college and after winning an athletic scholarship to a small college in North

Dakota. But adjustment problems and alcohol made college life feel "like a death sentence." By October, he was gone.

Walker worked different jobs before joining the Army for three years. After his discharge, he worked as a hotel doorman and nightclub disc jockey, all the while continuing to drink. How he wound up at SIU in the fall of 1991 was more by chance than intent. A friend had decided to enroll and Walker decided he'd come along too.

Although drinking never seemed to interfere with Walker's academic performance, he quit in May 1992 for reasons still not entirely clear, even to him. Now a deeply religious man, Walker says he figures he was stopped by the hand of God.

"I quit drinking before I got saved. But looking back, I could see that it was easier to come to God without all that alcohol fogging my mind," he says. "God was preparing me to be saved."

His life changed in other ways as well. Originally signed up as an education major, he took a class on the African novel taught by English professor Robert E. Fox.

"That course opened my head up," Walker says. "I realized, 'This is what I want to do.' Then I went like a house on fire."



He finished his bachelor's degree with a 3.6 grade point average and entered SIU's master's degree in English program. That same year he discovered Ellison's novel. While much had been written on the novel, the graduate school association that recognized his thesis this spring described Walker's take as "fresh" and "inviting."

What Ellison did, Walker believes, was to point out that there is no "mystical black community." Walker thinks embracing that reality can set people free. "You can do what you want, because it's your mind—your path," he explains.

Walker himself hasn't decided what path to take next. Most recently, he's been working as the youth pastor at the First Baptist Church in Valier, Ill. The advice he gives to the kids he works with comes from the lessons he's learned along his own long way.

"Don't let someone else's opinion of you become your reality; don't let someone else's expectations preclude your path to greatness," he urges.

"Go after what you want wholeheartedly, but with integrity, and keep in mind that you can't run with everybody and follow your own path. Shrug off criticism and being left out, and remember the main thing is keeping the main thing the main thing. You alone can live your life, and you owe yourself that life." ■

—Kathryn Jaehnig

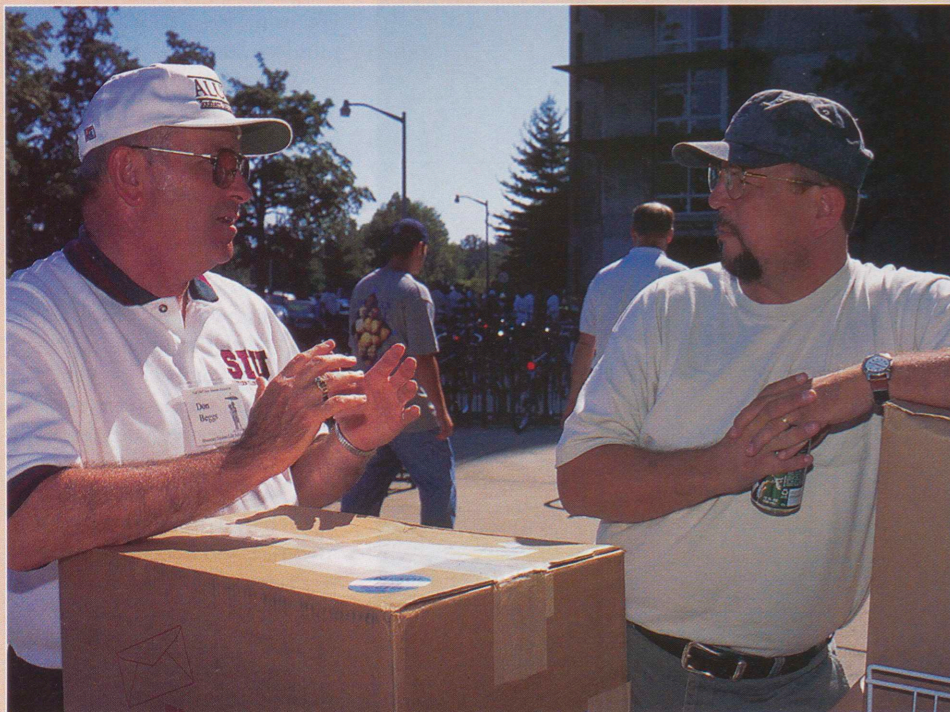
# SCENES • OF • CHANGE

by Maureen Manier

**E**ducation is big business. But only recently have universities begun to take the lessons of business to heart. With dropping enrollments and increased competition, they've been left with little choice but to take a hard, often painful look at how they treat their primary customers—students.

From Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Provost John Jackson's perspective, what universities have seen when they take that look is clear: "Bureaucracies have trouble dealing with people humanely. In a way, it's no more complicated than that."

Deciding SIU needs to become more "student friendly" was the first step.



Chancellor Don Beggs, on the left, strategizes with Michael McBride, father of new student Shana, as they move her belongings into Brush Towers. Beggs and other senior administrators helped families move into residence halls throughout campus.

Actually becoming student friendly has presented its own challenges. As Chancellor Don Beggs observes, "When you're dealing with people, whether it's faculty or staff, who have been doing what they perceive as their job, they're often reluctant or even resistant to change when they're not sure it's in a positive direction."

While Beggs is sympathetic to this hesitancy—in part, he explains, because before becoming chancellor he might have sometimes reacted that way himself—he also remains determined to make the university a more welcoming place for students. "There's a different way to teach and learn and that's all part of the environment we're trying to create here," Beggs says. "Teaching occurs when learning occurs and that's an important concept for all of us to remember."

Returning to the business metaphor, Beggs emphasizes that talking and listening to students—the university's customers—is something he, faculty members and administrators need to take more seriously. He has, therefore, spent a significant amount of time during his first year as chancellor reaching out to students. One way in which he has reached out is by going to residence halls to meet with student groups. During one such visit to Smith Hall in Thompson Point, Beggs spoke about why he feels these meetings are so important: "When I got this job I realized how stale I had become. I am very happy to be able to get this input from students."

Beggs also asked student affairs administrators to conduct a series of focus groups to elicit opinions and concerns

from students as they responded to a list of survey questions. Again, Beggs heralded the focus groups as a way to obtain important feedback. "These focus groups are intended to be much more than symbolic," he stresses.

A task force, created to produce results, not reports, was also established this year to back up Beggs' commitment to students. "I want students to feel as comfortable here as I did when I was a student," he explains. Led by Seymour Bryson, a longtime SIU senior administrator, the Student Success Series Task Force has focused initially on students who face academic probation or suspension. Eventually, however, Bryson hopes the task force will benefit all students with initiatives as diverse as a volunteer student mentoring program and "customer" training for all employees.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Harvey Welch oversees the task force and comments, "We want to help more students and feel this approach should improve retention and graduation rates while providing an added incentive for students to choose SIU."

Provost Jackson and Chancellor Beggs stress the importance of moving beyond words to action, not succumbing, as Jackson puts it, to the "movement of the moment mentality." "I feel we have many of the programs and services students need," Beggs explains. "But we have to do a more aggressive job of communicating and marketing—both internally and

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Jackson says nationwide studies have shown that students who complete their degrees are those who get involved. "And those who drop out usually do so because they feel isolated and lonely, like the university is a utilitarian machine that has little to do with them," he adds.

Recognizing the importance of connecting students to the university and the faculty and students in their respective colleges, many events and efforts have been and will continue to be initiated. Reaching out to students during their first days on campus is especially critical to building the kind of rapport and connections that assist them throughout

their undergraduate careers. Administrators, therefore, focused on revamping new student orientation, so that students would understand what they can expect from SIU and what is expected of them.

At the core of this year's orientation was a New Student Convocation. Conducted in two sessions (dividing students alphabetically), students and parents were invited to the convocation, held in Shryock Auditorium. A reception for all students and parents was held between the two sessions.

Vincent Carilli, assistant director of student development, was charged with inaugurating the convocation. "The convocation is a formal welcome to students—just

as graduation is a formal good-bye . . . It is a way to familiarize students with the culture of an academic community and make them feel they are now part of that community—a way to set the tone for their years here."

Processing in academic regalia, the chancellor, faculty representatives from every academic department, academic deans and vice chancellors joined student leaders in welcoming new students and their parents and in speaking to them about SIU's history and traditions. A video introduced students to SIU and the region. The Alma Mater was sung and the newly adopted Saluki Creed was read for the first time as a straightforward declaration of the commitment shared by the university community.



Student life advisers and residence assistants encouraged new students to attend the convocation and other orientation activities and were pleased by the response (as shown above). But Carilli and others acknowledge events like the convocation will gain momentum as their reputation grows. “We faced some obstacles this time—like the Du Quoin State Fair,” explains Carilli. “But we’re learning from this experience, and we’ll be using everything we learn in planning future convocations.”

Another change associated with the convocation was the decision to open all administrative offices on the Saturday of orientation weekend. Beggs considers this decision particularly significant because it sent the message to students and parents that their needs are a priority with everyone at the university. “I want every university employee to help create a supportive, friendly environment for students,” says Beggs.

Provost Jackson says, ensuring “students don’t get lost in the shuffle” is what is most important during the first weeks of school, and he praises the colleges’ respective efforts to meet early with new students.

The College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, for example, invited new students to a picnic during the first week of school to give them an opportunity to meet current students, faculty members and administrators. Other colleges conducted similar outreach activities during the early weeks, efforts that will be reinforced throughout the year. And while Jackson believes the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science encounter unique problems in creating their own community of students and faculty because of their diverse majors, he has witnessed progress in those colleges on the departmental level.

“We’re doing a lot university-wide, but still not enough,” Jackson observes. “We have to look at what we’re doing as a long-term transformation of our university’s culture. The goal of everything we’re doing [such as the convocation and the university picnic held during orientation weekend] is to make students feel like they’re part of a group.”

The student affairs and academic affairs divisions will also be submitting a

proposal in the near future for an orientation course to be offered to all new students. Beggs says the course’s details, such as whether it will be taken for academic credit or be required, are yet to be worked out. But he believes the course will ultimately be an important resource for students.

Not to be forgotten in this renewed focus on creating a more hospitable university environment are current students—students to whom Beggs has talked and listened extensively during the last year. He continues to include students on key university committees and conduct focus groups and surveys. He hopes eventually to set up a system for student evaluation of all university departments. And he is specifically and publicly responding to concerns raised in last year’s focus groups. He is considering extending late night study facilities, examining parking options and regulations and exploring more serious issues that emerged such as ensuring instructors’ fluency in English and improving the university’s image.

As responsive as he has been to students, however, Beggs is equally

AS A SALUKI, I PLEDGE  
TO EXALT BEAUTY.

*I will celebrate the uniqueness of our campus, our region, and our people. I will revere and protect the natural and cultural environment that distinguishes the campus and the region of southern Illinois.*

AS A SALUKI, I PLEDGE  
TO ADVANCE LEARNING.

*I will practice personal and academic integrity. I will participate as an active learner to the maximum of my potential. I will demonstrate concern for others by developing, encouraging, and maintaining an environment conducive to learning.*

AS A SALUKI, I PLEDGE  
TO FORWARD IDEAS AND IDEALS.

*I will discourage bigotry and celebrate diversity by striving to learn from differences in people, ideas, and opinions. I will embrace the ideals of freedom of civilized expression, intellectual inquiry, and respect for others.*

AS A SALUKI, I PLEDGE  
TO BECOME A CENTER  
OF ORDER AND LIGHT.

*I will respect the rights and property of others. I will know and understand the ideals and values of this community of scholars and will strive to incorporate them in my daily life. I will fulfill my responsibility as a citizen-scholar by striving to make this campus and community a better place.*

*Saluki Creed* hand-lettered by Joya Helmuth

adamant that SIU students need to know what is expected of them as members of the community. More than being inspirational, he hopes the new Saluki Creed (shown above) will provide a platform from which to encourage student responsibility and adherence to community standards and expectations.

Focusing on students and building a university community has also meant reaching out to faculty and staff. Jackson cites admissions and records as one area that has undergone a lot of “soul search-

ing” and training in the last year as it has looked at how it works with prospective students and families. Jackson believes other university departments would benefit from similar endeavors and intends to support training of this kind throughout the academic affairs division.

Beggs’ goals for SIU are driven by the strong attachment he feels to his alma mater—the university he now leads. Remembering his years as a student in the late 1950s and early 1960s, he says he felt some of the same frustrations voiced by

students today. But he also knew an SIU he wants them to know, the university where he selected and prepared for his career, where he developed lifelong friendships and, ultimately, where he found a home. It’s not uncommon to see Chancellor Beggs become slightly overcome as he speaks about SIU. He explains the emotion he shows emanates not from nostalgia, but from his deep-seeded belief that the best Southern Illinois University has to offer is yet to come. ■



# Freeing the Butterflies

by Helen Sharp

**B**arbara Cordoni spent many sleepless nights worrying about her two youngest children as they struggled in school. Yet even she did not realize the extent of her children's pain until years later when they revealed to her what they had endured.

Cordoni's children, Lance and Tara, had learning disabilities, which were wholly misdiagnosed and misunderstood. Cordoni recalls a popular song at the time, *You and Me Against the World*, which described how she felt. As she tried to help her children, what she encountered were schools that recognized only two kinds of special students: the so-called "mentally handicapped" students, who rode in school buses emblazoned with this label in bold, black letters, and the gifted students, who were channeled into separate accelerated classes. All their school had to offer Lance and Tara was time in resource rooms—time during which they grew more and more frustrated.

Only in high school, triumphant after winning prizes in the science fair, did Lance confide to his mother, "When I was in second grade, I used to pray that God would let me die because there wasn't anything I could do well."

Only when Tara finished a master's degree in social work, having presented the keynote address at a state convention at the age of 23, did she also finally

admit how painful it was for her to talk about those early school years.

From the beginning, Cordoni questioned the treatment her children received. Reading problems like the ones Lance exhibited were thought to be the result of brain injuries or eye problems. Teachers suggested exercises to develop hand-eye coordination. Trained in speech and language pathology, Cordoni knew her son's early speech development had been slow and that his auditory receptive problems had even led him to lip read.

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**"Dr. C. helped me beyond what you could ever imagine. I would have dropped out a long time ago without her," says senior Russ Holder.**

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She felt strongly something else was happening with him.

Tara's challenges centered more on writing down and organizing her thoughts—symptoms of dysgraphia. In the resource room, she was handed worksheets with large type. No amount of large type exercises or over enunciated, extra-loud directions made a difference.

Already an experienced teacher, Cordoni knew Lance and Tara were curious and eager to learn. Cordoni believed in her children's potential. She remembers, "Lance had a single focus to

become a doctor, and Tara always spoke about going to college." Cordoni refused to ignore their dreams. She has a favorite metaphor to describe what it was like to work with her children and others with learning disabilities: "I tell my graduate students to see them as potential butterflies still in the cocoon. Our job is to go out and free the butterflies."

Freeing the butterflies, however, was not always an easy task. In Lance and Tara's case, there were no programs, resources or specialists within 100 miles of where they lived. Resourceful and determined, Cordoni acted on her guiding principle, "Parents must realize the power they have to change things that are not right."

She attended a convention on special education, conferring privately with presenters. She soon began to share the wealth of information she accumulated with other parents, teachers and physicians. She started the Orton Society in Florida, then her home, to advocate on behalf of the learning disabled in the public schools. In three years, 57 learning disability centers were established in the schools and the state university had begun to provide extension classes for retraining teachers.

Cordoni's personal interests turned to professional as she earned a master's degree in education and ultimately a doctorate at Duke University. At first, she worked training special education teachers. "I wanted to show them that



these students learn," she says. Later, she decided to focus on helping learning disabled students who wanted to go to college. Through her efforts, Cordon not only changed the course of her children's lives, but of American post-secondary education.

Students with learning disabilities had long been denied access to higher education because of low standardized test scores and academic achievement. Cordon knew she could help these students and interviewed at 13 universities before deciding to pilot a program at SIU in 1977.

"Mine was the first program [in the country] and no one knew if it was going to work," says Cordon. Little did she realize Project Achieve, Cordon's lighthouse program, would become the model for all the programs of its kind that followed.

Project Achieve supplements students' courses of study with services geared to their individual needs. Students take the same courses, meet identical requirements and are graded just like other students. However, they often record lectures, receive one-on-one tutoring in notetaking and other skills or use computers to take tests.

Since 1978, 2,000 students have benefitted from Project Achieve's approach. "It's fun to come to work," Cordon says. "Giving students a sense of independence, control over their learning, is what they have always wanted. And it is pure joy for me to watch a student become what he or she wants to be."

This spring the Learning Disabilities Association of America awarded Cordon its highest tribute, its prestigious lifetime achievement award. John Pohlmann,

chair of the department of educational psychology and special education, noting Cordon's international reputation, says her career "has been totally devoted to her students. She is passionately committed to them." Colleague Norma Ewing, associate professor of educational psychology and special education, agrees, "Barbara's vivacious personality, commitment to the field . . . and courage [enable her] to blaze new trails."

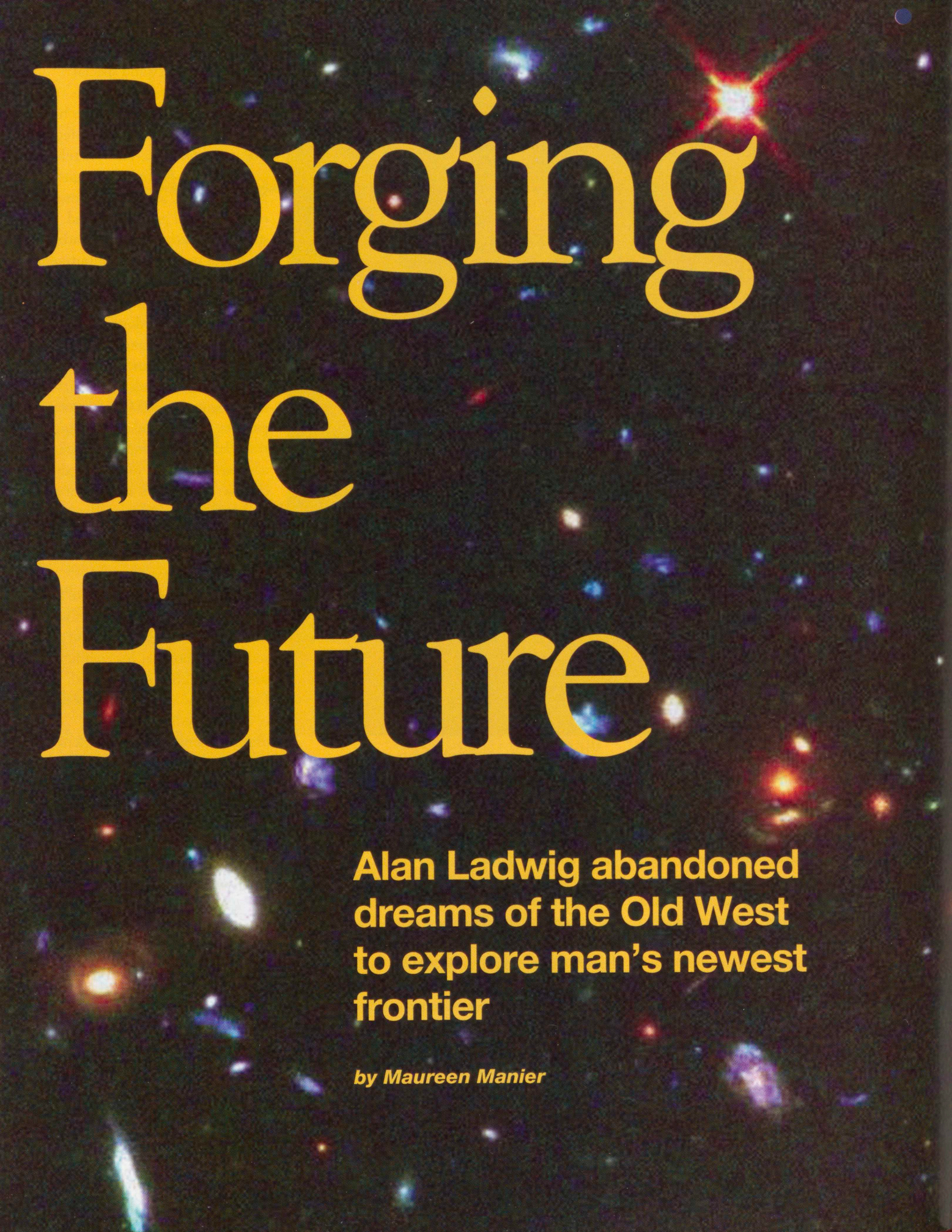
Stacked in Cordon's office is evidence of such commitment—cards from recent and past graduates and many thank you letters and progress reports from grateful parents. Former students visiting the Carbondale campus immediately seek Cordon out just as they do when she speaks at conventions and conferences. Cordon has many success stories to share, but those closest to home are perhaps the most inspiring.

Lance went on to graduate from college as the top student in his major. Cordon admits she lost all sense of decorum at his commencement as she cheered and cried. Lance is now an assistant professor of clinical pediatrics and the clinical coordinator of inpatient services at Children's Hospital of Illinois as well as the associate program director of the residence program for University of Illinois' College of Medicine.

Cordon becomes equally emotional as she talks about her daughter's accomplishments. Having completed a master's degree in social work at SIU, Tara recently earned her doctorate in educational psychology. She plans to work with learning disabled adults and loves diagnostic work.

Cordon encourages other parents to believe in their children with learning disabilities as she did. "Only then," she says, "will you free them to be all they can be. I have seen a lot of butterflies flying free . . . And that is what it has all been about." ■

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# Forging the Future

**Alan Ladwig abandoned  
dreams of the Old West  
to explore man's newest  
frontier**

*by Maureen Manier*

“Looking at the stars always makes me dream.”

—Vincent Van Gogh

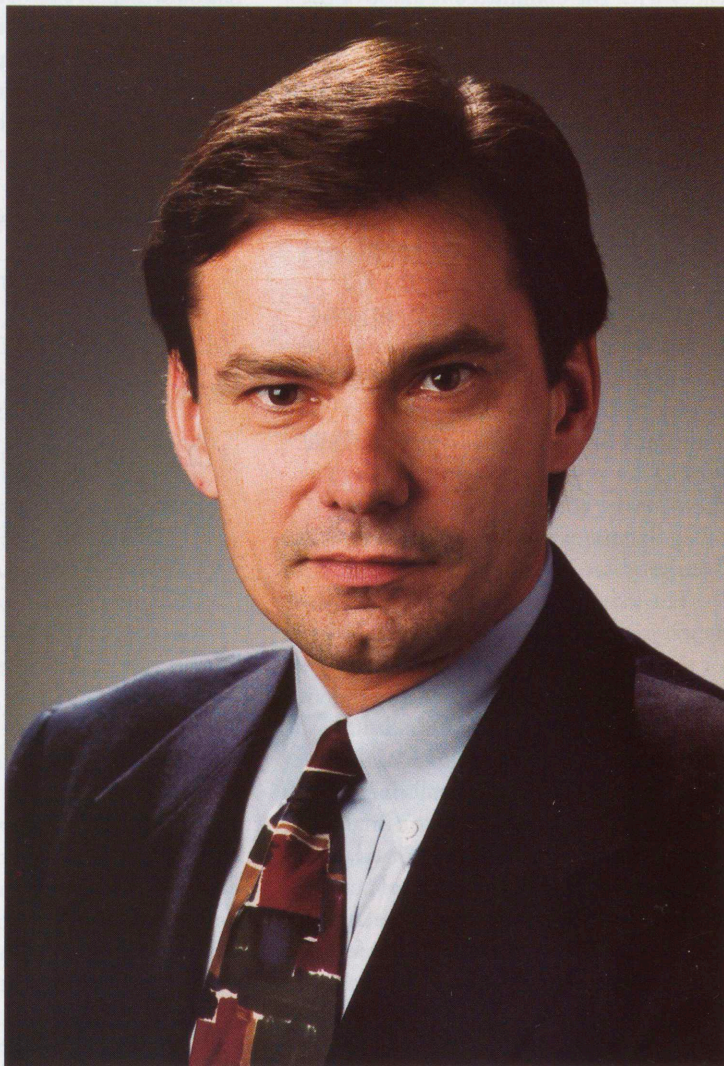
Growing up in Elgin, Ill., Alan Ladwig dreamed of riding the range with Roy Rogers or Hopalong Cassidy. When he looks through boxes of his old toys, he finds remnants of those childhood dreams—a far cry from the space toys Ladwig now collects and from his career as the number two strategic planner for NASA (National Aeronautic and Space Agency). Ladwig, who earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from SIU, admits space held little interest for him until an incident that sounds vaguely like a scene from a science fiction movie.

It was Christmas break in 1969 and Ladwig had gone to New York City to visit the home of two good friends. His friends' father, Colonel John Whiteside, the head of public relations for the Air Force in NYC, picked Ladwig up at the airport. Ladwig remembers the first thing Whiteside said to him was, “Hi, we're going to new worlds' . . . I'd never met this man before, but I said, 'Cool, let's do it.'”

As Ladwig described this odd but formative experience in a recent talk to student leaders on SIU's campus, he also recalled a book, *Souls Clothed* written by John Hillman, and what its message came to mean for him. “The book dealt with how in all of our lives there is something that calls us that is our purpose that eventually we discover,” Ladwig observed. “For me, this was the event that was my calling.”

That calling, Ladwig clarifies, was the space program.

On his way to the space program, Ladwig became involved in Colonel Whiteside's Committee for the Future, the nation's first citizen space advocacy group. With the first moon landing having occurred that year, the committee was intrigued with the concept of space as an



open system with infinite possibilities for exploration and expansion. While many of his fellow college students were protesting the establishment and its involvement in Vietnam, Ladwig joined a much smaller but equally dynamic group of people convinced the future of humanity laid not in ourselves but in the stars.

The Committee for the Future spread its message primarily by organizing seminars and conferences. Ladwig, then pursuing his master's degree in higher

education, was integrally involved in setting up its first conference, held in 1971 at SIU and called "Mankind and the Universe."

Ladwig was able to stay involved as a leader with the committee because of the open-mindedness he encountered from his professors. "A great thing about SIU," Ladwig says, "is that professors understand education is much more than what you do in the classroom."

After that conference met with relative success, Ladwig and the committee decided to organize another conference at SIU. The vision for this 1972 conference extended beyond those conducted up to this point. Bringing together individuals from all different sections of society, the organizers soon realized a traditional organizational chart wouldn't work. They settled on the metaphor of a circle for the conference which they called Syncon, an abbreviation for synergistic convergence.

The image of the circle served as both the physical and conceptual frameworks for the conference. A crew built a wooden wheel 100 feet in diameter in the student center ballrooms. On Day 1, walls separated the different sections of the conference; by Day 5, the walls had all come down for the conference's final celebration. In the intervening days, the conference was a dizzying array of action, art and thought. A symphony was composed for and performed at the conference, as was a full-length play. The decade's leading evolutionary thinkers from fields as disparate as science and film making converged on Carbondale for a week of intellectual excitement and raw emotion. Ladwig retells the days of the first Syncon with detail and energy, clearly seeing that huge anomalous wheel in the middle of the student center ballrooms in his mind's eye as he lists the people present.

The next Syncon was held in Hollywood on, not surprisingly, a sound stage. With a touch of irony considering the recent suicide of Heaven's Gate followers, Ladwig remembers the organizers, whom he refers to as "space gypsies," rented a mansion in an exclusive Los Angeles

suburb where their temporary neighbors greeted them with due suspicion.

Ladwig's involvement in the Committee for the Future provided its own education and a wealth of experiences he has drawn upon ever since. His professors' willingness to allow him to stay active in the committee and to use it as the subject for his master's thesis makes him sure of one thing above all: "I couldn't have written a better degree program than I had at SIU."

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The year Ladwig finished his master's degree he also became one of the last men drafted into the Army. Although he envisioned rejoining the Committee for the Future after his discharge, he soon learned the committee had no open, paying positions. But then, as now, Ladwig feels something stronger guided his next career choice. As he points out, too many coincidences have occurred for him to believe otherwise.

"I was offered a job to head up public affairs for one of the Bicentennial Wagon Trains on the same day I was offered this job as president of the Forum for the Advancement of Students in Science and Technology [FAST]," says Ladwig. "So, I was sitting there looking at these two jobs and, of course, because of my interest in cowboys and the West, I had this fantasy of riding a horse with this wagon train

across the country. I had to choose between that job and being president of FAST. And being president of FAST had a neat ring to it, and the wagon train was a finite thing, and so I decided to go with FAST."

For the next five years, until the agency closed, Ladwig worked with high school and college students around the country to incite their interest in and commitment to science policy. Considering he was not a particularly good student in science and math, he's often wondered what his former teachers would think if they could see him now. "If my science and math teachers knew I was helping to coordinate a \$13 billion high technology program [at NASA], they would certainly think I'd risen a couple of levels above my competence," he speculates.

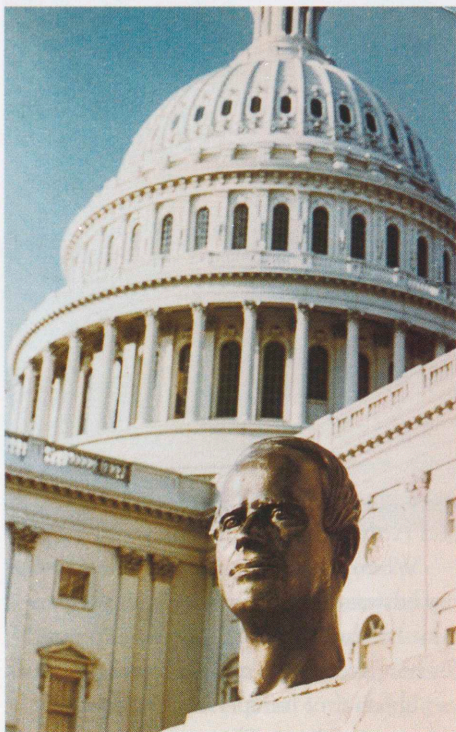
Ladwig's next "sign from the universe" happened when FAST closed and NASA recruited him to run a college student experiment program. He was offered the job right before Ronald Reagan was to be inaugurated, having promised the first thing he would do was institute a hiring freeze. The minutes were ticking down as NASA tried to finish the paperwork in time.

"Finally, it was the day before the inauguration," remembers Ladwig. "They [NASA] were trying to find me. I was doing some consulting that day and the man who was trying to hire me tracked me down through my ex-wife who through pure coincidence happened to know where I was that day. We were on amicable terms. Still, it wasn't as if we normally spoke every day. But on that particular day we had talked and she happened to know where I was. I went running over to NASA at four in the afternoon in jeans and a sweatshirt and got sworn in. The next morning Ronald Reagan was sworn in and the first thing he did was walk into the Capitol and sign a hiring freeze."

Ladwig spent the next decade working in a variety of positions at NASA, including as head of the Teacher in Space Program. Directly involved in selecting Christa McAuliffe for the ill-fated

Challenger shuttle mission, Ladwig had been down at the launch speaking to other teachers and state finalists before returning to Washington where he watched the tragic crash with the rest of the country. After the crash, as NASA regrouped and rebuilt, Ladwig's career also changed directions as he went to work with former astronaut Sally Ride who had returned to NASA to direct the Leadership in Space Program. Ladwig next accepted the position of director of special projects in the newly established Office of Exploration. In 1989, discouraged by the lack of public support for the agency's strategic efforts and ready for a change of scene, Ladwig decided to leave NASA.

For the next several years, Ladwig worked as a consultant and tried to sell an idea for a book based on the many letters he'd received from people who wanted to fly in space. Ladwig says he had no luck finding a publisher until soon after he accepted his next job—back at NASA.



Ladwig remembers he and his friend **J.P. Whiteside** took the university's familiar bust of Horace Mann on a little trip to the nation's Capitol in the spring of 1971. Upon their return to campus, Horace Mann again found his way home to his rightful residing place.

Tapped again to assist Sally Ride, whom President Clinton appointed to his transition team, Ladwig decided he was ready to return to NASA and put his name in the hat for a political appointment. Ladwig says he believes the appointment, which started the day after the last day of his consulting contract, was yet another sign he was heading in the right direction. Shortly after assuming his new job, a publisher accepted Ladwig's book proposal. After five years of delays, he hopes to finish the book within the next year.

Ladwig's return to NASA has been marked by renewed vigor—his own and those of his colleagues. Challenged by the administration to reduce costs and implement a strategic plan, NASA has become a model for the federal Office of Management and Budget. Ladwig, with the official title of associate administrator for policy and plans, has coordinated the planning process. "We have to know where we're going so that we're making the right investments today to get there," Ladwig asserts. "Strategic planning has united the agency."

Although the recent drive toward a federal balanced budget has placed some limitations on the growth of the space program, Ladwig doesn't feel discouraged as he once did in the late 1980s. He believes the combination of strategic planning and streamlining have strengthened NASA's mission and its viability. And he's confident of the next generation's commitment to the importance of space exploration and research. As he explains, "Space is not a hard sell to students . . . Young people 'get' space. They grew up with it."

Ladwig says during his last five years with NASA, "I've been having the time of my life." He's excited about all of NASA's current efforts, whether it's making research and development contributions to the aeronautics industry or working on the planned international space station. One of his own pet projects is something called Space Power Systems, a technology that would place solar energy collectives in satellites and beam the energy to Earth

where it would be delivered to utility systems. Ladwig emphasizes the importance of such technology, "As countries become more developed, the one thing they'll all require is energy. We have to look at where the energy source of the future is coming from."

Ladwig hopes the time will come when many more people have the opportunity to

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travel in space—perhaps experiencing what astronauts call the "overview effect." "You see the earth without any borders and you want to come back and work with each other, with every one," Ladwig explains.

Universalizing the overview effect sounds a lot like the thematic mantra of the conferences Ladwig and the Committee for the Future organized in the early 1970s. In many ways, Ladwig has not strayed from the idealism of his college years. Although it had been over 25 years since he was on campus, Ladwig's return this spring reminded him of how integrated SIU remains in his life.

The morning before he returned to Washington, D.C., Ladwig reflected on that connection: "I still remember the feeling I had the first day I stepped on this campus. I walked over behind the Old Main Mall and there was something there that gave me a chill. I experienced that feeling again yesterday. This area, with its rolling hills, is very much like where I live in Virginia now. So, I'm not sure I've ever been that far away from it in a spiritual sense. And I don't intend to let it be another 25 years before I come back." ■

# A Sign of the Times

by Greg Scott

**T**hirty years ago Judith Roales was like any other new college graduate anxious to embark on her career, but uncertain where her aspirations might take her. Little did she know how much the persistence and resiliency she learned in journalism courses at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale would help her in overcoming the obstacles that loomed in her future.

Roales encountered that first obstacle applying for a job as a news reporter. The personnel director was not encouraging.

"After trying to discourage me in all kinds of ways, the personnel director ended up by saying, 'Look young lady, you don't understand, we don't hire women,'" Roales remembers.

But Roales was not ready to accept that answer. Bypassing the personnel director, she interviewed with the city editor directly and got the job.

Getting the job, however, was just the beginning.

Senior editors at the newspaper often serve as mentors for young reporters. The mentoring relationship she developed with the city editor came in handy for Roales, who covered the police beat as her first assignment.

"I'd come back steaming because they [policemen] wouldn't talk to me or whatever," says Roales. "[My editor] would say, 'You're the first woman they have ever had to deal with as a reporter.

Just be patient . . . it has nothing to do with you. Just wait and let them learn how good and competent you are and it will be okay.' And he was right."

During a career that has taken her from cub reporter to top ranking executive, Roales never let discrimination

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stand in her way. Today, Roales is publisher and chief executive officer of the *St. Petersburg Times* in Florida, one of the nation's 25 largest newspapers.

Early in her career, however, Roales had to decide how to deal with those individuals who expected her to fail.

"I was taught early in life that discrimination is rarely personal. It is a societal thing," she says. "If you can intellectually say, 'Yes, it's awful and ugly, but it's really not about me,' it's a whole lot easier to keep moving. That has been very helpful to me."

While she admits maintaining that focus wasn't always easy, Roales says persistence combined with love for the profession have made the difference.

"I have had so much fun in my career and done so many interesting things," she says. "I have also met so many great people who really did want me to succeed and were helpful. The good far outweighs the bad."

Previously the president of Independent Newspapers Inc., a smaller news organization headquartered in Delaware, Roales spent much of her newspaper career with Independent. She started as a reporter in a rural bureau and working her way up through local and state beats to Washington, D.C., bureau chief.

Independent granted Roales a leave of absence in the late 1970s to work for the federal government as a policy analyst for Congress. The president later appointed her to head an oil spill clean up and research team at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

When Roales returned to the newspaper business in the early 1980s, Independent had another career change in mind for her. Roales was sent to Florida to serve as publisher of Independent's 10 weekly newspapers there. This promotion provided the impetus for Roales' move to the business end of the newspaper industry—something she never imagined or necessarily wanted.

“I really wanted to go back to the company as a reporter,” she says. “But this is what they wanted me to do. It turned out I was good at it.

“I was one of these people who never thought I was any good at math, business, or science, and avoided them like the plague. Once I got on the business side I found out it’s really logic. I’ve always

“I still write for my personal enjoyment. But I miss the writing side of the newspaper and being a reporter,” she says. “I’d go back to that in a minute. Of course, I wouldn’t like to go back to the pay I made then.”

Roales is well known in the publishing industry, frequently speaking at conventions and meetings. She has

A strong advocate for small newspapers, Roales belongs to an organization of independent publishers. She explains independent newspapers, like the *St. Petersburg Times*, don’t have as many resources and options as their counterparts.

“Independent newspapers have to protect themselves and watch their supply. If you run out of something, where are you going to go?” Roales says. “You don’t have any brothers or sisters in the group to call on. As an independent, you stand alone and it affects the way you conduct your business.”

Roales is one of only two women (Mary Junck of the *Baltimore Sun* is the other) who publish a newspaper with a circulation of more than 250,000. (This number does not include women who may have inherited such positions.) Roales and Junck also have the distinction of running two of the top 50 newspapers in the country.

“That is two more than it was several years ago, but we haven’t made a whole lot of progress,” Roales says. “Things were getting better for quite a while. But in the last couple of years, we have seen some backsliding against women and minorities.”

Roales, who often speaks to students and women’s groups, says women who do advance in their professions must be cautious of making the same mistakes as their male counterparts.

As women and other minorities continue to work to overcome the obstacles placed in front of them, they may want to take a page from Roales’ book: “I’m such a stubborn person that I didn’t pay much attention to [those who wanted to see me fail].” And Roales’ success has certainly proven to be a better comeback to those skeptics than she could ever have possibly written. ■



believed that if you are a good reporter you can really be a good almost anything. Business requires all of the same kinds of skills that being a good reporter requires.”

Other than a brief stint with the U.S. Department of Energy in the environment, safety, and health division when President Bill Clinton was elected, Roales has been on the business side of the newspaper industry ever since. She experienced some withdrawal.

pioneered major changes in the industry by her support of affordable rub-free soybean ink, recycled paper, and environmentally safe chemicals.

“At some point people do just accept you for what you are as far as the profession is concerned,” she says. “I’m not sure exactly when that happens. Somewhere along the way it just stopped being an issue of whether I was a woman or not.”



# Saluki Men

by Fred Huff  
Men's Sports Information Director

## Ron Herrin Remembered

The Southern Illinois University athletic program lost a true gentleman when Ron Herrin, an assistant men's basketball coach for four years, died suddenly in May after suffering a brain aneurysm. Without question, Ron, who was 67, was one of the

most popular members of SIU's intercollegiate athletics staff.

Ron, the older brother of SIU head basketball coach Rich Herrin, served first as a volunteer coach for two years with the Salukis following his retirement as a high school coach and several years as an assistant at Rend Lake College. He later was named a full-time assistant, a position he filled for the past four years. Ron was in charge of team travel,



summer basketball camps, several major fund-raising and public relations activities, and many other projects.

A highly respected member of the coaching fraternity, Ron's 35-year prep basketball coaching career produced 581 victories. He spent five years at Freeburg, 25 at Olney and five at Benton, where he succeeded Rich in 1985. Including other successful teams in baseball, cross country and track and field, Herrin boasted 860 coaching wins and 82 team championships. At the time he retired from the high school ranks, he ranked as the state's 17th winning basketball coach.

Following his prep career as an athlete, Ron was a standout all-around athlete at McKendree College, where he earned 10 letters while starring in football, basketball and track. He is a member of McKendree's Sports Hall of Fame as well as the Illinois Basketball Association's Hall of Fame. The Olney High School gymnasium is named in his honor.

## Coe Bonner Returns

If nothing else, the 1997 football season promises a few uncertainties and surprises for Saluki fans. One positive development may have a major impact on SIU's first season under new head coach Jan Quarless.

Quarless, who served as an assistant with the Salukis during most of Rey Dempsey's eight-year tenure here as head coach, was pleased following the Salukis' spring workouts. He particularly had a good feeling about available running backs.

Then came early June and a ruling from the Gateway Conference office that Coe Bonner, the Salukis' all-anything last season, would have an additional season of eligibility.

There are still no thoughts of taking ring measurements in case of a championship season, but there's obviously more optimism regarding the club's ability to move the football.

Mired in the Gateway Football Conference's lower division in eight of the last nine seasons, and only three times finishing as high as third or better in the 12-year-old league, the Salukis will not be expected to accomplish everything during Quarless' first year on the job.

"There's quite a bit of work to be done, and I'm certain we're not going to be able to do it all overnight," Quarless has said.

## Lettermen's Day Set

A second football lettermen's day has been scheduled for Oct. 25, and the event initiated last season figures to develop into being one of the finest promotions in recent years for former SIU athletes.

Approximately 100 former players participated in last season's inaugural event. Saluki officials are anticipating that number may double this season.

Returning athletes will gather outside McAndrew Stadium prior to the game with Western Kentucky, be honored at half-time on the field and enjoy a post-game reception in the SIU Arena area.

## Special Homecoming Guests

Members of SIU's 1947 football team, which gained fame by being the university's only bowl team, will be recognized as special 50-year guests at the 1997 Homecoming on Oct. 4.

Missing for the first time from the team's frequent reunions will be former head coach Glenn "Abe" Martin.

Martin, who enjoyed successful tenures with three different sports—football, basketball and baseball—during his 28-year career on the staff, passed away last spring at the age of 91.

# Saluki Women

by Gene Green  
Women's Sports Information Director

## DeNoon Looking for Team Effort

After losing Kim Koerner, Southern Illinois University's top runner for the past two seasons, and a number of his top upperclassmen red shirting this year, head coach Don DeNoon will look for an individual or a combination of runners to keep the Salukis in the upper echelon of the Missouri Valley Conference.

SIU is coming off its fourth consecutive fourth-place finish at the conference championship and is in search of a league title that has eluded the Salukis since 1992.

It will be hard to replace Koerner, who was an All-Conference selection last fall. All Koerner did was place either first or second in five of eight races and was SIU's top finisher in all eight races, including a runner-up spot at the MVC Championship.

Likely to accept the challenge is sophomore Jenny Monaco (Palatine, Ill.). As a freshman, Monaco posted four top 15 finishes in eight races, including a third-place finish at the Vanderbilt Classic.

The Salukis opened the season with a tri-meet with Kansas and Mississippi State on Sept. 6 and host the annual Saluki Invitational in early October.

## Locke's Squad Takes Next Step

After enduring a roller coaster ride last year with a young and inexperienced squad, head coach Sonya Locke and the Southern Illinois University volleyball team braces for what could be

the season goes along and the experience at the end of the season will give us the chance to win the MVC."

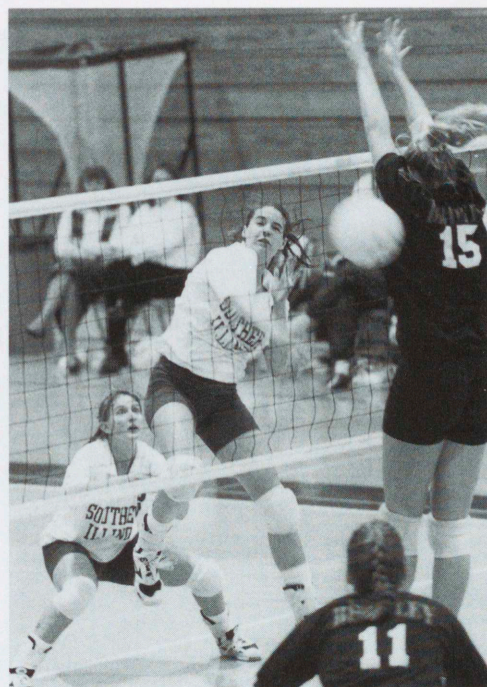
Despite having only two seniors again this year, the sophomore and freshman

classes both saw a wealth of playing time last season and the experience factor will be reversed from 1996.

Add on top of that a red shirt freshman, a transfer and a freshman middle blocker, and Locke has what could be characterized as one of the best combinations of talented athletes in her tenure as head coach.

"I think we have players in the right positions that will make a difference this year," Locke says. "With as many [players] as we are returning to the team from last

year, we should expect that even though we are young we will be able to handle the schedule and get into the top three."



SIU's middle blockers made tremendous strides in 1996 and return two from a year ago in **Laura Pier** (Michigan City, Ind.), shown here at the net, and **Monique Galvin** (Chicago, Ill.). The tandem is expected to step up their play and should rank among the league's best this season at the net.

one giant step in the right direction.

"We have the depth [on the bench] to go along with what we'll place on the court," says Locke, who is beginning her seventh season as head coach. "It [the depth] will help us as

## Scott Relies on Returning Starters

Some veteran leadership, blended with a generous dash of young talent, will hopefully provide the right recipe for the 1997-98 Southern Illinois University women's basketball team.

The Salukis return one of the top post players in the Missouri Valley Conference. Senior Theia Hudson has few peers who can match up with her size and strength.

On paper, the list of SIU recruits certainly makes Scott feel good about the future of the program. Included in the five newcomers are two student-athletes who were named *USA Today* "Players of the Year" in their respective states.

"Our schedule is once again extremely challenging, with national powers like Colorado and Vanderbilt on our home floor, and action with Duke, Illinois and Providence in the San Juan Shootout. The MVC will, of course, be what we will aim for, with teams like Drake, Southwest Missouri and Illinois State the squads to beat.

"Last year's players have something to prove. To them, the 14-14 record was unacceptable and is a motivating factor."

# Welch's Barrier Breaking Career

by Travis Akin

**M**ajor League Baseball recently honored Jackie Robinson for being the first to break the color barrier, but one person locally can speak of similar triumphs.

In 1951, Harvey Welch, the current vice chancellor of student affairs, was the first African-American to suit up as an SIU basketball player.

Before letting her son play, however, Welch's mother had some conditions for SIU coach Lynn Holder.

"She wanted me to play when the team played and to go in the same door as they went in," Welch says. "Lynn's word was his bond. He said, 'Your son will be treated like a first-class citizen with every member of the team.'"

Welch ate with the team and slept in hotel rooms with teammates, and Holder took games in the South off the schedule to keep his word to Welch's mother.

While the university was integrated, and the team treated Welch as an equal, the community was a different story.

Carbondale's neighborhoods and schools were segregated. African-Americans had to watch movies in the



balconies of the theaters and were not allowed to eat at some restaurants.

During Thanksgiving break this caused a problem for Welch because the school cafeteria was closed, and he had to stay in Carbondale for basketball practice.

"The only place black folks could eat was a little cafe in the old train station," Welch says. "Everything else was closed or not open to black people."

Teammates drove him to the cafe, but he had to walk back by himself while the rest

of the team was able to relax in the popular restaurants and clubs in town.

Sometimes Welch also experienced racism on the road. In a game against Southeast Missouri State University, racism was evident even in the actions of a small

child who caught a loose ball that Welch went to retrieve.

"[The child] waited till I got right up on him," Welch remembers. "Then he threw the ball at me as hard as he could."

Welch grew up in a single-parent family in Centralia. His father died when he was young. At the time, Centralia was on the verge of becoming integrated. There were several all-white grade schools and one all-black grade school. All the schools sent their students to one integrated high school.

Welch was the valedictorian at the all-black grade school and achieved national honors status at the high school, where he was also the first African-American to hold a class office.

Welch has always excelled, says William Norwood, a member of the SIU Board of Trustees. Norwood, a pioneer in his own right after becoming the first African-American quarterback in SIU's history, has known Welch since they were in high school together in Centralia.

After graduating from high school in 1950, Welch attended Centralia Township Junior College.

Following a game between Welch's junior college basketball team and the SIU junior varsity team, SIU coach Holder offered Welch a scholarship.

In the fall of 1951, Welch brought his trademark two-handed kiss shot to SIU and was a starting forward. The two-handed kiss shot is a jump shot in which the player holds the ball with two hands, brings

it back to the face, then lets it fly.

In his first season, Welch was the team's second leading scorer with 218 points and an average of 9.9 points a game.

At one point in the 1953-54 season, Welch scored 71 points in a span of three games. That same season he led the Salukis with 248 points and was named to the Illinois Interstate Athletic Conference all-conference team.

But basketball was not the only first Welch accomplished. He was also the first African-American at SIU to finish the Air Force ROTC program.

To friends such as Seymour Bryson, executive assistant to the chancellor, Welch is a person who followed Robinson's example by becoming a leader in the community.

"In each community there was a Jackie Robinson,"

Bryson says. "Not all were able to reach the level he reached, but what Jackie Robinson did was open doors."

Welch also opened doors by helping his three sons, Harvey C., Gordon and Patrick, and his daughter, Karen, attend college.

As a leader in the Air Force, he was one of only three African-Americans in the country promoted to colonel in 1971. He became the vice chancellor of student affairs at SIU after his retirement from the Air Force in 1975.

Since then, Welch and his wife Patricia, a hotel, restaurant and travel and administration professor, have strived to help students achieve their full potential. Welch helps students get financial aid and has an open-door policy for students who have problems.

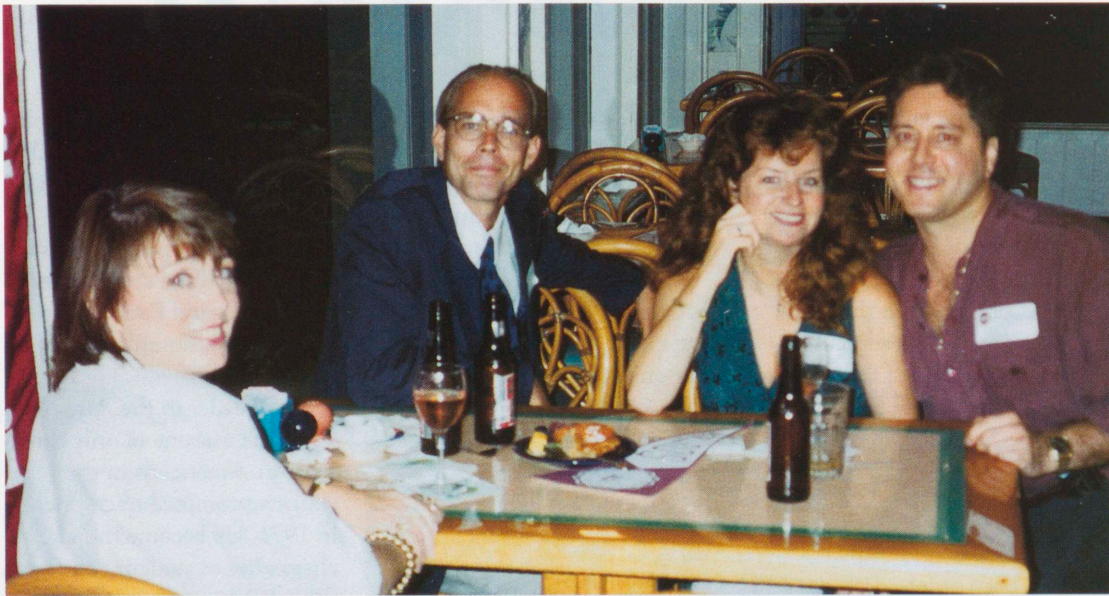
As an administrator, he sees himself as just that—an administrator who wants all people to get along.

"I view myself not as an African-American vice chancellor, but as a vice chancellor who happens to be an African-American," he says. "It does not matter how you look, you can make changes being gentle. All people are beautiful, and we can have peace and harmony if people would recognize that." ■

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**Harvey Welch** was not only the first African-American player who dressed and played for the team, but the only African-American on his team's squad.



**Tampa Bay**  
Tampa Bay area alumni gathered in May at Streetwater's Restaurant in Clearwater. From left to right are **Cynthia and Mike Herting '71** and **Kathy and David Witt '87**. Restaurant owners **Albert '68** and **Barbara Gaskill '67** also attended the event.

## Admissions Alumni Volunteer Corner

by Jenna Henderson-Smith

**S**ince joining the admissions staff earlier this year as a counselor and the alumni volunteer coordinator, I welcomed the arrival of a new SIU prospect this May when my daughter Breanna was born. Thank you to all the alumni who sent good wishes my way during my pregnancy and after my daughter's birth.

I am now back full time in the admissions office working with over 450 alumni volunteers. Last spring alumni volunteers were involved in 11 events conducted throughout Illinois. I received a lot of positive feedback from students and their families who appreciated the personal touch only alumni can provide.

I am producing a video and training kit that will provide you with information and materials. I am incorporating many suggestions I've already received from volunteers and would welcome hearing about any issues you would like me to address.

New Student Admissions is conducting an Open House on November 8 at the Student Recreation Center. We're expecting at least 1,000 students to attend. If you would be interested in volunteering for this event, please contact me at (618) 536-4405 or by e-mail at [jhenderson@siu.edu](mailto:jhenderson@siu.edu).

Look for more information on how you can help us during those busy spring months in the next issue of *Alumnus*.



### Williamson County

The Williamson County Chapter hosted its annual awards banquet in June awarding \$1,500 in scholarships to four local students who will attend SIU beginning the fall 1998 semester. The chapter also awarded the Distinguished Alumni Service Award to **Tom Oates '65, Ph.D. '86**, superintendent of the Marion Community Unit School District, shown on the right, with SIU President **Ted Sanders**, on the left, who was the guest speaker at the banquet.

**Military Program**  
SIU's off-campus military program at March Air Force Base in San Bernardino, Calif., is planning a graduation celebration on Dec. 13. Students enrolled in the program are shown here enjoying a luncheon in May. The event was also attended by SIU Alumni Association representatives. For more information about the graduation dinner, call (909) 653-3013.



**Harrisburg**  
Chancellor **Donald Beggs** greets **Mrs. Mary Ellen Beggs** (no relation) at a reception hosted by the Southeastern Illinois Alumni Chapter in Harrisburg. Mrs. Beggs supervised Chancellor Beggs when he was a student teacher. More than 100 other SIU alumni and friends joined Chancellor Beggs, a Harrisburg native, at the May reception.

# Association HIGHLIGHTS

## Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Alumni Chapter held a reception at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills on May 31. The gathering brought together approximately 50 alumni and friends.

## Indianapolis

The Indianapolis Area Alumni Chapter hosted its 8th annual golf scramble and banquet on June 16 at Valle Vista Golf Center in nearby Greenwood, Ind. The winning foursome were **Jan Buerger '91**, **Gina Giacone '92**, **Deborah Rushing '92** and SIU Women's Golf Coach **Diane Daugherty**.

## Seattle

Seattle-area alumni gathered at the Burien Lake home of **Len '67** and **Linda Boscarine** on July 20 for their annual SIU picnic/cookout. This is the third year for this event.



**Memphis**  
 Mayor **Willie W. Herenton '71** joined Chancellor **Don Beggs** and fellow Memphis area alumni for a dinner and ceremony at The Racquet Club of Memphis in April to recognize the Memphis Area Alumni Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association. Pictured with Mayor Herenton, far left, and Chancellor Beggs, far right, are, from left to right: **Eileen Wilkins**, SIU Alumni Association Past President **Wes Wilkins**, **Shirley Beggs** and **Joyce Kelly**.



**San Diego**  
 Forty-five San Diego area alumni attended a social at the Hotel Del Coronado in May. From left to right, are **Omar Winter**, **Evelyn Barr** and **Carol Winter**.



**Peoria**  
 The Peoria/Tri County Chapter was officially recognized as a chapter of the SIU Alumni Association in May. Alumni association board member **Don Magee**, left, presents the charter certificate to chapter president **Mike Munge** at a ceremony in Washington, Ill.

**Miami**

**Julio '69** and **Carmen Avello '70** hosted a reception for Miami area alumni at their home on Key Biscayne in May. From left to right, are: **Wally Avello '73**, **Sue Price**, **Dennis Daley '78** and **Julio Avello**.



**Chester**

**Vince Birchler** receives an award from **Barb Brown** at an alumni dinner in Chester. Birchler was honored for his years of service to the Randolph County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association. More than 80 southern Illinois alumni attended the event.

# Association Seeks Award Nominations

The SIU Alumni Association presents an Alumni Achievement Award each year at its board of directors' homecoming luncheon for outstanding service to the association and university. Nominees may be graduates, former students or friends of the university. The current president or board members may not receive this recognition.

A five-member committee reviews the nominees and determines the recipient. Names remain in the active file for five years.

Association members are asked to submit names with resumes and background material of those who they feel qualify for this honor. Send the material to the SIU Alumni Association, c/o Nadine Lucas, Stone Center, Douglas Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901-4420.



# Carr's Legacy to SIU

by Greg Scott

**F**ee increases are rarely looked upon kindly by the student body. But imagine enforcing a fee increase for students who would not be around to reap the benefits. Such a proposal once stirred hard feelings toward then student body president Mike Carr '74, J.D. '79.

Carr's student government had passed a referendum proposing a student fee increase to pay for the construction of the new Student Recreation Center. Student leaders believed the Recreation Center would not only benefit the future welfare of all campus constituencies, but would also be a recruiting tool for the university. But convincing a student body who would graduate before the facility was completed was Carr's toughest task.

Carr, who endorsed the fee increase, recalls tense moments during this period. "It was a very hot issue and one that I caught a lot of grief about," he says. "This was not a popular fee increase because the people who were voting for it would

never be able to step foot in the Recreation Center as a student."

Despite enduring criticism, Carr says he and other alumni can now look at the Recreation Center with pride.

"One of the biggest extracurricular attractions on this campus is that Student Recreation Center," Carr says. "Day in and day out the Student Recreation Center is a legacy."

Carr says Southern's legacy to him and other alumni are the endless opportunities it offered. That's why Carr decided earning a degree at Southern would mark the beginning rather than the end of his relationship with the university.

"There were buildings, programs, and opportunities that were here for me and for other people because someone stuck their neck out and did it. We're one of the most economical institutions in the

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state and in the country for what we offer," Carr says.

"SIU gave me the opportunity to do things I could not have done anywhere else. I was always able to find some group or niche to fit into because of the diversity of this campus."

Carr, one of six children, says his parents stressed the

importance of education. In his career as a United States Attorney, Carr deals with people who are not quite as fortunate.

"There are tremendously sad stories that I'm involved with on an everyday basis. I deal with sentencing guidelines and people who are going to

spend a large portion of their life in the penitentiary," Carr says. "But I don't care how cold you are, at some point you have to see that there is more to this than just locking people up. We have to make people realize that education is the answer to the problems I deal with on a daily basis."

Along with participating in student government, Carr served as president of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, as a New Student Week Leader, and competed in intramural sports. After receiving a bachelor's degree in government, Carr pursued graduate work in higher education for several years. During this time, he also worked as a graduate assistant in the Student Center and Student Housing.

Carr graduated from the SIU School of Law in 1979. After being in a position to encourage change on campus, Carr wanted to continue making a difference both at Southern and as a lawyer. A United States Attorney since 1982, the principles that motivated Carr as student body president remain in full force.

"Our profession is under a considerable amount of scrutiny and rightfully so. But I strongly believe that there will always be room for good lawyers who have integrity and want to make a difference," Carr says. "There are a lot of us who could go out and do other things. I think that it's important to feel like you are making some kind of contribution that is worthwhile. I want to have that kind of impact."

Carr makes that impact pursuing justice—despite the cost.

"If we arrest someone for stealing a \$150 check out of some poor person's mailbox in East St. Louis, and the trial costs more than the check, it is not financially expedient to be conducting a trial," he says. "But it is the right thing to do."

As president of the Southern Illinois University Alumni Association Board of Directors, Carr wants to make an impact by promoting the attributes of his alma mater.

"I am proud to be an SIU alum and want other people to know what a wonderful opportunity that this place offers," Carr says. "For somebody like me to become a student body president and an alumni association president is astounding. I am humbled by that."

Carr wants the alumni association to work closely with administration in addressing the university's challenges. The primary issue Carr wants to address is image. A priority for the association during Carr's tenure will be creating awareness of prominent programs and successful alumni.

With image being at the top of Carr's list of priorities, he is pleased with the alumni association's recent endeavors, including its new SIU Distinguished Alumni area in the Recreation Center. The association will acknowledge the professional accomplishments of successful alumni and honor them at the university's homecoming celebration. If the university aggressively

leaders took exception to a proposal to raise the student athletic fee on campus.

Despite some student concern, the SIU Board of Trustees approved a \$20 increase in the student athletic fee for fall 1997 to \$136 for fall 1998. The administration is also considering an increase beyond the fall of 1998.

Recalling the 1973 Recreation Center referendum, Carr

more important than what the final score is."

When it comes to recruitment, Carr is speaking with some personal interest these days. His son Tim, a junior in high school, is currently considering college options.

"Very few juniors in high school actually know what programs are available in a university. Image is what they know," Carr says.

Carr and his wife Nancy, also an SIU alumna, have two children, Tim and their 6-year-old daughter Katie, who Carr calls the "spark plug of the family." Whether it's sports, lectures or music events, it is common to see Carr and his family attending university activities.

Carr, an avid runner, runs four to five days a week and has competed in several road races and two marathons. "I hate it when people say that I jog," Carr says. "But I have to admit that I'm probably down to the jogging range now. I'm somewhere around a seven-minute mile."

Carr is also restoring a 1966 Cadillac convertible for his teenage son and dabbles with a bass guitar. "I fancy myself as an aspiring rock star with no hair," he says.

It has been 24 years since Mike Carr served as president of Southern Illinois University's student body. But time has not altered Carr's belief that all students have the opportunity and the obligation to consider what their legacy will be to future Salukis. ■

**"Our profession is under a considerable amount of scrutiny and rightfully so. But I strongly believe that there will always be room for good lawyers who have integrity and want to make a difference."**

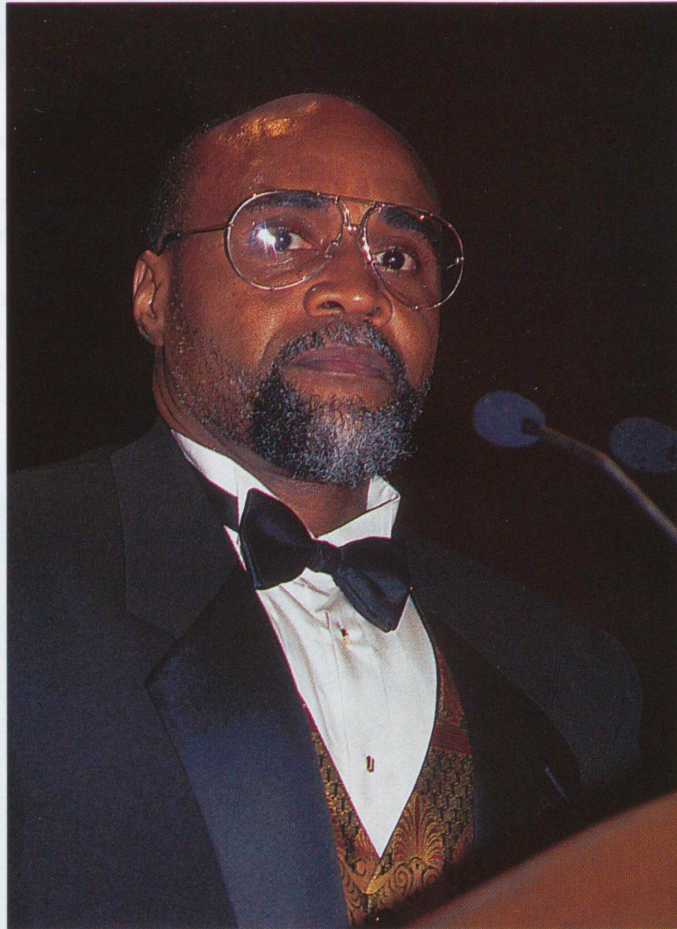
communicates its image, Carr believes other challenges such as recruitment will also be resolved.

"Like most universities, SIU has financial and enrollment challenges. But I think one of the biggest challenges we have at this point is image," Carr says. "SIU has to get the message out. We need to highlight our success stories at the university and the opportunities that exist here. The alumni association has to work with the administration in promoting the fabulous things about this university."

Carr says one of those areas worthy of promotion is athletics. An avid fan of Saluki Athletics, Carr was disappointed when a few student

says athletic programs project a university's image, making them integral to the university. Carr believes, therefore, it's important for the association to support men's and women's athletics. He is personally active in helping the department to raise \$2.3 million through the Saluki Futures fund-raising campaign.

"Athletics programs translate into dollars and people wanting to be associated with the university. You may not realize that when you are a student and somebody is wanting to kick the fee up," Carr says. "But opportunity is important. We have athletes who have the ability to get an education through sports programs. Their presence is far



# Reaching Out and Beyond

**H**oward A. Peters, III made history in July by becoming the first Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services. This new “super agency” consolidates the state’s social service departments. But human services was part of Peters’ life long before he received this appointment from Illinois Governor Jim Edgar.

Peters, born to a poor family in Memphis, Tenn., was the oldest of five children. Thinking about his childhood, Peters remembers the profound impact his mother and grandmother had on his life. His mother, a single parent, often worked two jobs to support the family. Despite his humble beginnings, Peters says his mother stressed the importance of helping others.

“My mother believed that if you worked hard, good things can happen,” Peters says. “We had to have principles and be willing to help others. My grandmother was poor and powerless all of her life. But she felt that even if you were poor, you always had enough to share with others. I’ve been blessed with these two women in my life that cared more for others than themselves.”

Peters, who gave the keynote address at the Black Alumni Reunion Banquet, remembers how his mother and other women in the community would collect baskets for needy families. They asked community members for canned goods and lobbied

local merchants to contribute turkeys and hams for impoverished members of the community.

“Very often we wouldn’t have a turkey or ham of our own,” Peters says. “My sister and I would always think

‘Why couldn’t we take one of these turkeys for ourselves?’ My mother would just be outraged. Her sense was that this food was to help other people.

“It was an empowering experience because it taught me that you didn’t need to

have a lot to share with others. I also learned what my obligations and responsibilities were to the larger community.”

From this experience, Peters became determined to make a contribution to the community. As the Secretary of the new Department of Human Services, Peters will attempt to improve a system he learned about firsthand.

Peters is the first administrator of the state’s largest department, handling one-third of the state’s budget and keeping the personnel files of almost 20,000 employees. The mission of his new position is to help Illinois residents in attaining self-sufficiency and independence.

“For example, our welfare reform plan is not a plan that is going to push people off welfare or into desperation,” Peters says. “Our approach is designed to improve quality of life for people and their families. This is the same responsibility that I grew up with.”

The state’s new agency consolidates the following departments: mental health and disabilities, vocational rehabilitation services, alcohol and substance abuse, delinquency prevention, and the maternity and child health program. Peters says the agency will improve the quality of service Illinois residents receive.

"People can get their service in a coordinated way and get on with their lives. Too often the strategies that we have used in the past, simply trap people in dependency and poverty," Peters says. "We're trying to help people understand that work pays and that it's only through work that they really can prosper. But we have to provide the services that allow people to profit from work."

Peters says the state has committed \$380 million to a

day care program. Funding has been provided for employment and training and transportation. But Peters, who has more than 22 years of experience in the Department of Corrections, believes community involvement will make the real difference.

"Those of us who have gone through the learning process and have been successful have an obligation to provide leadership and modeling for others," he says. "We have an obligation to make sure that

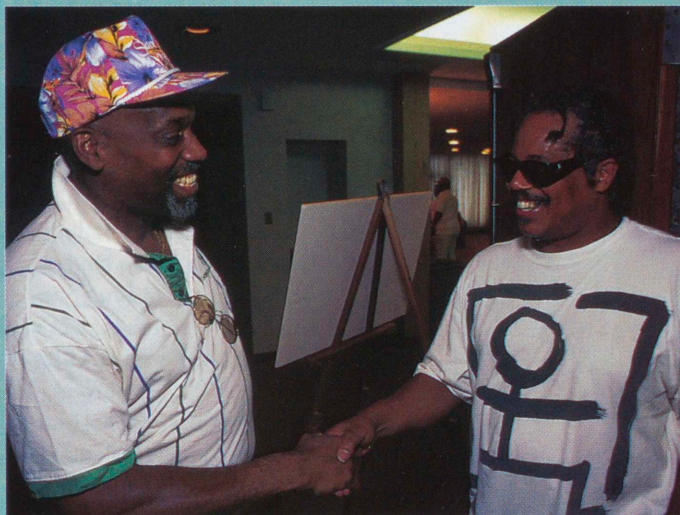
there is a new generation going to college, graduating and being successful. To meet that obligation, we have to reach out, especially to inner city kids, and give them a sense that good things can happen in their future."

After receiving a bachelor's degree in political science from Tennessee State University, Peters earned a master's degree in guidance and educational psychology from Southern in 1971. Before becoming the state's DHS Secretary, Peters

served as deputy chief of staff to the governor. He also was director of the Department of the Illinois Department of Corrections, the first African-American to hold that position.

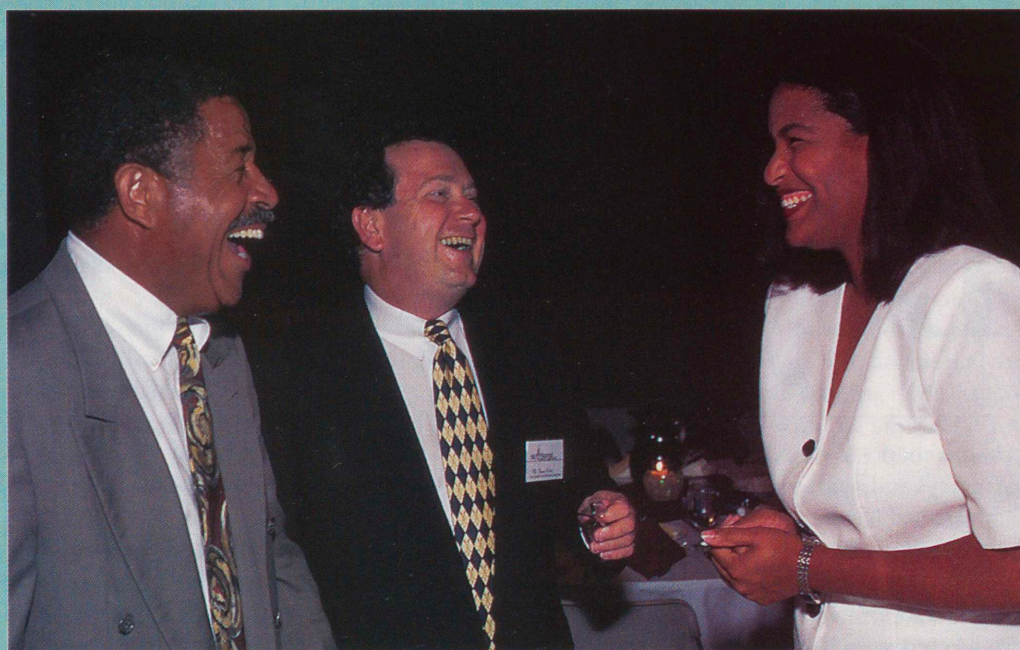
As Peters considers the challenges that lie ahead, he is reminded of why his position is so special to him. "It's marvelous to have the opportunity to help others benefit from the basic work ethic and principles that you have been taught all of your life," he says. ■

—Greg Scott



**More than 400 alumni** returned to Carbondale in July to attend the Black Alumni Group Reunion. Held every other year, the 1998 Black Alumni Reunion featured a talent show, an African Market, programming for teens interested in pursuing a college education, prestigious alumni lecturers and the always-popular picnic, banquet and brunch.

**Anthony Sanchez '72**, on the left, greets **Roland Johnson '73** as they register for the weekend's events.



From left to right, **William Norwood '59**, a member of the SIU Board of Trustees, speaks with Acting Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement **Tom Britton** and **Monica Maxwell**, a current SIU law student.

# Hoop Lessons

**D**uring a Hall of Fame collegiate career that culminated with Southern Illinois University's reaching the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Basketball Tournament in 1977, Mike Glenn was often compared to another Georgia native who had been a star player for the Salukis 10 years earlier.

Observers likened Glenn's skills to those of Walt Frazier, who anchored SIU's run to the National Invitational Tournament championship in 1967. Glenn, who played nine years in the NBA, is the second-leading scorer in SIU history. Glenn also set career field goal percentage records for the Knicks and Hawks.

Glenn says the comparisons don't bother him, but he never considered himself another Walt Frazier.

"I was always proud to be mentioned in the same breath as Walt Frazier. He is a guy I respected, admired and idolized growing up," Glenn says.

Ten years after leaving Southern, Glenn followed in Frazier's footsteps again.

Glenn, who earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Southern, was working as a financial consultant for Merrill Lynch in New York. After a stint as a guest columnist for *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* during the 1987 play-offs, the Turner Broadcasting Station (TBS) asked Glenn to serve as a half-time analyst.

Glenn was so well received the station asked him to interview for a broadcasting position with the Atlanta Hawks. Ironically, Glenn

substituted for Frazier, who was the Hawks analyst and now does color commentary for the New York Knicks.

A featured NBA analyst for Turner Broadcasting, Glenn is also the co-host of CNN's *This Week in the NBA* and *College Basketball Weekly*. The former

truth. NBA players are just like doctors, lawyers or anyone else who achieves success."

Glenn interviewed the top players in the NBA, including Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, John Stockton, Karl Malone, Charles Barkley, Grant Hill, and Shaquille



**Mike Glenn** enjoys the Black Alumni Reunion picnic with his son **Michael** and wife **Rhonda**.

Saluki star recently returned to Carbondale during the Black Alumni Reunion to sign copies of his new book, *Lessons in Success from the NBA's Top Players*. Glenn wrote the book to provide insight into why NBA players are successful.

"I saw there is a perception out there that NBA players don't work hard, are not prepared and don't have a method for achieving success. People think they are just blessed with talent, go out on the court and make millions of dollars," Glenn says. "Nothing could be further from the

O'Neal. He asked the athletes to share the important lessons they had learned about being successful in basketball and in life.

"I wanted to share these messages with aspiring young athletes and fans who want to know the essence of the game," Glenn says.

Glenn recalls one of his own important decisions—deciding to become a Saluki.

"I fell in love with the campus and diversity of students at SIU," Glenn says.

"We had a basketball program on the rise. I liked

Coach Lambert and Joe Merriweather was returning as an All-American candidate his junior year," Glenn says. "I wanted to be a part of the growth."

Glenn turned down an intriguing offer to join legendary North Carolina Coach Dean Smith. Glenn says the coach still questions his decision.

"Dean Smith still asks me why I chose Southern Illinois. He thought if I didn't attend North Carolina, I might choose Duke or Kentucky, but not SIU," Glenn says. "Coach Smith thought he was going to get me. I had talked to all of their good players and Mom and Dad really loved Dean Smith. But the total package offered by Southern Illinois was not matched by any other place that I had visited."

Glenn says his fondest memory of his days as a Saluki was defeating Drake 80-61 in the 1977 regular season for the Missouri Valley Conference at the SIU Arena.

"My mom came up from Rome, Ga., and her sister came down from Chicago," he says. "It was the first game that Mom had seen me play in the arena.

"We got such a great reception during that 1977 NCAA Tournament. I will never forget it . . . That was a great season and it will always be one of my favorites."

Mike Glenn may never consider himself to be another Walt Frazier. But from his days as a star student-athlete at SIU to his career as an NBA broadcast analyst, Glenn has learned about success firsthand. ■

—Greg Scott

## 1940s

**John A. Algee, Sr. '47** was inducted in May into the Charles Sumner High School Hall of Fame. He retired from Sumner after 40 years as a teacher, basketball coach, and administrator in the St. Louis school.

Clark Atlanta University's Fuller E. Callaway Professor of Music and Distinguished Chair



**Florence Crim Robinson '49, Ph.D. '63** (above) is the only African-American in the group of 16 trailblazing women discussed in a new book, *I Can't Do What? Voices of Pathfinding Women*, by Barbara Hutmacher MacLean. Robinson, until recently associate dean for the arts and humanities at Clark Atlanta, was the first television music instructor in the country. A school music teacher, she originated half-hour programs from Channel Six in Denver to all school children in the Rocky Mountain area. She later became coordinator of music for the Denver public schools. Her work on radio and TV included a radio series *The Many Sides of Black Music* and a PBS special, *The Music of Black Composers*.

## 1950s

**Fred W. Fritzinger '50**, a native of Anna, Ill., now living in Kirksville, Mo., was recently honored for his volunteer work by his community's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program for completing 1,000 hours of volunteer service. As the treasurer of the Kirksville Interchurch Ministries, he was instrumental in initiating an annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and a hospital chaplaincy program. Fritzinger is retired from the *Kirksville Daily Express*, where he served as a copy editor.

**Arnette R. Hubbard '57**, past president of the SIU Alumni Association, was recently inducted as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

For 32 years, **Jerry Rombach '58** has been the sports editor of the *Elyria Chronicle-Telegram*. In June, he was inducted into the Lorain County, Ohio, Football Coaches Association. In May, he received the Distinguished Sports Service Award from the Elyria, Ohio, Sports Hall of Fame, and earlier was inducted into the Ohio Prep Writers Hall of Fame and the Lorain County Basketball Hall of Fame.

**Jack Mawdsley '50, M.S. '59** has been named vice president for programs by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich. He served for 13 years as superintendent of the Battle Creek Public Schools before he joined the foundation in 1986. Before that he was a secondary school principal, teacher, and high school counselor, and taught at Western Michigan University and Michigan State. He is past

president of the Horace Mann League of the United States and the Mid-American School Superintendents Association, is active in civic affairs, and has won a number of awards, including the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the SIU College of Education.

## 1960s

**Paul H. Anderson, M.S.Ed. '61** is the president-elect of American Association of College Registrars and Admission Officers (AACRAO). Anderson and his wife of 38 years Bobbie live in Greenville, S.C., and have two grown children.

**L. Eudora Pettigrew '64, '66**, president of SUNY College at Old Westbury, has been appointed by the U.N. Secretary-General to the Independent Commission to make an in-depth study of the University of Peace in Costa Rica. Pettigrew also serves as chair of the International Association of University Presidents/U.N. Commission on Disarmament Education, Conflict Resolution and Peace and is a member of the executive committee of that association.

**Arthur L. Aikman, Ph.D. '65**, professor emeritus, has been reappointed to a six-year term as a member of the State Universities Retirement System board of trustees, where he serves as an annuitant representative and chairs the legislative committee. He is the longest-serving member of the board that establishes policy and oversees the investment of the \$8 billion fund for the system, which serves approximately 130,000 participants, annuitants,

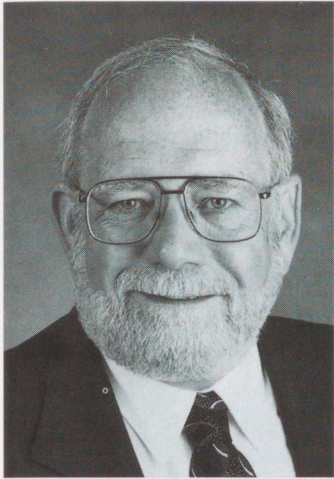
survivors, and disability recipients of all Illinois' public colleges and universities.

In February, **Susan Holleran '65** was named Indiana's outstanding special education teacher by the Indiana Council for Exceptional Children. Now a special education resource teacher, she has devoted most of her career to children with special needs.

**Doug Ingold '64** has published a novel, *In the Big City*, the sometimes funny, sometimes moving story of a craftsman-turned-house-husband whose wife is pursuing a career in the law. Ingold, after graduating from SIU, served in the Peace Corps in Brazil, earned a law degree at the University of Illinois, and practiced in Chicago and Carbondale before relocating to Garberville, Calif., where he lives with his wife and son. He has written for legal and literary publications, but this is his first novel.

**Allen W. Jacobs '65, M.A. '67** has been chosen dean of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he had been acting dean since June, 1995, during an extensive national search. His specialty is sports medicine.

**Earl R. Karr '65** recently celebrated 20 years of federal service. He has worked for the Departments of the Navy and Air Force and the Treasury Department, and is looking forward to 10 more years of public service.



On July 1, **Michael R. Moore '66** (above), dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Purdue University Calumet in Hammond, Ind., assumed the position of executive vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Morehead University in Morehead, Ky. From 1983 to 1991, he was head of the Department of Communication and Creative Arts at P.U.C., and previously taught in Indiana, Maryland and Malaysia. He has published frequently and received a number of professional awards and grants.

**Capt. Richard V. Gragg '67** received his Navy commission in May 1967, and spent much of the next 11 years in and around the Pacific, working in intelligence and information. In 1988, he reported to the Chief of Naval Operations staff, where he moved into space and electronic warfare, and commanded tactical systems during Desert Storm. In 1993, he became Office of Naval Intelligence deputy director for systems, consolidating Navy, Marine, and maritime commands into the Combined Operations Center. In 1997, he completed an M.S. in information resources management

from Syracuse University. His military awards include a Bronze Star for valor, and he received the Legion of Merit after 30 years of service. A Centralia native, Gragg and his wife Mayumi Oha have two children.

This summer, veteran teleproduction facility manager **Scott Kane '67, '68** and his partner will open Meacham Road Digital Studios, L.L.C., a state-of-the-art production/post-production facility, in the Chicago suburb of Schaumburg. A founding member of the International Teleproduction Society, Kane has spent 35 years in film and video and has been a top management and production executive in several high profile industry firms.

Pacific Mutual Life has promoted **Anthony J. Bonno '68** to the position of senior vice president, human resources. Bonno, who joined the company in 1968, will have full responsibility for all human resources functions.

**Carmen M. Melendez-Rhinehart '68** is one of two Chicago public school teachers chosen to study the Japanese culture and educational system. The two teachers from Tesla Alternative High School for pregnant girls will attend conferences at the University of Colorado at Boulder and Mount Holyoke with noted U.S. scholars versed in the culture. In 1996, Melendez-Rhinehart was part of a team that traveled to Japan to study, observe, and review the Japanese educational system in six cities.

## 1970s

A key member of the Chubb Group—**Ken Simmons '73**—has moved to Kemper to head commercial lines field operations, and will soon be a senior vice president of the company. Most recently, he was a Chubb senior vice president and managing director of the commercial customer group. He and his wife Jan have two children and will be relocating to the Long Grove, Ill., area.



Shown above, **Michael C. Bulawa '73**, a staff chemist with Exxon Chemical Company in Texas, recently received an award of merit from the American Society for Testing and Materials for his work in the field of standards development and for his exceptional administrative leadership.

**William H. Meyer, Ph.D. '73** has been recommended for the position of provost at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He has been interim provost since December, after nearly 10 years as vice chancellor for personnel and budget. The search committee cited his excellent

relationships with students, staff, and administrators, as well as his loyalty to the school: one friend said, "He bleeds purple and gold."

**Mary Ann Patterson '74** died on November 2, 1996. She had been vice president of Clear Pack in Franklin Park, Ill., and lived in McHenry with her husband **Randy Patterson '74**, where he still resides.

Nelson Westerberg, one of the largest moving companies in Illinois, has promoted **Paul J. Sowa '74** to the position of vice president and general manager. Sowa has been in the moving and storage business since the age of 15 when he worked as a packer-helper for Mayflower Van Lines Agency. He lives in Oak Forest, Ill., with his wife Carolyn and their three children.

In May, **Robert Gaetano Griffin, M.S. '75** received a master of divinity in missions, evangelism and church growth from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

In January, **William J. Peper, III '75** received a master's of public administration degree from Marist College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

For the fifth year, a photo taken by **Mary Hancy '77**, photographer for the Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center in Atlanta, was selected for the Capitol Hill Photo Exhibit., an annual display in the Senate and House office buildings in Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the Association of the Care of Children's Health and the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions, the exhibit illustrates the unique healthcare needs of children.





**Melvin C. Terrell, Ph.D. '78** (above), vice president for student affairs at Northeastern Illinois University since 1988, has been reappointed national coordinator for the Minority Undergraduate Fellows Program and appointed editor of the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals Journal for 1997-98. Terrell is a nationally known author and lecturer on student affairs administration, minority student development and diversity.

**James P. Prather '79**, a Murphysboro native, was elected executive vice president-television for Journal Broadcast Group Inc. in June. He will add the new duties to his responsibilities as vice president and general manager of WTMJ-TV, their flagship station, in Milwaukee.

## 1980s

**Linda Bolen Sullivan '80** is living in Tucson, where she teaches 7th and 8th grade science in the Tucson Unified School District. She and her husband Robert, a patent attorney, have three young children.

**Madonna Sullivan '80** was married in April to G. Edward Wilkins. In May, she was

promoted to creative systems and resources manager of CS&A Advertising, Inc., Bloomington, Ill. In June, she became president of the Bloomington-Normal chapter of Women in Communications.

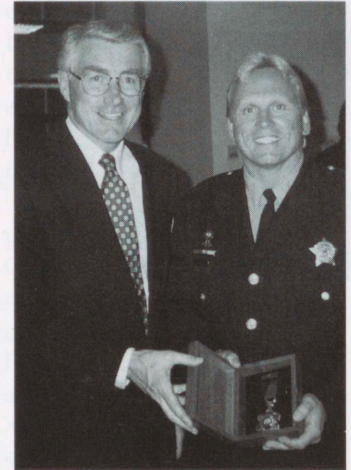
The Lenoir-Rhyne College of Hickory, N.C., recently promoted **Daniel Kiser '81, M.M. '83** to the rank of professor. Kiser, who earned a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, joined the music faculty in 1992. He specializes in trumpet and directs the instrumental programs, including the concert band, pep band, and brass ensemble. He plays in the Western Piedmont Symphony and is

international editor for the ITG Journal of the International Trumpet Guild.

After several years working in information security with IBM and the Johnson Space Center, **Ross A. Leo '81** now works for St. Luke's Hospital in Houston as senior information protection analyst. He has an impressive list of credentials in his field; he is also pursuing a doctorate in homeopathic medicine.

In April, the Region III Correctional Education Association honored **Larry W. Ehlers '81** with the Region III CEA Teacher of the Year Award. Region III includes Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin, and

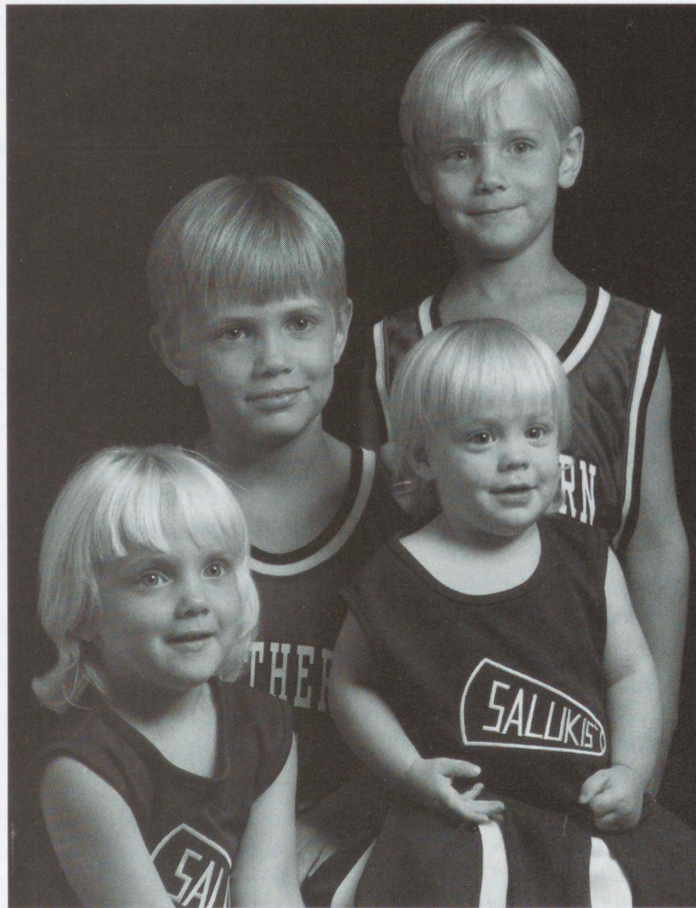
Michigan. Ehlers has taught in Illinois corrections for 25 years, and is presently GED instructor at the Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center in East St. Louis.



**Leo Schmitz '82**, shown above on the right with Illinois Governor **Jim Edgar**, recently received the Illinois State Medal of Honor, the highest medal awarded by the state of Illinois, and the S Blue Star Award from the city of Chicago.

Schmitz, a tactical officer with the Chicago Police Department, was honored for his brave actions during the recent arrest of an armed robbery suspect. Despite being shot twice, Officer Schmitz continued in pursuit of the suspect until he and his partner caught him and a second offender who had fired one of the shots. After making the arrests and recovering two shotguns and a revolver from the suspects, Schmitz was transported to the hospital for treatment of his gunshot wounds.

**Richard Matthews '84** recently took the position of training manager at American Express Travel Related Services. He will be working from his "virtual" home office. Last June, his article on virtual teaming was published in



The children of two true maroon Saluki couples are, from left to right, **Meagan Joy, Michael Gary** and **Kevin Scott Blocker**, children of **Deborah Joy '86** and **Kevin C. Blocker '87**. **Kristina**, the youngest member of the group, is the daughter of **Beth Joy, M.S. '88** and **Mark Scally '91, M.B.A. '92**. The mothers of the children are sisters.

*Performance Improvement* magazine. He will use Lotus Notes, e-mail, the facsimile machine, teleconferences and the telephone to fulfill his job responsibilities.

**Steven R. Hawkins '85** has been named director, corporate aviation, in the finance and administration division of Abbott Laboratories. Hawkins, who joined Abbott in 1988, was previously senior jet captain in the division. He and his wife live in Grayslake, Ill.

**Gregg Hampton '86**, after serving as sports copy editor and assistant sports editor of the *Florence Morning News*, was promoted in November to sports desk chief.

**Joseph J. Jen, M.B.A. '86**, dean of the Cal Poly College of Agriculture, was recently appointed to the State Board of Food and Agriculture by California Governor Pete Wilson.

The Cittance Institute in Mount Laurel, N.J., has again honored **Emanuel Centifonti, Jr. '87** with the Court Reporting Instructor Performance Award. He is a past member of the Board of Business Studies at Burlington County College, where he teaches swimming and resuscitation classes for the Red Cross. He and his wife Anne live in Burlington.

Deloitte & Touche LLP has named **Rodney Kunzinger '87** a partner in the firm's St. Louis office. For more than nine years, he has overseen the risk management and control consulting practice for the office; he also serves as the national leader of the practice for the firm's manufacturing group. He has a number of professional affiliations and is a director of the St. Louis chapter of the American Diabetes Association.



**John W. Wigger '87** (above) has recently established Wigger Engineering in his hometown of Alton, Ill., serving the River Bend, Metro East and St. Louis area with civil engineering, planning, design, and environmental consulting services. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and National Society of Professional Engineers.

The Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal was recently awarded to Navy Senior Petty Chief Officer **Scott M. Bratton '89**, who was recognized for his work as an equal opportunity officer at Naval Submarine Support Facility in New London, Conn.

## 1990s

Chief Petty Officer **Andre Jones '90** has received a meritorious unit commendation for service in Antarctica. He is one of the last Navy members to deploy to Antarctica, where civilians are taking over functions the Navy has performed for 41 years.

**Lawrence Wichlinski, Ph.D. '90** has been promoted to associate professor of psychology at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. He is



**Bret Dougherty '91**, marketing director for First Flight Federal Credit Union in Havelock, N.C., entered the CU's Association marketing campaign materials in award competitions of CU National and CU Executive Society, where they were designated Best of Show. There were over 600 entries in the CUNA and over 1100 in the CUES. First Flight was second in radio commercials, first in direct mail series, and first place in coordinated campaign. Bret is the son of SIU VP Emeritus "Doc" Dougherty and his wife Glorianna, and lives with his wife, **Sherry Saliba Dougherty '91, M.S. '95**, in New Bern, NC.

setting up a sleep laboratory at Carleton, and has published a theoretical paper on the neurochemistry of rapid eye movement in sleep.

Petty Officer 1st Class **Stephanie A. Stone '93**, serving in the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Readiness Center in Long Beach, Calif., recently received a \$1,000 leadership award from the National University in Costa Mesa, Calif. She can use up to \$250 a semester for tuition.

Kishwaukee College, in Malta, Ill., has chosen **Sandra Ceto, M.P.A. '94**, a field representative for the SIU M.P.A. program, to be its first director of institutional research and reports.

**Cmdr. Richard L. Page '95** was recently awarded a master of arts degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. Cmdr. Page is currently stationed at Great Lakes.

**Todd Hillman '94, M.P.A. '97** is the new administrative assistant to the city manager of Elmhurst, Ill., generating publicity, coordinating special events, serving on committees and commissions, and performing administrative duties. He was an intern with the city during the spring of 1997 and served as interim assistant director of chapter and off-campus programs for the SIU Alumni Association in 1995.

# Speaking Out



Charles Johnson '71, M.A. '73, a professor of humanities and creative writing at the University of Washington, is the co-editor with John McCluskey of *Black Men Speaking*. This collection of essays responds to the editors' concerns that the lives of 20th century African-American men be portrayed in all their complexity rather than with the broad monochromatic brush stroke so often given to their experiences.

The winner of the 1990 National Book Award for his book *Middle Passage*, Johnson earned his bachelor's degree in journalism and his master's degree in philosophy from SIU. He has also received a Guggenheim Fellowship, Writer's Guild Award, two Washington State Governor's Awards for literature and numerous other prizes.

In Johnson's essay, *The Second Front*, he writes of his own frustrations.

"A day does not pass when I do not brood on the negative social profile and bad PR that seem to envelop contemporary images of black males in America. As an artist and a father, I am filled with urgency and more than a little anger because I know my own [children] must negotiate their way through an uncivil public space soured by the steady bombardment of media images that portray black people in the worst imaginable ways—as welfare cheats, criminals, incompetent parents, ex-cons, poor students, crackheads, as an affirmative-action liability in the workplace, and, to put this bluntly, as the corrupting worm coiled inside the American Apple." ■

—Charles Johnson  
*The Second Front*

*Black Men Speaking*, published by  
 Indiana University Press, is now available

# No Mystery to Mistrys' Commitment



Considering they've both devoted their lives to education, it's not surprising SIU alumni Veena and Romy Mistry discuss education all the time. What is more surprising, perhaps, is how frequently they agree on those issues and how, agree or disagree, they have always worked hard to complement rather than compete with each other.

The Mistrys, who served as high-ranking administrators at the University of Baroda in India before their recent retirement, speak softly, smile often and laugh easily. They are excellent listeners and conversationalists. More than anything else, what emerges as you speak with the likeable couple is the Mistrys' connection and commitment to education.

This spring, as Veena delivered the College of Education commencement address, the former pro-vice chancellor of the University of Baroda encouraged graduates to "understand and appreciate cultural differences and act as catalysts to influence others." Doing this, she added, "requires a spirit of humility and learning from one another. This is what education is all about . . . humor, compassion, appreciation, courage and generosity."

When they came to SIU more than 25 years ago, Veena and Romy left behind successful careers in their native India. They were also raising two sons: Shahrokh and Kaizid. But the couple knew earning advanced degrees in education was vital to their careers. In 1975, they were awarded doctoral degrees in education.

"The Mistrys were memorable students," remembers

Don Beggs, current chancellor and the former dean of the College of Education. "They were very focused and thorough in their approach to education . . . Veena and Romy's success has been clearly reflected in all they've accomplished."

Current interim dean of the College of Education, Nancy Quisenberry, adds: "Veena was a delight to work with as a Ph.D. student. Highly motivated, she came to SIU as an experienced early childhood educator and researcher. With her penetrating questions and thoughtfulness, she challenged all who worked with her—faculty and students alike."

The Mistrys were drawn to SIU after Veena met Art

"Casey" Casebeer, professor emeritus of education, while he was doing student personnel work in India. Casebeer also met Romy and recruited the couple to the university.

The Mistrys recall their welcome to southern Illinois. Casebeer and his wife Sue met them at the St. Louis airport. Romy remembers thinking it both surprising and impressive that a professor would drive such a long way to greet them. Sue, wearing a Kashmirian sari, approached the Mistrys with the Namaste, folded hands greeting, to make them feel welcome. Veena was wearing jeans and the couples laughed at their "cultural exchange." They have remained close friends ever since.

For Veena, education here and in India strengthened her "respect for people and nations as well as for the dignity of human life." She fondly recalls her former professors Quisenberry and the late Rebecca Baker for offering her and other students such a strong background and also for sharing their inspiring dedication to their work. Romy also singles out several of his instructors—Beggs, Casebeer and William MacKenzie—as having a profound influence on him and his career.

Both Mistrys had long, illustrious careers, before and after their return to India, holding professorial and administrative appointments. They are now officially retired but still extremely active in working as advocates within their fields. Although they rose through the administrative ranks, Veena and Romy consider their years teaching to be their most important contribution.

In retirement, Veena hopes to affect policy-making in the area of early childhood education through her relationships with professional and voluntary organizations. Romy remains influential at the University of Baroda, particularly in reaching out to alumni living throughout the world.

In her stirring commencement address, Veena Mistry emphasized, "We must manage change and become change agents." Through their commitment to education and learning, as well as their enthusiasm and interest in people, the Mistrys have certainly fulfilled that challenge. ■

# Alumni Deaths

**HUBBS**, Barbara Burr, '21  
Santa Barbara, Calif.

**WRIGHT**, Ina May, '25; B.S. '62,  
5/10/97, Murphysboro, Ill.

**SHAPPARD**, Thelma, '29; B.S.'64,  
12/14/96, Metropolis, Ill.

**DOTY**, Gertrude M., '30,  
5/5/97, Benton, Ill.

**HEERN**, Stella, '31,  
6/24/97, Carbondale, Ill.

**THROGMORTON**, Leora, B.S.  
'39; M.S.ED. '62, 6/23/97, Marion, Ill.

**LAWRENCE**, Ewing, B.S. '41,  
5/3/97, Vienna, Ill.

**DEUTSCH**, Evelyn Mackross,  
B.S. '43, 5/21/94, Pasadena, Calif.

**CLARK**, Pauline A., ex '45,  
6/2/97, Anna, Ill.

**McDONALD**, Eva G., B.S. '48,  
1/17/97, Alton, Ill.

**GROSS**, Aileen, B.S. '50,  
4/16/97, Chester, Ill.

**WYLLIE**, Eugene D., B.S. '51,  
6/15/97, Bloomington, Ind.

**NESBITT**, W.E., B.S. '53,  
2/24/97, Dallas, Texas

**JOHNSON**, Sharon K., B.S. '60;  
M.S.ED. '69, 6/5/97,  
Murphysboro, Ill.

**LUND**, Theodore Franklin, B.A.  
'63, 5/16/97, Carbondale, Ill.

**MERCHANT**, Nola, M.S. '65,  
12/29/96, Oklahoma City, Okla.

**MILLER**, Joseph C., Ph.D. '73,  
6/20/97, Murray, Ky.

**PATTERSON**, Mary Anne, B.A.  
'74, 11/2/96, McHenry, Ill.

**BLEWETT**, Carolyn Sue, B.A. '77,  
4/19/97, Marion, Ill.

**WELK**, Gerald Roy, B.S. '77,  
8/28/92, Park Ridge, Ill.

**CASEY**, Thomas J., B.S. '78,  
5/18/97, Portland, Ind.

**ZANGLER**, Timothy E., B.S. '88,  
12/21/96, Downers Grove, Ill.

## Faculty & Staff

**HERRIN**, Ronald H.,  
Assistant Basketball Coach  
5/11/97, Benton, Ill.



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# SIU Helps Students Travel Tough Road

by Steve Hancock '69

This essay is really dedicated to those SIU students, both past and present, who graduate despite facing what appear to be almost insurmountable, economic hardships. The common denominator for making all this possible for us is SIU.

When I graduated in 1969 with a degree in secondary education, I was filled with mixed emotions. I was proud of myself. I was relieved. And I was very excited about having been accepted into the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Houston. My education at SIU was really paying off.

But the deepest feeling was what I felt about having to leave SIU. I knew that SIU had opened its doors to me back in 1965. It gave me a chance to make something out of myself and never asked me any questions about whether my grade point average was above the "norm" or how much money I had.

I remember that hot day in late summer when I was traveling aboard the Illinois Central from Chicago to Carbondale. I was ecstatic about my enrollment at SIU, yet I was apprehensive about how I was going to pay for my education, let alone my room and board. My father's business had recently gone bankrupt. Our home and all our possessions were repossessed. All I had in my life was a suitcase of clothes, \$65 in cash and a dream to get a college degree from SIU.

As I got off the train, I experienced a deep sense of being alone. But I also remembered the words an SIU professor had told me about the university: "Come and we will teach you." Those were warm, inviting words to me. So, I picked up my bag, walked to Mill Street, and entered the College View dormitory. I told the resident fellow that I needed a room, but I didn't have enough money to pay the initial down payment. On faith alone, he gave me the key to my dorm room. The next day, I applied for a government loan and then reported to work as a student janitor at the agriculture building, working nights and Saturday mornings.

SIU was there when I was in need.

Those years were exhausting. Living in poverty and working and studying night and day took its toll. But I kept going because of the encouragement I received from so many staff people and professors. My Russian history professor made Russia come alive and inspired me with his teaching. My English and American history teachers taught me that history lives in us today, and, hopefully, as a society we have learned our lessons well. And from listening to my professors talk about world leaders and how they persevered against incredible odds, I understood that I could, and should, persevere in my quest for an education.

And I shouldn't forget my work supervisor at the agriculture building. He was a full-time SIU employee. He did not have a college education, but he valued a college education just the same. There were five student janitors in the building. All of us had to work our way through

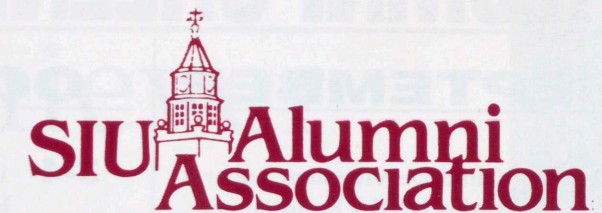
SIU. On occasions, one of us would get so discouraged by our lack of money, we would contemplate leaving school to get a full-time job. But our supervisor was always there to encourage us to continue with our dream.

SIU also taught me to give back to my community. In the late 1960s, my community was SIU. I had the opportunity to become president of my dormitory, co-editor and writer for the off-campus newspaper *The Informer*, and I was a resident fellow at Wilson Hall my junior and senior years.

These opportunities and relationships, as well as my formal education at SIU, prepared me for my varied career working as a professional social worker in hospitals, urban outreach programs, neighborhood family centers, the Boy Scouts and a training center for the mildly retarded. Later in my career, my SIU leadership experience served as the foundation for directing the marketing and sales operations for the Rocky Mountain region for a major insurance company.

I am forever grateful to SIU for giving me the chance to attend such a wonderful school and for providing me the opportunities to prepare myself for my life's work. ■

# Membership Matters



## May Graduates Join Member Ranks

Nearly 13% of the May Class of 1997 joined the SIU Alumni Association during the special promotion of a half-price annual membership. We welcome these 307 new members and encourage their participation in alumni activities! The association thanks the Student Alumni Council for their assistance in recruiting these valuable members.

## Membership Important to Black Alumni

Alumni attending the Black Alumni Reunion held in July demonstrated commitment to their alma mater in a significant way. Nearly 76% of the alumni attending hold current membership in the SIU Alumni Association! The association extends its appreciation to these members, both new and lifelong supporters.

### Membership Benefits Are

## Bountiful

Remember, membership in the SIU Alumni Association entitles you to the following privileges:

- *Alumnus* magazine (quarterly)
- University Bookstore discount on apparel (mail order available)
- Nationwide and southern Illinois area hotel, motel and restaurant discounts
- Immediate assistance in locating SIU friends
- Discounts on association sponsored events
- SkillSearch membership discount (career networking company)
- Select Carbondale business discounts and campus privileges/discounts

For more details about membership benefits, contact the association member services staff at (618) 453-2408 or check out our web site at [www.siu.edu/~alumni/](http://www.siu.edu/~alumni/).

## Update on Member Benefits

The latest Carbondale businesses now supporting discounts for members are:

- Kinko's Copies (715 S. University) - 10%
- Smart Dry Cleaning (816 E. Main) - 10 to 15%
- Stiles Corporate Express (701 E. Main) - 10%

The following changes to member discounts are now in effect:

- Pasta House Company Restaurant (Carbondale University Mall) - 10% (formerly 20%)
- Steak 'n Shake (Carbondale) - no discount

The association encourages suggestions for discounts that would benefit members worldwide.

## Nationwide Restaurant Discount Available to Members

Don't forget SIU Alumni Association members living in most metropolitan areas can enjoy a 20% discount at select restaurants in their area. By signing up for the Transmedia Card, members can enjoy hundreds of dollars in savings! For more information, or an enrollment brochure, contact the association at (618) 453-2408, [alumni@siu.edu](mailto:alumni@siu.edu) or by fax at (618) 453-2586.

## Lost Life Members

Do you know the address for any of these "lost" life members? If the answer is yes, please contact Sheri House, assistant director-member services, at (618) 453-2408, [sdhouse@siu.edu](mailto:sdhouse@siu.edu), or by fax at (618) 453-2586.

John T. Caldwell	Geography '70
Ruth M. Gannett	Ex-student '59
Wilmur G. Grandfield	Ex-student '44
Jesse D. Harris	Management '66
Jerry R. Hetfield	Marketing '60
William S. Jones	Social Studies '55
Robert G. Kahn	History '66
Carolyn A. Kaiser	Physical Education '63
Paula Parks	Elementary Education '58
Jo Ella Reed	Music '65
Jo Ann Robertson	Physical Education '53
Barbara A. Shurtz	Physical Education '63
Jared E. Smith	Psychology '66
Richard L. Taylor	Zoology '56
Joseph C. Telford	Workforce Education & Development '47
Larry E. Wuebbels	Mathematics '63

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

4/1/97-6/30/97

The SIU Alumni Association is pleased to acknowledge the following alumni and friends who have demonstrated their commitment through life membership in the association.

Mike Carr '74, J.D. '79  
President, SIU Alumni Association

Charles E. Adams, Jr.	John F. Keller
Frederick Lee Anderson, Jr.	Megumi Komiya
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Vincent A. Johnson	Seow Wei Yeo
Michael E. Kalas	Thomas J. Ziglinski

## Show Your Alumni Spirit

All members of the SIU Alumni Association are invited to request an updated member decal to place in their vehicle window. The decals are free and cling without adhesive, making them easily removable! Life members are encouraged to display their adhesive life member sticker or the new member decal.

# ALUMNI CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

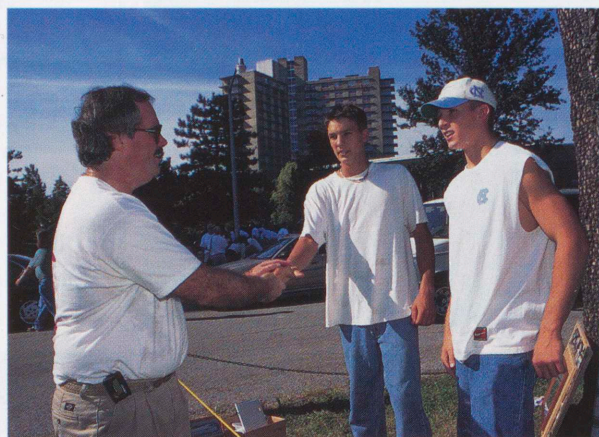
- 26-27** Child Development Laboratories (CDL) Reunion and Anniversary Celebration. The reunion is open to all staff and students who have worked at CDL since it opened in the 1950s. For more information, contact Sara Starbuck, Child Development Laboratories, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901-4320. Or send e-mail with the subject heading CDL Reunion to sbuhman@siu.edu.
- 27** SIU Busch Stadium Day, St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs, 1:00 p.m. A pregame buffet will be served in the center field picnic area. For more information or to obtain tickets, call Brad Cole, (619) 453-2408.

## OCTOBER

- 3-4** 1997 Homecoming and Family Weekend. Activities include the half-century club banquet, the Corn Bowl Team Reunion, and the pre-game luncheon on Saturday. Please call the SIU Alumni Association, (618) 453-2408, for more information.
- 11** SIU vs. Illinois State Football, home, 1:30 p.m.
- 18** SIU vs. University of South Florida Football at Tampa Stadium, Tampa, Fla. Game time: 7:00 p.m. For more information, call Brad Cole, (619) 453-2408.

## NOVEMBER

- 1** SIU vs. Western Illinois Football, away, 1:00 p.m.
- 8** SIU vs. Youngstown State Football, home, 12:30 p.m.
- 13** SIU vs. Southeast Missouri State Football, away, 2:00 p.m.
- Tracey Lawrence/Trace Adkins/Sherrie Austin, SIU Arena. For more information, please call 453-5341.
- 20** SIU vs. University of Memphis Women's Basketball, home, 7:05 p.m.



Above, **Carbondale's Chief of Police Don Strom** helps students move into their new homes in Brush Towers. On the left, students enjoy **SIU's first all-university picnic** held on the Sunday before the start of classes. From left to right, they are: **Nadia White, Chris McMillan, Tim Newman** and **Nathan Elliot**. Approximately 3,000 students, faculty and staff members and their families attended the picnic.



# High Achiever

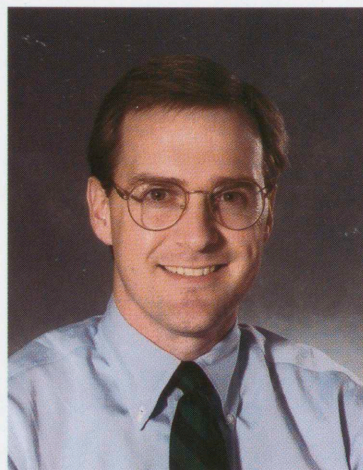
**H**igh school classmates remember him as a student body president and Most Valuable Player on the state finalist golf team. He went on to earn class valedictorian honors at John A. Logan College in Carterville. By the time he received the Outstanding Senior Award from SIU's computer science department in 1988, observers were convinced Dave Crumbacher had what it took to be successful. Crumbacher has proven them right.

After graduating with summa cum laude honors, Crumbacher was hired by Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis, Ind. He currently heads the Internet Services Group at Lilly, the first pharmaceutical company to make use of the internet.

During his first five years with the company, Crumbacher worked with its supercomputing initiative. He was responsible for software coordination, tool development and user support.

Crumbacher is a three-time recipient of the Technological Achievement Award, a national honor. A member of the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors, he has been instrumental in organizing the association's annual banquet and golf outing in Indianapolis.

For his contributions to his profession and continued loyalty to his alma mater, the SIU Alumni Association salutes Dave Crumbacher—a high achiever.



*"Excellence leads to success, and that is what Southern Illinois University is all about. From a quality education to serving its alumni, SIU is committed to success. Like many, I have greatly benefitted from an alumni association membership, and I encourage you to make this same commitment to excellence."*

**David Crumbacher '88**  
**Senior Systems Analyst**  
**Eli Lilly and Company**

# SIU Day at Wrigley Field



**Almost 1,000 alumni and friends turned out for SIU Day at Wrigley Field. Gathering at the Cubby Bear Lounge before the game (above), the group then crossed the street to watch alumnus Gary Miller of ESPN, on the lower right with Billy Williams of the Chicago Cubs' coaching staff, throw out the first pitch. In the top right photograph, alumnae Rose Bailey, on the left, and Jennifer Andrews enjoy the game. SIU Day at Wrigley Field is sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association.**