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Ten years ago Southern Illinois University received a welcome surprise when an attorney informed the SIU Foundation that a 1916 alumnus had willed more than $270,000 to his alma mater. Fred W. Samson, who died at the age of 91, had left half-interest in his large farm to the university. His only request was that the funds be used to set up scholarships at Southern Illinois University. His gift has been a major source of funding for the university’s presidential scholarships.

SIU Presidential Scholars are selected based upon their grade point average, class rank and achievement test scores. To retain their scholarships and to receive $500 per semester for books and fees, students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average.

In the decade since it was received and in the decades to come, Fred Samson’s gift will live through the education received by thousands of SIU students and the difference those students will make in their professions and communities.

To obtain more information on how to include SIU in your will, please call the SIU Foundation at (618) 453-4900.

Presidential scholar Kirsty Vines from Jonesboro, Ill., is a junior majoring in mathematics education. Fred Samson’s bequest funded her scholarship, a scholarship that is enabling her to gain both the education and experience to fulfill her career goal.

“Getting the scholarship was not the deciding factor in my choosing SIU. But it definitely helped finalize my decision. The most important part of the scholarship for me has been that it pays for an internship in my field. I’m currently a tutor at Anna-Jonesboro High School. The school couldn’t have afforded to hire me. So, SIU is making a lot of things possible not just for me but for the students I tutor.”
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This past year the SIU Foundation not only met its goal, it set three ground-breaking fundraising campaigns into motion.

Front Cover
Excel Communications, Inc., Founder and Chairman of the Board Kenny A. Troutt '70 recently returned to SIU. He poses here outside Colyer Hall. Jeff Garner, University Photocommunications, took the photograph of Troutt and also the back cover photograph of Charlotte West.
Letters to the Editor

An Accurate Portrayal

Thank you for publishing the article about Jeanne Simon joining the SIU library affairs faculty and our plans for the intellectual property rights conference (summer Alumni). I feel you captured the great intelligence, spirit and enthusiasm of Jeanne Simon.

Carolyn Snyder
Dean, Library Affairs

Dear Readers...

This issue of Southern Alumni has been sent to over 140,000 alumni around the world. Our hope is that after you read this issue you feel better informed and even a little closer to your alma mater.

After you have a chance to read through the magazine, we also hope you will take a few minutes to let us know what you think.

What did you like or not like about this issue?

What articles do you wish you had found in this issue that were missing?

What would you like to see covered or included in future issues of Southern Alumni?

Your alumni magazine can best improve and grow with your feedback.

Please send your letters to: Southern Alumni Editor

E-mail: southernalumni@siu.edu

We're looking forward to overflowing mail boxes during the coming months!

"Hail Alma Mater ... Southern to Thee"

Changing the name of a magazine with as long a tradition as Alumnus has not been taken lightly. The SIU Alumni Association and its publications committee seriously considered this decision over several years. Like the emotional meaning embodied in the singing of our alma mater, we often note the affection and pride with which alumni use the term "Southern" as they reminisce about their days in Carbondale.

You can almost envision joining them for a walk around Campus Lake or scurrying up the worn and hallowed steps of Old Main as they communicate what their days on campus meant to them. And just as we are sure your memories often bring you back to Southern, it is the association’s desire to bring you back to campus, if not in body certainly in spirit, through the pages of this magazine.

Many of you have told us that you have noted subtle changes over the last few issues—additional features about the accomplishments of students, faculty and alumni, the inclusion of color photography—and a superb series of cover photos which capture the beauty of campus and the pride which we feel as we highlight fellow alumni whose accomplishments, in part, can be attributed to our shared experiences on campus.

All of us are equally proud of Southern’s long history of providing educational opportunities for all. Our alma mater has made a difference in the lives of countless thousands of people throughout the world. For many of us, we were the first from our families to attend college. That same tradition is still true today—a tradition of opportunity, access and inclusion which we want to reflect in the pages of our magazine. Accordingly, our motivation to incorporate the word alumni in the title reflects our desire to publish a magazine to which all alumni feel connected. Through each issue we want to demonstrate that just as Southern is your university, the Southern Alumni is your magazine.

The SIU Alumni Association is fortunate to have the services of editor Maureen Manier and graphic designer David Lott and the input of graphic designer and alumna Kim Goh and emeritus professor of graphic design John Yack. Their talent and expertise have been invaluable as the SIU Alumni Association strives to produce a magazine of which all alumni can be proud.

We hope you, too, embrace our new title, Southern Alumni.

Ed Buerger ’70
Executive Director
SIU Alumni Association
President Calls on Alumni to Make a Commitment

by Michael Carr '74, J.D. '79, president, SIU Alumni Association

I recently completed my first board of directors’ meeting as president of the SIU Alumni Association. As Southern Illinois University enters an important era, I am encouraged to report to my fellow alumni that the university leadership and the alumni association are working closely together to ensure our alma mater’s future is one of promise and growth.

I was particularly interested in SIU President Ted Sanders’ opinion that, although SIU formally celebrated its 125th anniversary in 1994, the university truly emerged as a modern university under President Delyte Morris’ visionary leadership. The SIU we know is, therefore, more than 125 years old. President Morris knew SIU had a role to play beyond a regional teachers’ college. With his vision, SIU experienced remarkable growth in the decades that followed—growth that brought the university to its present place of international prominence.

At this year’s homecoming, I had the pleasure of introducing 33 members of the Class of 1947 who returned for their 50th reunion. Theirs was the first class to graduate from SIU when enrollment exceeded 2,000. Twenty years later, when I entered SIU as a freshman, there were over 20,000 students on campus.

As SIU expanded its mission to provide a high quality education that is both accessible and affordable, it established campuses and professional schools throughout the state of Illinois. The university has also maintained an important presence on military bases, where each year hundreds of SIU students graduate without ever coming to Carbondale. I am equally certain it will only be a matter of time before other international sites join our campus in Nakajo, Japan and M.B.A. program in Hong Kong.

Throughout the board of directors’ meeting, I was impressed by the stories recounted by representatives of the colleges and schools of medicine and law. Their stories highlighted student accomplishments, faculty members’ international reputations and alumni achievements. We will be featuring many of these stories in future issues of Southern Alumni. As we share these stories with you, I hope you will seriously consider the message they convey.

SIU provides opportunities all of us have benefitted from. Many of us would not have recognized our potential, much less worked to realize it, if SIU had not been here to support and encourage us. For the majority of alumni, our memories of SIU are of a university which was, like us in many ways, making impressive strides to reach its potential, a university with an ever-increasing enrollment and numerous construction projects.

But recent years have brought significant changes to SIU, as they have at state universities around the country. State support, once the university’s life line, now averages below 40% of SIU’s annual operating budget. Capital dollars are equally hard to acquire. The university’s infrastructure, so carefully planned by President Morris, is in desperate need of repair and renovation.

A decline in enrollment has been stalled. But the cumulative loss of students in recent years has created dramatic fiscal challenges for a university dependent on tuition for the major portion of its budget.

Despite these many challenges, SIU continues to be a university of which we can be proud and to which we should be loyal. Its leaders are dedicated to meeting the challenges of this difficult period. As I watch the extraordinary efforts being put forth by these leaders and the university’s faculty members and staff, I know it is my responsibility as an alumnus and as the president of our alumni association to send this call to all of you. This is our university. It is time for all of us to identify the best way in which we can contribute to its future.

Joining the SIU Alumni Association directly supports the university and provides alumni with a crucial voice in charting SIU’s future.

Volunteering to assist in the recruitment of new students is an invaluable way to make a difference in the life of this institution. Again and again we hear students decide to enroll after talking with alumni who are pursuing successful and satisfying careers.

Making a financial contribution to the university is critically important. Private support must increase quickly and significantly for the university to maintain its reputation and to continue to offer future generations the same opportunities we enjoyed.

How you choose to become involved is not nearly as important as making the decision and the commitment.

The challenges are great. But I have faith in my fellow alumni and in the confidence and determination that is being exemplified by SIU’s leadership. Together, we can ensure that, as it enters a new era, SIU remains true to the vision set forth by President Delyte Morris—a vision that once ignited this university and can again illuminate and energize our efforts.
Grad Students Win Coveted Fellowships

Competing against 6,000 peers, two graduate students from SIU recently won graduate research fellowships from the National Science Foundation. The fellowships provide the students up to $73,500 for college and living expenses over the next three years.

Anthropology doctoral student Keith Prufer and Matthew Fain, a master’s student in zoology, were among a select group of recipients that included students from Stanford, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Duke, Cornell and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Prufer belongs to a team of archaeologists studying Mayan ruins in southern Belize. His research centers on the ancient Mayan fascination with caves. To date, he has identified more than 100 caves frequented by the Maya.

"Some of the places we go nobody has been to for the last 2,000 years," Prufer explains.

Getting to the caves is no easy task. British Army helicopters drop Prufer and his crew at landing pads carved out of the rain forests. From there they hike another one to two days to the caves where they then don spelunking gear and start the long drop down to their work.

The Maya ventured very deep into the caves. "We’ve found artifacts as far as a kilo in and down a hundred-foot sheer vertical drop," describes Prufer. "In the Maya religion, caves were seen as entrances to the underworld where extremely important gods lived and the place where dead souls go. The ancient Maya ventured deep into subterranean chambers to construct altars, burn incense and inter their dead."

Prufer estimates there are hundreds of thousands of caves possibly used by the Maya. Unearthing their contents should help anthropologists like Prufer better understand not only the Mayan culture but the cultures of Native Americans and other prehistoric peoples.

A graduate of Cleveland State University, Prufer came to SIU to work with acclaimed Mayan experts Don and Prudence Rice. He was accelerated into the doctoral program, earning his master’s degree in anthropology in a year.

NSF fellowship winner Matthew Fain studies the evolution, heredity and behavior of the crane—a relatively small family of birds that has attained "poster child" status because most of their species are either endangered or threatened.

Fain says that despite increasing interest, "there remains a lot of disconnected information about all the species. I’d like to combine that into a complete evolutionary story about the whole family."

Fain hopes to glean information that will explain behavioral differences among cranes, including their species-specific courting habits. He plans to share what he’s learned in his research with students as he begins to pursue his doctorate at SIU this fall. "I firmly believe in integrating academics with active research programs because it helps train young scientists," he says.

Fain earned two undergraduate degrees at SIU, in zoology and microbiology. He stayed to pursue post-graduate work at the university with Carey Krajewski, an associate professor of zoology.
Law School's Founding Dean Dies

Hiram Lesar, founding dean of the SIU School of Law, died in August after a battle with cancer. During the 1996-97 academic year, Lesar, 85, had taught a full load of classes and continued mentoring students.

Lesar came to SIU from Washington University, where he had served as its law school dean for 12 years. He was dean of the SIU School of Law from 1972 to 1980 and served as interim chancellor twice, in 1974 and from 1980 to 1982.

A nationally recognized scholar of property law and landlord-tenant issues, Lesar devoted his life to legal education, public service and scholarship. Among his many honors was membership in the American Law Institute and being named a laureate of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois. He was admitted to the bars of Illinois, Missouri and the Supreme Court of the United States.

A memorial service was held for Lesar in Shryock Auditorium.

Alumnus Jerome Mileur, who earned a doctorate in political science from SIU, was recently awarded a chancellor's medal at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Mileur, who is a professor of political science at the university, is a former minor league baseball team owner and co-founder of the Jackie Robinson initiative that honored the 50th anniversary of Robinson's breaking baseball's color barrier. Mileur endowed the Ward Morton/David Kenney Lecture Series at SIU in honor of his former professors.

Charles Brad Brouillette has established a scholarship endowment of $41,000 to memorialize his late wife Ann Fisher Brouillette. The annual music scholarships of $2,000 will be given to junior or senior women, preferably from Jackson County, who demonstrate academic promise and financial need.

In the U.S. News and World Report's annual college rankings, SIU received recognition for its efforts to graduate students with minimal debt. SIU was ranked seventh among national universities where students compile the least debt while earning their diplomas. This is the second year SIU appeared in this category.

SIU's School of Journalism celebrated its 50th anniversary in October with a week of lectures, tours and a banquet.
Monkey Skull Shakes Up Evolutionary Tree

SIU anthropologists Brenda Benefit and Monte McCrossin have discovered the oldest African or Asian monkey skull ever found. Their news was formally announced in the July issue of Nature, one of science's most prestigious journals.

Benefit talks about the importance of their discovery. "This 15-million-year-old skull is significant because it flies in the face of what scientists have believed about how the earliest monkeys looked and behaved. "It also challenges commonly held beliefs about how the ancient ancestors of apes—and humans—looked. And it influences where we can place other fossil catarrhines [Old World monkeys, apes and humans] on the evolutionary tree. The concept of ancestor influences everything else down the line."

Benefit and McCrossin, who are married as well as colleagues, found the skull in 1994 on Maboko Island in Kenya's Lake Victoria. "Maboko is a remarkable site for primates—there's just no competition," says Benefit. "It's the one place from which you can really reconstruct monkey evolution."

The SIU researchers found the skull in a trench first excavated by famed anthropologist Louis Leakey in 1949.

"We had left the trench intact for its historical value, but people were starting to farm in that area, so we decided it no longer made sense not to dig there.

"After removing a layer of stone, we first found a complete crocodile skull, then we found this one. It was just lying there, looking up at us," Benefit recounts.

Dating techniques showed the fossilized skull was some 15 million years old, not only the oldest Old World monkey skull ever found, but the only complete monkey or ape skull from the Miocene Era.

The skull, now housed in a walk-in vault, has become part of the permanent collection of the National Museum of Kenya in Nairobi.
Students can now brush up on their writing while they’re washing their clothes. A satellite office of the Writing Center has been set up in Trueblood Hall, one of two buildings that provide food, recreation and laundry facilities for more than 3,000 students who live on the east side of campus. The center, which is staffed by three new tutors, will have afternoon, evening and Sunday hours. Above, Writing Center Director Jane Cogie works with a student in Trueblood’s computer lab which doubles as the center’s satellite office.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Updike delivered the 1997 Michael and Nancy Glassman University Honors lecture. He read from his latest novel, Toward the End of Time, which is set in New England in 2020 in the aftermath of a nuclear confrontation with China.

Updike has won numerous prizes in his prolific career, from a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1959, to two Pulitzer prizes, to a recent Ambassador Book Award for his book In the Beauty of the Lilies. His evocative portrayal of the everyday lives of ordinary people has earned him a reputation as a chronicler of the American middle class—a reputation with which Updike is extremely comfortable. “I like middles. It is in middles that extremes clash, where ambiguity restlessly rules,” he has said.

The late Michael Glassman and his wife Nancy Glassman ’63, a lawyer in Washington D.C., established this annual lecture series to bring nationally or internationally prominent figures to campus.

Two Carbondale businessmen have set up scholarships to recruit students to SIU. Murdale True Value President George Sheffer and his brother James Shelter intend to give the university $1,000 a year to be distributed in the form of two $500 scholarships to incoming freshmen or transfer students.

The Black Issues in Education survey of the nation’s colleges and universities (not including historically African-American colleges and universities) ranks SIU as the 12th highest institution nationally in the number of African-American students earning bachelor degrees—392 students in 1995-96.

Two major university honors were awarded at this year’s annual service dinner. Gary Drake, director of the SIU Arena, received the 1997 Administrative and Professional Staff Award. The 1997 Civil Service Outstanding Service Award was presented to Peggy Ann Wilken, a greenhouse gardener with the plant and soil science department.

National experts on tobacco regulation and the effect of tobacco on the nation’s health gathered on campus in October to discuss the proposed settlement now before Congress. Speakers for the 1997 Dr. Arthur Grayson Memorial Symposium included Minnesota Attorney General Hubert “Skip” Humphrey, Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan, and several doctors and lawyers involved in the legislative discussion on this controversial topic.

Total enrollment at SIU is up from last year, with fall semester enrollment standing at 21,908 students.
Can’t We All Get Along?

Law School helps farmers and government find resolutions to tough problems.


The relationship between farmers and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) can be as prickly as barbed wire. Farmers who follow the USDA’s rules receive considerable financial help. Those regulations, however, change frequently. A farmer’s erosion-control plan may be in compliance this year and draw an “adverse determination” the next year. Even USDA inspectors can’t always keep up with the changes.

The Agriculture Mediation Program is designed to encourage farmers and government officials to communicate. A farmer who gets an “adverse determination” can request mediation before moving on to the more elaborate appeals process. In mediation, all rules, regulations, opinions, feelings, gripes and grumbles are put on the table with the singular goal to understand the other side, not to win.

In Illinois, farmers call the Illinois Agriculture Mediation Program (IAMP) at the SIU School of Law’s Legal Clinic. Alicia Hill Ruiz, J.D. ’94, the IAMP coordinator, says the first thing farmers and USDA regulators have to understand is what mediation isn’t.

“I tell them to forget what they know about the appeals process,” Ruiz begins. “In one of the early talks I gave, I could tell they were thinking about the adversarial nature of the appeals process and how [mediation] was somehow like that. We say mediation is a collaborative process.”

The IAMP opened in February of this year, funded with a $200,000 USDA grant. Legal Clinic Director Mary Rudasill wrote the grant proposal and serves as both grant coordinator and a farm mediator.

A mediator’s job is to get everyone in the same room and “facilitate the
discussion." Rudasill says they are not judges: "We keep these [mediations] informal, but controlled. We don't let them deteriorate into a yelling match. We ensure everyone has a chance to say what they're concerned about. We uncover underlying issues and put them on the table so the whole program is talked about, not just compliance, but how you were treated when you went into the office. The process is designed to help people communicate about their differences and, if possible, arrive at their own solution to the problem."

Often farmers clench their teeth as they tell you the government has a rule for everything. Steve Kraft, chair of the College of Agriculture's agribusiness economics department, helps Ruiz and Rudasill obtain the information they need. He's enthusiastic about the program: "Even if the [USDA] can't move away from their decision, mediation is extremely useful in clearing the air.

"Frequently, the actions of the agency have been misinterpreted or the farmer's actions have been misinterpreted by the agency. The mediation provides a neutral environment in which the contested situation can be explored and looked at in a dispassionate way. The farmer can still appeal, and he or she has a better understanding of where the agency is coming from and why the decision was made."

The Legal Clinic also runs an alternative dispute resolution program to settle disputes between landlords and tenants or other small claims. Rudasill created that program and wants to connect it to the IAMP. "Eventually we'll [graduate] some attorneys who have been trained in mediation and who have some experience with this USDA program and I think that will be very useful," observes Rudasill.

If you're a farmer and you appeal a USDA decision, either you win or you lose. Rudasill offers a different measure of success for the IAMP: "The solution may not be that [the farmer] wins and gets the money. The solution may be that [the inspectors] come out and take a second look.

"We know that there are some situations where there's just never going to be an agreement. But we also know that during the process lots of information has been exchanged, lots of things have been said and communicated that needed to be said. Most of the time people walk away feeling better about some things than when they walked in—we hope."  

-Gary Hart

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Major Gift Provides Momentum for Athletics

You don't have to hunt hard among Saluki athletics administrators or fans or to find someone to tell you about the tough times intercollegiate athletics has experienced in recent years. Financial challenges have made everyone concerned about the competitiveness of SIU's varsity sports teams. But the recent board of trustees' decision to increase student athletic fees (which had not been raised in more than 10 years) and the announcement of the largest gift made so far to the Saluki Futures fund-raising campaign are making everyone optimistic that SIU is on the return journey to the prominence it previously held in the Gateway and Missouri Valley Conferences.

In September, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Crisp, II announced they would be contributing half a million dollars to Southern Illinois University's athletics fund-raising campaign. SIU President Ted Sanders says the gift is only one example of the couple's longtime support for the university.
“For years, Harry and Rosemary Crisp have supported SIU and southern Illinois through a myriad of programs that improve the quality of life for all in this region,” says Sanders. “If something needs to be done, they are usually the first to answer the call. In gratitude for all they do, SIU is pleased to announce the new playing floor in the SIU Arena will be named after Mr. Crisp’s father.”

The new Harry L. Crisp, Sr. Court will be inaugurated during this season’s men’s and women’s basketball seasons.

The Crisps’ gift, which will be made in $100,000 installments over five years, has pushed the Saluki Futures campaign past the halfway point of its $2.3 million goal.

Chancellor Don Beggs also commented on the gift: “We hope this generous gift from the hearts of one of southern Illinois’ most prominent families will encourage others to give. On behalf of the students, faculty and staff, I thank the Crisps.”

Harry Crisp is president and chief executive officer of Marion Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., one of the country’s largest independently owned Pepsi bottling companies. He also serves on the Illinois Board of Higher Education and chairs the Illinois Community College Board. Rosemary Crisp, a registered nurse, supports a wide variety of education and health activities in southern Illinois. She has also served on the foundation boards for John A. Logan College, the Marion Civic Center and Southeast Missouri State University.

The elder Crisp, for whom the court is named, landed his first Pepsi franchise in 1936. That franchise quickly grew to cover the 21 southernmost counties of Illinois and now includes two million consumers in five states. He was also known for his community service, which included serving as a city commissioner and three-term mayor.

Harry L. Crisp, II says this gift exemplifies his parents’ values: “Dad and mom set great examples by their hard work, integrity, participation and values. We’re trying to follow their lead. We feel an obligation in life to give back as we have received.”

Crisp adds that this gift symbolizes his and his wife’s support of Saluki athletics and of the university: “Southern Illinois University does a great job as an educational provider. It also builds up the area by providing resources rural areas normally do not have available. SIU is a great research institution and has been very active in developing our communities.”

The Crisps’ gift provides an important and timely boost to the Saluki Futures fund-raising campaign. In addition to replacing the arena floor, the campaign seeks to upgrade the facilities for men’s football, men’s and women’s outdoor track, men’s baseball and women’s softball.

Scholarships constitute another major focus for Saluki Futures and for university administrators. Jim Hart, director of intercollegiate athletics, says every coach places primary emphasis on being able to award as many scholarships as NCAA regulations allow. Although the university gives out all its allowed tuition waivers, no Saluki sport presently grants the full number of scholarships permitted under NCAA rules. Everyone agrees being at full scholarship complement is what will make and keep SIU’s athletic teams competitive.

Charlotte West, associate director of intercollegiate athletics, uses a vivid metaphor to describe what it’s like for coaches not being at full scholarship funding. “It’s like sending the army to war without the artillery they need,” she says.

West also explains that by not giving out the maximum allowed scholarships, SIU loses matching dollars from the NCAA. “If we give a scholarship, the NCAA essentially matches that scholarship dollar for dollar up to $300,000,” says West.

Chancellor Don Beggs strongly asserts that SIU should only have an athletics program if it can stay competitive. “And to me being competitive means awarding as many scholarships as the teams we compete with,” he says. “I have asked the athletics department to make a recommendation on what it will take for us to be competitive. If we put a team on the court or the field with a team that has more advantages, then we can’t be competitive.”

How SIU athletics teams perform and how they behave in defeat and victory contribute to the university’s public image. Hart and Beggs both talk about athletics being a window to the university. Hart asks, “Where else can you go every day and read about SIU but the sports page?”

Beggs agrees, “Athletics help project a positive image of the university. Why do we even talk about being a Saluki? The Saluki is the mascot of our athletics teams and it’s one of the most positive spin-offs from the programs. Students and alumni feel a connection because we think of ourselves as Salukis—and athletics has provided us with that important common attachment.”

Saluki athletics has spent the last decade reinning in costs, cutting five sports in the mid-1980s, and carefully managing its budget. With the recent news about the Crisps’ gift and the board of trustees’ approval of the fee increase, West and Hart believe the time has arrived for loyal alumni fans to pledge their support to the teams’ future success.

“We’re at a critical point where if we don’t increase our support, we’re going to lose our reputation among our peer schools,” observes Hart.

Losing its reputation is something no one in athletics is willing to accept. West asserts their conviction: “Excellence breeds excellence. SIU is a major research university of quality. Why would we accept anything less than excellence in our athletics teams?”

—Maureen Manier

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Ask to see Associate Athletic Director Charlotte West's resume and you'll be given a choice: Do you want the condensed version or the full script—all nine pages of it?

One glance at either and you'll see this is no ordinary woman. The list of awards and accomplishments goes on and on. At the age of 65, after 40 years at Southern Illinois University, West is retiring after a career that has been no less than extraordinary.

"I could have retired before now," she says. "But I felt there were things that needed to be done and I wanted to get them accomplished."

With a combination of strength, tenacity and a sense of humor, West has worked to increase women's opportunities in sports and to level the playing field for men's and women's athletics on a national and local level. At times she was outnumbered, but she has never failed to leave a stream of loyal supporters in her wake.

When women coaches approached the National Collegiate Athletic Association in 1967, they were told it was an organization of men for men.

In response, West helped form the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. She was chosen its president in 1978.

"I convinced her to run from the floor," Karol Kahrs, women's athletic director at the University of Illinois, says. "She wasn't nominated, but I was convinced she was the right person and we got her elected from the floor."

During West's presidency of the AIAW, a national television contract was signed with NBC, a $4 million deal. "We really thought that we'd arrived," she says.
Charlotte West didn’t just blaze the trail for women’s athletics, she set it on fire.

Blazing the Trail

But when women’s athletics became profitable, the NCAA decided it was time to take control. “We just closed down and filed an anti-trust suit,” West says. “Like a lot of things in life, it was a lesson for me. I fought tooth and nail, but once it happened, I got involved with the NCAA.”

West has served on numerous NCAA committees, including the Athletic Certification Committee and the Gender Equity Committee. She also has served on Gateway Conference and Missouri Valley Conference committees and worked with numerous organizations.

“The Gender Equity Task Force is very much a challenge and fun to me,” she says. “Are the things universities and colleges doing not fair and equitable? What do we do to change that?

“We’ve seen a lot more progress in the last five years,” she says. “Now, schools can’t go to championships unless they’re certified.”

Gateway Conference Commissioner Patty Viverito met West in 1982. “But I certainly knew of her by reputation long before that,” Viverito says. “She is probably the most fair-minded individual I have worked with over the years. The impact she has had is almost immeasurable.”

Although there are more opportunities today for young women than ever before, West finds it ironic many do not understand the sacrifices made by their predecessors.

“Many of the beneficiaries fail to have a degree of appreciation for their opportunity,” she says. “And it is an opportunity, a privilege.”

When West became a coach and then an administrator, she had no mentors to turn to for advice. “Things are getting better,” she says.

“There are more women getting into administration. But it certainly is not an equal playing field.

“In fact, things are far from equal. The number of women coaching female teams fell below 50% a few years ago. It’s a whole male-dominated culture. A lot of resources are aimed at getting women back into coaching. We’re almost a dying breed.”

It was obvious early in her life that West was going to make a difference. She was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., but never lived there.
"I was adopted and taken back to Wellsville, N.Y., where my father had a shoe store," she says. "We also had a home in St. Petersburg, Fla. I would start school in September in Wellsville and in October we would go to Florida."

The family eventually chose St. Petersburg as its base, and West still considers it her home. She was a member of a junior high school basketball team there and also played volleyball. She was known for her fierce competitive spirit.

As an adult, West met her birth mother. The two immediately hit it off and formed a relationship enhanced by a shared joy in competing. "We'll watch Wheel of Fortune and she'll keep score," West says with a laugh. "She'll say, 'I've solved three and you only got two!'"

"When we met, she asked me, 'Do you like crossword puzzles?' I told her I do. Her husband says, 'If you are competitive, you came by it honestly.'"

Despite her talent and desire to play ball, West never thought of sports as a career choice during her undergraduate years at Florida State University at Tallahassee.

"My major was mathematics. By the time I was a sophomore, I missed activity so much that I took a double major in physical education," she says.

The combination of mathematics and physical education has aided her throughout her career.

At Florida State, West participated in intramural sports. "There were no intercollegiate sports," she says. "My freshman year of college, there was no athletic office for women."

"That's probably what motivated me to want to create opportunities for women in sports. It's been a struggle at times. But it's also been a joy because I've seen incredible changes."

West earned a master of science degree in physical education and dance at the University of South Carolina at Greensboro in 1957, the same year she arrived at SIU. In 1959, she was named director of women's intercollegiate athletics.

In 1970, West earned her doctorate in physical education with a minor in educational measurement from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. "I've been here ever since 1957, although I did take a sabbatical when I worked on my doctorate," she says.

When West first arrived at SIU, women's athletics was housed in Davies Gymnasium. "It was an old, old building," she says. "I would sit at my desk and have plaster hit me in the back. If we used the copier and an electric typewriter at the same time, we would blow a fuse."

When Hiram Lesar was named interim university president, he instituted a major renovation of Davies. "We moved back in 1982 to a beautiful office," West says.

In 1985, a merger between men's and women's athletics forced the offices to relocate to the SIU Arena. "Although I didn't like giving up my beautiful office that overlooked the fountain, it was a good idea," West says.

It was also in 1985 that West applied for the athletic director's position. When she wasn't chosen as a finalist, a groundswell of support rose for her and a rally was conducted on campus to demonstrate that support.

Eventually, Jim Livengood was hired as athletic director, and he and West formed a successful team. "We're still very close friends," she says. "We worked together very well. Quite a few of the men's coaches were resistant to women's athletics, but he [Jim] brought the two departments together as well as he could."

In 1987, West became the interim athletic director when Livengood resigned to return to Washington State. "I got some good things going," she says. "But that also was a time of strategic planning and cutbacks."

"It was traumatic," West says. "Cutting programs does not make you popular with some of the coaches, but it was something we needed to do. We have to be frugal."

Once again, West applied for the athletic directorship. Although she was named a finalist, current athletic director Jim Hart was chosen for the position.

"There was a lot of support from the alums on his behalf and on my behalf," West says. "Either way it had gone, it would have caused an outcry. Jim is a sports hero, a good person and a likeable guy. It's worked out really well."

Women's Basketball Coach Cindy Scott says some of West's critics mistakenly might have believed she would work only for women's athletics. "But she is a great believer in athletics,
both men’s and women’s,” Scott says. It is not uncommon to look up at a game and see West, Scott says. “She coached for so long I think she can’t quit,” Scott says with a smile. “She’s been my greatest advocate and my greatest critic.”

Despite the gains, there is much to be accomplished. “Our coaches need full scholarship support,” West says. “Right now, we are at two-thirds of quit,” Scott says. “She’s coached for so long I think she can’t game and see West, Scott says. “She has a role model like Charlotte. In my mind, women’s athletics is Charlotte West. They are synonymous.”

Nancy Bandy, an assistant athletic director who oversees the university’s compliance with NCAA regulations, talks about working with West. “Any time I go to a conference off campus, when I tell people I’m from SIU, they say, ‘Oh, you work with Charlotte West.’ She is very well respected throughout the country.

Kahrs says: “Charlotte always has a steadfast hold to her principles and ethics, a solid foundation all the time. Few people today would make that kind of commitment. They will have to find four or five people to do the work she’s done.”

A round of activities is being planned to give West a big send-off, including a golf tournament, two dinners and a farewell brunch. Organizers also are raising money for the

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But Scott also has seen another side of West. “She is a brutal, brutal competitor,” Scott says with a laugh. “I play a lot of golf with her and we bet. It’s only for quarters, but she wants to win.”

That passion extends to administrative duties. “She has the ability to see the big picture,” Brechtelsbauer says. “She can see what will happen down the road. With her involvement in the NCAA, we’re right at ground level. “She has withstood the test of time. She is a leader. I was very fortunate I had a role model like Charlotte. In my mind, women’s athletics is Charlotte West. They are synonymous.”

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“We are in desperate need of a softball clubhouse. The softball team has no lockers, no toilets. That’s the challenge of this position. There are always 20 more things to do.”

As an administrator, West does not have the contact with students she enjoyed so much as a coach. But she meets with all new female athletes in groups of three or four each year so they can get to know each other. She also offers support in times of need.

Softball Coach Kay Brechtelsbauer has known West since her own arrival at SIU 30 years ago.

“She is an outstanding teacher who relates well to her students. She’s a people person who has great perception and a great deal of integrity. She has a deep concern for all the athletes and coaches,” Brechtelsbauer says.

Brechtelsbauer learned about the level of West’s concern during her first Thanksgiving at SIU. “When I came here, I didn’t have a car,” says Brechtelsbauer. “It was my first Thanksgiving away from home. She provided me with transportation.”

If West learns of someone who has no place to go on Thanksgiving, she invites them to dinner. “And she can really cook,” Brechtelsbauer says.

“I’d have to say my favorite is her pot roast,” Scott says. “I always pray I’ll get invited to a meal.”

Scott learned of West’s compassion when she had major surgery and faced a long hospital stay. “She was there nearly every night and she stayed late,” Scott says. “I was really struck by her caring.”

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Charlotte West Scholar Athlete Endowment that will honor her for her years of service.

June 30, 1998 will be West’s last day at work. Her colleagues dread the day. “I’m in denial, it’s plain and simple,” Viverito says.

“It’s scary to me,” Scott says. “There will be a tremendous void to be filled. Fortunately, she’s not going very far. I hope she will become a consultant for all kinds of athletic departments across the country because she has so much to offer.”

“I guess there will be a certain amount of effort in retirement,” West concedes. “It will take some getting used to. But once I decided, I began looking forward to it.”

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Growing up in the housing projects of Mount Vernon, Ill., Kenny Troutt '70 desperately wanted to get out and move up—to buy a few of the things he never had as a child.

Little did he imagine one of the things he would buy one day would be a 14,000-square-foot house across the street from billionaire Ross Perot.

Harder still for Troutt to imagine was that he would be a billionaire himself. He would not only move out of the housing projects, but into the company of Forbes Magazine's 400 richest Americans. Founder and chairman of Excel Communications, Inc., Troutt, who is listed as number 114 on the Forbes' list with an estimated wealth of $1.4 billion, could easily stop dreaming. Instead, he continues to do what he's done all his life—make his next dream even bigger.

Troutt describes his childhood in Mount Vernon as difficult. But he praises his mother, a single parent who raised him, two brothers and a sister. Although no one in his family had ever graduated from college, his mother urged all her children to complete their education. "The people she was surrounded by didn't have an education and she felt that was the missing ingredient," Troutt says. "So, she pushed us very hard in that respect."

Troutt traces his entrepreneurial spirit to those early days: "I think it was my circumstances, being from a bad neighborhood, that triggered my desire to change my life. And I think that desire is what gave me the commitment to actually do it."
Above, Troutt speaks to Excel representatives gathered for a meeting at Shryock Auditorium.

His mother's encouragement and his own athletic talent took him to Eastern Illinois University on a football scholarship. His first venture into college life was not, however, one of his greatest successes. "I flunked out," he admits, still chagrined after more than 25 years. "The first time away from home things got a little out of control."

The next year he came to Southern Illinois University on a partial football scholarship. Troutt says he never became a great student, but he did take being in college more seriously the second time around, completing his bachelor's degree in 1970.

Active in sports and his fraternity, college was definitely a pivotal experience for Troutt. "It was when I was in college that my life started changing. For the first time in my life, I got on equal terms with people," he explains.

Although he majored in political science, Troutt was always a businessman at heart. From starting a lawn mowing business in Mount Vernon to selling life insurance to earn extra money in college, Troutt knew business was his ticket to a better life. He confirmed that belief during his senior year when he became the number one salesman for the insurance company he worked for. "That experience really made me think I could do something in life," he says.

He continued to sell insurance the year after graduation, but he soon left for Nebraska where he started a business in home improvement and construction. "[That business] was very exciting and I liked it," Troutt says. "I made a lot of mistakes, but I learned a lot." He explains that with each of his business ventures, he has been able to emerge with just enough money to start his next business. When interest rates soared to 20%, Troutt left Nebraska for Dallas, the 1980s land of milk and honey.

Troutt arrived in Texas and started in the oil business during the era when J.R. Ewing and the television series "Dallas" reigned on the airwaves. Troutt says the prosperity "Dallas" showcased reflected the lives of many local residents. "I've never seen anything like it," Troutt remembers. "Everybody was happy. Everybody was excited. Everybody was making money . . . And then oil went to $8 a barrel and pretty well shot the oil business."

Fortunately, unlike so many others, Troutt was not financially ruined by the plunge in oil prices. Needing to move on to the next stage in his career, he was intrigued by a suggestion he received from a former employee.

The suggestion was simple: hire college students to stand in front of grocery stores and sell long-distance time for Sprint's Network 2000. The students would be paid for every completed application and Troutt's company would receive the commission from Network 2000. Troutt liked the idea, but doubted he could make a significant profit selling on commission alone.

It was his brother Steve, then working for a small telecommunications company in Lincoln, Neb., who advised his brother to become a
switchless re-seller—to buy long-distance time from companies and then re-sell that time to customers, handling everything from the marketing to the billing, everything but transmitting the calls. Excel was born from this idea, beginning as a regional long-distance company.

A year after he started Excel, Troutt received a suggestion from Steve Smith that gave Troutt the vehicle to take his business nationwide. Not surprisingly, Smith is now Excel’s executive vice president for marketing.

Smith recommended Excel use a multi-level marketing plan, similar to the direct sales techniques made famous by companies like Amway and Mary Kay Cosmetics. Individual representatives would sign up customers as well as other representatives and receive compensation and bonuses from their own and their representatives’ sales.

With the integration of Smith’s marketing plan, Excel grew exponentially, charting as much as 400% growth in some years. Still, Troutt believes the secret to his company’s success is deceptively simple.

Focusing their efforts on the residential market, Excel representatives sign up friends and family members, what Troutt refers to as the “warm market.” These are customers with whom the representatives already have relationships. “That’s what makes Excel so special and what separates Excel from everyone else,” Troutt explains. “That’s what puts us in a niche market that’s easy for us to penetrate but hard for anyone else to come back and penetrate us.”

Excel’s independent representatives seem to stay and grow with the company because they feel the company or, perhaps more accurately, Troutt, “understands” their needs. Troutt also feels a strong connection to these representatives, many of whom are trying to do what he did: overcome looming economic obstacles. “That’s an advantage I have...I understand where most of these people are coming from. I understand the problems they have. I understand the environment they’ve grown up in.

“There was an article I once read...And what it said is that something like 60% of all personal bankruptcies could have been resolved with an extra $185 a month. So, I thought to myself, if you can figure out a way for every person who wants to make an extra $200 a month, you can change people’s lives.

“What a lot of people don’t understand is the difference $200 to $500 a month can make for people. It can make the difference between eating well or not eating at all, having a new car, a used car, or no car. Money is a powerful thing for a family.”

Over 600 fledgling telecommunications companies appeared on the scene after the breakup of AT&T. But Troutt never doubted Excel or its network of representatives would succeed, “I knew from day one that this [business] was a home run,” he says.

As he had been all his life, Troutt was determined to overcome the pessimism he heard during the company’s first years.

“America, to me, is the greatest place in the world, the land of opportunity. But it’s also the most negative place you’ll ever be around because everyone tells you what you can’t do. Over time when you hear this negative stuff, you begin to believe it. [People always tell people like me]: You were born poor, raised poor, educated poor, lived poor and you’ll die poor. Most of these people never try because they believe this is the way it is and you can’t change it...Excel gives people that chance to go out and change their lives. Our marketing plan gives everyone an opportunity to be successful.”

The company gathers for an annual Excelebration and numerous regional meetings.
which Troutt frequently attends. Although modest about how Excel’s representatives have latched on to his personal story of success, Troutt recognizes the importance of his role, “All people, all organizations need a leader. You have to accept this responsibility that you have to lead and not get up and walk away... They [the representatives] believe in me, Excel and my ideas, but then, in turn, they’ve started to believe in themselves.” He knows what he offers them is hope they can attain their own personal goals.

Troutt finds the commitment of Excel’s representatives gratifying, but daunting. “The decisions I make not only affect Lisa [Troutt’s wife] and me, but hundreds of thousands of people,” he observes.

But although the soul of Excel might be its representatives, there’s no question Troutt, surrounded by a carefully selected management team, breathes life into the company. If being successful, amassing a personal fortune and improving the lives of others were his first goals, his next goal is to capitalize on the communications explosion he foresees.

In the coming decade, Troutt expects his industry to grow in a way that surpasses anything this country has ever witnessed, “I tell people that the communications financial explosion will be so big it will make the oil boom look like a poverty era. That’s how big it will be,” says Troutt.

He intends to keep Excel at the forefront, continuing to introduce new products as the company works toward a planned international expansion in the next year.

Currently, the fifth largest long-distance provider in the country, Excel’s 1996 revenues exceeded $1 billion. When Excel became the youngest company on the New York Stock Exchange in 1996, Troutt achieved billionaire status, and several of his original stockholders—including his SIU roommate Pete Whitman—became instant millionaires. This year Excel merged with Telco, creating a company (of which Troutt is still chairman) that combines Excel’s customer base and marketing strategies with Telco’s 100,000 miles of fiber optic capacity. In one swift business deal, Excel jumped two years ahead of schedule. The company will no longer need to buy long-distance time from other companies. Now, it will have its own delivery system enabling Excel to offer even deeper discounts.

Troutt leads a privileged life. But his childhood and the formative years that followed his graduation from SIU are never far from his thoughts. He says that at age 40 he founded Excel and married Lisa, starting not just a new company but a new life. “I catch myself pinching myself and making sure this is not a dream. My life has changed so much in the last four to five years... My business life and personal life all took off at the same time... I don’t think it can get any better than I have it right now,” Troutt contends.

He says unlike other entrepreneurs, he doesn’t expect to become bored. “Running Excel makes me feel like I’m an entrepreneur every day,” Troutt says. “I am not one of those guys looking to start his next company.”

He remains excited about changes in the telecommunications industry and on the impact Excel can make. “Excel has an opportunity to do something that very few companies ever can do and that’s totally change the American way of doing business,” he observes.

Troutt believes the entrepreneurial spirit beats stronger in people today than ever before. People no longer trust they can work for the same company until they retire; they’re seeking a way to establish financial independence. “That’s why Excel is so popular to people,” Troutt explains. “We give people a legitimate chance of making it.”

Troutt also doesn’t think it’s any coincidence that four or five of Excel’s top 40 representatives live in southern Illinois. He knows the hunger that motivated him is something he shares with millions of others. And just as he attributes the success of Excel to the relationships it forms with customers, he knows his success is intertwined with the relationship he maintains with his own past and the little boy from the Mount Vernon housing projects who moved out and up to the big time.
When the students at Mayfield Middle School discovered their guidance counselor was Steve Finley’s mother, they were naturally impressed. They immediately asked if she could get them souvenirs from the star outfielder. But Fran Finley decided to give students something a little more valuable than an autographed baseball or poster.

While visiting Steve in San Diego two years ago, Fran videotaped an interview with him, asking Steve to talk about his days growing up in western Kentucky. Steve also discussed how he set goals for himself, overcame obstacles, and when he first became dedicated to the game of baseball.

Fran, who frequently uses the tape during discussions on goal setting, says it obviously means something to her students.

"Every time I use it you can hear a pin drop," she says. "It was great because he was looking right into the camera and talking directly to the kids. Steve has a real knack for interacting with kids."

Howard Finley, Steve’s father, directs an alternative program out of Murray State University for four school districts. Howard also shows the videotape to students who wonder how his son has reached his current success.

"I use Steve as a model to say that he wasn’t a kid who had a car at 16—it didn’t happen," Howard says. "He had to work and earn things."

Steve gives his parents every reason to be proud these days. A highly-regarded center fielder during his nine seasons in the major leagues, Finley has earned two consecutive Gold Glove Awards for defensive excellence.

Finley enjoyed a breakthrough season in 1996, contributing to a San Diego Padres team that won the National League Western Division championship. His 1997 encore performance included 28 homers, 92 runs batted in, and 15 stolen bases, which earned him a spot on the National League All-Star team. Finley committed only four errors this season.

San Diego manager Bruce Bochy says Finley is one of the game’s best.

"Before we got Steve Finley, I knew he was a good player, but I didn’t realize how good he was," Bochy says. "He is a real pleasure. He never comes into the office complaining. He just plays the game the way it should be played."

Finley has also earned the admiration of his teammate Tony Gwynn, an eight-time batting champion. "He was always a good defensive player, but where he’s turned it up a notch or two is on the offensive end," Gwynn told the San Diego Padres Magazine. "He’s made himself a more complete player. It’s taken a lot of hard work. Nobody’s handed it to him."

But Fran and Howard Finley are proud of Steve for other reasons. Their son has taken an active role in the San Diego community. He helped inspire the Padres Scholars Program, a joint...
effort between San Diego Padres ownership and players. The program annually awards $5,000 college scholarships to 25 area eighth-grade students who show academic promise but might not have the opportunity to attend college. The scholarship money goes into a fund and draws interest until the students are seniors in high school.

"The owners and the players have three meetings per year where we sit down and discuss issues in baseball. One of our issues is how we can get out in the community," says Finley. "Between the ownership and players, we came together with this program that offers incentives for students to go to college.

"We felt that's what a major league team in this city should do. In our opinions, the best way to go about this was to make sure kids in this community who wanted to go to college get to go to college."

Howard and Fran Finley are proud of their son's commitment to helping others.

"As his mother, I'm just so proud of the way he uses his position to do good in his community and to be a role model for his children. Steve and his wife jump at any opportunity to participate in charity functions."

Howard says: "Steve has not changed since he was at Tilghman High School [in Paducah] and at SIU. I admire my son for being able to take the success he has had and use it to help kids around him."

Richard "Itchy" Jones, Finley's coach at Southern who now coaches at the University of Illinois, says Finley was an asset to SIU's baseball program.

"He was a good student and was one of the first guys on the field everyday," Jones says. "Steve was an inspiration to his teammates his junior and senior years. He has never let the high profile of the big leagues affect him. Steve is still the same person he was the day I met him."

Fran and Howard Finley admit they never dreamed that their son would be a major league star. But his competitive desire emerged at an early age.

"We have videos of Steve as a toddler just throwing anything he could get his hands on," Fran says. "He was hitting the golf ball and then he was throwing it. Then he would throw tennis balls and rocks."

Fran also remembers Steve's biggest challenge as a youngster. "As he got older, his challenge was to throw
the ball over the roof of his grandmother’s house,” she says. “The day he got it over was a big day. He came running into the house and took us outside and showed us he could do it.”

Howard adds: “He would throw it for hours. Everyone would feel sorry for him because sweat would just be pouring off this kid. But he wouldn’t quit.”

Steve could talk anyone into playing catch, even his 70-year-old grandmother. Steve and his friends once played baseball with tomatoes his parents had grown, which got him into a little trouble.

Although he may not have known it at the time, Steve’s sister also prepared him for his major league career.

“Steve would get his sister out there playing catch and she couldn’t throw worth a darn,” Fran says. “Once he got tired of chasing the ball, Steve would try to guess where his sister’s throws were going. Steve always credits his sister for helping him to become a good outfielder.”

Long before he became a star outfielder, Finley’s mother, who taught for 10 years at Paducah Tilghman High School, and his father, a former dean of students at the Paducah Middle School, were positive role models for him.

“My parents instilled the importance of education in me,” Finley says. “They always were an influence on me and my sister both. I think that was a big help.”

The Finleys insisted their children learn to play a musical instrument. Steve began playing the trumpet when he was in the sixth grade.

Steve dabbled with the trumpet until it clashed with his interest in sports. He was also sports editor of the Tilghman Bell, the high school newspaper, and with his speed and thought he would be a good hitter,” Jones says. “But the day I saw Steve play he didn’t look very good at all. I told Jerry we would go on his observation because he had seen Steve play more than I had. I’m glad we did.”

Jones said he found out later Finley had played both ends of a double-header the night before, playing outfield in the first game and pitching the nightcap.

In contrast, Finley was instantly impressed with Jones. Finley says the fundamentals he learned at Southern allowed him to advance to the majors in short order.

“Coach Jones always told us things you had to know to go further in baseball,” Finley says. “He left it up to us to motivate ourselves and do what we had to do. He really knows the game of baseball and how to get guys going in the right direction. I credit a lot to him for molding my swing the way it needed to be.”

Jones told Finley to focus on making contact as opposed to trying to hit a home run. “We tried to get our players to swing through the ball and put the ball in play. With Steve’s speed, he had a very good chance of being successful,” Jones says.

Finley fondly remembers playing in Carbondale.

“I never will forget how we swept Indiana State in four extra-inning games which won the conference championship for us . . . I’m also still best friends with the guys I played with on that team. I wouldn’t trade that for anything.”

Finley had a chance to leave Southern early when he was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in 1986. But he chose to return to Southern to finish his degree in physiology.

“Nowadays it gets tough to tell a guy to turn down the money. But you can never replace a college education,” Finley says. “College is a great place to mature as an adult and learn about yourself. If you make mistakes, you’re not going to get punished like you would in the real world.”

During his senior year, Finley was accepted to chiropractic school at Logan College in St. Louis, but this time he opted for a career in baseball. He was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in 1987.

Those who know Steve Finley well say he is doing what he has always done. His inner drive places him among the league’s elite players. It is the same determination that kept him throwing the ball over his grandmother’s house until he finally threw one over the top.
Your exercise bike is slowly rusting in the spare room? You used your exercise videos to tape *Seinfeld*? Don’t feel bad. We’ve all hooked up with a fitness trend only to see it fade quicker than a braggart in a marathon.

In the mid-1970s, students at SIU reluctantly voted to raise their own fees and build the Student Recreation Center. It’s one fitness decision that has not turned into a dusty collection of yard sale junk.

The “Rec,” as it has become known over the years, is an arena for competing fitness trends. Over the last 20 years, the recreation center staff has discovered how to ride the crest of a wave without wiping out. The keys: flexibility and plenty of empty space.
Brian Lukes is the Rec’s assistant director. He’s seen the center change from a gymnasium to a campus focal point. Part of Lukes’ job is to scout fitness trends.

In 1977, the Rec had three basketball courts, a swimming pool, a martial arts room, eight racquetball and squash courts—and electronic golf. Indoor duffers drove, chipped and putted into pictures of fairways, bunkers and greens. It was virtual reality long before anyone had heard of virtual reality.

In reality, virtually no one wanted to tee off. “One of my jobs was to maintain the machines,” Lukes says. “It was costing us $10 every time a student walked in the door, and we weren’t serving that many students.

High-tech electronic golf was soon replaced by more traditional, low-tech sports like wrestling and ping-pong.

Other Rec rooms have gone through similar evolutions. “The free weights room used to be part of the men’s locker room,” Lukes says. “At the time the building opened, Title IX was really big, and they said, ‘If you’re going to have a men’s locker room that big, you have to have a women’s locker room the same size.’ We put up a cinderblock wall, made the men’s locker room smaller and created this new room. It just sat there for about a year. Then, weight lifting and bodybuilding just took off, so we moved all the weights in there.”

Roger Poppen of SIU’s rehabilitation services has been lifting Olympic-style at the Rec “forever.” He says the Rec has been very accommodating, even building a platform designed to take the pounding when the lifter releases the dumbbell. Free weights are only part of the story. The weight room boasts a number of specialized weight machines for bodybuilders. Some machines are specially designed for handicapped users.

Like the weight room, no space at the Rec stays empty for long. Even areas designed for specific sports are recycled when tastes change.

“Twenty years ago,” Lukes says, “racquetball players used to wait in line to get court reservations for the next day. That’s no longer the case.”

Student Recreation Director Bill McMinn defends his favorite sport, “[Racquetball] is still popular, but now there’s wallyball. It’s like volleyball, only the players can bank shots off the walls.”
The Rec celebrates 20 years of keeping up with the latest fitness trends.

Lukes says wallyball was a perfect fit, "Something we could [add by taking] an existing space and adapt it."

A student persuaded the Rec to add wallyball. The Rec's suggestion box is always full.

"Three years ago, we had a student come to us with the idea for a roller hockey rink." McMinn admits he didn't know much about roller hockey, but he agreed to convert one of the Rec's many outdoor tennis courts.

"Now the roller hockey club has 150 members," McMinn says shrugging his shoulders. "And if we could generate the funds to build another rink, we probably would."

Many ideas are just too expensive. A waterslide at Campus Lake would have carried a $20,000 liability insurance bill. Skydiving didn't fly for similar reasons. An outdoor swimming pool is a perennial, cost prohibitive request. Ballroom dancing, however, did make the cut. It's physical, it's cheap, and it will be a demonstration sport at the next Olympics.

Hundreds of programs have come, gone and stayed at the Rec. Besides ballroom dancing, there's Tai Chi,
cricket, indoor rock climbing, camping, fencing, not to mention a remarkable number of aerobics classes.

Looking at the programs, you also see a reflection of the SIU student body. The Rec’s brochure rack is stuffed with flyers for all the above programs as well as senior and youth programs.

“So many people come to school now that have children.” McMinn says, “They’re married. They’re non-traditional students. They’re more diverse. Forty percent of the student body is now non-traditional . . . Those non-traditional students are looking for different types of things, like outdoor trips, maybe, and camping. They’re not going to play intramural basketball!”

Kathy Hollister is in charge of programs for special populations, which includes the Rec’s youth programs. Hollister also oversees the Rec’s extensive programming for handicapped athletes. “There’s been a great emphasis in the last few years on fitness programs [for disabled athletes]. I would say they’re very much more attuned to their health, that fitness is more a necessary part of their lifestyle.

“Coming to the Rec used to be more of a social event. There was a lot of ‘I don’t feel like working out, let’s just talk today.’ We all have those kinds of days, but there were probably more of those kinds of days than otherwise.

“Now we have more people who are really into fitness as an important component [of their lives]. They’d miss it if they didn’t come to work out.”

The Rec continued setting trends in 1979 with the opening of the Sports Medicine Office.

Coordinator John Massie says he knows of recreation centers at other universities that have modeled their in-house sports medicine programs on SIU’s.

Massie spends much of his time treating sprains and tendonitis: “When I started 10 years ago, a day would be five to seven people. Now, an average day is going to be 25 to 30, and a busy day will be upwards of 45. There’s a pretty high correlation between the building having a busy day and me having a busy day.”

Every day seems to be busy at the Rec—even when the rest of campus is dark and silent. Assistant Director Brian Lukes says all trends are up. “It’s huge. We used to be able to do the facility reservations on paper, by hand. Now we do 15,000 facility reservations a year.” The electronic turnstiles recorded over 500,000 visits last year, including 5,000 elementary and high school students the center hosted on field trips.

One way they fit everything in is by keeping the doors open. Rec Center Director Bill McMinn says some people have three priorities: eating, sleeping, and working out.

“They get furious [if we close]. Weightlifters, or swimmers, they have a routine they want to do every day. If we take it away, it really upsets them.”

Lukes says, “We have people who are buying yearly or semester memberships, and they’re buying them with the assumption that we’re going to be open. Holidays are one of the main times they have time . . . [so we’re open] 355-days a year.”

The Rec Center is also an SIU selling point. The Rec recently hosted an open house for over 1,500 prospective students and families.

After the students and parents talk to college representatives, they often take time to tour the Rec. There’s a lot to see. The Rec has over 200,000 square feet.

The Rec also has an up-to-date collection of stairclimbers, rowing machines, treadmills, and stationary bikes scattered around the building. Strolling around the second-story track, visitors might watch a tennis match, a basketball game, and an aerobics class all in progress on the floor below.

By next year, the Rec will have three new outdoor lighted soccer fields. McMinn says, “Soccer dominates the inquiry lists sent in by prospective students . . . I’ll bet you we’ll do well over a hundred [intramural] teams five years from now.”

Even with soccer looking like a sure bet, Lukes admits trends still mystify him sometimes. “Last year, rock climbing was the hot thing. This year, for whatever reason, it’s frisbee golf!”

Alone in the martial arts room, a solitary athlete flows through a slow, meditative warm-up. On one of the Rec’s six basketball courts, an aerobics instructor cools her class down with a series of stretching exercises. Any coach will tell you the limber athlete is the better performer. We should all be as flexible as the Rec.
1997 Honor Roll of Donors

SIU Foundation

Southern Illinois University
I am extraordinarily proud to be writing to you as vice chancellor for institutional advancement. I first came to Southern Illinois University as a freshman in 1966. With the exception of a year spent teaching in an elementary school, I have been here ever since, serving my alma mater in several capacities—most recently at the SIU School of Law.

Last year, Chancellor Donald Beggs introduced the honor roll to you by writing about the symmetry between his life and that of Roscoe Pulliam, another Harrisburg, Ill., native who once served as president of SIU. I believe many of us can look at our time at SIU and see the profound and often surprising connections between our lives and those who preceded and followed us. A recent experience certainly brought my own relationship with my alma mater into clearer focus.

In the last edition of the Chancellor's Council Newsletter, a front page story was written about Steve Rothert, a student enrolled in SIU’s M.D./J.D. program who has been able to attend this university’s law and medical schools because of a scholarship funded by the Garwin Family Foundation and awarded through the SIU Foundation by the School of Law. I am proud to say I was Steve’s law teacher and for a time his dean. The second page of that newsletter contains a story about my appointment to this position. Page three includes a tribute to Hiram Lesar, who died this past August. I was fortunate to have Hiram Lesar as my teacher and dean. Just as the Garwin Family Foundation enabled Steve Rothert to pursue his dream to become a lawyer and doctor, others’ generosity also made it possible for me to attend SIU.

There is an undeniable connection between the quality of the educational experience and philanthropy. Steve Rothert and I, and Hiram Lesar before us, are witnesses to that connection. I know that for many other SIU students and alumni, there are connections between their SIU experience, the philanthropy of others and their own philanthropy.

The 1997 Honor Roll of Donors celebrates this and other forms of philanthropy which change the lives of our students by enriching their SIU experience. As you review this year’s honor roll, I urge you to think about the people whose donations to this university contributed to your own success. Their donations were the foundation on which this university has been built. Your donations are the foundation from which the future of this great university will be launched.

_Ed._

**Tom Britton '70, M.S.Ed.'73, J.D.’76**
It has been an important year in the history of the SIU Foundation. For the first time in our history, we are engaged in three high profile fund-raising campaigns. These campaigns are laying vital groundwork for the major capital campaigns the foundation will spearhead in the near future.

Participating in these campaigns has provided numerous donors a significant way to show their gratitude to the university. Whether it's a radio-television graduate who knows having access to state-of-the-art equipment made the difference in obtaining a coveted job or a student athlete who remains convinced coming to SIU made the difference in his or her athletic and professional career, these campaigns showcase the connections alumni feel to the university.

This honor roll pays tribute to all the donors and businesses who have made a gift because of their connection to the university. Whatever the size or nature of their gifts, these gifts represent good will on which the university has depended and will depend on even more during the coming years. By making a gift and being recognized in this honor roll, you can feel gratified that you have made a genuine difference in the lives of current and future students. There is no more enduring gift than the one you have made to SIU—an academic institution of the highest quality. Your gift will live on in the lives and careers of countless generations.

John E. Moody '66  
Manager, Distribution Planning, DowElanco  
Indianapolis, IN

### Status of Campaigns  
(as of June 30, 1997)

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The SIU Foundation ended the last fiscal year once again exceeding its goal—raising a total of $8.7 million in private and corporate support. As in previous years, the foundation supported student scholarships, totaling $484,519, during the 1997 fiscal year. The SIU Foundation also underwrote numerous grants for teaching and research as well as updating and purchasing equipment throughout the university.

This was a landmark year for the SIU Foundation as it announced three major fund-raising campaigns. These campaigns are critical in identifying and educating new donors as the university prepares to launch its first-ever capital campaign sometime after the year 2000.

The Saluki Futures Campaign, publicly announced in February, will fund athletics scholarships and make important improvements to several athletic facilities. The campaign has made significant progress toward its goal of $2.3 million. A recent gift from Harry and Rosemary Crisp has brought the campaign’s total to over $1.3 million.

The Engineering for the Future Campaign, which seeks to fund laboratory and computer equipment purchases for the newly finished engineering building, has already raised $651,557, over three-quarters of its $1 million goal. The building was officially dedicated this summer and houses more than 30 new laboratories as well as the renowned Center for Friction Studies.

The Communications Courtyard Campaign has received $122,865 in pledges toward a $350,000 goal. This campaign was organized to increase annual giving to the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, to support student scholarships, and to finance important purchases for the college’s equipment intensive programs. The courtyard has been officially dedicated and physically displays the generosity of alumni, students, faculty members and staff.

These campaigns are emblematic of a new era in fund raising at Southern Illinois University. With dramatic decreases in state funding, SIU must now emphasize and aggressively seek private support. Each of the campaigns stresses the significance of annual giving to the university. Major gifts are important to the university’s fiscal health, but the long-term health of the university will depend on expanding the base of annual donors. Doubling its annual fund total within the next five years is the foundation’s stated goal.

The contributions listed on the following pages are for the 1997 fiscal year (July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997) and include gifts of cash; proceeds from estates; payments for whole life insurance policies naming the SIU Foundation as owner and beneficiary; and gifts of property, stocks, equipment, goods and fair market value of services.

Every effort has been made to properly recognize individual and business donors. Errors or omissions should be directed to the SIU Foundation, 1205 West Chautauqua, Carbondale, Ill., 62901, phone (618) 453-4900, fax (618) 453-4931.
The addition to the engineering building was dedicated recently by Illinois Governor Jim Edgar.

### Market Value of Endowments

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The Chancellor’s Council

The Chancellor's Council members are the keystone of support for the university, its people and its programs. Membership in the Chancellor’s Council is open to all alumni, friends, businesses and corporations.

Chancellor’s Council Cumulative Gift Club Levels

Distinct recognition is accorded those individuals, businesses and corporations who have made gifts totaling $10,000 or more to the SIU Foundation and have aspired to higher levels of giving.

Chancellor's Circle
$1,000,000 AND ABOVE

This is our highest giving level within the Chancellor’s Council. The Circle recognizes those individuals and businesses whose outstanding generosity creates the cornerstone of our great university.

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BUSINESSES
W. Clement Stone Enterprises

Old Main Society
$500,000 TO $999,999

The first building on campus was begun in 1870, completed in 1874, and destroyed by fire in 1883. It was replaced by Old Main, which was built during 1885 to 1887 at a cost of $152,000. It burned in 1969 and was not replaced, but its memory lives on in Old Main Mall.

INDIVIDUALS
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Mr. & Mrs. Stan L. Hoye
Mrs. Katy Simonds

BUSINESSES
Illinois Health Improvement Association

Delyte W. Morris Society
$250,000 TO $499,999

This cumulative gift club honors the eighth president of the University (1948-1970), Delyte Morris, who changed Southern into a major institution, the result of his vision and innovation. Both the curriculum and the number of buildings expanded significantly during his administration. During his administration, SIU won a separate governing board, as well as national and international fame. The university’s library bears his name.

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R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company

Roscoe Pulliam Society
$100,000 TO $249,999

Roscoe Pulliam was the first alumnus to become president (1935-1944) and the first president not to be selected from the faculty. In 1943, limited university status was granted to SIU, and three colleges—Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences and Vocations—were planned. Credited to Pulliam were the alumni office, religious foundations, a cafeteria, a student health service, improved student employment, and expanded faculty benefits.

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General Motors Corp. (Olds. Div.)
General Motors Corporation
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Korea
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Minicon USA, Inc.
Motorola
Noritsu America Corporation
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Optron Electronics, Inc.
Pharmacia & Upjohn Co.
President International, Inc.
Rand McNally & Co.
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Daniel, Southern’s fourth president (1897-1913), was one of the original faculty members of the university. During his tenure, extensive changes in both the curriculum and the facilities were made. In 1907, the Illinois General Assembly approved the bachelor of education degree, the first being granted by Southern Illinois University in 1909. Wheelie Hall, Allyn Hall and Anthony Hall were built during his administration.

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ARCO Foundation Inc.

McDonnell Douglas Foundation
Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
Motorola Consumer Products
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Mitsubishi Motor Sales of America, Illinois
Monsanto Company
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Student Loan Marketing Association
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Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.
United Parcel Service
University Bookstore
WCL-WLA Radio

Robert Allyn Society
$10,000 TO $24,999

The university’s first president (1874-1892), Robert Allyn, was inaugurated on July 1, 1874, one day before the first classes began at SINU. During his term, the library was established and a model school was set up for teacher training.

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These individuals and businesses joined the Chancellor's Council under the former membership criteria of a gift or pledge of $10,000, a gift of whole life insurance of $50,000 naming the SIU Foundation owner and beneficiary, or the creation of a $50,000 irrevocable trust instrument to benefit the Foundation.

Founding Chancellor's Council membership was closed with the establishment of the annual and cumulative gift club levels.

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Saluki Men

Saluki Greats Honored

Southern's 20th Saluki Hall of Fame induction class this fall included Terry Taylor, one of the premier defensive players in the history of Saluki football, and Dave Wrona, a power-hitting shortstop who led SIU's drive to the NCAA baseball tournament in 1990.

Also enshrined were Kathleen Raske-Sparrey, a star women's track athlete; Bob Steele, who guided Southern's swimming program to national prominence; Tim Hill, who laid the foundation for SIU's strong women's swimming program; and Stacy Westfall Wells, an eight-time All-American swimmer.

SIU's semi-final playoff victory over Nevada-Reno.

Dave Wrona made an impact of his own on the baseball team. The switch-hitting shortstop fashioned a .337 career batting average. Wrona's name is prominent in the SIU record books. He holds all-time marks for career games played (241), hits (285) and total bases (398). Wrona is also second in career doubles (50), third in runs batted in (154), fourth in runs scored (149) and tied for seventh in home runs (19).

Kathleen Raske-Sparrey is one of only six female track athletes to qualify for both the indoor and outdoor NCAA Championship. Raske-Sparrey, SIU's Female Athlete of the Year in 1989, ranks in the top five all-time in 15 events.

Bob Steele led the Salukis to 1983 by capturing four Gateway Conference individual titles in the 100 and 500 freestyle, and the 200 and 400 individual medleys. She also set two conference records in the process (300 free and 200 IM). Westfall Wells qualified for the NCAA Championship in six events and garnered All-American honors in three. Also, she holds the school record in the 200 butterfly and is part of the 800 freestyle relay team that ranks first.

The 1983 season was also good for Tim Hill, as the Saluki women's swim team won the first of three straight Gateway Conference and National Independent Championships. That same squad garnered a ninth-place finish at the NCAA Championship and featured 10 All-Americans. SIU finished in a tie for seventh at nationals in 1984 and improved to fifth in 1985. Hill's last year as coach. During his brief tenure at Southern, Hill developed 46 All-Americans, including the school's first two national champions in Amanda Martin and Wendy Lucero. Hill has been the women's swimming coach at Arizona State University since 1986.

Kathleen Raske-Sparrey, SIU's Female Athlete of the Year in 1989, was inducted into SIU's Hall of Fame this year.

Hoop Turnaround?

The Saluki basketball team finished below the .500 mark for the second successive season with only 13 wins a year ago.

Times have been tough since Chris Carr decided to forego his senior year to enter the NBA draft two years ago. SIU appeared to wilt down the stretch, losing its last seven games.

The Salukis have solid perimeter talents in the 6-7 Rashad Tucker, who could play inside or outside; Monte Jenkins, an exciting athletic performer, and Shane Hawkins, a steady and experienced leader at point guard. But lack of depth and size led to SIU defeat.

Coach Rich Herrin feels the program has addressed their weaknesses through recruiting. Saluki fans need to bring their programs to the Arena this year as seven newcomers join the ranks.

"Obviously we don't know yet how much some of our new players will be able to contribute to this year's team," Herrin says. "But we will at least be more impressive this year when we get off the bus...both due to our numbers and our size. We just didn't have enough players at times last year."

Like most coaches, Herrin is not going to guarantee the number of games the Salukis will win during the 1997-98 campaign. However, he is optimistic the Dawgs can reverse their fortunes.

"This is a very young team. We have two seniors," he says. "We need some guys to step up their game and our new people have to help a great deal."

Herrin would like an immediate contribution from the 6-9 Chris Thunell, a sophomore who transferred from Florida International, and Derrick Tilmont, a 6-7 junior college transfer. He is also counting on two of his holdovers: 6-9 center James Watts, who is the team's second leading returning rebounder, and James Jackson, a versatile 6-6 forward.

SIU fans are also looking forward to watching a couple of intriguing players Herrin has added. Nikos and Thanasis Topouzis, 6-9 twin brothers from Greece, are two more options inside.

"This will be an exciting team because the intensity level will be up," Herrin says. "When you have numbers, you can command and get more effort in practice and on the playing floor. If we rebound and play hard, this is a team that could make people take notice."
Saluki Women

by Gene Green
Women's Sports Information Director

Women Golfers Explode To Record-Setting Start

As Diane Daugherty approached this fall's Saluki women's golf season, the veteran SIU coach had a few mixed emotions to work through. While her team had a core group of talented returnees, venerable team leader Molly Hudgins would not be a part of the picture for the first time in years.

"The thought of Molly not being in the program was difficult to envision," Daugherty says. "She had been such a tremendous part of the women's golf team for so long."

If it was a hurdle to take the next step without her, the current Salukis not only met the challenge, they embraced it.

In the first two tournaments this fall, some amazing things were starting to take place. SIU opened the season Sept. 6-7, winning the 12-team Redbird Invitational at Illinois State University. The win marked the first tournament title for the Salukis since the 1993 campaign.

In that win, Jami Zimmerman firmly stepped forward to lay claim to Hudgins' top spot, grabbing medalist honors out of 76 golfers with a 75-77-79—231. She earned Missouri Valley Conference Golfer-of-the-Week mention for her efforts.

What could the Salukis do for an encore? The answer came one week later with a record-setting performance at the prestigious Minnesota Invitational. SIU finished third out of 13 teams, setting in the process a record for their lowest 36-hole score (613) in the school's history. Their 18-hole total of 303 was also the second-lowest score ever for the Salukis, with Zimmerman again turning heads.

The junior from Pittsfield, Ill., finished third overall out of 81 golfers with a 77-74—151, sharing honors with teammate Jamie Smith who carded a 76-75—151 to lead the charge.

"I can't say that I'm that surprised by all of this," says Daugherty. "We were close the last couple of years, but just couldn't quite get enough to win the big tournaments. This season we have some key veterans back who have stepped forward in a big way—there is no substitute for experience."

In the first two tournaments of 1997, the Salukis have recorded an astounding 16 rounds in the 70s. The most remarkable has been Zimmerman, who already has five rounds in the 70s after shooting in that range only five times all of last season—and only six times in her collegiate career.

Zimmerman, who captained her golf, basketball and volleyball teams at Pittsfield High School, is the team's lone junior. Smith and fellow senior Stacy Skillman serve as the Saluki captains, making for a solid core of upper class experience.

"We obviously have to keep things moving in the right direction, but this kind of start certainly provides the team with confidence and a comfort zone entering the spring portion of the season," Daugherty says. "Until you start to shoot in the 70s consistently, you question whether you can do it or not. We are averaging 310 strokes after two tournaments, and used to think it was OK if we were coming in at 330. The standards have been raised just a bit."

The 12-year head coach is also a part-time touring professional, and her team's strong start put some added pressure on her golf game.

The kids basically challenged me to hold up my end on the course, and that is what I tried to do," she says with a smile.

Just like her team, Daugherty found the fall of 1997 to her liking. On Sept.10, she won the Midwest Sectional, earning her a spot in the LPGA Championships next May in Delaware, "I had to make them as proud of me as I was of them," she says.

Team and coach can hardly wait for 1998.
Admissions Alumni Volunteer Corner

by Jenna Henderson-Smith

Last year the SIU Alumni Association asked for alumni to volunteer their time to assist New Student Admissions. The response was impressive. Now, the time has arrived to follow through on those responses. Alumni are critical to the future enrollment of SIU. I want to work with you to make that difference. I am asking you for a renewed commitment to the Admission Volunteer Program.

Let me give you some samples of our volunteers in action. New Student Admissions kicked off this recruitment year on September 13, hosting an Open House and our first Admission Volunteer Program Training. I would like to extend special thanks to all our volunteers, especially to Kevin Bame ’79 from Murphysboro, Ill. He leads our volunteers in service, and his faithful attendance at all our open houses means a great deal.

Kevin downplays the time he donates each month to SIU’s admissions efforts, but he makes a tremendous difference at the open houses. Kevin is effective at making families feel at ease and relates to them as he shares his own story about deciding which college to attend. His easygoing attitude combined with his own success story has made numerous positive impressions. If you ask Kevin if he makes a difference, I’m sure he’ll tell you what he does is “no big deal.” But it is a big deal to us. In addition to being a volunteer, Kevin juggles a full-time job and family and we all know that is no simple task.

Another great example of volunteers making a unique contribution was recently demonstrated by John Davis, Dr. Tom Davis, Dr. Robert Golz, Dr. Michael Davis, Dr. John Wood and Dr. Larry Kelly. These busy professionals supported SIU’s recruitment efforts by sponsoring and organizing a special reception for area high school students. Southern Illinois High School Appreciation Day at SIU was held in early September and brought students to campus to attend an open house, several sporting events and to participate in a drawing for a $1,500 tuition scholarship.

Yet another alumna, Catherine Walsh from Virginia Beach, called to say she couldn’t come to Illinois to help us, but she offered to call any prospective students who might be applying from her hometown.

I think these volunteers’ actions make an important point. Volunteering is not about quantity—it is about quality. Whether you have an hour a month or an hour every six months to give to the Admission Volunteer Program, your time and efforts are always appreciated. Your conversation with one student could result in that student choosing SIU, and that is a difference we know alumni can best make.

There are many ways to be a volunteer. The Admission Volunteer Program is about making personal connections: at receptions, on the phone, or at an SIU activity. Please feel free to call me at (618) 536-4405 or by email at jhenders@siu.edu. I am also available to come speak to your alumni group. I want to work with you to identify the best way you can make a difference in enrolling new students at SIU.

Controller Resigns from Association

Nicholas Goh, associate director and controller of the SIU Alumni Association, recently resigned his position. He has returned to his native Malaysia to join family and explore business opportunities.

Goh was responsible for financial management of the SIU Alumni Association and managed the association database which maintains the records of SIU alumni worldwide. He also coordinated the association’s travel tour program and international alumni relations activities.

A two-degree graduate of SIU, Goh first joined the association staff in 1988 as a graduate assistant. He was hired as controller and assistant director in 1990 and was promoted to associate director in 1994.

“I will always have fond feelings for Southern Illinois University and the SIU Alumni Association,” Goh says. “I have had the privilege of getting to know board members, fellow staff, students, and alumni of this institution. I will cherish those friendships for the rest of my life.”

In September, Christina Howard, a sophomore at Murphysboro High School, attended High School Appreciation Day at SIU, sponsored by the Carbondale Orthopaedic Clinic. Little did she expect a few weeks later she would be visited in her classroom and informed she had won a $1,500 tuition scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded over two semesters. Surprising Christina were, back row, from left to right: Dr. Robert Golz, Dr. Michael Davis, D.W. Davis, Dr. Tom Davis and John Davis; front row, from left to right: Walker Allen, director of admissions and records; Christina’s mother Paula Nelson, and Christina, receiving the bouquet and a certificate from the Saluki mascot. Not shown in the picture but in attendance were Chancellor Don Beggs and SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger.
Denver
The game between the Colorado Rockies and St. Louis Cardinals was rained out, but that didn't soak the spirits of the 70 alumni who attended the pregame social held in Denver for area alumni. Waiting out the rain are Dan Rivkin and Terry Bezouska.

Jackson County
More than 100 alumni and friends gathered for a barbecue dinner at the Mississippi Flyway in Carbondale with the Jackson County Chapter prior to a June Sunset Concert in Turley Park. During the dinner, the chapter recognized Katy Simonds for receiving the 1997 SIU Distinguished Service Award, formally presented at the spring commencement.

Southeastern Illinois
SIU head football coach Jan Quarless spoke to a gathering of alumni and friends at a recent event sponsored by the Southeastern Illinois Alumni Chapter at Mackie's Pizza in Harrisburg. Coach Quarless spoke about his commitment to building a strong football program and invited everyone to attend homecoming.

Central Illinois
Members of the Central Illinois Chapter continued their tradition of selling foot-long Saluki hot dogs at the annual Decatur celebration. The booth generates revenue for the chapter to support scholarships for local students who attend SIU as well as for homecoming activities. Attending to the grills, from left to right, are Tony Kovaleski '65 and Rick Miseles '71. Standing ready for customers are, from left to right, Doug Wolfe '69 and Ed Schalk '69.

Du Quoin and Springfield State Fairs
Prairie Capital and Jackson County alumni assisted the university and association in staffing the exhibits at this year's Springfield and Du Quoin State Fairs. SIU's presence at both fairs was significantly increased this year, with the geodesic dome at the Du Quoin State Fair winning a blue ribbon for most attractive exhibit. University Photocommunications coordinated the numerous photo displays shown at both sites. Their work at the Du Quoin Fair is shown in the above photograph.
St. Louis
The SIU Alumni Association and St. Louis Area Chapter held their 13th Annual Busch Stadium Day in September. More than 200 alumni and friends attended the Cubs vs. Cardinals game and watched Mark McGwire knock out two more home runs in the final weekend of baseball’s regular season. A buffet was served on the loge level concourse prior to the game.

Phoenix
More than 60 Phoenix area alumni met at Pizzeria Uno in Tempe in September for an alumni social. Stanley ’65 and Janet ’65, M.S. ’66, Nipcon own the restaurant. Shown above, from left to right, are Leo Lesperance and Dina Konstatos, J.D. ’90, William McBay, Jr. ’58, M.S.Ed. ’59, and Tony Morello ’80.

Central Illinois
The Central Illinois Chapter hosted its 6th annual golf scramble and banquet in September. From left to right, Steve Kowalski, Todd Henricks, Mike Hudson and Ken Stolley celebrate an eagle putt on the front nine.

Association HIGHLIGHTS

The SIU Alumni Association hosted the official chartering ceremony for the St. Louis Area Chapter in June at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Union Station. Alumni enjoyed sharing personal stories of campus escapades and also listened to Chancellor Don Beggs speak about upcoming university events and initiatives.

The Memphis Area Chapter of the Association held its annual barbecue at the home of Gray and Donna Magee. More than 70 alumni attended the event and were joined by Chancellor Don and Shirley Beggs, Provost John and Nancy Jackson, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Tom and Pam Britton and Athletic Director Jim Hart.

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. Association members are asked to submit names with resumes and background material for 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.

Student Alumni Council alumni sweatshirts may be purchased through the Student Alumni Council for $25. The sweatshirts make great holiday gifts! The alumni sweatshirt is grey with maroon lettering. The back features a Saluki dawg paw with the words SIU Alumni. On the upper left-hand side of the front is the SIU Alumni Association logo. To purchase your sweatshirt, call the SIU Alumni Association at (618) 453-2408. Proceeds support Student Alumni Council programs.
Homecoming Salutes the Sixties

The Kinsmen, a popular folk group from the 1960s, played a brief return engagement in the alumni tent. From left to right, they are: Mike West, Dennis Jackman and Larry Brown.

Teacher Wins Alumni Achievement Award

Marion, Ill., native Cleta Whitacre ’33, ’43, M.S. ’56, was honored at the year’s homecoming luncheon with the 1997 Alumni Achievement Award. Whitacre received the award for her exemplary service to the SIU Alumni Association and the university.

Although she retired as a business education teacher from Marion High School more than 10 years ago, Whitacre continues to teach adult and continuing education classes at John A. Logan College. She is active as a community volunteer, working with Marion Memorial Hospital and the Third Baptist Church.

Whitacre has also been extremely involved in the Williamson County Alumni Association Chapter, which she currently serves as president. The group provides four $1,500 scholarships each year, one for each high school in Williamson County.

Homecoming began with a blaze as SIU rekindled a former tradition and celebrated with a bonfire and pep rally on the Friday evening before the game.

Saluki football coach Jan Quarless, his team, the Saluki cheerleaders, the Saluki Shakers and the mascot attended the rally at which this year’s homecoming king and queen were also crowned.

A Saluki Salute to the Sixties was the theme for the weekend, with over 100 bands and floats turning out in “retro” attire for the Saturday morning parade. The parade’s grand marshals were The Kinsmen, a well-known campus folk group from the 1960s. The group’s members, alumni Mike West, Dennis Jackman and Larry Brown, toured the country, appearing on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour and helping Illinois open its pavilion at the 1964 World’s Fair in New York City.

An Indian summer day greeted over 3,000 alumni and friends who attended this year’s SIU Alumni Association pregame festivities on Saturday. Representatives from all the colleges, as well as the Morris Library, the School of Law, the SIU Foundation, the Jackson County Chapter and the Black Alumni Group, met with alumni and gave out door prizes. The Kinsmen pleased the large crowd by singing a few songs from their performing days.

The Saluki football team fought hard and well against Southwest Missouri State but lost by one point.

Next year’s homecoming has been tentatively set for Oct. 17.
Thirty-three members of the Class of 1947 returned to SIU homecoming weekend to be inducted into the Half-Century Club. They were taken on tours of the campus, joined the SIU Alumni Association and SIU Foundation boards of directors for lunch, and then celebrated at a banquet in their honor. David Kenney and Neva Isbell co-chaired the 50th reunion and passed the torch to Robert Pulliam ’48, who will chair the reunion for the Class of 1948. Above, from left to right, Barbara Melvin Sutton, who was on the 1947 homecoming court, and Kathryn Alley Davis, who was the 1947 homecoming queen, ride in Saturday’s homecoming parade.
Marcia Bullard, president and chief executive officer of USA Weekend, the third largest magazine in the United States, recalls covering the faculty senate and board of trustees for the Daily Egyptian. Roland Burris, a partner in one of the largest minority law firms in Chicago, won his first law case at SIU. L. Eudora Pettigrew, a highly respected administrator in the nation’s largest university system, recalls parking in President Delyte Morris’ reserved spot during her days in Carbondale.

Bullard, Burris and Pettigrew were members of the inaugural class recently inducted as SIU Distinguished Alumni during the university’s homecoming activities.

“The longer I stayed on campus during homecoming weekend, I realized how significant this is,” Bullard said. “Sometimes it is several years later that you realize how important those college years are. It is quite an honor to be recognized in the same class as Dennis Franz or Walt Frazier.”

Burris paid tribute to those who served as an inspiration during his time in Carbondale, including his brother Earl Burris, and cousin Gloria Burris-Jones, an educator in Indianapolis. Burris credited fellow Centralia-native Harvey Welch, vice president of student affairs, as a role model. He also acknowledged close friend William Norwood and classmate Julius Johnson, along with faculty members at SIU.

Pettigrew shared her honor with her former professors. “If you put my name on the wall,” she said, “you should include those people. Because without them, I wouldn’t be where I am at today.”

Other alumni inducted as SIU Distinguished Alumni who were unable to attend the ceremony were: Ted Cunningham, executive vice president of Chrysler Corporation and chief executive officer and president of Chrysler Mexico; Dennis Franz, three-time Emmy award-winning actor; Walt Frazier, recently selected as one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history; Bob Gower, president and chief executive officer of Lyondell Petrochemical Company in Houston; Arnette Hubbard, a circuit court judge in Chicago; the late Kenneth Pontikes, the founder, president and chief executive officer of Comdisco Inc.; and Judith Roales, publisher and executive vice president of the St Petersburg Times, one of the nation’s 25 largest newspapers.

Bullard, a 1974 journalism graduate and SIU’s Journalism Alumnus of the Year in 1987, was part of the launch staff of USA Today, where she served as deputy managing editor of its life section. USA Weekend is distributed in almost 500 newspapers with a circulation of more than 20 million.

A Springfield native, Bullard’s first newspaper job was at the Illinois State Journal. But she has particularly fond memories of her days as a Daily Egyptian reporter.

“There were many long, wonderful hours at the Daily Egyptian, both in the news room and on campus,” she says. “I learned the tricks of the journalism trade from professors who knew their stuff and loved the newspaper business, including Bill Harmon, Harlan Mendenhall, Harry Stonecipher, and Cliff Lawhorne.”

Harmon, faculty managing editor of the DE, had a profound influence on Bullard’s career.

“He made us laugh at ourselves. We learned that we could take our work seriously, but still get a kick out of doing it.

“Bill was everything I thought a news person should be. He ran the DE news room like a real newspaper, and he made sure we learned a lot of lessons along the way.

“Bill marked up each edition in red pen and posted his acerbic comments for all to see. The good, the bad and the sad. He saved us from many mistakes, and let us make many more—that’s how we learned.”

Burris was the attorney general for the state of Illinois from 1991-1995. A 1959 political science graduate, Burris unofficially won his first law case as a pre-law student at Southern. Burris represented a student who had missed curfew when her sister came down to visit.
"I represented the student before the dormitory council. The dormitory leadership chose to punish the student by placing her on probation, ruling that her sister violated curfew," Burris says. "I appealed that case to the student council review board and the council reversed the dormitory council's decision."

Burris worked to reverse something else during his days at Southern. When his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, was preparing to celebrate its 25th anniversary, their guests were not allowed to stay in hotels or eat in most restaurants in Carbondale. Burris' fraternity, along with President Delyte Morris and university attorney John Rendleman, challenged this blatant racism.

"We set out to investigate and research who would or would not serve blacks," Burris said. "We sought service at hotels, restaurants, and clothing stores, and were refused service at all of them. We compiled a very detailed report and presented it to Dr. Morris and Rendleman."

"Dr. Morris met with the Chamber of Commerce of Carbondale, indicating that these conditions existed and he would advise that it was not really conducive to the overall university environment and climate. From these actions, the city of Carbondale was integrated."

Pettigrew also broke ground in the early 1960s when she became the first African-American to be a resident counselor at Thompson Point. She is now president of the State University of New York (SUNY) at Old Westbury, an undergraduate college of 3,600 students located on the north shore of Long Island. She fondly remembers her days at Southern.

"The weather was glorious during the summers at Thompson Point," she remembers. "It was enjoyable getting to know my faculty, including Professor Guy Renzaglia in Rehabilitation Counseling, and Professor Thomas Jordan in Education Psychology."

Uniting these alumni from diverse backgrounds, careers, even generations, was how deeply they were influenced by professors and alumni who had given them the encouragement and inspiration to pursue their goals. With their stories told on the walls of the most visited building on campus, it is likely they will now provide that same inspiration.

—Greg Scott

The newly inducted distinguished alumni stand before the wall that contains their photographs and biographies. The wall, which was a cooperative project between the Student Recreation Center and the SIU Alumni Association, is located on the lower level of the center. Distinguished alumni were chosen by an alumni association committee and were the guests of the association during the weekend. From left to right, the 1997 distinguished alumni are: Marcia Bullard, Roland Burris and L. Eudora Pettigrew.
W.B. Raglan '37 reports he has retired after 44 years of teaching and coaching. He spent six years in the Air Force—four in W.W. II and two as an intelligence officer during the Korean War—and was athletic director for the Alaskan Air Command. He retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a lieutenant colonel in 1976. At 79, he keeps up with his athletic pursuits, playing basketball and running sprints, and he won the high jump in a Bermuda International meet in 1996. He and his wife Geraldine live in Pinckneyville, Ill.


Olinda E. Hacker '44 and her husband Warren recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, which prompted her to reminisce. They were married on home plate in the Pampa, Texas, ball field where Warren was a pitcher with the Pampa Oilers, a professional club. A couple from Marissa, Ill. (he was the shortstop) were their attendants, and a Presbyterian minister performed "a very solemn ceremony!" The Hackers live in Lenzburg, Ill.

Angelina M. Ferrari Akulow '47 earned her master's at Northern Illinois University and was a teacher for 27 years. She lives in Naperville, Ill., and winters in Ft. Myers, Fla., and enjoys traveling, gardening, and family. Her husband Mike is deceased.

John Arthur Algee '47 returned from W.W. II and prepared for a career as teacher, administrator, and basketball coach. He earned an M.Ed. at the University of Illinois and attended several other schools. He made his career in St. Louis, where in 1969 he coached the Sumner High School basketball team to the Class AAA high school championship and eight public high school championships. Sumner was the first African-American team to win the Sparta, Ill., tournament. He received the NCAA Appreciation Award, Greater St. Louis and Sumner Hall of Fame awards, and several coach of the year awards. He published The Fundamentals of Defense in 1970. He and his wife Delores live in St. Louis, where he works with the NAACP, a children's home, and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He also spends time gardening, traveling, and volunteering for the church and food pantry. His son Joseph Foster attended SIU.

Richard L. Avis '47 lives in Holt, Mich., where he has been a supervisor of computer programming. A widower, he divides his time between Michigan and Florida, builds model planes, does home maintenance, and plays with the computer.

Clarice May Baldwin '47 also attended Washington University and earned her M.A. at the University of Illinois. She worked as a teacher, teaching supervisor, and director of elementary education. She lives in Belleville and is a member of P.E.O. and Delta Kappa Gamma. She says, "I am 86 years old and not able to travel. I knew Carbondale best in the '30s and loved it. Abe Martin was football captain then. Tuition was about $15 or less."

Jeanne L. Haroldson Berlemann '47 became a teacher and married Lee Berlemann. She enjoys traveling, gardening, golf, and grandchildren.

John R. Boswell '47 was a T/5 in the Medical Corps, and the GI Bill enabled him to study...
at SIU and get his M.D. from the University of Illinois College of Medicine. He is an anesthesiologist. In retirement, he gardens, volunteers, and attends concerts.

Mural Miller Bowlin '47 lives in Bakersfield, Calif., with her husband Ferman. She became an elementary teacher, continued her studies at Fresno State, and now volunteers at a local school.

John Brush '47 interrupted his college education for W.W. II and later served in Korea; he was a captain in the Navy. He says his favorite memory is coming back to SIU after W.W. II. He attended USDA graduate school in Washington, D.C., and his career was with the Department of Agriculture. He and his wife live in Deerfield Beach, Fla., and do a lot of traveling.

E. Lee Bryant '47 was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, and after SIU attended Indiana State and Notre Dame. His career has been in government relations for a major oil company. He and his wife live in Fairfield Bay, Ark., and enjoy travel and Elderhostel trips. He is a woodcarver and stained glass artist and is into computing. He fondly remembers Carter's, many faculty members, and friendships from Sigma Beta Mu.

Carl Edward Burpo '47 earned his M.D. at the University of Illinois and had a very successful practice in Belleville, Ill., for 42 years. He is now retired and in poor health. His wife Lindy (a nurse) and two of his sons are also in medical fields. His daughter heads the equivalent of our FDA, in London, England.

Phyllis Roy Clark '47 is retired and living in Gary, Ind. She was a military dependent in Korea until her husband Alvin was killed in action. She began her career with Montgomery Ward in 1951 and retired from the Chicago catalog house in 1979. She keeps busy assembling her family history.

Kathryn Alley Davis '47, M.S. '51, who lives in Casper, Wyo., with her husband of 50 years Robert, has been a counselor and a teacher and a therapist. A member of the American Psychological Association and a licensed counselor, she helped establish a crisis center in Casper and works with drug, child protection, and literacy groups. She takes part in community theater, volunteers in an art museum, and helped establish a theater at Casper College.

Evelyn Parker Davis '47 taught P.E. in Mt. Vernon and high school math for 16 years in Casey. She is a director of the Illinois Women's Golf Association, which contributes $2,000 a year to SIU women's golf. She and her husband Robert Davis live in Casey, playing golf and bridge, traveling, and playing with the grandkids.

Jeannette Langdon Dunst '47 has worked for the New Jersey Department of Labor, and been a member of the Asbury Park board of education and Federated Women's Club. Since retirement, she and her husband of 52 years, Frank Dunst, have been traveling and visiting friends.

Marjory K. Morse Enrietto '47 earned her M.S.Ed. at SIUE, taught business at Centralia High School, and belonged to business and professional groups. In retirement, she and her husband Robert P. Enrietto live in LeHigh Acres, Fla., travel and play golf and bridge. SIU provided her some lifelong friendships, and she fondly remembers jellying at Carter's.

Donald R. Fabian '47 served in the Marine Corps, and has worked in managing and production of surety bonds for a major insurance company. He spent 15 years in Toastmasters, serving as president and area governor, and was president for two terms of the St. Louis Surety Underwriters Association. He is active in church work and genealogy, and is researching the history of the underwriters association. He lives in Brentwood, Mo., with his wife Rosemary.

Marvin O. Garlich '47 served in W.W. II, earned his Ed.D. at Northwestern University, and was a teacher and school superintendent. He is a member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce in Glenview, Ill., where he lives with his wife Carolyn. He says he's "loafing" these days.

J. Imogene Gray '47 earned her M.S. at Illinois State and continued her education at Western Illinois University. She was a secondary teacher and her other occupation was Girl Scouting. She is a member of local and state service organizations. She also enjoys travel, reading, and sports.

Paul Byron Hale '47 continued his education at Washington University, St. Louis, and earned an M.S. and Ed.D. at the University of
William Nyle Huffman '47 returned from the Marine Corps and became a funeral director in Carbondale. He helped to start the mortuary science program at SIU, and taught the first class. He was president of the Illinois Funeral Directors and served on the Carbondale Board of Appeals. He and his wife Joan travel, fish, and scuba dive.

Rolland A. Hoehn '47 earned his M.A. at Stout Institute, Menomonie, Wis., and has been a media specialist for School District 189 in East St. Louis. He has been president of the East St. Louis Rotary Club, and taped voice commercials for Sears at St. Clair. In retirement, he has taped 158 Books for the Blind for the Radio Information Service of Belleville.

Charles D. Holmes '47 of Marion served in the Army as a technical sergeant. He was a supervisor for the U.S. Postal Service and after that worked 28 years at another job. He spends as much time as possible with music, playing in the John A. Logan College Community Band and Southern Illinois Concert Band. His wife Winifred is deceased.

Neva M. Woolard Isbell '47 has lived in Carbondale since her graduation. She has been a teacher, a promoter and director of theater, and is active in library and political organizations. At SIU she was a cheerleader and a stalwart of the Little Theater, appeared in ten plays, did some directing, directed Sorority Sings, and made lifelong friends. Her husband, Dean Isbell, is deceased. Three of their children—Mona Glenn, Gail Bean, and Dewey Isbell—attended Southern.

Herbert Eugene Johnson '47 returned from W.W. II as a technical sergeant. He earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in economics at the University of Illinois, studied at Northwestern, and pursued a career as a business economist. He has been a fellow and president of the National Association of Business Economists. In retirement, he has been Distinguished Visiting Professor of Finance and Economics at Southwest Texas State in Austin, where he and his wife Bernice make their home. He is president of a large group of senior citizens sponsored by the school, and travels and plays golf.

David George Karraker '47 left service as an Army T/4, and after SIU earned a Ph.D. at University of California at Berkeley. As a chemist, he worked in research and development at the Savannah River Labs. He was a NATO lecturer in Italy in 1978, and received the SIU Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1983, George Westinghouse Award of Excellence in 1989, and Glenn T. Seaborg Actinide Separations Award in 1996. He counts six patents and a large number of publications. He has been a precinct committeeman and chairman, and works in a summer school for black children. He is not retired, and lives in Aiken, S.C., with his wife Mildred.

David Kenney '47, who served in W.W. II as a staff sergeant, says he has been a teacher and bureaucrat. He is a member of the Lions Club and the American Political Science Association, and in retirement he reads a lot, gardens, travels a little, fishes and hunts, and does a good bit of writing. He and his wife Wanda '48 live in Carbondale, and both are golfers.

Joe Konya '47 served in the Pacific Islands as a staff sergeant in the infantry. He earned a M.Ed. at Wayne State and studied at the University of Illinois, and has been a teacher and administrator in industrial vocational education. Since retiring, he has traveled, gone elderhosteling with his wife Patricia, and become a "professional bum."

David A. Malinsky '47 lives in Bella Vista, Ark., with his wife of 52 years, Betty '46. He was a 1st lieutenant in the Marine Corps in the Okinawa campaign. Recalled in 1951, he was promoted to captain and served in Korea as a company commander, 1st Marine Division. He was a teacher and coach for eight years, a high school principal for three years, and a superintendent for 18 years, and belonged to many civic and service clubs. Golf, fishing, woodworking and travel now fill his time.

Marion S. McGlasson '47 was an Army sergeant, proudly remembers graduating from SIU, and also graduated with honors from Brown's Business College. He was a banker, served as Chamber of Commerce secretary, and now occupies himself with church work. He and his wife Bernice Clark '37, a retired high school teacher, live in Sarasota, Fla.

David H. McIntosh '47 returned to SIU as an ensign in the USNR. He earned a M.M. in voice and pursued doctoral studies in voice at Indiana University, and has been a music teacher in college and public schools. He and Ann, his wife of 50 years, live in Bloomington, Ind., where he makes and repairs stringed instruments, sings with a community chorus, plays in the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra and Community Chamber Music Association, plays golf and tennis, cares for 26 acres of woods and meadows, and tutors G.E.D. students one night a week.

Ken Medley '47, who came back from the war a lieutenant, became a journalist and worked for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, then as editor and publisher of Editor and Publisher, a business management magazine. He learned to fly in 1940 through the
Walt Mifflin '47 served in W.W. II with the Signal Corp, earned his M.Ed. from Pennsylvania State, and attended Bradley State. He has been a grade school teacher and principal and president of the Du Page and Illinois Elementary School Principals' Associations. Walt and his wife Betty Jean live in Arlington, Va., and he says the best friends he ever had are those he made at U. High and SIU.

Russel A. Monroe '47 lives in Dahlgren with his wife Lutitia Ann. He is an accountant and an ordained minister.

Norman E. Moore '47, who lives in Carbondale with his wife Modene, also studied at Wayne State, and spent 40 years as a teacher and school administrator. Since retirement, Norman has kept busy maintaining his home and acreage.

Paul R. Moore '47 came back from W.W. II as a platoon sergeant. He was a principal, and did graduate work at Kent State. He has published articles about industrial arts and co-authored a book Making Things of Wood. He and his wife Louise live in Belleville, Ill., and he keeps busy with church activities, golf, tennis, and honey-do jobs.

Gerald L. Obrecht '47 studied at Utah State in the military and received his M.S. at Illinois in 1953. He has been a teacher and an educational administrator and a member of a number of education associations. His wife of 51 years, Bernice M. (Fritz), and two children—Linda S. Obrecht Winkler and Roger A. Obrecht—attended SIU. Now that he's "retired" he works for church and volunteer groups, takes care of two horses, five llamas, a large garden, three ponds with ducks, geese, and black swans, and several Brittany spaniels for field trials. He describes a "pedestrian" date—walked to his date's house, they walked to the Varsity, saw the movie, walked back to Carter's for a coke, and walked home. Blew at least $1. Student workers earned $.25 an hour.

Earl D. Patton '47, M.S. '52, was a captain of Artillery, AUS and Reserve, for three years before returning to Southern. He earned an Ed.D. at the University of Illinois and began his career in school administration in southern and central Illinois. He has at times worked in the Illinois Office of Public Instruction and the Illinois Office of Education, taught at Illinois, Western Illinois, and Sangamon State, and was a school superintendent in Culver, Calif. He has worked with educational resources, equal opportunities, and research groups and many state and national education organizations, and with a number of public service bodies. He has won awards from cities and counties, the Copley Press and Frontiers International, and commendations from the Illinois Office of Education and House of Representatives. He and his wife Catherine Dent are back home in Eldorado.

Louie Pechenino '47, who says he was class of '43 until W.W. II intervened, earned his M.S.Ed. at the University of Idaho and was a teacher and school administrator. He and his wife Paulagene live in Christopher and he is a member of the library board and several community organizations. He held the mile record while in school here.

Marie L. Restivo Pirrello '47 spent her working years as an elementary school teacher in Miami. She now lives in Lakeland, Fla., traveling, reading, and spending time with her family. Her husband James is deceased.

Vera J. Johnson Pittman '47 has been a high school teacher in Carbondale, where she lives with her husband Le Roy. Her son Stephen also attended SIU. She is a member of the Jackson County Retired Teachers, and spends time traveling in an airstream.

Helen M. Plumlee Banycky '47 says she's been a homemaker, teacher, and bookkeeper. Her husband Harry '49, M.A. '50, is deceased. Since retiring, she works part time at a bank, travels, and does church work.

Robert Lemont Samuels '47 served in W.W. II as a tech sergeant, and then spent 26 years as a public school administrator. He was also an accountant. His M.A. was from Northwestern University and his C.A.S. from the University of Illinois. He and his wife Rachel live in Hot Springs, Ark., where he does some birding and activities, golf, tennis, and church work.
Arthur G. Lewis '52 graduated from high school in Benton, then spent several years in the midst of the land war in Europe. He earned a B.S. at SIU on the GI Bill, then worked in law enforcement in Benton and in Ohio, where he lived for 32 years, retiring as a public relations representative. Art returned to Benton a few years ago, and works (no salary) for his wife Beulah's insurance business. He is a member of several veterans and community service groups. In the above photograph, Lewis receives an award for service in World War II from Commander Metzger and community service groups. He thanks SIU for a "most satisfying life" and "for meeting Rachel."

Leland Latham Scott '47 earned a M.S. and Ph.D. in mathematics at University of Illinois and has been a professor of mathematics. He and his wife Mary live in Oakton, Va.

Joseph Frank Sinkiawicz ex47 and his wife Mabel E. (Cockrum) ex47 live in Loves Park, Ill., where he has been a teacher and elementary principal for 32 years, an alderman for 26 years, and mayor from 1977-1997. He has been exceptionally active in the Illinois Municipal League, the National League of Cities, Northern Illinois Mayors' Association, and countless civic, community, fraternal, and church activities. Now he has retired, and he and Mabel plan to travel abroad and winter in Tucson.

Norma Lee Heien Steuerwald '47, who lives in Pickens, S.C., with her husband Don, was a teacher and then a secretary. In retirement, she is a secretary at Baptist Medical Center.

M. Maxine Stevenson '47, who lives in Alton, Ill., also attended the universities of Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, and Colorado State. She has been a teacher, a librarian, and director of library and media for the Alton, Ill., school district. She is a member of several library organizations and, since retirement, volunteers for church and service organizations and is a board member of the Alton Museum of History and Art. She has published in the Wilson and Illinois library journals, and was honored by the Illinois Association for Media in Education and the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church.

Barbara N. Melvin Stinson '47 has been a secondary school teacher of physical education, driver education, and special education. She credits SIU with her teaching career (which she dearly loved) and her husband. She initiated her retirement with a trip to the Olympics in Atlanta, follows golf, football, basketball, and soccer, and plays golf when she can. She and her husband Quentin live in Morton, Ill.

John W. Stotlar '47 returned from W.W. II a 2nd lieutenant of Marines, and earned his M.S. and Ph.D. at Indiana University. He has been a teacher at SIU, worked for the International Educational Exchange Branch of the U.S. State Department, was assistant track coach for Netherlands Antilles at the Pan American Games, and served on many national and state committees. John is a hunter and also carves decoys. He and his wife Monte Jean live in Carbondale and enjoy travel.

Frances M. Bearden Swearingen '47 was "housewife to an Air Force officer—28 moves in 50 years," and edited a house organ while in Japan. She and her husband Paul are now living in Benton, where she is secretary of the Frankfort Area Genealogical Association and a DAR member.

Glenn A. Terry '47 returned from W.W. II a Navy lieutenant. He earned a Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin and began his career as a nuclear chemist at Mallinckrodt Chemical Works in St. Louis. Later he worked for Nuclear Fuel Services in Tennessee and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. He published in his field and holds several patents. He is an emeritus member of the American Chemical and American Nuclear societies, and belongs to several veterans groups and service clubs. He and his wife Evelyn live in Olney, Md., where he gardens.

Mary Jane Sorrels Upchurch ex47 received her B. Ed., M.Ed., and Educational Specialization in counseling at Georgia State University. She taught English until 1977, then became a high school counselor. She is president of North Fulton Retired Teachers and a part-time counselor for "street-wise kids" and for the Marietta school system. At SIU, she met James, her husband of 51 years, and enjoyed good professors and sorority affiliation, and "having toast at Carter's."

F. Eugene Vaughn '47 has been an associate professor at SIU for almost 30 years. He has been a member of the Jaycees and presently belongs to Delta Pi Epsilon. He lives in Marion with his wife Ruby and travels, does church work and delivers meals on wheels.

Ruby M. Guymon Vaughn '47 was a fourth grade teacher in Herrin and now enjoys traveling with her husband Frank and doing church work.

Walter Wendell Whitlock '47 came back from the war a Navy lieutenant j.g. and went on to become a sales director for a chemical company. He holds membership in various chemical, safety, educational, and technical organizations as well as church and community groups. He plays in a band and volunteers in marriage encounters, counseling and ecumenical groups. He and his wife Doris live in Dunlap, Ill.

Nina F. Price Willmore '47 has been a homemaker and teacher, continuing her education at the University of Illinois. She lives in Cherry Hills, N.J., and is spending her retirement traveling and volunteering. Nina's husband James Willmore '48 is now deceased.

Hazel E. Ervin Woodside '47 studied at Chicago State and earned her M.S. at SIUE. She has taught in grade school for 32 years as a classroom and physical education teacher and as a librarian and audio-visual aide. She has taught in Peoria, Tulsa, Chicago and O'Fallon. Living in Belleville, Ill., with
her husband Clyde, she substitute teaches, participates in church activities and spends time with her grandchildren.

Howard Wright '47 lives in Steelville with his wife Allene. He has been a superintendent of schools.

Thelma R. McCarty Zanetis '47, through her husband Alexander, who was affiliated with the Chicago Civic and New York opera companies, took part in several theater productions in Chicago. The couple now live in Hermitage, Tenn., near Nashville; he is a songwriter.

Mary Ann McDowell Rogers '49 tells us that "after teaching for 38 years and being retired for seven years," she and her two sons have become owners of the Atlantic View Inn, a 20-room guest house on the Grand Strand, a seven-mile stretch of beach in Ocean Park, Maine.

Glen Lee Bowers '57, Lt. Col., USAF Ret., has been, for the last several years, the director of operations for the Mitchell Museum at Cedarhurst, Mt. Vernon, Ill. He and his wife Sharon operate a grain and beef farm near Mount Vernon.

The Lockheed Martin Corporation's Gold Medallion Award for "very special and significant contributions to the aerospace programs of the United States of America" was presented to Harold D. Casleton '57, who is retiring from the company this year. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1979 and worked for Planning Research Corp. prior to the first space shuttle launch at Kennedy Space Center in 1981. Hal and his wife Doris reside in Merritt Island, Fla.

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Mary Virginia Cralley Ingold '50 and her husband John report they are retired, have built a home on the Caribbean shore of Honduras, and now divide their time between Honduras and Green Bay "and enjoy the diversity that these two very different places bring to our lives."

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Melinda Federer LaBarre '63 was principal of Pleasant Hill School in Springfield, Ill., when the school was awarded a Blue Ribbon of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education. One of 262 Blue Ribbon schools in the country, Pleasant Hill will be honored by President Clinton in a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. Melinda, now principal of the Hay-Edward Grade School, lives in Springfield with her husband Pete, an attorney.
George Antonelli '63 won five gold medals in the North Carolina State Senior Game swimming competition in Raleigh, N.C., in October. He is a member of the North Carolina Aquatic Masters Club of Chapel Hill.

Owens-Illinois has named Robert A. Smith '63 vice president of international operations—providing worldwide technical assistance and machine sales as well as glass container operations in Latin America. He joined Owens-Illinois after graduation, and most recently has been its vice president and manufacturing manager of U.S. glass container plants. Smith is a native of Alton, Ill.

Demetrius Karathanos '64, M.S. '70, has been appointed senior examiner for the 1997 Malcolm Baldridge National Quality Award, an annual award for American companies that demonstrate the highest levels of management and performance. He will review and evaluate applications.

Dr. Raymie E. McKerrow '66, formerly a member of the speech communication department at the University of Maine, is now at Ohio University. He was recently recognized by the alumni association of Montana State University-Billings for "exceptional contribution." He and his wife Gayle live in Athens, Ohio.

Judith H. Bell '67 has been named Librarian of the Year by the Rhode Island Library Association. She has been chief librarian of the Jamestown library for nine years, assisting in a major expansion, executing a successful TV-Turn-Off program, writing a newspaper column, and making the library a community center.

Dr. Alfreda S. Fields '67, a teacher of the gifted for the Atlanta Public Schools, was also a volunteer at the High Museum of Arts during the Olympic Games for the exhibit Ring: Five Passions in World Art, and was a contributing curriculum writer for the multicultural handbook of the same name associated with the exhibit. Dr. Fields lives in Smyrna, Ga.

Lawrence S. Preo M.S.E.D. '69 and his wife Wendy are living in West Lafayette, Ind., where he is executive director of the Purdue Memorial Union.

Robert R. Rieman '69, a native of Jacksonville, Ill., is the new manager of the General Motors assembly plant in Wentzville, Mo. Rieman went to work for GM after graduation, and held various supervisory positions and later management positions in Lorainne, Ohio, Pontiac, Mich., and Baltimore, Md.

1970s

Kenneth G. Frankenberry '70, who lives in Byron, Ill., with his wife Marcia Smith Frankenberry '70, recently received the meritorious service award for dedicated service from the director of the Illinois State Police. Kenneth is the senior polygraph examiner with the Illinois State Police, Forensic Science Command in Rockford, Ill.

John Holmes M.S. '71 recently resigned from his position as senior outreach specialist in the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Holmes left his position to join his wife Shirley in Gainesville, Ga., a community in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Prior to spending seven years at UWSP, Holmes was associate director of academic support programs at SIU.

Judith A. Coffey '71 was recently promoted to partner in Coopers & Lybrand L.L.P.'s human resource advisory practice in Chicago. Coffey has more than 15 years of experience in human resource management. She is actively involved with the use of technology to support human resource management and has managed numerous re-design projects and worked with diverse retail, financial and manufacturing organizations. A popular speaker, Coffey has addressed the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans among other groups.

Prior to joining Coopers & Lybrand, Coffey was a principal with Burnham Coffey and worked at Baxter Healthcare Corporation and the Converters Division of American Hospital Supply. She is married to Jack Hedquist and lives with their three children in Evanston, Ill.

Ethel S. Holladay '73, M.S.Ed. '78, and her husband Richard live in Du Quoin, where she is vocational coordinator at the Du Quoin High School.

In September, Northern Illinois University Press published American Liberalism and Ideological Change, a study by Leonard Williams '74, M.A. '76. Williams is professor of political science at Manchester College and chair of the department of history and political science.

Robert H. Brownlee '73, a partner in the law firm of Thompson Coburn, St. Louis, recently was named 1997-98 chairman of the Legal Advisory Board to the Missouri Bankers Association, a statewide group representing more than 1,500 banking locations. Brownlee's practice emphasizes bankruptcy and creditors' rights litigation.

Linda Schaefer '75 lives in Valley Village, Calif., where she is an actress/narrator for Talent Agency of Los Angeles. She has appeared in Baywatch, Absolute Power, and a Good Morning America promo, and has done live narration for a number of prominent companies.

James M. Varga '75 earned a J.D. from Notre Dame Law School in 1978, and in 1994 was elected circuit court judge in Cook County. In 1996, he was assigned to the Complex Litigation Section of the Law Division. He makes his home in Riverside, Ill.

Clovis, King of the Franks is the name of a new novel written by John W. Courier '76. The book, published by Marquette University Press, is a biographical novel about the Frankish chieftain who is considered the first king of France. Courier lives in Hartland, Wis.
1980s

Pamela J. Doffek '80, of Shalimar, Fla., has completed certification as a Rescue Diver, and works as head diver every weekend with a team cleaning up the harbor in the Destin, Fla., area after the two most recent hurricanes.

Lt. Col. Sal Egea '80, an airborne operations officer for the U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt AFB in Nebraska, recently returned from Belgium and received his second Defense Meritorious Service Medal for service to NATO. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in September 1996 and has since completed the Airborne Launch Control Systems School as an outstanding performer. He and his wife Marie, an accountant for the Defense Finance and Accounting Agency, live in Papillion, Neb.

In August, 1996, Tom Wilson '80 and Stephanie Lemmons M.S. '96 were married and settled in the St. Louis area. This year they have relocated to the village of Corrales, N.M., near where she works for Intel and he is a massage therapist. They have discovered New Mexico to be "truly a land of enchantment."

In August, Lt. John S. Kroener '81 was commissioned an officer in the U.S. Navy, Reserve, and after training at USN Chaplain School in Rhode Island, he and his wife Jane L. Hill '80, M.S.Ed. '89, moved to Oceanside, Calif., where he is chaplain to a maintenance battalion of the Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton. Jane plans to do career counseling in the San Diego area.

In July, William J. Andrele, Jr. '82 was hired as senior director—business relations and development for its video service unit, BellSouth Entertainment, in Atlanta. He joined BellSouth from a law firm in Washington, D.C., where he represented BellSouth on regulatory matters. He will focus on wireless cable relationships in the company's nine-state region.

Lee Enterprises has announced that Michael R. Gulledge '82 has been named publisher of the Decatur Herald & Review. Gulledge began his career with Lee Enterprises at The Southern Illinoisan. He worked in various advertising management positions in Carbondale, Decatur, and Davenport, Iowa, where he served as advertising manager from 1992 until he was named general manager at the Decatur paper in December 1996.

In April, Deborah S. Ciolino '82 was given a Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction Award, honored at a televised banquet, and invited to attend a Collegium for the Advancement of Teaching. She teaches sixth grade and heads the math department at Lee Middle School in Ft Myers, Fla., where she lives with her husband Michael and two children.

Deborah Alexander Brown '83 has worked for 13 years in the securities business. She holds General Securities NYSE/NASD Representative and Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination licenses, and is a member of the Securities Trader Association of Chicago and the National Association of Securities Professionals. She makes her home in Chicago.

S. K. Ramesh M.S. '83, Ph.D. '86, professor and chairman of the electrical engineering department at California State University-Sacramento, has received an $80,000 grant from Hewlett-Packard to establish an analog integrated circuits laboratory at CSUS. In 1995-96 he served as president of Phi Beta Delta, Omicron chapter, the honor society for international scholars. His wife, Utpala Kamath Ramesh Ph.D. '87, is a senior scientist at Dade Microscan. They live in Gold River with their son.

Cynthia S. Enlow '84 was commissioned a second lieutenant through ROTC at SIU, and after tours of duty in the U.S., Korea, and the Persian Gulf, was awarded the Bronze Star and promoted to captain. She resigned from active duty to pursue business interests, and now co-owns three franchise businesses in the Northwest. She lives in Vancouver with five dogs and four cats.

Charles Schreiber '84 is owner and president of International Video Yearbook in Bartlett, Ill. He tells us this is the largest video yearbook company in Chicago and the sixth largest in the country.

Steven J. Stahl '84 is supervisor of Audio Operations for CNN News-Production in Atlanta, a job that puts him in the thick of what's happening now—wars, politics, trials, the Hong Kong turnover—"it's never a dull life," he says. And he credits it all to SIU and the late David Campbell, WSU production manager, who saw talent in me I didn't know I had."
Nay-Ching Nancy Tyan '84 M.S.Ed. writes from Taipei, where she is an associate professor at National Taipei Teachers College. She got her Ph.D. from Indiana University in 1989 and went home. In 1990, she married Ku Shan, a contractor; they have two daughters. She has been back in the states twice, to present papers in conferences, and has won four research awards from the National Science Council and National Association of Audio-Visual Education—both of Taiwan.

Silvana F. Richardson Ph.D. '85, associate professor in the School of Nursing, was given the 1977 Outstanding Teacher Award by Viterbo College in La Crosse, Wis., and in July was appointed dean of nursing. Her colleagues call her a tireless educator who puts the students' needs first.

Marine Corps Major William R. Cunningham '85, '86 earned his M.B.A. from National University in February of 1996 and later that year was promoted to his current rank. He and his wife Michelle are living in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

John J. Wheeler '85, M.S.Ed. '86, Ph.D. '89, lives with his wife Wendy in Cookeville, Tenn., and is an associate professor of special education at Tennessee Technological University.

The Florida State Supreme Court recently honored Bryan Mcclerren '85, M.S. '87, Ph.D. '90 with the Chief Justice's Commendation Award for his exemplary public service to the people of Florida. Mcclerren was honored for his work within the Florida Court System's Drug Court Program. Mcclerren created the Polk County Drug Court Treatment Program which he currently serves as the senior deputy court administrator. This program utilizes in-house rehabilitative services to provide first-time felony and drug offenders a chance to gain control over their addiction while at the same time keeping them out of the judicial and prison system.

Having been in operation for over two years, the program is saving the taxpayers of the state of Florida $400,000 a year in prison and judicial costs.

In accepting the award, Mcclerren paid tribute to his roots. "I am pleased to be able to do the things I do to provide a better life through this treatment program for first-time offenders. I am using my education and what I gained while going to school and living in southern Illinois," he said.

Oak Brook Bank, a subsidiary of First Oak Bancshares, Inc., has named Brian England '86 its executive vice president of commercial banking. Brian lives in Wheaton with his wife Heather.

Gregory W. Brubaker '87 is an electrical engineer for Atlantic Energy in Pleasantville, N.J. He has recently received his PE license. His wife Marge works for Atlantic Energy. They had their first child, Bryan Gregory, in May.

Dawn C. Haney '87, animal handler/consultant for Tree House Animal Foundation, has joined her work with Morris the cat; she and Morris will be on a Heinz Pet Products float in the Rose Bowl parade. She and her spouse Paul L. Engelhardt '87, an actor, live in Chicago, Ill., where Paul can be seen playing Senator Lincoln in the Lincoln-Douglas Debates at the Chicago Historical Society. His new play, It's a Mediocre Life, will open in November in a production by Chicago's Straw Dog Theater Company.

Dante "Gino" Aedo '87 is a specialist-product support and leader of the Recovery and Modification Services Industrial Engineering team at McDonnell Douglas. He is working on a certificate in contract administration at the University of California at Irvine. He and his wife Doris enjoy sailing, diving, disc golf and golf.

The Southern Illinois regional chapter of the American Society for Public Administrators announces that Marvin Nowacki '87, M.P.A. '89, of Waltonville, is its new president.

Catherine A. Simpson '87, who lives in Chicago, has recently been promoted to editor and publisher of the Commercial Investment Real Estate Journal.


John R. Olivero '88 is a producer/director for World Productions in Indian Head Park, Ill., which, in association with The Foundation of the Burns Archive, New York, has produced Death in America, a two-part, four-hour exploration of manners and attitudes about death from colonial times to the present. It will investigate advances in medicine, popular culture, epidemics, and other culturally significant events.

Sandra Marie Olson '88, a staff/volunteer coordinator for the South Suburban Special Recreation Association in Flossmoor, Ill., was named Illinois Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Section Professional of the Year in 1995.

1990s

Dean A. Lenaburg '90 has completed two years with Gold Coast Broadcasting in Ventura, Calif., and is senior account executive for the group, which includes five radio stations in Oxnard-Ventura market. He makes his home in Oxnard.

Marc Bates M.S. '90 has been named vice president of Agronomic Services of Deltapine Seed, a marketing, research, and agronomic support service in the cotton belt. He will lead a team that includes regional agronomists, field agronomists and support staff.

Janet A. Barker '91 has earned her M.S. in media communications and is a senior copywriter at DraftDirect Worldwide in Chicago. She is also an adjunct professor at Governors State University, where she teaches a graduate course in advertising. Janet lives in Chicago.

Culver, Ore., eighth-grade teacher Patricia L. Hilliard '91 and her students are training Tioga, a young yellow Labrador retriever, for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Tioga is learning manners and getting socialized; early next year he will go on to specialized training. Patty is in her second year as coach of the Culver High School girls' basketball team—loves it!—and moved in August to the new house she has built.

Sandra Jeanquart-Barone D.B.A. '91 and Mike Lanier D.B.A. '91 were honored this year by the Murray State University College of Business and Public Affairs. Dr. Lanier, a senior lecturer in management and marketing, received the Outstanding Teacher Recognition Award. Dr. Jeanquart-Barone, assistant professor in management and marketing,
received the Outstanding Paper Recognition Award.

Lynn A. Olsen '91 reports that she is flying with American Airlines as a flight attendant, along with several other flight crew members who are SIU alumni. Lynn touches down in Chicago.

Karyn Jean Powers M.S.Ed. '91 is recreation superintendent for the city park department of Wausau, Wis. She is a director of the Wausau YWCA and in 1996 earned the Wisconsin Outstanding Chapter Award of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association. In September 1996, two of her poems were included in An Anthology of Rural Poetry, published by Prell Press.

Xiaoyang Yu Ph.D. '91, M.B.A. '93, called "Eric" by his classmates, came to SIU to pursue graduate studies in John Dewey's work, and while here designed computer projects for International Programs and Services and coordinated programs for exchange students. He is currently a management system consultant with the Ecotomic Group, Inc. of Arlington, Texas, an international software company. He was recruited to Texas by Gary Heape '85, who founded the company in 1964.

Dr. John C. Libbie '92, a podiatric medical resident with Central Texas Veterans Health System in Waco, Texas, has recently published "Ectodactyly—A Unique Case Presentation" in the Journal of Podiatric Medicine in 1996. John and his wife Anita live in Waco.

Terri V. Santa Lucia '93, a member of the New York Air National Guard in Scotia, N.Y., was named Airman of the Year in 1995 and was promoted to training instructor. Terri lives in Latham, N.Y.

Alton L. Garrett, Jr. '93 is president and chief executive officer of Garrett Management Enterprises, a meeting planning and consulting business. He previously was director of development and alumni relations at the School of Business and Public Administration, CSU, San Bernardino. He spent 27 years in the armed forces, earning many medals and awards, and retired as a chief master sergeant. He belongs to a number of business, civic, and community service groups, and is enrolled in the M.P.A. program at CSU-SB.

John D. Heinrich ex 93 has joined the staff of KMLE Country Radio station in Phoenix, Ariz., as an account manager. His fiancee, Margaret Gutowski '94, is a media assistant with The Martz Agency, an advertising and public relations firm in neighboring Scottsdale.

Bryan K. Rowland M.S.Ed. '93 recently received his doctorate in education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. While working at the university's public service center, he became acquainted with Don Beyer, and now is organizing the ninth congressional district for Beyer's gubernatorial campaign.

After Wayne Gulley M.S. '95 received his degree he passed the Certified Quality Engineers Exam, and went to work for US Robotics in Mt. Prospect, Ill. In May of this year he moved to the position of supplier quality assurance manager for Navistar, and now lives in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill. He adds, "In 1986, I was 'downsized' out of my job. I tried for three years to find a suitable job. At 48, out of work, and with only a GED. I returned to school. Now I am employed with a respectable income and a reasonable future."

Ronnie L. Rice '95, an 11-year employee of Abbott Laboratories in Lake County, Ill., is an employee trainer, community volunteer, and motivational philanthropist. He has set up a check-out program for employees, whose contributions are matched by the company, that provides computers, educational software, and other state-of-the-art learning tools, as well as mentoring, to schools with lower-income children. He is a member of Toastmasters International, the program board of the Waukegan recreation center, Abbott's men's basketball league, and Woodlands Fathers' Club, and has had some of his songs recorded. He is a lifelong resident of Waukegan who completed his degree through the Lake County Extension program. He and his wife Raye have three children.

Alan F. Williams '95 has published a biography—The John Kirby Story—of his grandfather, a prominent jazz musician during the '30s, '40s, and '50s. Williams lives in Pensacola, Fla.

Mark Gross '96 reports that after graduation he started his own company, performing training development and consulting services for business and industry. Recent contracts have been with Norfolk Southern Railroad and CSX Railroad. Mark lives in Bristol, Tenn.

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Michael C. Wood '96 recently retired from the United States Navy after 26 years of active duty. Wood most recently served at the Naval Air Station in Kingsville, Texas.

David Osborne, Ph.D. '97 recently joined the Berry College faculty as an assistant professor of management. Osborne is a member of the Academy of Management and the Southern Management Association. He earned his bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He and his wife Gerrie live in Rome, Ga., and have three children.

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We make every effort to print all class news we receive and as many photographs as space allows.
All them impatient.

Several recent SIU theater grads decided not to wait for their big breaks. Instead, they created their own opportunity to star in and produce first-rate plays by forming their own theater company.

In just its second year of life, Firstborn Productions is fast coming of age in the Windy City and grabbing the attention of some of Chicago’s most high profile critics.

The Chicago Tribune’s Lawrence Bommer reviewed Firstborn’s production this past August of Albert Innaurato’s The Transfiguration of Benno Blimpie, a one-act play about a grotesquely overweight South Philadelphia youth whose tortured childhood leads him to try to eat himself to death. Bommer called the production a “brave refusal . . . to offer summer fluff during Chicago’s ‘fun in the sun’ months” and leading man Jason Jones ’93 “an intense, compelling actor who makes us feel Benno’s pain.”

In a town that usually sees new theater troupes fold after their first or second show, Firstborn is beating the odds. Part of the reason for this, members say, is the level of commitment each member has.

“First and foremost in everybody’s career is the company,” says Rebecca Slaughter ’94, an actress and costume designer for Firstborn. “It’s the thread that pulls us all together.”

All the members of Firstborn work full-time jobs, ranging from administrative assistant to the stereotypical actor’s gig: waiter. “We all work eight or nine hours a day in order to do what we love to do at night,” says Paul David Popp ’92, an actor and stage manager for Firstborn. Particularly as premieres near, this makes for some long days and nights—which makes the troupe’s name all the more appropriate.

“Actually, most of the members are the firstborn in their families,” says Andrea Washburn ’93, who serves as publicity director for the group and stars in many of its productions. “But it really sums it up in terms of the sacrifice a lot of us have had to make in our personal lives to keep this going.”

The pre-existing friendships among members, as well as the new ones that have formed, help everyone juggle the demands of Firstborn and their paying jobs, Slaughter says. “We all step in to help each other.”

Not that the occasional differences don’t arise. Members admit each person in the group has their own agenda for what they’d like to see accomplished in theater, but they also share enough common ground to work any differences out.

“I think ultimately what we respect in each other is the dream that we’re trying to accomplish together,” Popp says. “So even when it comes down to personal squabbles, you have to let those things go. Because what it comes down to is, ‘I respect each person here for what they do for the company.’ Our goal is to achieve something that we can all be proud of, and we’ve done that.”

The stated mission of Firstborn, which identifies itself in all its promotional material as a Southern Illinois University-based company, is “to provide innovative interpretations of classical, contemporary and original theatrical material.” Washburn says the troupe tries to select plays that will challenge both the members and the audience. “We like to do things that are more controversial, less predictable—things that people aren’t necessarily going to see every day.”

Some of the works being considered for the coming year and beyond include “Lysistrata,” a Greek comedy; “The Rimer of Eldrich,” an American drama by Lanford Wilson, and “Bent,” a play about homosexuality during the Holocaust that is currently being made into a movie.

Members are also thinking about putting together some children’s programming, as well as adapting some of Grimm’s fairy tales for adults.

One of the company’s biggest goals is to do more original works. It’s a Carbondale tradition that Firstborn would like to continue. SIU offers an M.F.A. program in playwriting, and its students are required to present a full-length play for their thesis. The school’s theater department produces a minimum of six of those plays a year.

“One of the strongest things SIU offered us was an opportunity to work with a script that nobody ever did before because it has such a strong playwriting program,” Popp says. “And as actors it was really one of our strengths to walk into a script and help create a character that nobody had ever done before with nothing to draw off of.”

Sarah Blackstone, chair of SIU’s theater department, says such experience is good practice for when the Broadway break does come. “There aren’t very many places where you get to start with a world premiere,” she says. “Out in the real world, if you’re going to do a Broadway show, almost always it is a new work. That’s very real, practical experience. So it’s an opportunity for young actors to take on something where there isn’t a tradition of 400 years like with Othello or something like that.”

Another factor contributing to Firstborn’s continued growth is the assistance it gets from SIU’s theater department. “We tried very hard to make sure they had some success with the first show that they did,” Blackstone says. “We lent them costumes, sets, lighting equipment, and we offer them our expertise or any kind of information they might need—if we have it and we’re not using it, they’re welcome to it.”

SIU support isn’t purely altruistic, “We would obviously like to have that connection [to Firstborn] and be able to get our
Andrea Washburn and Jason Jones rehearse for The Transfiguration of Benno Blimpie, which they performed throughout August in the Chopin Theatre in Chicago.

The theater department was particularly proud of its alumni when Firstborn brought its production of Hurlyburly back down to Carbondale and held a workshop for students. “We were able to say both to our students and the community at large that the training we do here is legitimate—that this is a real thing. These students aren’t just playing in theater while working on their degrees, but they’re truly artists—they have artists’ souls and they’re committed to their work. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to be able to show off some of our students who went on and did something really very remarkable.”

Blackstone says she thinks another reason Firstborn has thrived is the mind set of the members. “The students who went up and formed Firstborn were very realistic. They realized they had to have day jobs—as we call them in the business—and that this was not going to support them financially, but instead nurture them artistically. And that it might take a long time, if ever, for them to establish this as a paying enterprise from which they could actually make their living.”

Indeed, money is the biggest challenge Firstborn faces, says business manager Kirk Gillman ’94. To get started, founding members invested some of their own money. The company doesn’t have a budget for advertising, so Washburn regularly writes and sends out press releases to local media. Sets and costumes, meanwhile, are often bare bones.

Gillman says that although Firstborn never set out to make money—it is a nonprofit organization—members would like to be able to acquire a permanent location to hold its shows and rehearsals, as well as to be able to pay actors.

Washburn says Firstborn has a loyal audience base—a mix of SIU classmates, coworkers and people who hear about them through word-of-mouth or in the paper—that continues to grow. And although members have no immediate plans to give up their day jobs, they also have no doubts about the company’s future.

“In five years,” says Slaughter, “I think you’ll be seeing a lot more of us.”

—Laura Milani

For more information about Firstborn Productions, including its schedule, call (773) 728-2814.
The prisoner stares at the floor as he is led into the court room. He stands before the judge and just feet from his ex-girlfriend, with whom he lived until two days ago. As the judge reads the charges of domestic battery, the woman’s toddler daughter chuckles and punches the air, her multicolored barrettes clacking together. Not a glance is exchanged between the man and the woman until the judge asks her if there are any of the prisoner’s personal belongings remaining in her home. “I threw them out,” she says. The prisoner looks at her. “All of them?” he asks. “I never want to see him again,” the woman tells the judge. The prisoner looks back at the floor.

Cook County Domestic Violence Actions Judge Rickey Jones ’76, M.S. ’80 presides over as many as 150 cases a day at the circuit court in the near south side of Chicago. Most have one thing in common: a couple or family dealing with the painful realization that violence has destroyed or is destroying the relationship.

“Often, the emotional attachment is still there,” says Jones, whose court tries misdemeanors that are punishable by confinement up to one year. “Neither person wants to be there. A lot of times both of them might start to cry as they see that things are really falling apart. That’s one of the difficult aspects of the job—not to internalize that myself.”

Despite the emotional challenges, Jones says he truly enjoys his post, to which he was elected last year in the Chicago precinct that includes Hyde Park, Englewood and Bronzeville. Domestic abuse was not an area of law he had practiced. “I spent many hours reading and re-reading books on the topic,” he says, adding that the pay off has been great.

“I get to help people,” Jones says of his job. “The point is not only to punish, but to try to rehabilitate.” And his appointment couldn’t come at a more exciting time, legally speaking, for people working to combat domestic violence. High-profile cases, such as the O.J. Simpson trial, he notes, have helped bring national attention to the problem.

“These cases helped focus attention on an aspect of violence that historically had been swept under the carpet. It has been a problem for years,” he says, noting that most violence occurs between two people who know each other.

Before becoming a judge, Jones worked for Cook County as an assistant state’s attorney and probation officer handling juvenile cases, and as a criminal prosecutor for the U.S. Navy’s Judge Advocate General’s Corps., for which he remains a reservist. He also served as a special assistant U.S. attorney for the Department of Justice. But Jones says he never imagined himself as a lawyer, let alone as a judge.

As a child, he lived with his mother, a single parent, his aunt and several cousins in Memphis. At one point, he says, there were 19 children residing in a two-bedroom apartment.

“We slept on pallets lined up on the floor,” he recalls with a laugh. When he was eight years old, it became clear to his mother, who worked as a maid, that there would be better opportunities for her children up north. So the family moved to Chicago, making a home in a housing project on the city’s west side. His mother worked several jobs to put the kids in Catholic school while his grandmother looked after them.

“[My mother] was determined that even though we were poor, that if we worked hard and were committed, we could make something of our lives,” Jones says.

Still, Jones says his grandmother never anticipated he and his siblings would all become successful professionals. Growing up in an urban environment, Jones was surrounded by plenty of what he describes as destructive role models. And even though both his mother and his grandmother instilled the values he needed to steer clear of them, “[My grandmother] also saw us running around with holes in our pants and shoes, and sometimes with no

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shoes," Jones says. Suprisingly, however, he adds: "All I remembered was the fun. I didn’t see it as hard times."

As fondly as Jones recalls his playmate-filled childhood, he came to realize what many kids took for granted when he went to SIU after attending two years of community college. "I remember writing back home telling everyone I’d reached the 'promised land'—I had my own room, my own bed, three meals a day." Jones had never before been in a rural environment. "Carbondale was the most startlingly beautiful place I’d ever seen," he says. "It was stunning."

SIU also provided Jones his first introduction to a majority white setting, as well as his first exposure to foreigners. "I met Africans from Africa, people from Third World countries. It was all very new and different."

But he says the highlight of his years at SIU, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology and master’s degree in administration of justice before attending law school at Texas Southern University, were the professors. He remembers deciding to pursue a legal career after writing a term paper on capital punishment and discovering that a SIU professor had either written or co-authored most of the early papers showing that race played a role regarding which prisoners were sentenced to death.

Jones adds that many of the professors took a genuine interest in students and, echoing the advice given to him by his mother, encouraged them to set lofty goals and go after them. "One professor told me, 'Jones, you could become someone like Martin Luther King—you just have to pick something and stick with it and work hard.' Those are the types of things that can really inspire and carry a person a long way," Jones says.

Today, Jones, who says he would like to eventually get more involved in juvenile law again, tries to inspire young people in his community. He often volunteers to serve as a mentor for children who are wards of the court. He also mentors kids involved in Boy Scouts.

Married with two daughters—one in nursing school and one about to start high school—Jones is also active in groups such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Operation PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity). He serves on the boards of Clara’s House, a battered women’s shelter in the Englewood community, which serves about 100 families a month, and Reach Out and Touch, a Christian-based community organization established to help men who are homeless and abuse drugs.

All this volunteer work makes for a pretty packed schedule, but Jones considers it a priority. "I’m at a position in life now that I’m able to give back," he says.

As it turns out, Jones has also had the opportunity to serve as a role model for someone who made it possible for him to get to where he is. Her children all raised, Jones says, his mother recently decided to go to college herself. "She got her bachelor’s two years ago." •

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## The Saluki Gourmet

During her 10 years as Southern Illinois University at Carbondale's "First Lady," Joyce Guyon was known for the beautiful and delicious meals she planned for official university events. In response to numerous requests, she has compiled *The Saluki Gourmet*. The book, which will be published in early 1998, features full menus, with accompanying photographs and recipes.

Chancellor Emeritus John and Joyce Guyon (shown on the right prior to hosting a dinner) have decided proceeds from the sale of the book, which will retail for $24.95, will fund a student scholarship that will be administered with the assistance of the SIU Alumni Association.

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*The Saluki Gourmet To Go On Sale*

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Memories of a Second Home

by Paik Cook '75, M.S. '85

Being a photography major and constantly on the lookout for a "decisive moment," I spent my college years driving around the small towns of southern Illinois a lot in my beat-up VW bug. That was how I developed my love for American small towns. I remember the friendly unassuming faces of the town folk who seemed to have deep roots in where they were living; the quaint brick buildings; the weathered Coca-Cola sign on the old store walls; the Peach Festival in Cobden and the Apple Festival in Murphysboro; the cemeteries with the cement cherubs watching over the tombstones. I had come to America from Korea only a few years earlier and all these uniquely American experiences captivated me.

After graduating in 1975, I was reluctantly thrown out into the world. After some harsh brushes with reality, I drove back to Carbondale just before Christmas that same year. My rooming house buddy Tom Noreen was still living there and allowed me to stay in his room while he went home for the holidays. I remember watching the snow fall outside the window and listening to the Beach Boys and Beatles all day.

Over the next seven years I held a series of minor jobs, got married and started a family. These were difficult years for me, never really feeling at home or sure of my direction. Then, in 1982, I was overjoyed to receive a letter from SIU informing me I'd been admitted to the College of Education and awarded a graduate assistantship.

For me, coming back to SIU meant coming home.

When I returned, I was pleased to see all that had remained the same. The magnolia tree in front of the Morris Library still bloomed. Even my photography teacher, David Gilmore, who had deeply influenced the way I defined aesthetics, was still here. The campus embraced me like a prodigal son, with gentle arms and no questions asked.

I again drove the towns of Cobden and Anna which I had visited so many years earlier. Again, I was struck by the people I encountered: the teenage migrant worker who was in the area for apple season but would soon move on to Florida to pick oranges; the newspaper editor who was excited to find out pictures I'd taken of Cobden had appeared in magazines back in my native Korea.

During my two years as a graduate student, my family and I loved our time in Carbondale. I especially enjoyed the short yet heaven-like spring time. Those hazy morning scenes are forever inscribed on my heart and in my memories.

One of my enduring memories is of a night I spent camping with some other Korean students. Here we were thousands of miles from our home, and yet we found total peace and joy camping out near Murphysboro, sitting around a campfire, sharing our life stories. For all of us, a major chapter in our life story would always be the years we spent learning and growing up in Carbondale. 1

Paik Cook is now a free-lance translator who lives in a not-so-small town 50 miles northwest of Chicago.
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For more information on Shryock Auditorium events, please call the box office at (618) 453-2787.

Fall in southern Illinois hasn't changed much since you were here. The slow change of weather bringing a sudden burst of color and, of course, a few stolen romantic moments on Campus Lake.
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Life Installment Member

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Yuki Sasaki '97
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"As a long time native to southern Illinois, I feel that Southern Illinois University is the heartbeat of the region. As alumni, we need to spread the word that SIU is a marvelous institution and that it is imperative we support our alma mater. One way to do this is to join the SIU Alumni Association. The alumni association helps so many people stay abreast of what is currently going on and the benefits are endless!"

Shirley Beggs '64, M.S. '68
Life Member

"Last year, I participated in the Extern Program which the SIU Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council sponsor and that experience inspired me. Thus, I know directly how significant membership is in helping to support important student programs. Also, I have used the Emergency Student Loan Fund which the association funds. I believe my student membership is just one way I can return something of value to my university and current students like myself."

Munirah Mandisa Tabia Frye
Student Member

"The SIU Alumni Association provides an opportunity for alumni to stay in touch with so many people and so many issues at SIU. Keeping abreast of what is going on at my alma mater is one of the most important things in my life and I enjoy the chapter events in the Washington, D.C., area. SIU played such a critical role in my professional life that I want to give something back. As alumni, we all have an obligation to give back to our university and we can do this by supporting the university and joining the SIU Alumni Association."

Robert C. Hardwick '61
Life Installment Member
Charlotte West, associate director of athletics, retires next year. For 40 years, she has created opportunities and a future for college women athletes at SIU and throughout the country. Her story is on page 12.