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Endowments: The Gifts that Keep Giving

Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Updike delivered the 1997 Michael and Nancy Glassman University Lecture (one of several lecture series endowed by generous donors). He is shown above with Chancellor Don Beggs.

The late Michael Glassman and his wife Nancy Glassman '63 endowed this annual lecture series to bring nationally and internationally prominent figures to campus.

What is an endowment?
An endowment can be established with a minimum gift of $20,000, given in a lump sum or over a period of up to five years. The endowment principal is invested and then a portion of its income is distributed on an annual basis. The rest of the income is reinvested to offset inflation and sustain the endowment's purchasing power.

How can an endowment be used?
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Can a donor specify how an endowment is to be used?
Definitely. Working with a member of the SIU Foundation staff, a donor develops a letter of agreement that determines the purpose and specifications of the endowment.

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Why should donors consider building an endowment?
Endowments are a way to make a gift that will continue to support the university and its students for generations to come. Endowments also provide donors with a way to specifically target their resources toward an area particularly important to them.

Why are endowments important to Southern Illinois University?
Endowments are an investment in the university's future. The university's financial status is strengthened by an ever-expanding endowment.

To learn more about building an endowment at Southern Illinois University, please call the SIU Foundation at (618) 453-4900.

International Alumni and Friends:
In recognition of over 50 years of international students enrolled at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and the many friends who have supported international activities, the Office of International Programs and Services is planning a reunion to be held either in 1999 or 2000. Our office will begin organizing the reunion this summer.

To make this a successful and meaningful event, we are asking international alumni and friends to let us know the level and nature of their interest in this reunion. We are particularly interested in learning what time of year you believe the reunion should be held, what travel and logistical considerations you would like taken into account, and what types of activities you would like to see offered, e.g. social events, academic updates, cultural seminars, recreational events, etc.

Please send your comments and ideas as soon as possible to:
Richard Kuehl, Associate Director
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You may also send a facsimile message to (618) 453-7647 or an e-mail message to rkuehl@siu.edu.

Until the reunion, you can obtain current information on international programs at SIU at http://www.siu.edu/intl.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you back on campus.
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## FRONT COVER

International Student Council members pose in traditional dress from their native countries. Students bring these outfits from their homes to share with the university and regional community during the annual International Festival and other activities organized throughout the year that celebrate the university's diversity and their countries' heritage.

From left to right, are: Beliz Balkir, a junior from Izmir, Turkey; Keiko Kawamura, a graduate education student from Osaka, Japan; Mamadou Coulibaly, a graduate student in geography from the Ivory Coast; and Wan Kamal Wan Napi, a graduate education student from Kelantan, Malaysia.

University Photocommunications took the cover photograph.

The back cover photograph of SIU's first winter commencement, held in the arena, was also taken by University Photocommunications.
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Southern View

A Home Away from Home

by Michael Tan M.A. '83

In December of 1979, we received a telegram from Dr. Charles Klasek offering my wife Janet and I graduate assistantships for the following year. Before I could get excited about the offer, I realized I had slightly more than two weeks to resign my teaching job, make all the necessary arrangements for the trip, and settle all problems on the home front with my aging mother. Still, my family and I had no intention of passing up this opportunity.

With our two little girls, Norbyah, six, and Naemmah, not quite three, we set out for a new environment and culture which we knew very little about. After a nonstop journey of nearly 30 hours, we arrived in Carbondale. We spent the first night at a motel, jet lagged, tired and hungry. With some left over Kentucky Fried Chicken, Norbyah and I had a feast at 3 a.m. before we finally went to sleep.

The next day we went to the International Student Center at Woody Hall to see Dr. Charles Klasek. He helped us register for student housing and Apartment 6, 197 Evergreen Terrace became our home for the next two years. As we were about to check into the apartment, a police car pulled up and called out my wife’s name. We looked at each other in surprise wondering how we were already in the house. A woman police officer approached and handed Janet a file she had accidentally dropped. This was our first encounter with the warmth of people at SIU and in Carbondale. We just couldn’t believe someone would take the trouble to pick up a paper folder, find out the address and bring it personally to the owner.

Janet was in the English department and I was in linguistics, both of us working toward our master’s degrees. We not only earned our degrees, but we gained some of the best friends we have ever had. We still keep in touch with them and return often to Carbondale to renew our friendships.

As I write this, two very dear friends come to mind. One I have already mentioned, “Uncle Chuck,” as he is fondly known to our girls, was instrumental in bringing us to SIU. The other is Ellen Drake, whose life was so tragically ended last month [Ellen Drake, a first grade teacher at Unity Point, was murdered in her home this past January]. When Norbyah was enrolled in her first grade class, Ellen recognized our little girl was not quite ready and advised us to put her in kindergarten for six months. She made sure Norbyah came back to her first grade when she was ready. It was Ellen’s professionalism, her love of children and her compassion that helped Norbyah in her early learning. They never lost touch. Now, Norbyah is an SIU alumna who recently earned her degree in education. From this initial contact with Ellen, our friendship developed, and we spent the summer of 1996 in her house. Carbondale will not be the same without these two dear friends.

But there are so many good friends and fond memories of Carbondale that it is impossible to share stories about all of them. Some do stand out: the Klaseks, Persons, Telschows, Ellen Drake, Pfaffs, Naemmah’s schooling at PUKA, the family garden plot at Evergreen Terrace, the bicycle ride around Campus Lake, and the birth of our third daughter, Putri, in Murphysboro Hospital in 1981.

Putri’s birth strengthened our ties to Carbondale and America. Again, we were overwhelmed by people’s kindness; a woman brought a casserole to our apartment after the birth, and another offered to do our washing.

Carbondale also became our spiritual home. It was at Epiphany Lutheran Church that all our children were baptized, and where I personally was most at peace with God.

SIU changed our lives and broadened our views of education and the world in general. How can we ever repay all the gifts Carbondale has given us? The only way we know is to be good ambassadors for our alma mater. These alumni will not fade away. ❌
Letters to the Editor

Homecoming Remembered

This past homecoming weekend at SIU was absolutely marvelous. The food, the services for travel, the gifts and the wonderful parade, most of all! I loved the number of people in attendance to direct those of us who were strangers on campus.

I absolutely loved being in the parade. As we rode along the route, the young students made remarks such as, “1947—Wow!” or “Still lookin’ good!” To which I made remarks like, “Now, now, respect your elders—you too will be old one day!” or “There is life after Southern!” All in fun and taken that way.

I would encourage all future old “Homecoming Queen Types” to ride in the parade. Not only for the personal fun, but for the sense of history for current students.

Thank you for all your attention to the festivities. We felt regally treated!

Kate Alley Davis ’47
Casper, Wyo.

Alumni Like New Look

Nice job with the Southern Alumni! The magazine looks exceptionally good, stories are informative, interesting and well written. I enjoyed reading about the changes at SIU.

Dan S. Soller ’81
Pittsburgh, Penn.

The new alumni magazine is great! I receive two others and compare. The successes of graduates that you report from time to time got me remembering.

The students I met and got to know during nine years as a communications department faculty member were extraordinary. I have taught at three other universities but have not met their equal. There must be something in the water at Carbondale!

Many of these men and women were the first from their families to attend college. They all knew that competition would be tough. Yes, they groused about difficult exams, required research papers, and requirements for professional deportment, but scores of them have called, written or visited, thanking me—and their other SIU faculty—for setting the hurdles so high. And they had a great sense of cohesion, setting up informal networks that helped one another get jobs and offered younger students internships.

I’m very proud of those years and those excellent men and women.

Donald MacDonnell
SIU faculty member,
1976-1985

I just finished reading the fall issue cover to cover and thoroughly enjoyed every page. You are to be highly commended for producing such a first-rate publication.

The reason for this letter, however, deals specifically with your article on Mr. Ken Troutt. Mr. Troutt is unquestionably one of SIU’s most successful and wealthiest graduates. I read the article with great interest and applaud his accomplishments.

However, beginning on page 27, you detail the 1997 honor roll of donors to the SIU Foundation. Very impressive list, to say the least! Very impressive, but lacking Mr. Troutt’s name, as far as I could determine. My greatest hope is that I’m completely wrong here, and I’d be the first to say “Excuse me!” if I am. It would have been so wonderful to have read that Mr. Troutt is not just a very successful SIU graduate but a very generous donor to the school as well. That bit of information would have made your article and the whole issue complete.

By the way, I’ll be sending my donation soon to the foundation, and I hope Mr. Troutt will as well.

Kurt K. Kuehnert ’70
Crystal Lake, Ill.

Editor’s Note: During a recent visit to SIU, Kenny Troutt did make a gift to his alma mater. It was not reported in the 1997 honor roll of donors because it was given in the current fiscal year, and it was not included in the article because the gift was only recently made public. Troutt’s gift will be formally announced in the spring issue of Southern Alumni.

I like the increase in photographs used in the magazine. I’m sure most alumni live where they cannot visit very often, so the photos of campus are appreciated. Photos of student gatherings, classes or campus in general help give us a better idea of what today’s students are like and what is going on “these days” at SIU.

Patrick Ryan ’80
Richmond, Va.

Article Suggestions

Having worked there for six years as an undergraduate and graduate student, I was very interested in your article on the Recreation Center. I also noticed in the summer issue you had profiled a former student body president [SIU Alumni Association President Mike Carr] who had supported the recreation center student fee. Perhaps a third article could highlight some of the professionals in the field of recreation who received their training at SIU as Recreation Center employees. You would find professionals in the field of recreational sports who are employed at colleges and universities throughout the country. There is quite an extensive group of alumni and we all get together each year at the national Intramural Recreational Sports Association annual conference. There may be no other school in the nation that has produced so many currently employed recreational sports professionals.

I continue to enjoy the alumni magazine whether it is named Alumnus or Southern Alumni.

James B. Lewis, ’84, M.S.’87
Kalamazoo, Mich.

In the fall 1997 Southern Alumni you asked for a “mail box stuffer,” so here it goes. I would like to see a “Turning Back the Pages” feature like they do in so many local newspapers. In each issue, a date is highlighted from 10, 15, 25, 30 and 50 years ago. In this way, all alumni will have a chance to reminisce about classmates, instructors, staff and events during their time in Carbondale. Pictures would be worth many words as well.

Thomas Frank ’67, M.S.Ed. ’72
Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Thank you for the fall 1997 issue of the Southern Alumni. I enjoyed the articles immensely. The magazine is well-organized and very professional in every detail. While reading Michael Carr’s article, “President Calls on Alumni to Make a Commitment,” I had several thoughts I hope will be of interest. [Cline’s essay on his experience as an off-campus military student is featured in this issue’s Southern Memories, page 35.]

John J. Cline ’94
Lieutenant Commander,
U.S. Navy (retired)
Alumni who became professors at Northwestern, Ohio State and Southern Illinois universities and executives and scientists from the world’s leading chemical and pharmaceutical companies have now returned to SIU as honorees in the Department of Chemistry Alumni Hall of Fame. Located on the second floor of the Neckers Building, the Chemistry Alumni Hall of Fame tells the success stories of seven alumni.

Richard T. Arnold ’34 pursued an academic and industrial career that started and ended at SIU. He was a professor at the University of Minnesota, the program administrator of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and then joined Mead Johnson and Co., where he eventually became vice president and chairman of their Scientific Advisory Board. Arnold returned to SIU as a chair and professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Fred Basolo ’40 spent his academic career at Northwestern University, where he was ultimately awarded the title Morrison Professor Chemistry. He has won numerous national and international awards for his work and was the author of more than 374 scientific publications and coauthor of several books.

Bob Gower ’58, M.S.’60 launched his industrial career at Sinclair Oil Corporation and rose through senior management when it merged with Atlantic Richfield. Currently, he is the chief executive officer and chairman of the board of Lyondell Petrochemical Company in Houston, Texas.

Daryle Busch ’51 retired from The Ohio State University after a distinguished career. But his retirement was short-lived. He soon joined the University of Kansas as the Roy A. Roberts Distinguished Professor of Chemistry. He has been honored
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for his research and teaching, and has written over 325 publications, including 47 book chapters and five books.

The late J. Kenneth Craver '37 worked for Monsanto Chemical Company for 40 years. He is well-known for inventing the plasticizer which has become the standard aircraft hydraulic fluid. He remained professionally active after his retirement from Monsanto, founding and managing another company, Polytech Laboratories in St. Louis.

Ralph B. Thompson '34, who earned his doctorate from Harvard University, spent over 20 years with Universal Oil Products, holding 140 patents. After retiring from Nalco Chemical Company, Thompson operated a successful consulting business.

Working at Eli Lilly Research Laboratories, the late Ray W. Fuller '57, M.S. '58 conducted 16 years of research on brain chemistry that eventually led to the discovery of Prozac, an antidepressant medication that has revolutionized the treatment of depression. Fuller's scientific career included many other achievements, including two honorary doctorates, from Purdue University and Southern Illinois University.

Alumni are invited to nominate accomplished alumni chemists for this honor. They may do so by contacting David Koster, a professor of chemistry at SIU and a member of the hall of fame committee.

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From left to right are Carol and Keith Sanders, their niece Marla Sweetin and nephew John Sweetin posing together after Sanders received the 1996 Alumni Achievement Award from the SIU Alumni Association.

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Sun Shines on First Winter Commencement

Ralph McCoy, dean emeritus of library affairs, was awarded an honorary degree at the winter ceremony. Congratulating McCoy is SIU President Ted Sanders.

Kathy Kearney-Grobler helps her daughter Jennifer Davis adjust her mortar board as she prepares to receive her undergraduate degree from the College of Education.

IU’s inaugural winter commencement was a huge success—in part, no doubt, to the absence of winter weather. For many years, December graduates have been frustrated that to participate in commencement they had to return to campus in May. Administrators responded to students’ concerns by organizing a winter commencement, complete with all the pomp and circumstance of a traditional spring graduation ceremony.

More than 700 students participated in this historic commencement, with a total of 6,300 people in attendance. John J. Jackson, provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs, was overwhelmed by the response: “The ceremony was a huge success. It was a risk because we’ve never done it before, but we plan to make this an annual event. The students and their families obviously appreciated having a winter commencement.”

Associate Director of Admissions and Records Stephen Foster was also pleased not only by the success of this first winter commencement but by the resurrection of a university tradition that had been lost in recent years. “At the end, everyone stood and sang the alma mater,” he said. “That hasn’t been done since 1985.”
Library Appoints Board

The Morris Library Board of Visitors met for the first time during last year’s homecoming. Co-chaired by Mary DeJarnett of Rancho Palos Verde, Calif., and David C. Johnson of Carbondale, the board will focus on developing and implementing strategies for increasing financial resources and support for the library.

The board, which will meet twice yearly, will also assist the library in self-study and evaluation of its programs and in increasing the awareness of the library’s mission and programs within the university and the region.

Core Curriculum Honors Excellence in Teaching

The Honors Day Celebration for the University Core Curriculum, held this fall, marked the completion of the first full year of the core’s implementation. Thomas Flynn, the provost at Millikin University, spoke to a gathering of faculty and advisers about SIU’s core curriculum design and content. He praised the university’s focus on writing literacy, the American pluralism requirement and the interdisciplinary studies courses. He also noted the strong administrative support for faculty development.

Honors Day for the Core Curriculum was also the occasion to announce the winners of annual outstanding faculty and graduate assistant awards. All the nominees were recognized by Ann-Janine Morey, director of the university core curriculum. SIU Provost John Jackson announced the winners.

Jonathan Newman, an assistant professor of zoology, was honored for his teaching of the course “Conservation of Natural Resources.” Newman, who was given a $500 award, has written about his educational philosophy: “Education is learning to think critically, to think independently, to integrate knowledge, and to solve problems. It is most certainly not about acquiring some particular body of facts.”

Two $250 awards were presented to graduate assistants who had distinguished themselves in the teaching of core courses.

Brian Akers, from the Department of Plant Biology, was recognized for his innovative lab design and presentation and the respect and rapport he shares with his students.

Althea Rhodes, from the Department of English, was praised for her strong commitment to students and for the incorporation of collaborative learning into her teaching practice.

The global headquarters for the organization that connects water resource managers will be moving to SIU. Benedykt Dziegielewski, an associate professor of geography, will serve as the new executive director of the International Water Resources Association. Created in 1972, the association has more than 1,250 members in 110 countries and exists to collect and communicate news about developments in economics, education, health, law, sociology and technology that could play a role in helping its members protect and make better use of their nations’ water.
The history of international programs at Southern Illinois University reads like a novel.

The peaks have been extraordinary.

During the 1960s, President Delyte Morris hired several former State Department employees to engineer SIU's emergence onto the international scene. In the 1980s, SIU had one of the largest international student enrollments in the country. For several decades, new agreements and contracts were being signed on almost a monthly basis. Students and scholars from over 100 countries brought the world to southern Illinois. And, in turn, SIU shared its resources with countless countries.

There have also been valleys—times when the university placed less priority on international programs, times when the vision for a growing international presence was distinctly blurred, even momentarily lost.

But always, between and during the peaks and valleys, the real story has been the students, faculty, alumni and administrative leaders who represent SIU throughout the world as well as make it a welcoming home to people of all cultures.
Fifty years ago Saad Jabr came to SIU from Iraq. The son of a high level Iraqi political official, Jabr became the first international student to enroll as a freshman and to graduate from the university. Jabr, who also earned a master's degree from the university, built a fortune as the co-owner of Iraq Consulting and Contracting, Co. Political upheavals prompted Jabr to leave Iraq in 1969, relocating his bases of operation to London and Beirut.

Other international students had visited and taken classes at SIU before Jabr, but Jabr's graduation from SIU proved notable. As SIU developed beyond its original regional teacher's college identity to that of a major national university, the late SIU President Delyte Morris also saw the value of expanding SIU's international goodwill of SIU around the world,” Chu says. During his presidency, Morris traveled extensively, building relationships with numerous governments and making many important contacts. But it was Morris’s personal acts of kindness to international students and faculty that were so well-regarded and, ultimately, had such a reverberating impact. Chu remembers one such incident.

"President Morris called me and said, ‘Joe, I just sent a plane to the St. Louis airport to pick up a couple with children coming to SIU from Norway. Can you pick them up at the airport here? And, tomorrow why don’t you bring them over here to have breakfast with me.’ He was just one of those people who was never too busy for anyone. Whether it was his job or not, he always made international visitors welcome.”

Newly appointed Director of International Programs and Services Jared Dorn, the longtime director of SIU’s Nakajo campus and a graduate student during the early 1960s, was personally and professionally influenced by the people brought in by Morris during that time. "SIU was known as a place of tremendous growth and potential. Morris attracted a lot of leaders to this university, including several with important international backgrounds and connections,” he says. Chu adds that he will never forget the advice Morris gave him. “He would always tell me, ‘Joe, always give a visitor the first tasty bite.’ I thought that was marvelous advice. His kindness and vision paid dividends in many ways.” As Chu talks about SIU’s enduring international presence, he observes, “Morris planted the seeds and these are the fruits.”

Lawyers from Bulgaria. Political scientists from Siberia. Artists from Austria. Faculty from China. A new SIU campus in Nakajo, Japan. The eighth largest international student enrollment in the country. The 1970s and 1980s definitely reaped the fruits of Morris’ efforts. It also directly benefitted from the vision of the late Charles Klasek, the director of international programs for 16 years (1978-1994).

Klasek negotiated numerous international agreements and faculty/student exchanges and is credited with
Ele Omosegbon had not considered applying to SIU before coming to campus for a visit. But he says he was so impressed by the multicultural community at the university and in Carbondale, he immediately knew this was the university he wished to attend. He recently earned his doctorate in economics and currently teaches in the Department of Black American Studies.

Finding a thriving international community has proven a godsend for many international students who arrive at SIU not knowing anyone and feeling isolated. Anna Cwu, a junior from Honduras, found the answer to her own sense of isolation in the International Student Council. "Working with the International Student Council (ISC) helped me a lot because I met so many people who were going through what I was going through, people who understood the adjustments," she explains.

Omosegbon, a native of Nigeria, similarly discovered getting involved with the ISC made a profound difference. "People from the international arena come here they try to look for things they can identify with. The ISC serves that purpose. It's like a home office for international students," he says.

Omosegbon particularly values his year as president of the African Student Association. "That was definitely one of my best moments at SIU," he explains. "I got to meet administrators, students and faculty all around campus. There was no dean I didn't meet, almost no office I didn't enter."

Wan Kamal Wan Napi, the current president of ISC, also found his early days at SIU difficult. "I arrived in the middle of winter. I was cold and wondered why I'd come. I remember driving back from the Marion airport and thinking how cold and dark it was."

Still suffering from jet lag and his negative first impression, Wan Napi called his parents in despair: "But they told me that if I came home, they would no longer consider me their son. They would be too ashamed."

Wan Napi realized getting involved was the key to survival. An avid soccer player, his first ISC activity was to play in the international soccer tournament held on campus each year. He soon found himself not only making friends but becoming increasingly active in the ISC, first as president of the Malaysian Student Association and eventually as president. He speaks proudly of ISC's accomplishments under his leadership, most notably the International
During the last 50 years, international students have met formally and informally to provide each other with support and insight.

Olympics. "International students are divided by many differences," he says. "But sports bring everyone together."

ISC plays a major role in bringing international students together and giving them a "home." But student members agree belonging to the organization sometimes sets them apart. "We all interact with each other. All the international groups interact," says Cwu. "Sometimes you feel like you want to get to know American students, but you just don't feel they want to know about you."

Omosegbon agrees, saying, in principle, the ISC shouldn't inhibit students from getting involved in other organizations. "But, in practice, it does sometimes inhibit involvement," he admits. During his leadership of the African Student Association, he worked hard to open the group's membership to all students. Non-African students not only became involved in the group, they became officers. "Our programs and groups need to reflect where we are," explains Omosegbon. "While we're here we share the same dreams and the same objectives."

In recent years, as international student enrollment has declined, concerns have been expressed about the university's standing as a "player" in the international arena. Carla Coppi, the director of international students and scholars, says SIU is experiencing a phenomena universities across the country must deal with: "The complexion of international students is changing. We're now seeing very sophisticated shoppers who are choosing where they will go to college based on many factors."

One of those factors is the cost of tuition. As Anna Cwu explains: "We work very hard to get here and stay here. I think American students think most of us are rich. But our families sacrifice a lot to send us here."

The Board of Trustees recently approved a proposal that will change SIU's tuition policy. At present, out-of-state students pay three times the tuition paid by Illinois residents; in the future, they will pay two-times that amount. The new rates will apply for students coming to SIU from its Nakajo campus in the fall of 1998 and all other out-of-state students in the fall of 1999.

But, as SIU's international staff stresses, tuition is only one issue the university must address to regain its status as a leader in the international academic arena. "What it ultimately comes down to," explains Michael Tan, "is not just international presence, but international understanding."

Jared Dorn agrees. "I believe SIU has a lot to offer international students. But, even more, international students have a lot to offer SIU. We are doing our American students a favor by helping them to see and understand the world beyond their world."
Juh Wah Chen laughs often as he talks about his life, amused by the sometimes surprising twists and turns he has taken on his journey to this day. On this sunny winter day, Chen is sitting in a spacious office with floor to ceiling windows that provide an ideal view of students walking into the newly completed engineering building—a far cry from the building he was asked to imagine 32 years ago when SIU lured Chen from another college.

Chen, who will retire in June as SIU's dean of the College of Engineering, always wanted to be an engineer. It was a favored career in the 1950s, a time of reconstruction from the wars that had devastated so many countries. After earning his undergraduate degree in Taiwan, Chen was one of the few students from his country accepted and provided with the financial assistance to come to the United States to attend graduate school.

Chen says Taiwan now offers engineers many opportunities. But those opportunities weren't there 40 years ago. He knew when he left he was unlikely to return. He worked in Taiwan as an engineer in a fertilizer company to earn the money to buy a ticket to the United States. At a salary of $25 a month, it took him several years to buy the $600 ticket.

Arriving at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1955, Chen only took four years to earn his doctorate. He remembers many 16-hour days. "When you have to do homework until 2 in the morning, you don't have too much time to be homesick," he explains.

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For the next six years, Chen taught at Bucknell, quickly rising to the rank of associate professor. Since Bucknell did not have summer school, he began to work at Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company during the summers. His research at Upjohn proved to be one of his career’s highlights.

"At that time, antibiotics were very expensive because the process to separate them was very crude. I designed a process that reduced waste material from 15 to 60-70 percent," Chen explains. "I saved them [Upjohn] several million dollars a year. So, I built a pretty good reputation through that work."

Upjohn hired Chen to work during winter breaks as well, and it was there in the winter of 1965 he received a phone call from SIU offering him a job. "I told them I wasn't really very interested. I was happy at Bucknell, they had just promoted me . . . Finally, they talked me into it and I agreed to come take a look."

He met the dean of the school of technology in Chicago. As the two travelled on the Panama Limited down to Carbondale, the dean spent hours sharing detailed plans and describing his vision for the engineering program he wanted Chen to join. "We had a good talk." Chen remembers. "And then we got to Du Quoin and the dean said, 'Juh, we haven’t got anything. I’m embarrassed. All that I’ve told you is on the drawing board. We don’t even have a building.' And so I told him, 'I already know that. My wife got her master's degree at Carbondale.'"
But Chen was so attracted to the vision the dean and so many others at the university expressed at that time he decided to take a risk and accept the position. And so it was with no building and with colleagues as new to SIU as he was that Chen entered the next stage of his career.

The summer before he started at SIU, Upjohn, knowing Chen would likely not return during future summers, and anxious to enlist his full-time research support, offered him a position that would pay $6,000 more a year than the job he had accepted at SIU. Again, however, Chen remained firm in his commitment to his academic career.

In reply to the vice president who made him the offer, Chen said: "Now, you’ve found the wrong person. I’m only interested in teaching and research. And, besides, Bob, I’m lazy, I don’t want to get up at 7 a.m. and come to work. He said, ‘No, don’t worry, you can come in anytime you want.’ But I told him I didn’t think the people I worked with would be very happy if I did that!"

Chen never regretted his decision. He remembers those early years at SIU with tremendous fondness. "I really liked being in on the beginning of the college. Young faculty members would ask me, ‘How high can we go?’ And I would answer, ‘Once you bump your head, that’s how high. Otherwise, you can go as high as you want to.’"

The young college was one of many adventures being pursued during this time of tremendous growth at SIU—growth spurred by then President Delyte Morris. Although Chen believes the university is better off now than then, with considerably more resources and power within the state, he misses what has been lost.

"SIU has lost some of the dynamism and momentum of those years," Chen observes. "That’s where I see the difference. I’m always telling people that I was a first generation researcher on this campus. We had to fight for every penny. That spirit has been sacrificed over time for tighter management that often says, ‘You can’t do this or that.’ We never knew there were limits, and now we know too much, too clearly what we can’t do or what we shouldn’t do. At that time, we really didn’t care. We just moved ahead. That’s the spirit I treasure and miss the most. We had a lot of failures, but a lot of successes."

In his own work with the College of Engineering, Chen has tried to hold fast to that spirit. "But I’ve even had to recognize where the limitations are," he admits. Still, he asserts: "I’m 100 percent sure this spirit can be revived. We can and should do that. This university has a lot of potential, and I’m always telling people that... When people come to visit the campus, they think it’s great. But we don’t speak out or up for ourselves. Sometimes we pity ourselves rather than be proud of ourselves. But I think if we can change that attitude to something positive, this university has tremendous potential."

Chen has watched his college struggle as it has tried to reach its own potential. Initially, restrictions were placed on the college because of the dominating presence of the University of Illinois’ College of Engineering, always among the top five colleges in the country. SIU’s college was specifically restricted from offering certain degrees. Chen and his young faculty colleagues, therefore, took an innovative interdisciplinary route, combining several areas and offering new degrees, such as in thermal and environmental engineering.

Although combining the disciplines made sense from Chen’s viewpoint, graduates were encountering problems in the job market. "They had these degrees no one understood," Chen says. In 1985, with some of the previous roadblocks now removed, the college established more conventional engineering departments. Chen was asked to chair the mechanical engineering department, but he felt it was more appropriate for a mechanical rather than chemical engineer to fill the position. Although he had never previously considered becoming an administrator, he decided instead to accept an offer to become the college’s associate dean. In 1989, he was selected to be the college’s dean. He will keep the title dean emeritus when he retires this summer.
Chen believes that under his and his predecessors' leadership the College of Engineering has matured: “We still have ways in which we can improve. But we can do many things just as good and some things better than many other colleges of engineering.”

The completion of the engineering building, dedicated in the summer of 1997, stands as Chen’s greatest accomplishment. Chen says the building provides an important shove. “We can move this college a couple of notches higher because of this facility,” he says.

Chen leaves with a few items remaining on his agenda. As a chemical engineer himself, he still hopes a department of chemical engineering will soon be established at the college as well as other programs that would complete the college’s portfolio. He says strides need to be made in boosting enrollment and in increasing the amount of research dollars brought into the college to at least $6 million. With its present strengths and with these efforts, Chen expects to see the college truly come into its own within the next four or five years.

But he laughs as he adds that he will be watching the college’s achievements with interest, but from afar. He intends to stay involved with SIU as a volunteer. “But I don’t think it’s very good for the old dean to look over the shoulder of the new dean,” he says.

He does plan on spending much more time travelling with his wife to see his three children and two grandchildren. Like their parents, the Chens’ children have pursued impressive careers. All three children earned their undergraduate degrees from the University of Illinois. His oldest son David went on to earn a master’s degree from Stanford University and a doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Now the co-owner of a small company in Boston, he is the father of the Chens’ two grandchildren. His son John earned his law degree from the University of Illinois and practices in Chicago. And his daughter Jeanne earned a master’s degree in architecture from her alma mater and works in Los Angeles.

Chen is far too modest to say he and his wife Lin (who retired as a professor emerita from the chemistry department) inspired their children. But he does speak frankly about what he considers his personal weaknesses and strengths: “I am not a good manager. I am a mover. I have always moved as fast as I can to accomplish as much as I can.”

As Chen looks out the window of the building he worked for decades to build but will have been in less than a year when he retires, he smiles again. There is much he hopes will still be accomplished at the College of Engineering, but he knows he has earned this time. A time in which he promises, “I am just going to enjoy myself.”
For three decades, Thomas Chung has excelled in the business of human hair.

If the answer on the quiz show "Jeopardy" was Thomas Chung, the question would have to be, "What's the first thing you think of off the top of your head?" And although that might sound like a smart alec response, for Chung, who earned his master's degree at SIU in 1962, it would be right on the money. For close to 35 years, Chung has been one of the world's largest importer/exporters of human hair.

A dapper, soft-spoken man, the Korean-born Chung precisely recounts his educational history. "When I was a college sophomore in Korea, the Korean War broke out. I went into the
army and fought for about six months until I was wounded. Then I went back to school, finished, and took a job at a customs house, where I worked for about five years. Then, in 1958, the Korean government decided to send some men to work in the customs system in other countries.” Chung was sent to Los Angeles, where he also enrolled at Long Beach State College to study economics.

Chung slowly began to learn English, but those early years were made more difficult because of the small size of the community in Los Angeles. While the Korean population in Los Angeles in 1998 is estimated at close to one million, in 1960 Chung estimates there were less than a thousand Koreans in the city.

Determined to succeed in business, but knowing he still needed more education, Chung left Los Angeles to attend SIU, where Chung received his master’s degree in economics in 1962. He immediately returned to Los Angeles and took two jobs, one at Union Bank and one at May Company, a block away from each other downtown. At the same time, Chung began managing a customs house to handle import/export business. It was during this hectic time that Chung’s future began to take shape. He remembers how he first got entangled in the hair business.

“First, I contacted some Japanese import companies and they asked me to handle the seaweed that is used in making sushi rolls. I did that. But then I had another idea. In the early 1960s hair was abundant in Korea, so I began importing long hair—although I knew nothing about wigs. Once I was walking down Sunset Boulevard and there was a wig in a window for $700. So, I figured it would be a good time to learn more about wigs.
“By 1975, the demand for wigs started to come back,” he recalls, “and today I have no complaints.”

“In 1962, the Japanese government opened a Japan Trader Center in downtown L.A. and sent me an invitation for their open house. I went down into the showing area where they had the wigs, but there were no samples available. Of course, there were a lot of other sample items, watches and cameras. So I asked, ‘Where is the sample of the wig?’ They said it was stolen. At that moment, I had a feeling the sample must be valuable if it had been stolen. So I asked them to send me a sample. It was $12 for the wig, plus shipping, a total of $13.50. I got one sample wig from the company and showed it around to all the beauty salons, asking ‘Can you use this?’

Chung initially received no positive responses, but he persisted. “I went down to San Diego and visited some salons,” he explains, “and a male beautician to whom I showed the wig said, ‘Sure I can use this, it’s really beautiful!’ He asked how much it would cost. I had no idea what to charge, so I asked him, ‘How much are you willing to pay?’ He said, ‘How about $700?’ This was a really big shock. My ex-wife complained, ‘You pressure. My ex-wife complained, ‘You don’t watch so much television, so I don’t recognize them,’” Chung

quality, the problem was that they did not know how to branch out by dyeing the hair colors. So I had to sell the wigs to either black people or Mexican people. The market was limited.”

Chung admits that during the nascent stage of his business he figured things out as he went along, often making fairly major mistakes on the way. “One problem at that time was that when I advertised the wig for less than $100 customers assumed it was low quality,” he explains. “And if I asked $900, though that is reasonable, customers couldn’t buy it. So, finally I devised a way to sell the wigs. Customers could pay in installments: a $100 down payment and $100 per month for 12 months to bring the total to $1300.”

Chung smiles as he relates the harsh business lesson he then learned: “We gave customers applications of credit. They filled them out and returned them. Then they’d give us $100, and we’d give them the wig. A month later we sent out the bills, but all the bills came back because all the addresses were wrong. So we wound up selling these wigs at $100. I had to pay rent and a payroll, so I was really under heavy pressure. My ex-wife complained, ‘You better go and finish up your Ph.D. and go teach in some school.’”

Chung took her advice and briefly attended graduate school. But he soon returned to the hair business a re-entry that conveniently coincided with a large influx of Japanese people into the Los Angeles area. With all these new potential customers, Chung began selling wigs again. His business thrived.

This golden era for human hair wigs ended abruptly when a Japanese man invented a hair-like man-made fiber called Kanekalon. “At first people preferred human hair to this fiber,” Chung recounts. “But in 1969 these synthetic wigs suddenly got people’s attention. Synthetic hair is less expensive, requires less care, and you can make any length, color and quantity.”

Chung’s attempt to join in the trend was stymied by another company’s exclusive distribution contract. Instead of panicking, Chung’s previous experiences urged patience.

“I figured that sooner or later the synthetic hair industry would go bust. The supply was exceeding the demand so drastically. As the price goes lower, demand is much less, and eventually the market bottoms out. 1970 was a really bad year. Nobody looked at wigs. I was bankrupt. Everybody was.”

Rather than give up the wig business, Chung innovated. Up to this point, he observed, wig wearers had been almost exclusively female. “Then I had a toupee idea, for a men’s wig that when he wore it could not be distinguished it from his own hair or formed hair,” Chung says. “But since I had been completely broke before, I had to start from scratch.”

Chung found himself at the forefront of the 1970s male toupee boom. “By 1975, the demand for wigs started to come back,” he says. “Today, I have no complaints.”

Chung believes his perseverance has paid off only because he has coupled it with an unflagging standard of quality. “What we make must be good, that’s the bottom line. In order to survive in the long run, you have to put a superior product on the marketplace,” he reasons.

Chung conducts his business out of an attractive red marble building in the revitalized Miracle Mile area of Los Angeles. His And Her Hair Goods Company has a steady flow of retail customers. Situated in the entertainment capital of the world, His and Her Hair Goods also has its share of celebrity clients.

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explains. “We had a senator come in who was campaigning for president. He was waiting to be helped, but we were busy. I told him sorry. He had to wait. He said, ‘You don’t recognize me, but at least you’re noticing that I need help!’ One day Tina Turner came in and bought some hair and hair products, but nobody knew it was Tina Turner. She left, and then this girl came in, saying, ‘Look! It’s Tina Turner!’ The third time she came in I was introduced to her. Ever since then she hasn’t come in herself, she sends her secretary, which is very common, celebrities have everything bought for them.”

The respect and affection Chung’s employees have for their boss is obvious as they interact in the workplace. “I am now more than 70 years old, so sooner or later I have to retire,” Chung reluctantly admits. “My main concern is what to do with my business. It is my whole life, so I don’t want to just sell it. I have money for myself, and I don’t need a lot to live comfortably. I don’t have any children, so I would like to leave it to my employees. Some have worked for me for more than 10 years. They have invested their lives in it too.”

Perhaps retirement will also provide Chung with more opportunities to golf at one of the area country clubs where he maintains membership, though he confesses his handicap has recently slipped into double digits.

Chung also keeps apprised of the Korean political situation. Although the recent economic problems in his native country have had no great impact on Chung’s business since he moved his hair processing plant to Indonesia in the 1970s, Chung still feels closely connected to and concerned about his native country.

Chung believes the recent election of longtime pro-democracy activist Kim Dae Jung as president will create positive change, “I think Kim is really bright. He says he can fix the economic situation in one year. I think it will take him a little longer, but I think he can do it.” Much of Chung’s optimism is based on his fervent belief in the resilience of the Korean people, many of whom donated gold to be used to erase Korea’s foreign debt. “It’s an expression of their willingness to make sacrifices to restore economic stability,” Chung asserts.

Chung also maintains strong ties with SIU. He is close friends with Wangshik Shin M.A.’63, an associate professor in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. The two men attended SIU at the same time, and Chung says their friendship was extremely important to them during their mutually difficult adjustment.

In July 1996, Chung and his wife, Chan Nyum, established the Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Chung Endowed Cornerstone Scholarship Fund to benefit entering freshmen. “In establishing the scholarship, I did not make any stipulations or conditions,” Chung explains. “But I’d like to help those students who have a language barrier. If students are from, say, Hong Kong, English is almost their native tongue, so they don’t have any language barrier. But some Japanese or some Koreans for whom English is not their native language, they have a very hard time.” Chung’s intention is that the scholarship, which will be awarded for the first time this spring, will open the door for students as motivated to succeed as he was.

It is to Thomas Chung’s credit that he was able to parlay his education and ingenuity into such a successful long-term business career. Reminiscing about his life has touched off a new desire in Chung: to return to an SIU campus he has not visited in many years. “I don’t know how much longer I can live,” Chung concludes, “so I should like to go back now.”
by Greg Scott

A photograph of Elvis Forde, Eddie Wedderburn, and Michael Franks, three of the premier athletes in SIU track and field history, sits on top of a television in Coach Bill Cornell's office. Cornell gladly speaks about these athletes' athletic ability, but he more proudly talks about their accomplishments away from competition. When Cornell talks to prospective student-athletes, the careers and lives of Forde, Wedderburn, and Franks are the benchmarks he uses.

"I am always proud to see these kids be successful and get good jobs somewhere. If my athletes can do what those three have done, I will be just as proud," Cornell says. "All three were All-Americans, hold school records here, and made Olympic and World Games teams. They are also married with kids and have had successful lives. When I have one-on-one talks with athletes, I tell them, 'This is what I want you to be like.'"

Cornell, a native of Chelmsford, England, has compiled some impressive credentials of his own.

• From 1967-1982, Cornell guided Murray State to three Ohio Valley Conference cross country championships, earning four OVC Coach of the Year awards. He was inducted into Murray State's Hall of Fame in 1994.
• Since Cornell's return to his alma mater, the Salukis have won six Missouri Valley Conference cross country championships, four MVC outdoor and four indoor track and field titles. Cornell received "Coach of the Year" honors in each of those seasons.
• 11 of Cornell's athletes have become Olympians and 29 have earned 48 All-American honors.

But things did not come as easy for Bunyan in the classroom. Along with adjusting to life in America, Bunyan has dyslexia, a physiological disorder which impairs an individual's ability to process information.

Cornell formed a close relationship with Bunyan, always going the extra mile for his star distance runner. Cornell spent numerous weekends reading Bunyan's textbooks into a tape recorder so the athlete could better study the material. They scheduled study sessions at Cornell's home where Cornell would prepare Bunyan for tests.

Bunyan, who was also adjusting to being 5,000 miles away from home, said Cornell helped him through some hard times.

"Shortly after getting to Murray, I remember going to his office in tears. He would reassure me that everything would be okay," Bunyan says.

Cornell explains his motivation: "He was the type of kid you wanted to help as much as you could because you knew he was giving everything he had."

Bunyan says his graduation day was a proud day for both him and Cornell. "I was really pleased to get my degree..."
because I knew Coach Cornell had a lot invested in it,” Bunyan says. “I’m 99 percent sure that I would not have made it without his help.”

Elvis Forde learned the hard way how much emphasis Cornell places on his athletes’ education. Forde recalls an incident during his sophomore year when he was performing below expectations in the classroom.

With Cornell’s wife, assistant coaches and other student-athletes in attendance, the coach informed Forde he wasn’t pleased with his grades. While Forde says the incident embarrassed him at the time, it was a turning point in his career.

“Looking back it was probably a good thing to happen because it highlighted the reasons why I was in college,” Forde says. “Coach Cornell said I might be a good athlete, but I wouldn’t be around much longer if I didn’t do better in the classroom. He doesn’t just care about you as an athlete. He cares about the individual as a whole.”

Forde, a native of Barbados who now coaches women’s track at Austin Peay State, doesn’t hesitate to talk about the significance of his relationship with Cornell.

“My experience with him goes back further than most of the athletes he has had. I became an adopted son over the years,” Forde says. “I feel Coach’s
sadness when he’s sad and his illnesses when he’s ill. I feel that close to him.”

During his days at Murray State, a sports editor at the Ledger and Times newspaper wrote: “Cornell enjoys a closeness to his athletes that no other coach can claim. Bill Cornell’s athletes live and die for him, he does the same for them. He is a father, a brother, a coach, but more than anything else, a friend.”

Actions speak louder than words in describing Cornell’s commitment to his athletes. When one of Cornell’s athletes at Murray State, a young man who had quit school, lost his father in a plane crash, his mother phoned Cornell. Although Cornell had not seen the student in a couple of years, he flew to New York and stayed by his side during the difficult days that followed.

It’s much more than a four-year relationship for Cornell’s athletes. He once started a Murray State track alumni fund to keep in touch with former athletes. Last spring, hundreds of his former SIU student-athletes returned to campus for a track and field alumni reunion.

Cornell’s commitment has not been lost on the athletes he’s coached. It definitely wasn’t lost on Cameron Wright, one of Cornell’s more recent star student-athletes. Wright, who is now one of Cornell’s assistant coaches, was a 1996 United States Olympian and a five-time All-American high jumper. But Wright explains that Cornell supports athletes even when they’re struggling.

“I remember a bad meet against the University of Illinois when I felt like I let Coach, myself and the team down,” Wright says. “Coach Cornell called me up that night and told me to keep my head up, not to worry about it, and we’ll get them back next time. He reinforced that I was a good jumper and there will be other days. It helped a lot.”

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Perhaps Cornell’s commitment to his athletes stems from his own experiences. After all, it was another coach’s belief in him that brought Cornell to the United States.

Born the son of a factory worker, Cornell was the captain of his high school soccer and cricket teams. After graduating from high school, Cornell took a job at a manufacturing firm, continuing to pursue his interest in soccer by joining a local youth center’s soccer team. He had visions of becoming a professional soccer player, but his father had other ideas.

“I came home one evening, my dad handed me a pair of track shoes and said, ‘Here, this is your sport,’” Cornell remembers. “I told the story for years and years that he burned my soccer boots. I asked him about that recently and he admitted they’d sold my football boots to one of the neighbors.”

In Cornell’s first track meet, he won the 880-yard run, setting a European junior record of 1:52.8, and set a world record for 17-year-olds in the mile run with a mark of 4:14.6.

“My father obviously knew what he was talking about,” Cornell says. “I wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for him.”

But Cornell ran into some hard times shortly after his initial success. At age 18, after being sick and receiving some bad press, Cornell became demoralized and quit track. He went back to soccer, competed in two semi-pro leagues for the next three years, and worked out at the Chelmsford Athletic Club.

Buddy Edelin, a premier runner in the United States at the time, was competing in England that year and became a member of the same club. After witnessing Cornell’s running ability, Edelin contacted his coach in the United States about the young runner. Edelin’s coach contacted SIU track and field coach Lew Hartzog.

Although Cornell hadn’t competed in track and field for over three years, Hartzog was willing to take a gamble. “Based on Bill’s previous accomplishments, I felt there was a tremendous amount of potential there and
decided to take a chance,” Hartzog says.

Cornell was 20, about to get married to his fiancée Rose, and had only two weeks to decide if he wanted to leave England for the United States. “We got married on April 1, of all days, left England on April 2, arrived here April 3, and April 4 I was sitting in a classroom,” Cornell says.

Cornell had another surprise waiting for him when he arrived in Carbondale. “I heard all of these good things about how warm and hot it got down in southern Illinois,” Cornell says. “That was one of those Aprils where southern Illinois had almost a foot of snow. We had to shovel snow on the inside lanes of the track so we could work out.”

Hartzog never regretted his gamble. Cornell was a three-time All-American at Southern, a U.S. Track and Field Federation Champion and the University’s “Athlete of the Year” in 1962. During that year, Cornell competed in his first NCAA Championship meet, finishing second in the NCAA mile run. Cornell, along with Jim DuPree (880-yard run, 1st) and Brian Turner (3-mile run, 2nd) combined for a fourth place-finish in the NCAA meet, still SIU’s best finish ever. He holds the school record in the 1,500 (3:42.83). Cornell was inducted into SIU’s Hall of Fame in 1980.

“Bill is one of the greatest runners I ever coached. The NCAA mile run was a great performance,” Hartzog says.

Cornell came to Southern planning to major in marketing. But after watching Hartzog, he became interested in coaching. Cornell served as an assistant coach under Hartzog while he worked on a master’s degree. After completing his master’s, Cornell returned to England during the summer of 1967.

His stay was brief. Convinced Cornell had a future in coaching, Hartzog strongly recommended Cornell for the position at Murray State. When Hartzog retired from his post at Southern in 1984, he convinced Cornell to return to his alma mater.

“Bill had all of the qualities I thought it took to do the job,” Hartzog says. “It really wasn’t a tough decision to make.”

Hartzog has always admired Cornell’s determination. “Besides having great talent, Bill is one of the most fierce competitors I have ever known,” Hartzog says. “If you play darts or ping pong with him, you are in for a battle. That is all there is to it. That carries over into his coaching.”

Elvis Forde has witnessed the same fire in his former coach. “Coach Cornell will compete against you at anything and it rubs off on his athletes. If I went to his house to cut the lawn, we would have a competition to see who could cut the lawn the straightest and smoothest.”

These days, Cornell’s determination is more important than ever. He has been diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease. Cornell uses the disease as a motivating force, still dreaming of leading his team to a top five finish in the nationals.

“The desire is even stronger now because I want to fight this thing and show people I can do the job,” Cornell says.

Hartzog is not surprised by Cornell’s attitude. “That just shows the fighter that he is,” he says.

Wright says Cornell is an inspiration for those around him. “He doesn’t complain or feel sorry for himself. Coach Cornell is extremely courageous,” Wright says. “He is battling this and beating it.”

Cornell is also discovering that his life has come full circle. The compassion he has shown to students throughout his coaching career is being returned to him tenfold. Last year over one hundred of his former student-athletes returned to SIU for a track and field reunion. It was an evening of reminiscing and good-natured ribbing. And, finally, it was a time to pay tribute to Bill Cornell, a man who had once been their coach and who would always be their friend.
Saluki Men

by Greg Scott, Assistant Editor, Southern Alumni

Card Show Brings Back Big Leaguers

By returning to Carbondale for the 1997 Saluki Baseball Sports Memorabilia Show last fall, Aaron Jones was reminded of the reasons why he is toiling in the minor leagues. He was joined by Al Levine, a former Saluki who pitched for his hometown Chicago White Sox before being traded to the Texas Rangers during the off season.

Also making an appearance at the event were Cleveland Indians slugger Jim Thome, who hit 40 home runs for a team that came within one game of winning the World Series, and Kirk Rueter, who was a starting pitcher for the San Francisco Giants.

Jones was a mainstay in the middle of SIU’s lineup in 1996 and 1997. He is currently playing first base in the New York Yankees minor league system. While the minors are a long way from the glamour of the “Big Show,” being around major league stars for a day seemed to inspire Jones.

“ar the big experience (in the minor leagues) for me was just signing autographs. I was just out of college and little kids; sometimes big little kids want your autograph,” Jones says. “But signing autographs with major leaguers is a totally new experience. These guys are where I dream about being someday.”

For the time being, the majors are a dream for Jones. But Jones has discovered what is expected at the big league level. Jones says George Steinbrenner, owner of the New York Yankees, has high expectations of players who wish to carry on the proud Yankee tradition.

“There is a great pride associated with the Yankees,” Jones explains. “George Steinbrenner takes a very active role even at the minor league level. When someone of George Steinbrenner’s magnitude is in town, we definitely feel things better be right. Everybody appreciates that because it makes you play the game with respect and class.”

While his primary goal is to play in Yankee Stadium, Jones says he enjoys playing baseball for a living. “There are negative aspects of it, but when you look at the big picture it’s all positive,” Jones says. “I wake up every day with one concern and that’s playing baseball. It doesn’t get much better than that. I know a lot of people who would trade places with me.”

Levine was Southern’s ace relief pitcher in 1990 and 1991. He was a key member of SIU’s last NCAA-qualifying team, which fashioned a 49-14 record and advanced to the NCAA West I Regional.

“There are a lot of great memories from my days at SIU,” Levine says. “The team members still talk and keep in touch with each other. I think that has a lot to do with the coaching staff at that time. Hopefully, that will continue.”

Levine finished the 1997 season with the White Sox after a stint with Chicago’s top minor league affiliate in Nashville. Levine has been used primarily as a relief pitcher, but was used as a starter early in his career.

“I am more than willing to do whatever I can to help the team,” Levine says. “Once you get a taste of the minor leagues you don’t want to return. I am very positive going into next season because I’ve tasted it and had the experience.”

Thome has experienced the ultimate in baseball as his Cleveland Indians have advanced to the World Series two of the last three years. This past season, the Tribe lost an extra-inning heartbreaker to the Florida Marlins in a thrilling Game 7.

Despite coming up short, Thome enjoyed the World Series atmosphere.

“It’s every kid’s dream not only to be a major league player but to get to the seventh game of the World Series. Basically, the world is watching and you can be a hero or a goat,” Thome says. “We were unfortunate that we couldn’t pull it off, but it was fun and we have a bright future.”

Thome, who was in Carbondale just six days after his team had lost the final game of the World Series, says players do a lot to promote baseball.

“Ball players do things to help out the community and I think it gets overlooked in some sense,” Thome says. “Baseball is starting to get back to the point where people are enjoying it again. Everybody just needs to give a little. That’s important.”

Al Levine (left), an SIU alumnus who currently pitches for the Texas Rangers, catches up with Bob Geary, an alumnus and former teammate.

Saluki Baseball Preview

Sometimes statistics can be deceptive. For instance, the Saluki baseball team set record-setting marks offensively with season-bests last year in home runs (75) and the third most doubles (111) ever hit by a team at Southern. But the team fell below its pre-season expectations with a 23-32 overall mark, including a 13-15 fifth-place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference standings.

The Salukis did start to put things together in the conference tournament, finishing in a third-place tie. SIU coach Dan Callahan, entering his fourth season at the helm, hopes his team can become a factor in the MVC title chase.

Callahan’s 1998 recruiting class was ranked as “The Best of the Rest” by Collegiate Baseball Magazine. Newcomers who could help immediately include third baseman Joe Trigg (Muskegan, Mich.), a key player for Grand Rapids Community College, the JUCO National Champions a year ago; catcher Brian Phelan (Denver, Colo), who is transferring from the University of Arkansas where he played 41 games last year and was a two-year lettermen, and junior shortstop Jon Winter (Waussau, Wis.), transferring from Triton Junior College.

The Salukis have added depth to their pitching staff with juniors Brad Heuring (Evansville, Ind.) and Adam Biggs (Cincinnati, Ohio), Heuring pitched for SIU alumnus Jerry Halstead at John A. Logan College in nearby Carterville, and Biggs was a relief ace at Rend Lake Junior College for Rich Campbell, another former Saluki.
Keeping the Crown at Home

Pressure. It come in all shapes and forms. It can turn advantage into distraction or transform a positive into a negative.

When Southern Illinois University began the 1997 Missouri Valley Conference Swimming and Diving Championships last December, one thing remained constant from previous years. The host Salukis were once again the school to beat for the titles.

Because the Salukis have by far the league’s best facility, the Student Recreation Center, and since no neutral site has been located, Carbondale has become the official home to this annual, three-day event.

“For us, this championship was huge,” he said. “We have many new swimmers and really hadn’t done that well prior to this meet. Mentally they may have been questioning themselves, but this title really got their confidence back. I think everyone on the team grew up a little bit out there this season.”

The women’s victory featured an exciting final day. Beth Ann Erickson paced the Dawgs in the 200 fly (2:08.64), as SIU went 1-2-3-5 to pull ahead of the Redbirds by 54 points with only the 3-meter boards and the 400 free relay remaining. Saluki senior Karla Gerzema, who had set a conference record in the preliminary dives with a 475.53, shattered that with a final score of 481.50, and the Salukis finished second in the 400 free relay to hold off the charging Redbirds 972-954.

The men’s win was never really in doubt as the Dawgs took first in four of the six events on the final day, coasting to the championship crown. Senior Jeff Clark successfully defended his title in the 100 free (45.73), while Liam Weseloh won his second straight 1,650 title (15:49.13), Luke Wotruba claimed the 200 fly (1:53.43) and the 400 free relay won their fourth straight title (3:30.89).

Ardrey’s divers dominated on the boards, with Gerzema named the MVC’s “Female Diver of the Year” and Alex Wright tabbed the league’s “Male Diver of the Year.”

To defend its titles next season, the Salukis will look to focus on a different time of the year. Plans call for the championship to be moved back to the second full weekend in February, making the event a natural lead-in to any NCAA activity.

“When the MVC started sponsoring this championship four years ago, everyone felt that it would eventually move to nearer the end of the full season,” Kluemper said. “Putting it at the end of the season allows us to taper, shave and be at our best.

“Even though we have been successful in the conference championships, we have certainly never been near our best. When that chance occurs, you will hopefully see more NCAA qualifications coming out of that meet.”

Ardrey agrees from the diving standpoint.

“We can train basically for one season if the championships are moved back,” he said. “In the past we have had to train for a championship event in half the time. Now the challenge will be to sustain that kind of mental toughness the entire season.”

Whether in December or in February, the 1999 championships will provide the same location, the same challenges, and the same pressures for the Saluki swimmers and divers.

That’s fine with all the Saluki coaches, including Kluemper, who won MVC “Coach of the Year” honors for his team’s recent title performance. “We did it this season with 14 freshmen, and now they know what it takes to win. That will help us out in the future.”
Your Alma Mater at Your Doorstep

As the admission volunteers coordinator, I consider it important to keep you informed about what our office is doing to continue the Saluki tradition. Previews and open houses are particularly vital to our ongoing efforts to make more prospective students and their families aware of what SIU has to offer them. Even though many of our events, like open houses and previews which are held at on and off campus locations throughout the state, are created for the prospective student, SIU alumni and friends are always welcome. We invite and encourage all of you to come to our events and “catch up” with your alma mater.

A preview is a mini open house. Like an open house, previews offer students convenient “one-stop shopping.” Students can gather information on admissions, financial aid and university housing and even submit an application that day. Many academic units also send representatives to these events.

For alumni and friends of the university, previews provide an ideal opportunity to become reacquainted with what is currently happening and being offered at SIU. If you’ve been interested in becoming involved as an admission volunteer but felt you might not know enough about what has changed at your alma mater, attending a preview will be an ideal way for you to take a quick refresher course.

I’m also very pleased to inform you that prospective students may now apply to SIU on-line. The application may be found at http://salukinet.siu.edu/admit.

I hope we will see you at one of our upcoming previews. Please feel free to bring family and friends with you.

**Upcoming Previews**

- **Saturday, April 18, 1998**
  Schaumburg Embassy Suites
  1939 North Meacham Rd.
  Schaumburg, Ill.
  10 a.m.-4 p.m.

- **Sunday, April 19, 1998**
  James R. Thompson Center
  100 West Randolph St.
  Chicago, Ill. 60601
  10 a.m.-4 p.m.

- **Saturday, April 25, 1998**
  SIU Admissions Reception Center
  Carbondale, Ill.
  10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Upcoming Open Houses**

- **Saturday, Feb. 21, 1998**
  SIU Student Recreation Center
  8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- **Saturday, April 4, 1998**
  SIU Student Center
  8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Lake County

The Lake County Alumni Club organized a reception at Mickey Finn’s restaurant in Libertyville. Left to right, back row, are Charlene Cox ’71, Lake County Alumni Club president, and Dave DePino ’87, and in the front row, Roman Segal ’93 and Dave Griffin ’73.

Jackson County

The Jackson County Alumni Chapter held its annual awards banquet this November in the Student Center. The chapter awarded six scholarships to current students and presented its Service to Southern Illinois Award to Tom Langdon ex42 (shown above).
Windy City Club

The Windy City Salukis Alumni Club hosted a reception at the Burwood Tap in Chicago this October. Among the forty-plus alumni in attendance were, from left to right, Mark Toncray, Steve Warnelis, Laura Israel and Jack Lebovitz.

Announced

The SIU Alumni Association will host its annual baseball outings in Chicago and St. Louis this summer. The Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals will be featured in both matchups. Wrigley Field Day is on May 2 in Chicago. The activities will begin with a pregame reception at the Cubby Bear Lounge. George Loukas '73, owner of the Cubby Bear, will again host this popular event. For more information about Wrigley Field Day, call Remy Billups in SIU's Oak Brook office at (708) 574-7774, extension 4. Also, the Cardinals and Cubs will meet again as the association sponsors its Busch Stadium alumni outing on August 8 in St. Louis. For more information, call Brad Cole in the SIU Alumni Association office at (618) 453-2408.

SIU Alumni Association
Seeks Award Nominations

The SIU Alumni Association presents an Alumni Achievement Award each year at its board of directors’ homecoming luncheon. The award recognizes 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, Colyer Hall, Carbondale, IL 62901-6809.

Los Angeles

Los Angeles alumni met at the LAX Crown Plaza for dinner. From left to right, are Burl Gray '60, M.S. '61, Ph.D. '63, Larry Thies '60, Emeka Okenwa and Marnissi K. Okenwa. Emeka Okenwa is a former Saluki basketball standout and now plays professionally in Europe. Okenwa and his wife, who first met at SIU, live in Los Angeles during the off-season.

SI Yule Party

Forty-one alumni and friends attended the first SI Yule holiday party at Kronie's in Chicago. The party goers donated canned good items to the Greater Chicagoland Food Depository. At the event, from left to right, were: Mike Nitti, Chad Ruback, Chris Durkin and Mark Toncray.

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Women’s Basketball
Alumni, friends and basketball fans attended a pregame reception prior to the Saluki women’s basketball team’s game against Northwestern University. Although SIU lost the game, the fans never lost their enthusiasm. Enjoying the reception at Carmen’s pizza were, from left to right, Charlie Bailey, Silvia Williams, Vera Keel, Robert Keel, Edward Crass, Betty Tucker, Vivian Davis and Noel LeVeaux.

Association HIGHLIGHTS

Alumni Meet in Austin
More than 40 area alumni gathered for a reception in Austin, Texas, this last November. Among those in attendance was Judy Scott ’65, M.S. ’68, a member of the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Central Illinois Chapter Elects New Officers
The Central Illinois Alumni Chapter has elected Mark Sturgell ’83 as president. Todd Henricks ’79, M.S.Ed. ’86, was re-elected as treasurer and new committee chairs were appointed for the Decatur Celebration hot dog booth, the annual golf outing and other chapter special events.

Suburban Cook County
The Suburban Cook County Alumni Club sponsored a gathering at the Charley Horse Eatery and Sports Emporium in Orland Park this fall. Attending were, from left to right, 1993 graduates Wendy Ignatowicz, Lisa Silverman and Kristina Martin.

Sacramento
Nearly 40 alumni and friends met in Sacramento, Calif., for an alumni reception this fall.
Association News

Atlanta
The SIU Alumni Association organized a reception in Atlanta this fall in its effort to develop an alumni chapter in the city. In the above photo, from left to right, are David Bradshaw '73, Donald Bradshaw '75 and Chuck Benson '76. Don and Chuck were student teachers together and had not seen each other for many years until that evening.

San Bernardino
Alumni and friends in San Bernardino, Calif., attended an alumni dinner in October. Above, from left to right, are Dan Kearney, Bob Ridzak and Rod Landon, all radio/television graduates who work for radio stations in the area.

Randolph County
The Randolph County Alumni Chapter hosted a get-together this fall at the Sparta Eagles Club. Above are Chancellor Don Beggs and alumna Frances McKinstry.

Tampa
Saluki fans from throughout Florida met for a pregame reception in Tampa prior to the SIU vs. USF football game. More than 200 alumni and friends attended the event and stayed for the game. They were glad they did. The Salukis won 23-10.

Association Families Eligible For Scholarship

The SIU Alumni Association’s Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarship Fund awards four annual scholarships valued at $1,000 each. Applications, available from the alumni association, must be postmarked by May 30 to be considered.

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

Scholarship criteria include a copy of the student’s financial award letter and three letters of recommendation, one being from the relative who is an SIU Alumni Association member.

Specific academic requirements include:

• New freshmen students must rank in the upper 10 percent of their high school graduating class and be in the top 15 percentile among peers on the ACT exam.
• Enrolled students should have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 and provide a 1997 fall or 1998 spring grade slip.
• Transfer students should have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 for all colleges attended and provide a transcript.

For an application and more information, contact the SIU Alumni Association at (618) 453-2408.
1920s

A letter from a 91-year-old Gertrude Gaines Hopper, who attended SIU from 1925-27, tells us she now lives in Homewood, Ill., where she taught for 29 years. She was a member of Epsilon Beta, Southern's first sorority, for which President Shryock's son Burnett designed the pins. She would love to hear from anyone who remembers those times.

1930s

Marion Allen Harrison '34 has published Ripples, a collection of stories and poems written by her mother. Marion lives in Houston, where she retired after working for the Houston Symphony Magazine for 42 years. She is catching up on her art work, playing the organ and sometimes just doing nothing.

1940s

James E. Price, Sr. '41, a former member of the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors, was recently honored with the Irvin A. Keller Award for his lifelong commitment to high school athletics. Price spent 35 years working with students in St. Louis public schools as a coach, teacher and administrator. He coached basketball at Sumner High School for 15 years.

Peggy D. Baird Boucher Cornelius '47 lives in Peoria where she has been a teacher for 27 years and a research chemist. She attended UCLA, Knox College, University of Illinois, and Bradley. She attends university classes, travels and volunteers.

Art Barnard '47 lives in Wayne City, where he was in the cattle, grain and used car businesses and for 25 years owned and operated a livestock auction market. He is semi-retired and has kept up friendships with fellow students and faculty members. His wife Harriet died in December 1996.

M. Fidella Doolin '47 has been a fixture on the SIU campus since 1942, retiring in 1990 as assistant director of general accounting. She received the first SIU Civil Service Award. She was instrumental in designing and implementing five accounting systems. She now spends time in Texas and Arizona with her sister, Fontella Doolin Lee '43, and her children and grandchildren.

Evelyn Hubler Magill '47 earned a master's degree from Indiana State and became a teacher. She and her husband Robert live in Palestine, Ill., where she has held several offices in the Crawford County retired teachers organization and served as a township trustee and a Presbyterian elder. She belongs to several social clubs, travels, and spends winters in Florida.

Dorothy Louise Logan Cripps '47, who also attended the University of California, taught foreign languages in secondary schools. Her son Edward also attended SIU. A widow, she lives in Algonquin, Ill.

William E. O'Brien '47 served as a colonel in the Marines and was a professor of recreation at SIU, where he received the first Lindell Sturgis Award from the SIU Board of Trustees and a Teacher of the Year Award from the College of Education. For many years, he was a National Football League official. He has been a fundraiser for Easter Seals, and enjoys golf and word search. Bill and his wife LaVerne live in Carbondale.

Charlene M. Sprankel '47 attended the Illinois Institute of Technology, Northwestern University, and the University of Illinois, where she earned her M.S. She was a math teacher and assisted in revising the textbook Elementary Algebra. Lately, she participates in professional organizations, plays piano for various groups, works for her church, and travels.

Mike Trbovich '42, '47 joined the Navy in 1942 as a radar officer in the Pacific. After the Okinawa campaign, he served as Supervisor of Navy Radar Training Schools until he was released, as a lieutenant commander. He has worked for the Naval Research Laboratory and several high-profile firms that design and manufacture electrical system controls for commercial and military planes and space vehicles, including the shuttle. He has published several articles about aircraft electrical systems, and he has received numerous Chairman's Outstanding Performance Awards. He travels, reads, and plays bridge, golf and cribbage.

1950s

Kathleen Nelson '53, CFRE, of Ponte Vedra Beach has been appointed the director of development for Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla.

The American Geological Institute has presented the William H. Heroy Jr. Award to William L. Fisher '54, who is credited with developing new approaches for assessing domestic oil and gas resources and was named director of the Bureau of Economic Geology and state geologist of Texas in 1970. After nearly 25 years in that position, he served as assistant secretary of energy and minerals at the U.S. Department of the Interior. He continues to teach geological sciences at the University of Texas at Austin, where he holds the Leonidas T. Barrow Centennial Chair in Mineral Resources.

1960s

John Zakarian '61 has been named vice president of The Courant of Hartford, Conn. He is a prize-winning editorial writer and a veteran reporter. He has been an associate editor of the Boston Herald-Traveler and a member of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch editorial board. He has won several national awards for writing excellence.

Jerry J. Cummins '62, M.S.'63 received the Distinguished Life Member Award from the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics in October.

He has been Mathematics/Science Division chair at Lyons Township High School in La Grange. He is author of one of the nation's best-selling high school geometry texts. He and his wife, Susan Easterday Cummins '62, M.S.'63, live in Western Springs, Ill., where she is a first-grade teacher.

After receiving his degree, Harold F. Smith Ph.D.'63 returned to Park College in Missouri as library director, a position he filled for 26 years until he retired in 1990. Recently, he has been named to the board of the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia.

Raymie McKerrow '66, a professor at Ohio University, has been elected second vice president of the National Communication Association. McKerrow was previously on the faculty of the University of Maine for almost 20 years.

American Cyanamid has awarded its top sales honor, the 1997 Circle of Excellence Award, to Ronald L. Jensen '66, a senior crop protection
products representative in the Lansing district. He has been with the company for two decades and twice earned the President’s Club Award. He and his wife live in Spring Lake, Mich.

College of Charleston political science professor William V. Moore ’66, M.A.’68 has been named the 1997 Governor’s Professor of the Year for South Carolina’s four-year public universities. A Carbondale native, he is the son of Dr. Willis Moore, who was the chair of the SIU philosophy department. Moore, who has been at Charleston for 25 years, received the college’s Distinguished Teacher Award and serves as the NCAA faculty athletic representative, academic adviser to the men’s and women’s basketball teams and public address announcer for the men’s games.

Carolyn Fornear Stubblefield ’66, M.S.Ed.’94 is education coordinator at the Kenneth Martin Center in Mt.Vernon, Ill., where she oversees Head Start and pre-kindergarten programs as well as home-based and satellite-based education programs for at-risk and special needs children, ages three to five years old. She lives in Mt. Vernon with her husband, Richard Stubblefield ’66, M.S.’71.

Documentary journalist Nick Del Calzo ’67 has produced an exhibit of portraits of Holocaust survivors, their stories, and their messages of hope and compassion. Del Calzo, son of Italian immigrant parents, was in Europe documenting his family when he was moved, by a visit to Dachau, to produce a series of elegant portraits of 145 Americans who survived the camps. His book, The Triumphant Spirit, published in 1997, has received glowing reviews.

CNN named it Book of the Week in May, and CBS Sunday Morning featured a story about the book in May.

Ted Flickinger ’68, M.S.Ed.’69, executive director of the Illinois Association of Park Districts, has been elected president-elect of the National Recreation and Park Association’s Board of Trustees.

Leonard Earl Johnson ’69 has the key to the city of New Orleans (which he wears dangling from his earring—he doesn’t have a watch fob). The key came with a proclamation from the city council for his efforts in passage of the Louisiana Hate Crimes Bill. In 1995, he wrote a cover story for Gambit Weekly—"Murder by Hate Crime"—chronicling the trials and conviction of four thugs who stabbed a young Mississippi man they thought was gay.

Deborah Livingston-White ’68, M.S.Ed.’71 is the vice president of International Consultants, a company that provides motivational programs, consultation and training in the areas of self-esteem, goal setting and transitional life-planning. Livingston-White conducts many seminars with special attention to persons with physical and mental challenges.

Max McDaniel ’69, a chemist with Phillips Petroleum Research Center in Bartlesville, Okla., is the recipient of the 1997 American Chemical Society’s Southwest Region Award. He was given a trophy and a $1,500 cash prize, which he donated to local science education.

McDaniel, who works with the polyethylene catalyst and resin program, joined Phillips in 1975.

Robbin Kirkland
M.S.Ed.’71 has been named the new faculty/curriculum development coordinator for the Centers for Osteopathic Regional Education (CORE) System. Kirkland earned his doctorate from Ohio State University and was previously the employee/labor relations manager for the OSU Medical Center. He has been assigned to CORE’s central site at Doctors Hospital in Columbus.

Alice Morris Sutton ’71, M.S.Ed.’75, Ph.D.’96 joined the University of Southern Indiana School of Education and Human Services in the fall semester of 1997 as an instructor in education. A native of Norris City, she taught at Belle Rive and Ridgway. She has been principal and assistant director of special education in McLeansboro since 1993.

Ken Davis ’74, who has been employed by Amway Corp. for 18 years, has been promoted to director of global operations and sales for the 1998 Southwest Region. He serves as the NCAA faculty athletic representative, academic adviser to the men’s and women’s basketball teams and public address announcer for the men’s games.

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distribution corporate services, which includes inventory and catalog, as well as administration and assistance of distribution in Amway affiliate markets. Davis, originally from Carlyle, Ill., lives with his family in Caledonia, Mich.  

Michael Given '74 joined the School of Liberal Arts faculty of the University of Southern Indiana in the fall semester of 1997 as an instructor of English. 

ShopKo Stores, Inc., has named Phyllis J. Proffer '74 vice president for strategic planning and investor relations of the 130-store retail chain and healthcare benefit and information technology company. She has held similar positions with Apple South, Inc., and Brush Wellman, Inc.  

Janet Scarpone M.S.'76 has developed two series of educational videotapes and workbooks for adult students. The series were specifically developed for adult students seeking to earn their general equivalency diplomas or take other tests for job advancement. Her work recently earned her the honor of the 1997 CALCO Excellence in Teaching Award. Scarpone lives in Solana Beach, Calif. 

A 21-year veteran of federal wildlife law enforcement, Kevin Adams '77 has been named chief of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Law Enforcement. A native of Shawneetown, he has served most recently as special agent in charge of the division's Branch of Special Operations, which conducts undercover investigations of large-scale trade in protected wildlife, managing operations in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma. He and his wife Carol, an education specialist with the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, W.Va., have two children, both in college. 

Donna Boelter '77 is the vice president in the loan review department of ABN AMRO North America, Inc., the bank holding company of the LaSalle Bank in Chicago. 

Dianne B. O'Brien Ph.D.'77, professor of health, physical education and recreation at Murray State University, and James Overby, retired general counsel for MSU, recently wrote a textbook, Legal Aspects of Sport Entrepreneurship. O'Brien frequently speaks on topics related to sports law. She has won several national awards and has served as state president of the Kentucky Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. 

Rochelle Bridges '77, who won two Emmy Awards, and anchored the Today in Florida morning news show, died on October 15, 1997, of pneumonia. She grew up in Gary, Ind., and worked in Milwaukee and Baltimore before moving to Florida, where she also appeared on two syndicated shows and received a journalism
excellence award from the National Association of Black Journalists for a series about sanitation workers. She is survived by her husband Bill.

Bill Lapp '79 has been promoted to director of economic research for ConAgra, where he has worked since 1985. Lapp, who lives in Omaha, Neb., is a past president of YMCA and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Midlands.

Valeri DeCastris '79, M.S.'86 has returned to live in her hometown, Rockford, Ill. She is the executive director of SWIFTT, Inc., Southwest Ideas for Today and Tomorrow, a local economic and community development organization. She is also a water quality specialist and sales associate for U.S. Filter Corporation, the world's largest water treatment company. She is vice president and serving her third term on the Citizens Utility Board (CUB), representing the 16th Congressional District and is active in various service and political organizations in Rockford.

1980s

Sandi Britt Schmidt '80 was recently elected president of the Tesseract User Group. She is employed by Deere & Company in Moline, Ill. She and her husband, Martin C. Schmidt '79, live in Silvis, Ill., with their two sons.

Attorney Michael D. Murphy '81, a specialist in telecommunications law with an emphasis on litigation and transactional matters, has become a shareholder of the Denver law firm Haligman and Lottner, P.C. He represents radio and television broadcast stations, cable systems, telephone companies, wireless systems and developers of emerging and new technologies.

Lynn Otterson '81 is the director of the Women's Center at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Michael R. Gulledge '82 is publisher of the Decatur Herald & Review newspaper. He lives in Forsyth, Ill., with his wife Susan.

Richard A. Navarre '82 has been named president of Peabody Energy Solutions, Inc., a subsidiary of Peabody COALSALES company headquartered in St. Louis, and senior vice president of Peabody COALSALES. He will work with Citizens Power to help utility customers move to a more competitive electricity market.

Joe Ziolk '82, a freelance photographer and part-time teacher in Chicago, writes that his second book, Pressure, has recently been published.

In September, American Steel Foundries, a division of Amsted Industries in Chicago, named David J. Jarvis '84 manager of highway truck engineering. Jarvis lives in Chicago.

Rich Dwyer '84 has been promoted to vice president of sales-west for Kent Feeds, Inc.

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Chief

Master

Sergeant

Meredith Hauptmann '86 recently retired from the U.S. Air Force Medical Service after 21 years of active duty. Official retirement ceremonies were held at Andrews AFB. He is currently a licensed realtor in Olney, Mich., where he lives with his wife and daughter.

Petty Officer 1st Class Jack D. Hills '86 has been promoted to his current rank while serving at Naval Submarine School, Groton Conn.

In November, McKendree College professor Michele Stacey-Doyle Ph.D.'86 presented a paper at the National Collegiate Honors Council conference in San Francisco and was appointed upper Midwest representative to the Small College Honors Program Committee of NCHC. She is an associate professor of English and director of the McKendree College Honors Program.

William Prevo '89, a graduate resident in the U.S. Army-Baylor University master's in health care administration program, was recently advanced to diplomate status in the American College of Health Care Executives and is a certified health care executive. Upon completing his master's degree, Prevo will transfer to the Naval Medical Clinic in London for a three-year tour of duty.

In June 1997, Robert L. Rich '89 was named senior president of Downstream Business and a member of the management committee of Exxon Company, U.S.A. He joined Exxon in 1965, has served in various departments in the states and Europe, and is on the board of the European Petroleum Industry Association. He is a native of Anna, Ill.

Eric "RICK" Radliff '89 has received American Cyanamid's top sales honor, the 1997 Circle of Excellence Award. He also earned that award and the President's Club Award in 1992. He joined the company in 1991 and is district sales manager for the Lansing District in the crop protection products department. He is married and has two children.

1990s

Michael "Mickey" Maule '90 reports that after graduation he played for three years on the professional satellite and challenger tennis tour. He then served as assistant coach at Northwestern and now is head coach at Northern Illinois. His team has won the MCC the past two years and is ranked in the top ten in the Midwest.

Diane R. Compardo '91, M.Acc.'92, CPA, has joined the St. Louis firm of Moneta Group Inc. as a financial planning consultant.

Gail Otterson '91 is the program chair of Interior Design at Ivy Technical State College. She lives with her two sons in Evansville, Ind.
Amy Van Patten Ofenbeck '92, formerly a news anchor for WSIL-TV in Carterville, currently works as a news anchor/reporter at WZN-TV in Ft. Myers, Fla. Last summer, she suffered a brain aneurysm and had two brain surgeries. She still experiences some physical limitations. Her husband, Todd Ofenbeck '92, is employed at Waterman Broadcasting as assistant chief photographer.

Richard E. Parks '92, M.S.'96 works in the Murphysboro office of the St. Louis District Dairy Council, Illinois Division. In 1996, he successfully completed the national registration exam for registered dietitians, and has been chosen to represent the Illinois Dietetic Association as a media spokesperson for the Carbondale area. He lives in De Soto with his wife Sherry and two sons.

Katie Meier, the widow of Matt Meier '92, who died in 1996, writes that United Airlines has honored Matt by painting his name on a Boeing 737, plane number 9933. Last March, a crew of SIU alumni flew "Matt's plane" to SIU, transporting a group of high school students and SIU alumni to Carbondale to spend the day learning more about the university's aviation programs. A pin oak tree and memorial stone were also dedicated at McAndrew Stadium during a football game last season.

A study by Alfredo Montalvo Ph.D.'93 reported in the October 1997 issue of Crime and Delinquency, suggests that aggressive law enforcement practices may not be effective against drug crimes, but may instead be responsible for increase in violent crimes. His study, "Crime in Puerto Rico: Drug Trafficking, Money Laundering, and the Poor," looks at three major Puerto Rican law enforcement operations and at policy implications of anti-crime operations.

Katie Ahrens '94 is working in the Intercollegiate Athletic Department at Northern Illinois University as compliance coordinator, overseeing the compliance and eligibility for the 17 men's and women's sports.

Brian T. Cady '90, M.D.'94 has joined the River Valley Healthcare group medical practice in Rock Island, Iowa, specializing in internal medicine.

Teri Lynn Carlock '94 recently joined Bader Rutter, a full-service marketing communications agency, as a senior writer for the agency's public relations group.

Sauvik Ghosh M.S.'95, M.B.A.'96, M.Acc.'97, now a programmer/analyst for M&I Data Services in Brown Deer, Wis., is the Student Highest Achievement Award winner for the May 1997 Certified Internal Auditor examination. He earned this award for the highest overall score of any student on the four-part exam, which was given in May to over 2,300 candidates at 172 sites in 36 countries.

Joe Fulton Ph.D.'95 is the author of Mark Twain's Ethical Realism: The Aesthetics of Race, Class, and Gender, a book recently published by University of Missouri Press. Fulton is an assistant professor of English at Dalton College in Georgia.

Gail Phibbin M.F.A.'97 has been hired as program manager for the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts in Grand Rapids, Mich. She has a decade of experience as a publicist and writer for a variety of non-profit organizations in the Chicago area, including the Center for Black Music Research, Columbia College Chicago, and The Nature Conservancy.

Susan Douglas '71, M.S.Ed.'93 has received funding from the ISBE to pursue National Board certification. She is a kindergarten teacher at Lincoln School in Murphysboro Unit 186.

The admission process has been made easier and more expeditious with a new web application. Prospective students can now complete the application on-line and submit it electronically.

The application is located at http://salukinet.siu.edu/admit.
The classroom was missing several ceiling tiles; other tiles drooped or were permanently water stained from a pipe that had leaked years before. The building was in general disrepair, evidence of cutbacks in both funding and personnel. The classroom, one of several in the deteriorating building, was seldom used during the week. On weekends, however, the room was filled over capacity with students whose faces revealed the wear of jobs characterized by both monotony and panic.

This is the other SIU.

These students have never seen the magnolia tree in front of Morris Library, nor have they stolen any romantic moments on Campus Lake. They have never attended a basketball or football game on campus. Few have ever seen the rolling hills of southern Illinois.

As a group, they tend to be older than students on campus. As a rule, they hold enormous job-related responsibilities. They are separated not just from SIU but from most Americans.

Still, although they have never been to SIU’s Carbondale campus, they have no less Saluki Pride.

These SIU students are the men and women of the armed forces who attend SIU at military bases around the nation. I was one of those students. I chose SIU because SIU sends out teachers from the main campus, unlike other colleges that hold classes on military installations. We received the same training at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego, Calif., that students did in Carbondale. That kind of education takes a special commitment from students, the off-campus staff, the teachers who spend their weekends teaching in distant places away from their families, and from the sponsoring institution.

Teaching active duty military students can be both unique and challenging. I remember receiving a telephone call while attending a weekend class. An hour later I was on a plane headed for the Persian Gulf. I didn’t even have time to tell my instructors that I was leaving or that I would not be back for at least six months. Another semester with unearned credits! From the time I first entered a college until I graduated from SIU, 25 years had passed. For several years, it seemed that every time I entered a college classroom, I ended up somewhere else in a troubled world.

I was pleased to see that SIU Alumni Association President Michael Carr’s article in the fall 1997 edition of Southern Alumni made mention of the hundreds of off-campus students who attend SIU on military bases around the country. These military students lead incredibly busy lives and yet still strive to acquire a quality education. The dedication of SIU faculty and the interpersonal relationships that develop between teachers, staff and students will last a lifetime.

One day I hope to visit SIU at Carbondale. Until then, I have retired from naval service and am now the director of a state disaster services agency—thanks, in part, to my degree from SIU which allowed me to be more competitive in the job market.
Growing up as the daughter of two teachers, Nancy Gonzenbach, an associate professor in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, says she had little doubt what direction she would eventually take in her career.

Gonzenbach’s mother, Joan Martin, is a retired professor who taught English for 37 years at SIU. Her father, Reid, was a longtime teacher, coach, athletic director and superintendent at Carbondale Community High School.

While Joan Martin was pleased with her daughter’s interest, she didn’t try to push her into a teaching career. “I didn’t necessarily expect Nancy to become a teacher. It was her decision,” Joan says.

The pride Martin and Gonzenbach take in the teaching profession has enabled them to form an even closer bond. Martin, who retired in 1993, continues to be a valuable resource for her daughter. “She has a full understanding of what it’s like to be a teacher. I think that makes our relationship stronger and even more special than normal,” Gonzenbach observes.

Martin says: “We have an appreciation for what each other has done. But we have always been very close.”

Gonzenbach’s career took an interesting turn away from teaching after she graduated from Southern in 1974 with a degree in business education.

Her first job was as a secretary at the SIU Alumni Association. Gonzenbach went on to do legal work for local attorneys and spent seven years as a secretary in SIU’s School of Law. Gonzenbach eventually realized, however, that she needed a change. She decided to accept a graduate assistantship in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

“I was trying to get my feet wet and see whether or not I liked teaching,” she says. “Once I got into teaching, I didn’t want to get out of it.”

“Look at each student individually and care about whether or not they learn,” Gonzenbach says. “They may not have the same potential or start at the same point. But they all have potential. When you want them to achieve, they achieve a lot more.”

Gonzenbach followed suit. “Some teachers say they are not in it for that. They are paid to teach and that’s all they do,” Martin says. “They tell us that we don’t pamper them, especially when it comes to grades. We just want to guide and help them.”

Gonzenbach feels being a role model for students is integral to her responsibilities.

“If I fly into that classroom 10 minutes late, how can I expect my students to be on time? If I go in and just read the chapter, how can I expect them to go home and do homework and learn?” she asks. “I have to set an example or I can’t expect them to give me their best.”

Both mother and daughter have been honored for their dedication on several occasions. Martin was selected as the 1987 AMOCO Foundation Outstanding Teacher, a university-wide award recommended by students and colleagues. She was also nominated for the College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teacher Award four times (1976, 1977, 1980, 1986) by students and peers.

Gonzenbach was the state’s first recipient of the Illinois Business Education Association Teacher/Administrator of the Year award in 1996. She was also named the 1996 Southern Illinois Business Education Association Teacher of the Year honor and the 1992 Teacher of the Year award in her college.

Gonzenbach and Martin’s passion for teaching appears to have influenced another family member. Gonzenbach’s daughter Amy, an athletic training major at Southern, plans to earn a master’s degree and doctorate in physical therapy, which will allow her to work in the clinical setting—and to teach. 

—Greg Scott
ALUMNI DEATHS

RIEKE, Evelyn D., '22
Ottawa, Ill.

HOFFNER, E. Glenn, ex28
11/27/97, Dongola, Ill.

CARSON, Raymond, '29, '31
7/30/97, Harlingen, Texas

WARD, Luvica, '29, '49
10/17/97, Herrin, Ill.

HODGES, Helen Lee Milburn, ex30, 11/10/97, New Burnside, Ill.

ETHERTON, Wayne, '31, '34
8/29/97, Dongola, Ill.

ELDER, Maurine, '32, '39;
M.S. '47, 4/17/97, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

WALLER, Delbert A., '32, '39;
M.S.Ed. '50, 11/10/97, Herrin, Ill.

MILLER, Leota Lorene, ex35
11/28/97, Knoxville, Tenn.

GREEN, Harold E., '36
10/17/97, Algonquin, Ill.

BANES, Dr. Fred W., '40
9/23/97, Sun City, Ariz.

CASPER, Dr. H. Russell, ex40
11/14/97, Anna, Ill.

HAYS, Ramona (Polson), ex40
6/1/97, Sarasota, Fla.

BURNETT, Edna, ex42
6/6/97, Cottage Hills, Ill.

HOLLIS, Cecil R., ex42
8/27/97, Carbondale, Ill.

ETHERTON, Kenneth Angel, ex44
12/1/97, Camdenton, Mo.

TROTTER, Jack K., ex45
9/11/97, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

BULLINGTON, Emma Welch, '47;
M.A. '50, 10/18/97, Carbondale, Ill.

GARRETT, Katherine, ex47
6/6/97, McAllen, Texas

FERKETCH, William H., '48;
M.S.Ed. '59, 11/13/97, Zeigler, Ill.

ENRIETTO, Robert P., '49;
M.S.Ed. '50, 10/21/97, Lehigh Acres, Fla.

MORRIS, Donald Lloyd, '49
10/12/97, San Antonio, Texas

DALE, Paul G., '50
12/2/97, West Frankfort, Ill.

WOODROME, James R., ex51
11/4/97, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

MANGIS, Helen L., '52
11/19/97, Ridgway, Ill.

COPPLE, Kenneth E., '53;
M.S.Ed. '55, 11/28/97, Dix, Ill.

NORDBERG, Gerald A., '53;
M.S.Ed. '63, 11/30/87, Cheney, Wash.

RIESS, Donald W., '53
11/2/97, Marissa, Ill.

WELCH, Rev. John F., '55
11/19/97, Sparta, Ill.

BEARD, Peggy Lanton, '56
9/6/97, Cleveland, Ohio

HUNSAKER, Frances S., '57
9/21/97, Belleville, Ill.

KAYTOR, James, '57
11/24/97, West Frankfort, II

KLEIN, William R., '57
7/8/97, Alton, Ill.

MILES, Roland "Ron" D., '57
10/3/97, Sparta, Ill.

SUMMARY, Col. Robert Joseph,
'57, 11/6/97, Carterville, Ill.

JAMES, Jannie G. (Mausey), '58
8/5/95, Herrin, Ill.

MCHATTON, James W., '58
9/6/97, Kinnmundy, Ill.

WOHLWEND, Irene L., '58
10/11/97, Marion, Ill.

DAVIS, Sammie James, ex59
11/7/97, Manteno, Ill.

CHELIN, Dale V., '67
5/31/97, Carterville, Ill.

JONES, Bryan A., '61
10/13/97, Schaumburg, Ill.

JOHNSON, Dr. George Edward,
'62; M.S.Ed. '65; Ph.D. '74,
10/27/97, Marion, Ill.

RODOCKER, Sceva, '63
10/18/97, Carrier Mills, Ill.

WESTER, Julianne (Chenoweth), '63
7/7/97, Crystal Lake, Ill.

KREBS, John T., '65
10/19/97, Houston, Texas

LEWIS, Adrian L., '65
7/14/97, Braselton, Ga.

LYNCH, Otilia M., M.S.Ed. '65
11/1/97, Marion, Ill.

MALINA, James S., M.S. '67
11/30/97, Trenton, Ill.

SUMMERS, Mary Freda, '67
11/25/97, Benton, Ill.

ANDERSON, Barbara L. "Bobbie,
'68, 4/17/97, Marion, Ill.

HINDMAN, Gary W., '68
12/1/97, Plano, Texas

HUTSON, Marilyn Kay, '68
9/2/97, Carrier Mills, Ill.

MUELLER, Siegfried G., Ph.D. '68
6/10/97, Wilmette, Ill.

Caldwell, Terry Lee, '69;
M.A. '74, 7/7/97, Harrisburg, Ill.

WESTRAY, Roy "Dean," '72
11/24/97, Benton, Ill.

TROUTT, Steve A., '74
5/31/97, Sandoval, Ill.

HARRIS, Midge, '76
10/21/97, Carrier Mills, Ill.

BRIDGES, Rochelle, '77
10/15/97, Miami, Fla.

MENEES, William "Bill," '77
5/21/97, Herrin, Ill.

WELLE, Peter Robert, '80;
M.S. '82; M.S.W. '94, 11/17/97,
metter, Ga.

HAULE, Dr. John James, Ph.D. '84
Austin, Texas

HEHL, Erin, '86
10/30/97, Chicago, Ill.

PRINCE, Joseph F., '87
8/21/97, San Angelo, Texas

MALONEY, Vicki Jean, '88
9/5/97, Eldorado, Ill.

BAKER, William E., '89
11/11/97, Richview, Ill.

ROBINSON, John M., M.A.C.C. '89
12/6/97, Johnston City, Ill.

PHENEGAR, William P., '92
7/23/97, Bolingbrook, Ill.

STAFFORD, Donna L., '94
Chicago, Ill.

TOCCI, Joseph R., '95
Midlothian, Ill.

FATUR, Joseph A., student
12/6/97, Makanda, Ill.

Faculty & Staff

ARMSTRONG, Julius P. "J.P.,"
Retired Civil Service, 6/28/97,
Chicago, Ill.

BRADFIELD, Luther E., Professor Emeritus of Education, 10/17/97,
Carbondale, Ill.

BULLAR, Lloyd E., Retired Civil Service, 6/4/97, De Soto, Ill.

CARRIER, Neil A., Professor Emeritus of Psychology, 11/21/97,
Carbondale, Ill.

DAUGHERTY, Elza, Professor Emeritus of Music, 11/6/97,
Greeley, Colo.

HADLEY, Elbert H., Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, 11/20/97,

HARRIS, Steven C., '74, Accountant, Student Development,
11/25/97, Alto Pass, Ill.

Hudson, Bob, Retired Civil Service, 6/30/97, Carbondale, Ill.

HUNZIKER, David Allen, Retired SIU Service Police Department,
10/30/97, Murphysboro, Ill.

LOYD, Sherman R., Retired Civil Service, 10/20/97, Marion, Ill.

SCHWEBEL, Charles, Retired Civil Service, 11/17/97,
Steeleville, Ill.

SNIDER, Jr., Rex Rayburn,
Retired Civil Service, 9/29/97,
Herst, Ill.

STANLEY, John L., Retired Civil Service, 10/12/97, Carbondale, Ill.
New Association Partners

The Carbondale Ramada Inn Limited, a brand new lodging facility, is offering a discount for SIU Alumni Association members. Overnights on Friday and Saturday will be discounted at 10%.

Sunday through Thursday at 15%. Call 618-351-6611 or 1-800-2-RAMADA for reservations.

Mastercard, located in the Carbondale University Mall, is now discounting their haircuts by $1 for association members. If you are a member wanting great coffee, tea, wine, fruit juices and Italian sodas, make time to stop by Mélange and take 10% off your bill! Visit them at 607 S. Illinois Avenue.

Midwest Internet will waive their start-up fee of $30 for association members. Their internet services are available in Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee. Call 1-800-651-1599 for details.

Membership Benefits Abound

- Quarterly issues of Southern Alumni
- Discounts on association-sponsored events held nationwide
- University Bookstore discount (mail-order available) on SIU imprinted apparel
- Nationwide Choice Hotel discounts up to 15% to participating Clarion Inn, Comfort Inn, Quality Inn, Friendship Inn, Econo-Lodge, Rodeway Inn and Sleep Inn locations
- Six Flags Amusement Parks nationwide discounts
- Auto rental discounts (Alamo, Avis, Budget, Hertz and National)
- European Auto, Air and Hotel discounts through destinations
- Nationwide dining discounts at more than 7,000 locations through Transmedia Network
- Midwest Internet start-up fee waived ($30 value)
- SkillSearch (career networking company) membership eligibility
- SIU Credit Union membership eligibility
- SIU Alumni Association decals

Look for SIU Apparel on the Association’s Web Page

Take a look at the merchandise listed on the association’s website—www.siu.edu/ — for SIU Alumni customers. An order form can be downloaded and mailed or faxed. Life members receive a 20% discount and annual members a 15% discount.

Look for the Discount Decal

Members residing in the Carbondale area, or members visiting, have an additional way to determine if a particular business is a discount partner with the SIU Alumni Association. A discount partner decal was recently designed and distributed to discount partners. Since the benefits list is frequently changing, the association wanted to find a way to let members know who our discount partners are. Remember to look for the decal on the front door or window!

Lost Life Members

If you can provide us with any information on the following "lost" life members, please contact Sheri House, assistant director-member services, at (618) 453-2408, sdhouse@siu.edu, or by fax at (618) 453-1286.

Mildred E. Creolin
Earl R. Doty ’55, Education
Kelly Allan Dunmore ’34, Liberal Arts
Svanash Fasulli ’74, Mathematics
Hazel Joyce Freeman
Phyllis Gaskill ’52, Home Economics
Willis Hartman ’51, Business and Administration
Shirley T. Herschman
Monte J. Houghton ’34
Clarke Kriston ’30, Education
Joyce McCormack
Jim Yaeda ’91
James Summers ’61, Economics
Alva G. Taylor ’72, Biological Science
William C. Walker ’69, Accounting

Colleges Active in Membership Recruitment

Compared to a year ago, most colleges have increased the overall percentage of alumni who hold membership in the SIU Alumni Association by at least one percent. These colleges include Agriculture, Applied Sciences and Arts, Business and Administration, Mass Communication and Media Arts, Engineering and Science. The School of Social Work (now a part of the College of Education) has also seen an improvement. At the end of 1997, Business and Administration ranked first with 11%; Science ranked second at 10%; Agriculture, third at 9%. In a three-way tie for fourth place, with 8% each, were Education, Liberal Arts and Mass Communication and Media Arts. In some way, each of these colleges worked with the SIU Alumni Association to conduct membership recruitment efforts in 1997 to better their percentage and increase the colleges’ earnings from membership dues. Colleges which specifically recruit new members receive 10% of a member’s dues and the standard portion of dues which are shared with colleges. During 1997, colleges who made an effort all year long to invite more graduating seniors to join the association include Agriculture, Mass Communication and Media Arts, Engineering and Science.

Seth T. Adams
Nancy J. Aldridge
Helze M. Allen
Jim M. Andro
John Leonard Baker
John Battau
Christina A. & Michael B. Bel.mycken
Glen R. Bell
John P. & Joy Boyce
John Raymond Boldan, Jr.
James L. Brown
Robin L. & Timothy J. Budar
William R. Caldwell, Sr.
Keith Caramazza
Robert A. Chamberlin
Phyllis Clark
Rodney Clark
John A. & Kay M. Clan
Michael R. D’Aulis
Joseph C. D’Ambrosio
John C. Davis, Jr.
Connie J. Day
Stephen Blake Deniston
Joseph M. DeWane
Ann Marie Deter
Scott G. Deuser
Tadens J. Devickers, Jr.
Catherine L. Dwelley
William J. Doyle
Beth L. & Kenneth M. Drozdek
Julie & Todd A. Dunstorf
Dwight M. Durbar
Gary A. Durante
Gladys K. Eado
Elizabeth A. Easter-Melby & J. Melby
Takashi Ebe
Nancy L. & Neil C. Ebersold
Norman Jean Faust
Mary & Stanley W. Feiss
Karen Ferguson
Andrew F. & Lisa Felderbank
Therese Eugene Fisher
Rickie A. Fitchett
James E. Gaumer
Gregory S. Giachetto
Diane Goeden
Charles S. Greenberg
Chris G. Haake
Kenneth Lee Hammond
James Wm. Hartline, Jr.
James Michael & Susan L. Hawkinson
Georgeann S. & John C. Headerson
Richard A. Herlo, Jr.
Joseph J. Hill
Debra J. Hoffman
Stephen O. Hoffman
Dale A. Holmer
Stuart A. Hynan
Linda B. & Richard J. Heyman
Richard F. Hypan
Pamela R. Irvine
David L. & Patricia S. Jowell
Garry B. Johnson
Stephen K. Jergens
Scott W. Krueger
James H. Kiffin, Ill
Adam C. Knowton
Beverly & Lawrence W. Knight
Sven E. Koman
Daniel M. & Mary Kathleen Koos
Lance C. Koos
Karen C. Kunkel
Donna M. LaMacata
Jill L. LaVati
Josie K. Lawhead
Mary Jane Lewis
Evelyn E. Machol
Oscar W. Martin
Hilbert Martin
Takeshi Masamatsu
Marion L. McKinney
Don & Susan J. Meyer
Ruth Ann & Michael McKean
Gary Todd & Nancy Miller
Tad M. Miller
James A. & Pamela G. Moten
Bill L. & Terry A. Mohamed
Candy Renee & Michael D. Moorhy
Carol A. Morris
Michael J. Molineau
Roger Stewart Morah
Amy Novara Murphy
Patricia L. O'Boyle
LaVerne & William E. O'Brien

New SIU Alumni Association Life Members

The SIU Alumni Association is pleased to acknowledge the following alumni and friends who between July 1, 1997, and December 31, 1997, chose to demonstrate their commitment through life membership in the association.

Sheri House
Assistant Director, Member Services

Masters & Scott Olexson
Stephen Michael Parker
Theodore Robert Pilger
Gregory A. Piad
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Membership Matters

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# ALUMNI CALENDAR

## MARCH

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<td>SIU Baseball vs. Notre Dame, pregame picnic sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association, San Antonio, Texas. Call Brad Cole at (618) 453-2408, for more information.</td>
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For more information on Saluki Athletics, please call (618) 453-7236 or check out the Saluki Athletics homepage at [www.siu.edu/~athletic](http://www.siu.edu/~athletic).

For more information on Shryock Auditorium events, please call the box office at (618) 453-2787.

For more information on the Ancient Legacies programs, please contact Thomas Saville, Study Abroad Programs, (618) 453-7670 or by e-mail at studyabr@siu.edu.

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<td>Rickert-Ziebold Trust Awards Exhibit, University Museum</td>
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<td>David Westfall, piano, Shryock Auditorium, 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>23</td>
<td>Saluki Baseball Fundraiser, Forty-Niner Lounge, Springfield, Ill., 5 p.m. The event is being hosted by John Bohan '70, owner of the Forty-Niner Lounge. Saluki Baseball Coach Dan Callahan will be in attendance. For more information, contact the Forty-Niner at (217) 787-4937 or you can call the Saluki baseball office at (618) 453-2802.</td>
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Board of Directors Ballot

Place an "x" in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you want to vote. If you are the sole member of your household who is an SIU Alumni Association member, use the box marked "A." If there is a second association member in your household, he or she should vote using the box marked "B."

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Directors for Re-election

A  B  

☐ ☐ Gary Roberts '66, Mount Zion, Ill.

Election for Directors-at-large

A  B  
☐ ☐ Mary Roe '65, M.S.Ed. '66, Pinckneyville, Ill., Life Member

☐ ☐ Mike Munge '71, Pekin, Ill., Life Installment Member

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A Journey to the Top

Thirachai Ongmahutmongkol began his career with DuPont in 1977 and held several executive positions, including regional product manager for Polymers in Asia/Pacific and general marketing manager for DuPont in Hong Kong and China.

Appointed managing director of DuPont Thailand in 1991 and its first president the following year, Ongmahutmongkol has left his mark on the company that has been a part of his life for over 20 years. He was named Annual Honourable Executive by a leading Thai business newspaper in 1990 for his customer-oriented management contributions to Thailand’s national development.

The Young Entrepreneur Award was bestowed upon Ongmahutmongkol in 1992 for corporate leadership and management. He also received the Executive Award of the Year from Thai Economic Relations in 1993. Under Ongmahutmongkol’s leadership, DuPont Thailand was the winner of the 1992 Marketing Management Award from the Asian Institute of Management, which was screened and selected from 3,700 nominations.

Ongmahutmongkol shares his knowledge with others, serving as a special lecturer on various subjects to M.B.A. classes at universities, and as a guest speaker for numerous organizations.

Ongmahutmongkol was the recipient of the SIU Alumni Association’s Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Engineering last spring.

For the strong leadership he has provided at DuPont Thailand and in recognition of the many honors bestowed upon him, the SIU Alumni Association salutes Thirachai Ongmahutmongkol.
SIU’s first winter commencement, held in the SIU Arena this past December, far exceeded expectations. Well-attended by graduates and their families, the ceremony was brought to an emotional conclusion by the singing of the university’s alma mater.