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The University’s Gateway
The SIU Alumni Association recently made a $200,000 contribution to the university to strengthen programs that bring national recognition to the university, to recruit alumni children and grandchildren, and to honor a man whose vision transformed a teacher’s college into a multi-faceted university. The SIU Alumni Association’s gift was divided as follows:

- $100,000 to Saluki Futures, a $2.3 million capital campaign for athletics which will enable the university to make improvements in the athletic facilities as well as to establish a $500,000 endowment for student-athlete scholarships;
- $25,000 to the Public Policy Institute, which serves as an action-oriented, non-partisan think tank on major political issues;
- $40,000 to renovate the Morris Library browsing/reading room, in recognition of the 50th anniversary celebration of President Delyte Morris’s arrival at SIU;
- $10,000 to the Marching Salukis;
- $25,000 to establish an Alumni Legacy Scholarship endowment for the children and grandchildren of alumni.
University Photocommunications took the front cover photograph which shows Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger, newly arrived on campus, meeting with students. From left to right, they are: Satoko Mitobe, a graduate student from Hokkaido, Japan; Chancellor Argersinger; Mario Collins a senior from Chicago, Ill.; and Kelly Magda, a junior from Lake Forest, Ill.

The back cover photograph of the cannon was taken by University Photocommunications in the museum storage facility in which the cannon is presently housed.

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Nature turned up the heat in honor of the art department's 13th Annual Iron Pour. This June the community was invited to bring their molds to the university’s foundry for casting (photo credit: Jeff Garner).
President Makes Promises and Offers Challenges

by Doris McLain Rottschalk '69

Being president of the SIU Alumni Association is a privilege and an honor. It is an exciting time for the university, and I am ecstatic to be a representative of the 175,000 alumni who live in every state and over 120 countries throughout the world. Never would I have thought this possible when I began my college career at SIU in the summer of 1965. I promise you I will try to serve you well.

In the past few months, I have visited alumni chapters throughout Illinois, Indiana and Missouri. What an exuberant feeling to walk into a room, know no one and walk out at the end of the evening feeling I have made many new friends. Despite the differences of occupation, culture or generation, we all have one trait in common—we are SIU alumni.

Because of this common bond, I make three requests of you as fellow alumni: be active, loyal and generous.

I encourage all graduates to be active in the alumni chapter nearest their homes and to be an active member of the SIU Alumni Association. Alumni involvement is essential to the association’s effort to be communications link between you and SIU through our publications, chapter meetings and social events.

Be loyal to our alma mater. Wear and display your Saluki pride in this great university. Remember, SIU is partly responsible for your success. If a conversation turns to the “bad press” SIU sometimes receives, inform others of all the outstanding accomplishments of alumni you know and of the many excellent academic programs offered at the university.

Urge your children, grandchildren, neighbors or students (if you are a teacher as I am) to consider attending SIU. Make sure they know about the many opportunities that await them here. Wouldn’t you be thrilled to know you were responsible for recruiting a future Saluki?

Be generous to Southern Illinois University with your time, talents and resources. Support chapter functions such as golf outings, banquets and telemarketing for scholarship endowments. Assist the admissions office with student recruitment by arranging for or bringing a student to campus. Consider providing one or more students with insight into your profession by serving as a sponsor for the SIU Alumni Association extern program.

Ask your company to let you serve as its representative at SIU career fairs, and let the career placement office know of job openings at your company or organization. Come back to campus to share your expertise through lectures, demonstrations or exhibits. These are only a few of the ways in which you can make a difference.

Finally, invest in a brilliant future for our alma mater. Consider making a contribution to a scholarship, donate to the Dorothy Morris Gardens or Saluki Futures Athletic Campaign. Support one of the numerous research projects on campus or become a friend of the Morris Library. When a student calls you during your college’s teleduf, make a pledge. The amount of your gift is not nearly as important as the commitment it represents.

As graduates and supporters of Southern Illinois University, let us reaffirm our commitment to SIU and this alumni association. As president, I challenge you, as I have challenged myself, to recapture the Saluki spirit we had when we were on campus. By demonstrating our loyalty, we are ensuring that this university, which gave us so much, will be here for future generations of Salukis.
Letters to the Editor

Religion or Politics?

Oh please! You describe Pat Robertson as a "religious leader" of some type? I think he's religious only when he requires donations. Other than that, he's an active partisan political reactionary.

Earl Karr '65

Getting On-line with Education

I really enjoyed your article "A Not So Distant Education" and would appreciate your providing Gordon Bruner's web page address. I am an alumni and an adjunct faculty in the university's off-campus program. The idea of establishing a web page for the students' benefit is exactly what I'm trying to do and would like to look at some popular existing sites.

Bruce Van Apeldoorn, Sr. Bridgeton, N.C.

Here are some web page addresses relevant to the article on distance and on-line education featured in the spring Southern Alumni.

• The web page address for Marketing Associate Professor Gordon Bruner’s Consumer Behavior class is: www.siu.edu/ departments/coba/mktg/courses/mktg305/index.html.

• The web page address and link to many classes taught by Sara Long Anderson, an associate professor of food and nutrition and the director of the didactic program in dietetics, is www.siu.edu/~anderson.

Appreciating Professors' Lifelong Influence

The spring edition of your magazine just arrived. Noticing the passing of two giants of the government department, as it was known in the 1950s, I want to send along a few lines of remembrance and appreciation.

Professor Robert A. McGrath was one of the great teachers within the department as well as the university. Two of his courses in American government led me into a lifetime study of political science. While I am sure he was an excellent registrar at that time, his administrative duties deprived the SIU student body of one of the best classroom teachers on campus.

While I never had a course from Professor Randall Nelson, I was a teaching assistant in the government department when he arrived in 1955 and got to know him very well. Although I can't speak for the others in that small band of teaching assistants, which included David Frier, Al Greiman, Pat Hicks, Charles Joiner, and Wayne Richey, I am sure I reflect their sentiments in saying that Dr. Nelson was one of the most extraordinary individuals at SIU. Never a trace of bitterness about his blindness, he was a great positive force, a great inspiration for us all.

John Ziegler '55, M.S.Ed. '56
Harold & Lucy Cabe Distinguished Professor of History and Political Science, Emeritus
Hendrix College, Conway, Ark.

I would like to express my gratitude for the story featuring Betty Mitchell. It was a long-overdue tribute to her dedication to SIU, her students, her sorority, and her friends and family.

I had the opportunity of knowing Betty Mitchell in a variety of ways: as a student, as an advisee, as an employee, and a friend. I can say I was blessed to have known such a strong woman. I wish her the most relaxing retirement!

Karen Gustafson Bryant '97
King of Prussia, Pa.

In Praise of Beggs

Mr. Don Beggs came to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale as a gentleman. He spent many years as a student and faculty member as a gentleman. He was a gentleman to all during his years spent as the chancellor. He left Southern Illinois University as a gentleman. SIU is much better off because of Mr. Don Beggs.

Robert Hardcastle '63, M.S.Ed. '64
Chesterfield, Mo.

Dear Readers...

We are always anxious to hear from you. As with all alumni magazines, we believe we can only improve if we are being responsive to our readers.

We encourage you to take a few extra minutes after you've read this issue of Southern Alumni to let us know what you're thinking. Please send your letters to:

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Mailcode 6809
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Carbondale, IL 62901

You can e-mail your letters to alumni@siu.edu. Letters are sometimes edited for length and style.

Readers are also invited to send items and photographs of interest for the class news section as well as submissions for Southern Memories. This information may also be mailed or sent by e-mail to the above addresses.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Corrections

In the spring issue, the name of Emma Bowyer, the former chair of the Department of English and a longtime advisor to Delta Sigma Epsilon (later known as Alpha Gamma Delta) sorority, was misspelled.

In the class news section of the spring issue, the incorrect impression was given that Michelle Eccles '91 planned to marry her radio co-host and SIU alumnus Steve Grzanich. Eccles will, however, be getting married this October to Joey McLaughlin, another former SIU student.
The August L. Fowler Endowed Scholarship was recently endowed with a $30,000 gift from his wife of 73 years, Thelma Fowler. The scholarship will be presented based on financial need to a first year student at the SIU School of Law. Fowler, a Marion native, died in November 1997 after practicing law for nearly 60 years.

Four College of Business and Administration alumni were inducted into the college's hall of fame this spring. Honored were: Kenneth Hull of Downer's Grove, Ill., president of Follett Corp.; Donald LeBeau of Los Altos Hills, Calif., retired vice president of Cisco Systems; Lawrence Luebbers of Naperville, Ill., director of Arthur Andersen's International Executive Services' national office; and Richard Navarre of St. Louis, Mo., acting president of Peabody COALSALES Co.

SIU President Ted Sanders was awarded the 1998 Van Miller Award by the Illinois Association of School Administrators. Sanders was singled out for his work as former Illinois superintendent of education, deputy and later acting U.S. Secretary of Education, Ohio superintendent of public instruction and for his current role as head of the SIU system.

Each year over 6,000 students are employed at SIU in 100 job classifications, giving SIU one of the largest student work programs in the country. Students work in almost every department on campus, doing everything from clerical to technical work. Student workers, many staff members have observed, keep SIU running.

For the past eight years, the financial aid office has recognized these students with an annual reception at which the Student Employee of the Year award is announced. This year the financial aid office contacted past winners to find out how their university jobs had impacted their lives and careers after graduation.

Michael Pence '90 had the unique opportunity as a student laboratory assistant to work with research physiologist James Ferraro and the astronauts of the Columbia space shuttle to develop an experiment conducted during a shuttle flight. Pence now works at NASA's AIMS research center in California developing hardware for space stations. Confirming the value of his work experience, he gave this recommendation to prospective student employess, "It's definitely worth your time and provides a great opportunity to get hands-on experience."

1994 Student Employee of the Year Stephanie Lemmons-Wilson now develops corporate training materials for a company in Corrales, New Mexico. She was recognized for her work as a student news producer at WSIU, the university's public radio station. Commenting on her experience, she says, "It helped me learn the skill of interacting with other professionals and how to meet deadlines."

Current graduate student Saleem Rasheed won the award when he was a sophomore for his work as a peer mentor.

Saleem Rasheed won the award for his work as a peer mentor.

Rasheed encourages students to pursue on-campus employment, "It teaches you responsibility, gives you great work experience and can help you in selecting a major."

Robert Evans gained important technical skills in his work as a student worker supervisor in the human resources department's word processing area. He adds, "Employers noticed my student work experience and their interest was 'peaked' when they saw my computer experience."

Evans is now the band director for the Trico School District in Illinois.

Other award winners have worked as department receptionists and clerks, tutors and teacher aides and as the advertising manager for the Daily Egyptian. The students are nominated by their departments and chosen from among a group of finalists.
Reviving SIU’s Traditions

Former Chancellor Donald Beggs once commented in a Southern Alumni interview that he was extremely frustrated by how the university’s traditions and history were being lost in practice and in memory. From the outset of his two-year term, he was determined to revitalize the traditions and history he had known as a student and alumnus. He soon formed a committee to research university traditions and history and make recommendations that he would pass on to the chancellor who succeeded him.

That committee, chaired by the chancellor’s executive assistant Rhonda Vinson, and comprised of students, alumni and current and emeriti faculty and staff, submitted a final report this spring containing 30 recommendations.

Those recommendations, which have been passed on to Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger, range from bringing back former traditions to using current technology to preserve the university’s history. The following are a few of the suggestions made in the committee’s final report.

• Continue convocations, a session for all new students at the beginning of each semester, and make them mandatory.
• Bring back the cannon. Formerly located by the flagpole in front of Altgeld Hall, the cannon was once painted on a regular basis by student organizations. If needed, make a replica of the old cannon and place it in the same location.
• Publish an annual yearbook on CD-Rom.
• Publish a recurring feature article about SIU history on the university’s home page.
• Use more Saluki colors in buildings and signage around campus.
• Bring successful alumni back to campus.
• Update Morris Library and consider building an addition to ensure SIU’s reputation for having a top notch, open stack library.

The report also contained several ideas for new events that might be supported by the university and eventually gain tradition status.

This year three art students shared the $20,000 purse from the Rickert-Ziebold Trust Competition. The winners were, from left to right, metalsmith Greg Gehner, printmaker Eva Lubenova Nikolova and metalsmith Kirk Williams.

Direct internet connections were installed in rooms in all 11 residence halls on Thompson Point this summer. The high rise and triad residence halls also now have more modems to access the internet. Direct connections will be installed on the east side of campus in the summer of 1999.

R. Keith Hillkirk has been named the dean of the College of Education. Hillkirk was previously the assistant dean of education at Ohio University. He replaces Nancy Quisenberry, who retired after serving as interim dean since 1996.

Northrup Grumman Corporation’s Electronic Systems Division has pledged two $1,500 scholarships each year for five years to disabled undergraduates who major in electrical engineering or computer science. The company also plans to provide scholarship recipients with summer employment and will seriously consider hiring them after their graduation.

Three Morris Fellowships, ranked among the country’s largest graduate student stipends, have been awarded. The students will receive free tuition plus annual grants of $15,000 renewable for three years’ study. This year’s recipients are: Stephen Barnes of Bryan, Texas, who will study philosophy; Keith Nainby of Murphysboro, Ill., who will study rhetoric and the philosophy of communication; and Janice Motoike of South Pasadena, Calif., who will study counseling psychology.
Chancellor Determined to Enhance Undergraduate Experience

by Maureen Manier
Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger was in the fifth grade when she announced to her mother she intended to get a Ph.D. in history. "Then someone asked me what a Ph.D. was," Argersinger remembers, "and I had to admit that I didn't know. But I'd read about it and I knew it was what I wanted."

Argersinger had actually fallen in love with history several years before when, as a third grader, she read a biography of Abraham Lincoln. "I knew I wanted to be a historian after reading that book," she asserts.

Continuing to read biographies, Argersinger found herself drawn to historical figures whom she considered to be institution builders and visionaries. As a freshman in college, she continued on the course she had laid years before, majoring in history and making plans to attend graduate school. The intellectual passion and curiosity she had first felt and expressed as a girl only intensified during the years that followed.

Instilling and building on that enthusiasm for learning motivated Argersinger throughout her student years and in her career as a professor and administrator. Her own undergraduate experience provided her with an especially significant opportunity she has worked to recreate for students. "I was able to conduct research as an undergraduate with a faculty mentor," she explains. "I can't emphasize the importance of that one-on-one chance to work with a faculty member: getting to think about a research project, ask questions, take risks, make mistakes—many mistakes—travel down different paths and figure out you've gone the wrong or the right way, and, so often, finding a treasure trove of information you never expected to find."

Argersinger established a campus-wide undergraduate research program at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (where she served as provost). She plans on working with administrators and faculty to initiate similar programs at SIU. "I believe faculty [from a large research university] are ideally suited to providing the passion, curiosity and spark to undergraduates," she observes.

Argersinger contends that the skills students acquire through independent research can be applied to almost any career. She certainly found them useful in her own. "If you are a good researcher, then you must be a good listener, empathetic, able to put yourself in someone else's shoes, anxious to hear and understand all voices before you make a judgment or interpretation. I think all those skills have been valuable to me as a professor and administrator."

Early in her career, while others were telling her she would one day make an excellent administrator, Argersinger says she was more interested in working with students and pursuing her research than in working...
Meeting during one of Argersinger's first days "on the job" are, from left to right: Satoko Mitobe, a graduate student from Hokkaido, Japan; Chancellor Argersinger; Mario Collins, a senior from Chicago; and Kelly Magda, a junior from Lake Forest, Ill.

toward an administrative position. She turned down her first administrative job at the University of Maryland Baltimore County for six months before she finally accepted it and was blithely dubbed the "reluctant administrator."

"I saw the role of administration naively," Argersinger now realizes. "I thought all it was about was lots of meetings and reports. But the more I learned about the fabric of a university, the more excited I became about being an administrator. I have no regrets. I now have the same passion for being an administrator as I did for being a professor."

What excites Argersinger about being an administrator is analogous to what drew her to the biographies of historical figures. "When I became provost, I read about 20 histories of various leading universities," Argersinger recalls. "What I found were some interesting connecting themes. The power of a visionary leader was important [to the universities' success] as was a talented faculty. These universities shared a commitment to recognize and reward all members of the community. And, especially interesting to me, I discovered many universities underwent their greatest transformation in a relatively short time period."

Argersinger says she sees that same tremendous potential at SIU. After being nominated for the position of chancellor, she researched the university and was impressed by its attributes and, she honestly admits, its challenges: "The campus has a major strength in international connections. We were once a pioneer in developing those ties, and we now need to be a pioneer again. SIU also has a wonderful record of diversity. That traditional stereotype of midwestern homogeneity is dispelled here. But that's not something that just
"I came from a family that really valued education. I always saw education as an honored profession and teaching as a high honor."

tends to or should be taken for granted. I want to work to make sure that everyone who comes to this campus feels positive and at home.

The prospect of coming to a university-centered community also appealed to Argersinger. She saw just how physically integrated the university is with the surrounding region on one of her first days on the job when she took a helicopter tour of the campus.

"It was inspiring," she says of the trip. "You definitely get a profound sense of the university and community being intertwined when you look at it from that perspective."

Argersinger humorously remarks that she is equally interested in getting to know the campus on foot. "Walking the campus is important to me," she says. But she maintains she will feel most connected to the university after she has encountered students on her home turf—the classroom. "I don't think I will really get to know students the way I need to know them if I don't have some classroom experience," she emphasizes. "It would just feel alien to me to be chancellor at a university at which I've never taught."

Argersinger views meeting with students, both as chancellor and as a professor, as well as with faculty, staff and alumni as the research she needs to conduct before establishing strategic priorities. She plans on constantly practicing one of her chief assets during the coming year. "I am an extremely good listener," she says.

Her goals, however, require her to move quickly and Argersinger emphatically states that spending time listening and learning will not prevent her first year from being a time of substantive action and accomplishment.

Argersinger has already easily eased into her role as the university's most vigorous promoter. "I wouldn't have been able to come here if I didn't believe I could be the university's cheerleader," she says. At the end of her first year, she intends to have even more to cheer about: "I hope to be able to tell prospective students that they will be able to have a wonderful undergraduate research experience with a faculty mentor, that there will be an advising system in place that will be comprehensive from day one, and that SIU will be a premier research university, assisting the community and the state in economic development and exciting new partnerships."

Most significantly, Argersinger says, she will work diligently, as Chancellor Donald Beggs did, to create the spirit of optimism and determination she believes will successfully launch the university into the 21st century. "My goal is that people on this campus will feel respected, rewarded and recognized, and students will be the chief beneficiary of that positive change."

Argersinger says she knows she and SIU are a good fit despite the inauspicious prelude to her first interview. Bad weather rerouted her flight to St. Louis to Little Rock, where she spent the night in the airport. Arriving in St. Louis at 6 a.m.—two hours before her interview—she remembers she called her husband and said, "This is not a good sign."

But Argersinger was soon revived by her morning long discussions with faculty, staff, alumni and students. "What impressed me was hearing people again and again talk about their hunger for progress. And my question to them was simple, 'Do you think there is sufficient goodwill to help create a shared vision for the campus?' " Argersinger says the eagerly affirmative answers she received that day brought her to SIU—a university with a proud history that drew her here and an exciting future she hopes to help write.
If core curriculum classes form the gateway to a university, then their professors certainly merit the title of gatekeepers. As Provost John Jackson, a longtime teacher of a political science core class, emphasizes: "A core class is the first sample a student gets of my discipline, so I need to take that course seriously. If a student never takes another political science course, I want to make sure this course makes an impact, that important messages are sent and received. Teaching core courses are at the heart of what we do at this university. It's not an either or thing with me."
As the revamped core curriculum enters its second year of implementation, Provost Jackson’s commitment is echoed by many other colleagues, who as accomplished scholars and award-winning professors view teaching core courses as both a priority and privilege.

Ann-Janine Morey, director of the university core curriculum and a professor of English, has been teaching general education/core courses since she came to SIU in 1979. “I enjoy teaching at all levels, but I enjoy teaching core courses the best,” she asserts. “It’s such a challenge. You realize with core students you’re really on the line to help them understand why your field is important. You don’t necessarily have an audience who thinks reading is fun or literature is worthwhile. So what happens is you have to keep sharp about your own academic values. You have to ask yourself questions like: So, why is reading fun? Why should we read this book or that book? It keeps you on your toes. You never know what’s going to come up in a core classroom because an agriculture major, economics major and engineering major all read and interpret books very differently than an English major.”

Economics Professor Rick Grabowski agrees that core classes are exciting but also demanding and sometimes daunting. “The first day you always know most of the students don’t want to be there. Basically, they act like this is the last place on earth they want to be,” he says. “But by the end of the first week, I either have students motivated or they’re out the door. Then things happen.

“I’ve had great experiences with students becoming interested, partaking in discussions and asking really good questions. So, yes, when the semester is approaching I feel trepidation. But once it starts it’s a great challenge.”

Like his colleagues, Professor of Chemistry Steve Scheiner finds his core class, Chemistry and Society, has required him to refine his teaching skills. “Teaching this class is harder because you can’t go into as much detail. You need to break subjects down to a simple level that nonscientists can understand. You have to use more analogies to everyday life. It’s educational for me because it gives me a better feel for what the typical student is understanding. I probably learn as much as the students do.”

Students confirm professors often have a hard case to make to students in core classes. “My social work major required me to take this class [Grabowski’s Economics and Social Issues class]. I was terrified to take it,” confesses senior Lydia Motsinger. “But from the first day I knew I was going to enjoy the class.” Motsinger explains that Grabowski’s efforts to make the class interesting and relevant paid off for her, “Professors make all the difference, especially in a class where you expect to be bored.”

Education major Laura Martinez was also “just filling a requirement” when she signed up for a geology course taught by Professor Chuck Frank. “I dreaded taking it,” she remembers. “I thought it would be about memorizing names of rocks.” Instead, Martinez found herself not only interested in the lectures but in the labs. “I ended up gaining a new understanding of geology and more confidence in myself in that field and in science,” she says.

Overcoming students’ negative expectations is usually core professors’ first hurdle. Scheiner believes most students are apprehensive about taking a science class because of misconceptions. “Science is not about memorizing
the abbreviation of every element of the periodical table,” he argues. “Science is understanding why things happen the way they do, understanding principles. If you’ve had a teacher who forced you to memorize things and you think that’s what science is, anyone would hate it—I would too.”

Large lecture classes with initially disinterested students no doubt partially explain why many professors express reluctance to teach core classes. Still, other professors find such reluctance unjustifiable. “Why would someone be at a university if they didn’t want to teach all students?” asks Scheiner. “And if you just want to teach someone in your specialty, I think you’re limiting yourself.”

Provost Jackson views teaching at the core level one of the most important contributions professors can make to their discipline and the university. Grabowski agrees, “I think it’s essential that experienced professors teach in the core curriculum. If the objective is to give students reasoning capability and knowledge in that subject area, I think they are better served by having experienced professors.”

As director of the core curriculum, Morey spends much of her time evangelizing the importance and the rewards of teaching core courses to all professors. She expresses a particular commitment to recruiting junior as well as senior faculty. “I think it’s important to convince faculty that we’re here for all undergraduates, not just for majors. This is our best shot at helping create thoughtful, aware, literate people.” And, she suggests, “There is really nothing more rewarding than reaching an audience that’s intrinsically indifferent, if not hostile.”

Morey also works to provide tangible rewards to professors teaching core courses. A reception at the beginning of the school year brings professors and advisers together and provides the backdrop for the presentation of annual teaching awards—all funded by the provost’s office. A limited pool of faculty development funds are also available for travel and conferences. But, ultimately, Morey knows only a change in faculty culture will compel more professors to teach core courses: “I’ll say this with utter boldness and confidence. We have no room for academic royalty here. We need committed scholars who also take joy and are enthusiastic about teaching undergraduates, not just majors, but all undergraduates.

“The real test of a scholar is whether he or she can communicate ideas to someone other than the in-house elite. What good is academics if at some point you can’t carry it out into the public world and make a difference.”

Students with little interest or confidence in their subject matter are precisely who many professors consider their favorite audience. One shared strategy is to demonstrate from the beginning that since professors take the class seriously students should as well. “I think you need to impress upon students that you care,” Grabowski suggests. “That often requires that you impose a strong set of rules and then stick to them. Once students see I’m serious about these rules, I feel they respond positively.”

Morey also starts her classes on a serious note. “I tell them it will be an academically challenging class. I tell them this is not ‘just’ a core class, but that it is the very essence of their education. I intend to take it seriously and I expect them to,” she explains. “And then after that I try to be as personable as possible, sharing my enthusiasm and trying to make the class interesting and varied.”

Scheiner knows many students in his class are intimidated by the subject matter and come in doubting they can do well. In setting his expectations, he makes sure students also know he believes in their potential: “I tell them that every single person in the class is capable of getting an A or B if they’re willing to work. Students who do work hard do get good grades. I’ve had many students come up to me after a class finished and say, ‘I didn’t think I could do science, but I really learned a lot.’ That’s a gratifying thing.

“I like teaching graduate and upper level undergraduate classes. But I enjoy teaching students who have no real interest in science and showing them that it’s not so bad. My goal in this
The best thing about teaching this class is having a student come in thinking he’s terrible in science, but after taking the class and working hard he feels he understands it, that it’s not so bad, even that it makes sense and that he likes it," Scheiner explains.

When that works it’s really exciting. "And then there are days when I throw the book against my office wall and say, ‘I’m never going to teach this class again,’ because there are definitely some frustrating times. It is painful. But out of that pain comes a lot of good for the students and for me."

Geason can feel a little less pain hearing that former student Lydia Motsinger unwittingly confirms his goal for her class. “Now, I can pick up a newspaper and really understand what is going on here and around the world,” she says.

Most professors, however, rarely know for certain whether students have benefited from their classes. Morey describes her own experience: "If you’re going to be good at teaching, like writing, you have to be good at delayed gratification. There’s very little applause. And at the time you can’t tell and maybe they can’t tell what they’re getting from it.”

Instead, Morey focuses on convincing students that the full spectrum of education is what will eventually make them successful employees and citizens. "The best way to get a job is to be the most literate, well-read person you can be," Morey advises students. Students themselves admit it’s sometimes difficult to break through their career tunnel vision. "But it’s important to expose us to different subjects and ideas," senior Laura Martinez asserts. "Students too often close themselves off from everything but their majors.”

Margaret Erna, who recently completed a core course in classics on her way to earning a second bachelor’s degree, elaborates on this problem of student attitudes. "I think students often don’t think they need to be in core courses. But I think it’s still important to encourage them to come in ready to learn. Students need to remember being here is about being educated, not about passing four years before we can get a job.”

As Rick Grabowski says, when students give his course a chance, they and he are made better learners and thinkers by what happens. "Every semester I think I’ve heard all the questions that could be asked, and then the next semester some new question or issue is raised by a student. When that happens it truly gives me goose bumps. It really does. I think, ‘Ah, ha!’ They really do understand. That’s a feeling that’s hard to describe.”

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Graduate assistants teaching entry level undergraduate courses is a fact of life at large universities across the country. But in recent years, as higher education has come under closer scrutiny, the role of graduate assistants in undergraduate education has also been held to the light.

Ann-Janine Morey, director of SLU’s graduate school, feels comfortable about that examination. “I can honestly say SLU’s Graduate School and Education has also been held to the light.”

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When that works it’s really exciting. “And then there are days when I throw the book against my office wall and say, ‘I’m never going to teach this class again,’ because there are definitely some frustrating times. It is painful. But out of that pain comes a lot of good for the students and for me."

Geason can feel a little less pain hearing that former student Lydia Motsinger unwittingly confirms his goal for her class. “Now, I can pick up a newspaper and really understand what is going on here and around the world,” she says.

Most professors, however, rarely know for certain whether students have benefited from their classes. Morey describes her own experience: "If you’re going to be good at teaching, like writing, you have to be good at delayed gratification. There’s very little applause. And at the time you can’t tell and maybe they can’t tell what they’re getting from it.”

Instead, Morey focuses on convincing students that the full spectrum of education is what will eventually make them successful employees and citizens. "The best way to get a job is to be the most literate, well-read person you can be," Morey advises students. Students themselves admit it’s sometimes difficult to break through their career tunnel vision. "But it’s important to expose us to different subjects and ideas," senior Laura Martinez asserts. "Students too often close themselves off from everything but their majors.”

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Home Sweet Home

University creates learning communities for incoming students

by Maureen Manier

It must be one of life’s most dramatic moments. You’ve unpacked the car in 95-degree heat and drenching humidity; your parents have left, and now here you are—in a room with concrete block walls, linoleum floors, and a complete stranger glaring at you from across the room. You’re finally on your own. And, for most students, those first weeks are paradoxically the most liberated and frightened they’ve ever felt.

Trying to make that move from home to university life as smooth as possible is the goal of university housing. “We try to provide a supportive transitional environment,” says Housing Assistant Director Steve Kirk. Kirk explains one way in which SIU has sought to ease new students’ transition, “The current hot topic in housing around the country is rediscovering the idea of trying to link the academic experience with the residential experience.”

Ann-Janine Morey, director of the university core curriculum, calls that link “a learning community.” “We lose a lot of freshman in the first month or so,” Morey says. “We are looking for ways to help them feel connected so they won’t feel lost in the university environment. We’re hoping if their first semester is successful, it will get them off on the right foot.”

Morey has worked with housing and admissions staff to introduce a new residential opportunity for incoming freshmen. This year, as they registered and signed their housing contracts, freshmen were told about the Block Advantage. Block Advantage students will all live in the same section of Schneider Hall. During the first semester they will share either a morning or afternoon schedule anchored by small speech communication classes in which Morey intends for students to get to know each other better. Morey will be monitoring and occasionally visiting the students participating in this inaugural Block Advantage to see if the goal of creating “a built-in community” for these freshmen is successful.

Seeing the need to broaden students’ residential options, the university has promoted healthy lifestyle and study floors for several years. The Faculty Associates Program, in which faculty members serve as mentors and informal advisors for residence halls, started at Thompson Point and has now expanded to other residence halls. Last year “academic emphasis” floors were offered for the first time, with several floors primarily dedicated to engineering and architecture students. This year students from the College of Education and College of Mass Communication and Media Arts as well as philosophy majors were given the chance to live on their own academic emphasis floors. University Housing Academic Programming Coordinator Kathie Lorentz says that although the floors are in their early developmental stages, “I expect that each year will represent another milestone.”

Last year certainly proved a milestone for the three dozen architecture students who lived together on the tenth floor of Mae Smith Hall. Assistant Professor of Architecture Norm Lach worked for several years to arrange for architecture students to have this opportunity. He knew many architecture students found it difficult living among non-majors whose academic demands were often so different from their own: “I felt if we could put students in an environment where they could grow and get excited about the topic, a place where they felt they were getting help, where they had the same goals and problems and where they could help each other that would be a positive. [I expected it to work], but it worked better than I ever could have expected.”

Transfer student Kristin Frai, from Kewanee, Ill., and junior Chris Musangi, from Kenya, East Africa, were roommates last year on what the students and professors came to call the “archidorm.” Both students will be returning to the floor this year, along with 25 other returning students and approximately 60 new students.

Musangi, who had lived in other residence halls during his first two
years at SIU, explains what prompted him to move to the archidorm: "I have an older brother who is an architecture major, and I would see him working late at night and having to deal with roommates who weren't working. He would have trouble concentrating and getting his work done." Frai, who transferred to SIU from a community college, had another motivation, "I thought it would be a good opportunity to get to know other architecture students."

Although the roommates embarked on the year with optimism, they were still surprised by how well students on the floor worked together. "I think it turned out to be more than I expected," says Musangi. "There was more cooperation than I expected. I knew students would be helpful, but I didn't know how helpful they would be. We all became friends very quickly."

Lach describes architecture students as having a rigorous schedule, especially their first year when they take four major courses. "They have to eat, breathe and sleep architecture. They have to work hard from the beginning or they're blown away," he asserts.

Frai and Musangi confirm that living on the same floor helped them through some tough times. "We would get an assignment and go home to the archidorm and work on it and help each other," Frai remembers. "The next day students who lived in other places would come in and not have been able to work [the problem] out."

Archidorm students also had the advantage of a tutor who lived on the floor. Providing help to the residents at no charge, the tutor kept regular office hours. Next year a second tutor will be hired to handle the increase in students. Lach also foresees other tutors being hired for specific subjects, such as the newly required calculus, as the need arises.

Lach believes another reason the archidorm succeeds is because of architecture students' unusual schedules. Their schedules are dominated by projects with two to three week deadlines. As Musangi says, "There's no feeling like doing well on an architecture project because you've often worked on it for weeks non-stop."

Lach points out that while other students are stressing out about final exams, most architecture students feel relieved because their final projects are completed.

Lach downplays his own involvement in making the archidorm successful, but Kathie Lorentz begs to differ: "What makes these floors work is faculty involvement. University housing will do everything we can to help. But the key is the faculty." Lach brought over dozens of drafting tables and reference texts for students to use. He regrets he couldn't accomplish more, but with a large group of returning students he has big plans. "I'd like to assign returning students to incoming students so they can establish big brother/big sister relationships," Lach begins. "I'd also like to bring more professionals on the floor to give presentations and have the group take some field trips. And I'd like all the architecture faculty members to visit the floor to introduce themselves."

Lach knows he'll be able to count on Musangi who has been hired as the archidorm's resident assistant. One of Lach's first requests will be for Musangi to hang architecture projects and graphic presentations throughout the floor for student reference.

Nationally, as well as at SIU, a large percentage of first-year architecture students do not finish the major. Lach believes the archidorm is a concrete way his department can help students through a tough year. Students living in the archidorm proved him right by the high grade point averages they achieved—the highest of any floor in Mae Smith. He was particularly impressed because during his visits to the dorm he witnessed students motivating each other and working together. "There was nothing cut-throat about what I saw or heard," he says.

When he talks about architecture to prospective students, Lach always gives this example: "One thing about architecture is it's not like a math problem where two plus two equals four. In architecture, the answer is four, but there are a whole lot of ways to get to the answer four. Some of them are interesting and some of them are intriguing."

At least, for many future architecture students, finding the answers will now be something they can celebrate with their classmates, roommates and friends.
Young Salukis
Alumni magazines are infamous for only featuring alumni who have "made it": often using a narrow definition of what constitutes success. At *Southern Alumni*, we always try to profile alumni who have "made it" in interesting, diverse and impressive ways. Therefore, in this issue, which focuses on SIU's undergraduate experience, we thought it only fitting to introduce readers to five young alumni who have just started down their roads to success. Their stories suggest that on the road to "making it," choosing the right university might be the most important decision you make.
Ten years ago David Skocy was in high school. Five years ago he was a senior at SIU. Today, Skocy is the principal at Du Quoin High School and the youngest high school principal in the state of Illinois.

“When I come into work on weekends or evenings, I don’t wear a suit and tie. I’ll pass for a student sometimes,” he says. “One time a board member said, ‘We’re pretty proud of our principal; he doesn’t even have to shave.’” Despite his age, Skocy says the expectations remain the same: to lead a school of 532 students and 82 staff members.

“People probably put me under the microscope more than someone who has been in it 10 or 15 years. I’m probably more critical of myself than others,” Skocy says. “When I’m challenged, I challenge my staff and students. It has a positive effect on everyone.”

Skocy, who graduated from SIU in 1993, says the lack of a generation gap between him and his students works to his advantage.

“I see myself as a student advocate and creating change in education. A curriculum should be student driven,” he says. “I’m a liaison who can express an issue from a student to the staff, but also from the staff to our students.”

Skocy admits earning the respect of faculty was intimidating. But he adds that his leadership style counts on involvement from every staff and faculty member.

“I view myself as a service provider to my students and staff. Our staff has a vast array of experience and knowledge that should be respected. You need to listen to them because they’ve done it for years,” he says. “It’s not just the principal who runs the building. The students, staff, teachers and parents are all accountable for making this place successful.”

While at Southern, Skocy joined Theta Xi Fraternity and was elected as the organization’s president in 1991. He was also active in undergraduate student government, serving as a senator from the College of Education.

Selected as one of SIU’s Top 25 Most Distinguished Seniors, Skocy says his undergraduate experiences prepared him for his current challenges. “I learned how to manage and lead a diverse group of people through [my involvement in] these organizations.”

A native of Lockport, Ill., Skocy majored in special education with the idea of teaching and eventually coaching. Skocy credits his professors for influencing his rapid career climb.

“They made me question if I was going to just pick up a paycheck, or actually go out and make a difference,” he says. “They said not to go out there and fall into a routine. Bring new ideas.”

Skocy taught for a year and then came to Du Quoin in 1994, accepting a teaching post at Ward Middle School, with coaching responsibilities at the high school. Two years later, Skocy became the dean of students at the middle school. Six months later, he was hired as principal at Du Quoin High School.

Skocy has another important source of motivation and inspiration these days. He and his wife Clarissa, also an SIU alumna, have an 11-month-old son, Trey. The birth of the couple’s first child gave Skocy a new perspective.

“I look at things differently. I have an awesome responsibility in my position to someone’s child,” he says. “I would want the best for my child and my expectations are no less for these students.”

—Greg Scott
He was just five years old, but Jeff Nuich tells the story as if it happened yesterday. His father had taken him to Chicago Stadium to watch his first National Hockey League game.

“My father covered my eyes as we went up to the railing on the second balcony to look down. He said, ‘Okay Jeff, open your eyes,’ ” Nuich remembers. “I’ll never forget that image of seeing those guys warming up and skating. The two Blackhawks logos were at center ice. It was very important to my father and he wanted his son to enjoy it too.”

Nuich now opens his eyes to the Chicago sports scene every morning. As a member of the Fox Sports Chicago (formerly SportsChannel Chicago) marketing department, he promotes the professional sports franchises he grew up rooting for: the Chicago Blackhawks, Chicago Bulls and Chicago White Sox.

Nuich coordinates community and media relations and marketing efforts. Since joining the network in 1992, Nuich has watched the teams prosper.

“This job gives you an opportunity to meet some of these true superstars of pro sports. I guess those young childhood fantasies do come true,” Nuich says.

Nuich’s first involvement with athletics came at SIU, when he worked as a student assistant in the sports information department.

“From that point forward, I said this is what I want to do,” he says.

“Sports information is a great thing to be a part of. I spent a lot of time with the football, basketball and baseball programs.

“The biggest mistake kids make today is when they just go to class and go home. You are going to fail if you don’t get involved.”

A journalism major, Nuich participated in student organizations such as the American Marketing Association and the American Advertising Federation.

But Nuich says he profited the most from the mentoring of Fred Huff, SIU sports information director, and Assistant Director Gene Green.

“I can’t say enough wonderful things about the support of Fred and Gene,” he says.

After graduating, Nuich beat over 500 candidates to land an internship with the White Sox public relations department. Being from Chicago’s South Side, Nuich was especially pleased.

“I took a shot in the dark. I didn’t know anyone there, but the work I had done at SIU helped me get to that point,” he says. “I worked very hard while I was there and met some people. I got great support from Doug Abel (former White Sox public relations director) and my work ethic led to my job here at Fox Sports Chicago.”

Despite already realizing one childhood dream, Nuich says he is just getting started.

“I’m very blessed to have loving parents who support me in my everyday life. They instilled in me to go for my goals and make it happen,” he says. “I’m in Chicago, working in sports and television, which are three of my favorite things.

“But there are so many more challenges for me here. I want to prove a point to myself and to this network. Those challenges keep me going everyday.”

Michael Jordan’s heroics lead the Bulls to yet another victory. Frank Thomas’ clutch home runs carry the White Sox. A Chris Chelios slap shot rallies the Blackhawks.

Every day Chicago sports icons remind Nuich of the dream he is living and of that evening in Chicago Stadium with his father when he uncovered his eyes.

—Greg Scott
A Nashville Adventure

Jamie Bolyard does not mind making sacrifices to achieve her goals. Instead tough times motivate her. “I have to be passionate about something to do a good job,” she says. “It doesn’t bother me if it is a struggle. I think of what a good success story it will be for other people starting out.”

After graduating from SIU in 1994, Bolyard moved to Nashville, Tenn., determined to pursue a career in the music business. She arrived without a job.

Eventually, Bolyard got a job at Country Club Entertainment, a country music promotions company. Hired to handle basic office duties, she soon began assisting the company’s coordination of a nationwide country dance competition.

“I was working with these country dance instructors. I couldn’t dance a lick, but it was a lot of fun,” Bolyard says. “It was a good introduction to the music industry.”

Despite working for a country music company, Bolyard’s goal was to manage a local rock star. She soon met two friends who had a mutual interest in the local music scene.

“The three of us were excited about doing our own thing as opposed to just waiting around for that perfect job,” she says. “We tossed around a million ideas. My partners had this idea of doing a music magazine.”

Bolyard and her partners formed Blaze, Inc., in January 1997. The company’s first project was blink fax, a three-page tip sheet on the Nashville music scene.

Nashville may be known as the country music capital, but the goal of blink fax was to focus on other forms of music. While she wasn’t sure the idea would work, Bolyard relied on her instincts to establish the publication.

“We were working in country music, but weren’t listening to it during our spare time. So we figured there were a lot of people at these labels and management companies doing the same thing,” she says.

Music companies began sending press releases and other information for inclusion in the fax. In January 1998, Blaze, Inc. began publishing blink, a monthly entertainment magazine available throughout the Nashville area.

“We want to make blink the hip entertainment magazine in Nashville,” Bolyard says. “People are getting used to us. But we still have a long way to go.”

Bolyard first encountered the Nashville music scene when she participated in the SIU Alumni Association extern program. She spent one spring break interning with The Oak Ridge Boys, who were managed by SIU alumna Kathy Harris.

“I fell in love with Nashville and the music industry and decided that’s what I was going to do,” she says.

Bolyard faithfully read Billboard and other music trade magazines and kept in touch with her contacts in Nashville. She completed another externship in Nashville her senior year.

“I remember walking into Liberty Records begging anyone to sit down with me for 10 minutes and tell me something about the business,” she says. “I would not be here if it wasn’t for SIU, The Oak Ridge Boys and Kathy Harris.”

Bolyard hopes she will have her own story to tell SIU students someday. “It meant the world to me when professionals came in and talked to us during radio-television week,” she says. “I want to be able to do that at some point.”

—Greg Scott

Bolyard, on the left, interviews singer/songwriter Cynthia Williams.
The Rules Woman

Athletics have always been a part of Katie Ahrens’ life. The youngest of six children who were all athletes, she recalls sitting alongside the cheerleaders, pom poms in hand, cheering on her brothers. Her memories go back as far as kindergarten, when she was a fan of basketball star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Whether watching games on television with her family or competing at Danville High School, Ahrens says: “I don’t think there was any other option for me. My career had to be sports related.”

But Ahrens never foresaw her current charge as compliance assistant at the University of Wisconsin, a position she recently accepted after serving in a similar capacity at Northern Illinois University for three years. She reports directly to the director of compliance, monitoring various aspects of the compliance program, including the recruiting and practice logs.

“You wouldn’t believe what coaches and administrators have to do to be in compliance with the NCAA,” she says. “Wisconsin will present many new challenges—being a larger school. It can only enhance my compliance experience and increase my opportunities in athletics.”

Ahrens’ first exposure to college athletics came as a student at the University of Missouri, where she served as manager for the women’s basketball team. After transferring to Southern, she tried to get a similar position with the men’s basketball program, but the team had already chosen its managers. A determined Ahrens didn’t stop there.

“That same day I walked down to the sports information office and offered to volunteer,” she says. “The director put me on the phones for football games and that’s where it all started.”

Ahrens was eventually hired as a student assistant. She typed play-by-play at football games, compiled and distributed statistics at all men’s athletic events and aided in the production of media guides. Ahrens also got a taste of sportscasting as a sports anchor and producer at WIU Television and was a reporter for the SIU Sports Weekly Show.

After graduation, Ahrens accepted a dual internship at the NIU Sports Information Office and the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA), which was headed by the senior associate athletic director at NIU. “I owe that organization a lot. To be involved in the movement to help women’s opportunities in sports was unbelievable,” she says. She also gained invaluable experience working in public relations, events planning and membership development.

Some of the people Ahrens met during her internship were compliance officers. As part of her internship responsibilities, she clipped newspaper articles pertaining to NCAA rule violations at various universities. “I remember wondering why this was happening. It was just tainting college sports,” she says. “I also heard people talking about [compliance] and began to think it sounded like an intriguing job.”

NIU’s compliance coordinator left when Ahrens’ internship concluded and the university hired Ahrens to work in conjunction with the special assistant to the president. She was the primary compliance contact for athletic administrators, coaches and student-athletes.

Ahrens cherishes the opportunities athletics has given her. “I wouldn’t trade it for anything. I feel very fortunate,” she says. “Any time I think about trying a career outside of athletics, I just can’t imagine it.”

—Greg Scott
A Reporter’s Road
From the Daily Egyptian to The Washington Post

by Jackie Spinner ’92

Three years ago I jammed everything I owned into my Chevy Nova and left my adopted home of California to become a reporter for The Washington Post. This would seem like the perfect place to start my story. There’s even a great part where I live in a tent in Virginia for a week until I find an apartment. But my story as a reporter really begins at SIU and at the Daily Egyptian. The DE gave me my passion for journalism. It was the foundation I took with me when I graduated in 1992 and headed to Los Angeles on a magazine fellowship. It was what got me through two intense years in graduate school at the University of California at Berkeley. It is what has brought me to where I am today—a reporter at The Washington Post.

I grew up at the Daily Egyptian, spent four years of my life there, which is still the longest I have ever worked in one place. At the DE, I covered the university administration and local politics, spending time on the campaign trail with former Senator Paul Simon. I covered gubernatorial candidate Glenn Poshard when he was a congressman for southern Illinois. I wrote stories about the AIDS crisis, drug trades and the death of Dr. Seuss. I edited the sports page one summer and wrote a piece about the dearth of female athletic administrators at colleges and universities. My senior year I was the student editor.

The DE was the place where I learned to see the big picture: the student advertising reps brought in the bread and butter that gave us the pages for our stories. The press guys (and they really were mostly men) stayed late to put the paper together. And we knew the circulation crews who delivered the copies the next day because we sat in class with some of them.

We also knew our publisher, Walter Jaehnig ran the journalism school, and, like good publishers, he tried to be invisible even though we knew he was there and, ultimately, in charge. As student editor, I made the kinds of decisions that my own editors at the Post make on a much larger scale. I assigned stories and photographs and ushered them into the paper. I managed a staff of reporters, answered calls from our readers and helped decide which articles would run on the front page.

To outsiders we must have looked obsessed. The year I was student editor, I sometimes put in 60-hour weeks at the DE, which now doesn’t seem possible because I still go to class, managed to turn most of my assignments in by the due date and hit the Strip on the weekends with everyone else.

But you couldn’t stay away when you worked for the DE. It sucked you in, and, before you knew it, there was something burning inside of you. It was loyalty. We gave everything to that newspaper. Every publication where I have worked since owes the Daily Egyptian for teaching me that. When the student crews who put the inserts into the papers didn’t show, we editors and reporters dragged ourselves out of bed in the middle of night and trudged to the press room to make sure the paper got out. I loved being in the press room those nights when the roar from the machines was so loud you couldn’t talk to anyone. I would watch the papers roll across the plates and come out at the other end. I can still smell the ink and feel the excitement at seeing my work born on a page.

Some of my colleagues at The Washington Post think I’m nuts when I volunteer now to work the night shift. You come in at 6 p.m. and stay until 2 a.m. when one of the copy chiefs yells out that the paper has closed. Safety rules prevent
reporters from being near the presses, but I like knowing they are there, and that I am part of the process. It reminds me of the place where it all began for me and about the journey I took to get here.

I am 28 years old and a metropolitan reporter at The Washington Post. This is the kind of place where people come at the peak of their careers. I am nowhere near my peak. This was my first newspaper job, or at least the first one since the Daily Egyptian that has given me a paycheck. I know I haven't paid as many dues as most people who land at a newspaper such as the Post. But I paid plenty.

I put myself through graduate school, working two jobs to afford the tuition and to pay the rent. When I wasn't in class, I was at my part-time (unpaid) job at The Oakland Tribune. Or at my side (paid) job running a computer lab at a publishing firm. Or designing the student magazines and newspapers at the journalism school. Or running the student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists as I did at SIU. I picked Berkeley because it had one of the best professional journalism programs in the country. In Berkeley, I covered the kind of poverty that I had never seen in my Illinois hometown of Decatur or in Carbondale. I encountered people of every race and religion, and I learned to listen to them, to see the world as they did. I saw things I had never imagined. It made me a better reporter.

The stories I wrote during that time were what I sent to The Washington Post when I applied for an internship after graduate school. I never imagined I actually would get hired. I was even late for the interview when the managing editor of the Post's financial section came to Berkeley to check out prospects. I had been out reporting and that seemed more important at the time. I started at the Post as a reporting intern on the business desk. I wrote company profiles and breaking news stories about bankruptcies. At the end of the summer, my internship was extended and I went to a Maryland bureau. In October 1995, I was hired officially, in spite of the fact I had run over the executive editor in a softball game that summer when we were fighting in the outfield over a fly ball.

In the three years since I have been at The Washington Post, I have written more than 300 stories. There have been a few memorable ones and some so unremarkable I can't recall them. One of the bigger ones was a story about a Nobel Prize-winning scientist who was accused of molesting the Asian boys he encountered during his research and brought back to Maryland for adoption. I was part of a team of reporters who set out to write a profile about his life. I spent hours and hours in the medical library of the National Institutes of Health pouring over his field journals trying to uncover clues about who he was and the truth about what he had done.

I worked for a year in a Maryland bureau which encompassed three counties, all growing and emerging suburbs of the Washington area. I wrote about growth and development, crime and politics. A year into the assignment, I was tapped to help cover a story that was breaking at an Army base north of Baltimore. That turned into an eight-month long assignment in which I wrote about the now infamous Army sex scandal.

Once the criminal trials started, I lived in a hotel in Aberdeen, Md., for a couple of months and sat in a military courtroom from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., trying to sort out all of the charges levied against the Army officers. After the trials ended last summer, I went to work for the Post's Sunday magazine to write a story about Army drill sergeants. That reporting took me to Army bases across the Southeast. I lived inside my story to understand the world in which the drill sergeants existed. I led the troops on a morning run at Aberdeen on a dare from a drill sergeant who was trying to test my commitment to the story. I was bitten by fire ants in South Carolina on a tour of an obstacle course with the general of the base. I learned to fire a M-16 at Fort Benning, the Georgia home to the infantry.

My work on the Army story led to a promotion and in September of last year I was assigned to cover government and politics in Prince George's County, Md., one of the few majority African-American suburbs in the nation and the only place to become majority African-American and see income levels rise. It is one of the wealthiest counties in the country, and my job is to cover the new leadership and the policies of a changing government.

It's hard to imagine how any of this would have been possible without my start at the Daily Egyptian. We were fiercely competitive back then about beating the University of Illinois and Northwestern University in the campus newspaper awards. I think all of us understood that those schools were considered (unfairly so) superior to ours. We wanted to prove them wrong. When I was editor I told my reporters that if they worked hard enough, they could do anything as long as they were willing to sacrifice.

That is the kind of motivation you acquire at a school like SIU, where people are given chances to achieve, chances that other schools hand out to those whom they already consider successes. I remember the day we found out we had beaten the University of Illinois. That is one of those moments that has made me who I've become. I stood on my desk in the DE newsroom with a glass of sparkling wine in my hand and instructed my staff gathered in front of me to take one minute to shout and scream as loud as they could for all of those people who never thought they could be anything, who never thought they would make it. I looked out in that minute and saw students who would graduate and move on and spend the rest of their lives trying for that moment again. Because success is something someone offers you a shot at. It is something you get lucky enough to have. It is something you have to work tremendously hard to keep.

I am still screaming.
What Every University Friend Should Know About NCAA Rules

During a recent assessment process conducted in compliance with NCAA rules, a committee recommended that alumni and friends be better informed about what NCAA rules apply to their actions. Violations of these rules can result in the ineligibility of a student-athlete or prospect, causing NCAA penalties to be imposed on the university and leading to restrictions regarding the violator's involvement in SIU's athletic program.

By providing the information that follows, SIU and the SIU Alumni Association hope to prevent such violations and to maintain the university's good standing with the NCAA.

Definitions

1. Representative of Athletics Interests (RAI)
   Casual conversation uses the term "booster" to refer to these individuals. Under NCAA rules, a booster is any individual who has ever:
   • Contributed to the athletics department or its booster club;
   • Joined the Saluki Booster Club;
   • Assisted in recruiting prospects;
   • Provided benefits such as summer jobs to enrolled student-athletes;
   • Otherwise promoted the athletics program.

   Please note three important points regarding this definition:
   1. It is very easy to meet any of these criteria, thus we have thousands of RAI's or boosters.
   2. Once an individual becomes a booster, he or she retains that identity forever.
   3. The university is responsible for all actions of its boosters.

2. Prospective Student Athlete
   Commonly referred to as "prospect," a prospective student athlete is any student who has begun classes for the 9th grade.

Recruiting

Previously, NCAA legislation permitted broad booster involvement in the recruiting process. Currently, the legislation allows only an extremely limited role for a booster in the recruiting process. Restricted areas include items listed below and apply not only to the prospect but also to the prospect's parents or legal guardians.

1. Contacts: Boosters may not make in-person recruiting contacts with prospects at any site.
2. Letters/Telephone Calls: Letters, faxes, or phone calls from boosters to prospects for recruiting purposes are strictly prohibited.
3. Gifts: The provision of any financial aid or other benefits (e.g., clothing, special discounts, tickets to events, co-signing loans) to prospects or their relatives is prohibited.
4. Evaluation: Boosters may not evaluate the athletic talent of prospects on behalf of the university (e.g., talk with prospects or their coaches about attending SIU).

5. Indirect Recruiting Assistance: Indirect recruiting functions (e.g., picking up transcripts or film at the high school or contacting its principal or coach for recruiting purposes) are prohibited.

Permissible Actions

1. Employment Subsequent to Graduation from High School: A booster may employ a prospect who has signed a National Letter of Intent following the prospect's high school graduation as long as compensation is: 1) only for work actually performed; and 2) at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services.

   Please first contact the athletic director to make arrangements for summer employment of prospects and enrolled student-athletes.

2. Limited Recruiting
   Information: Sending newspaper clippings or the name of a prospect from your area to the university's coaching staff is permitted; however, a booster may not directly contact (by phone, letter, or in person) a prospect or perform scouting services at the direction of the university's coaching staff.

Subsequent to Enrollment

All recruiting rules governing booster/prospect relations remain in effect until the prospect's initial enrollment in college.

For example, it would not be permissible to make a congratulatory contact with the prospect one week after he/she has signed a National Letter of Intent.

Subsequent to enrollment there are no contact restrictions between boosters and student-athletes.

During enrollment only benefits expressly authorized by NCAA legislation are permitted; thus, please contact the compliance coordinator before extending any benefit to a student-athlete or the student-athlete's family. Restrictions exist regarding employment; further, special discounts (or gifts at no charge) on goods or services would constitute a violation.
Saluki Football Forecast

by Fred Huff
Men’s Sports Information Director

There is no such thing as a guarantee in college athletics. Teams have to prove themselves on the field of competition. That’s the rule of the game and why many view a university’s athletics program as the window outsiders frequently look through in the evaluation process.

If so, SIU’s friends, fans, and alumni have every reason to be excited.

SIU’s key sports are in solid hands and headed in the right direction.

First to be tested in the 1998-99 school year will be football. And, an understandable question might be: How can one be optimistic about a football program that hasn’t had a winning season since 1991?

Easy. The 1998 season will be head coach Jan Quarless’s second year on the job. He’s better prepared and aware of the pitfalls ahead than a year ago. His players now have a better understanding of what he expects, have an additional year’s experience and have more optimistic views on their capabilities than a year ago.

All those factors are important, according to Quarless, and he might also add that the holes aren’t as deep as a year ago.

“We’re not ready to challenge for the conference championship yet, but that’s our goal,” Quarless says. “And even though we’re not there knocking on the door this season, we’ll be going into every game with the idea that we can win. It’ll be no different than last year when we went into Northern Iowa where they’ve lost only one or two conference games ever and we came within a missed two-point header. It won’t be easy, but we have the confidence we expect our players to have and fortunately we feel we’ve been successful in developing it. But you’ve got to be able to back up your beliefs with performances and we may still be missing an ingredient or two before we’re ready to do that every Saturday afternoon,” he concludes.

Although still battling a numbers problem in that there are hardly enough quality players to transform the program into an overnight success, the team does possess areas of strength.

SIU’s backfield is returning intact. That means quarterback Kent Skornia (Washington, Mo.) is returning for what hopefully will be another superb season after having completed 144 of 261 passes last year for 1,980 yards and 14 touchdowns. Also returning are running backs Karlton Carpenter (Chicago), who is possibly on his way to becoming SIU’s all-time leading ground-gainer, and fullback Bryan Nolbertowicz (Dyer, Ind.), an invaluable all-around performer who blocks, runs and catches passes with the best in the Gateway Conference.

Five starters in the offensive line are returning along with only three starters on the defensive side of the ball, and that’s where Quarless’s biggest concerns understandably are concentrated.

The kicking game is in excellent hands with kicker Matt Simonton (Ridge, N.Y.) and John Amiragno (Valley Stream, N.Y.) who last year was one of the nation’s leading punters with a 42.4 average.

So, it’s a fill-in-the-gaps situation for Quarless and his staff, but the Michigan native is unwilling to accept anything other than a championship-caliber program and it’s my call that the near future will be delivering just that for Saluki fans.

Busy Times for New Saluki Hoops Coach

Bruce Weber, an 18-year assistant at Purdue, is now in charge of SIU’s basketball program. after replacing Rich Herrin in mid-May. Weber’s been on the fast track ever since he arrived in town.

Key moves by the Wisconsin native include:

- Retaining long time assistant Rodney Watson as director of basketball operations;
- Hiring Matt Painter, a four-year basketball letterman at Purdue and for the past three seasons an assistant at Eastern Illinois University, as a full-time assistant coach;
- Assessing the need for a point guard on next year’s Saluki squad and recruiting a top junior college player, Ricky Collum, who played the past two years at Kankakee Community College. Weeks later Weber added Brandon Mells, a standout prep in Memphis, to back up Collum. Only Ryan Hammer from last year’s squad is expected to challenge the newcomers for the starting point guard job.

Scheduling also has been a major concern for Weber and early announcements included home games with Oregon, Virginia Commonwealth and Tulsa. The Salukis are expected to be making an appearance in the TWA Dome in St. Louis in late December when they’ll be part of a basketball double-header.

Also on the summer schedule was an extended 12-day trip for the Salukis to the Dominican Republic where they met professional teams from that country in six games. The trip also allowed Weber and his new staff an opportunity to get a jump start on the 1998-99 season.

Six Former Standouts to be Enshrined

Six new members being inducted into SIU’s Hall of Fame were announced in mid-July.

They are: Wayne Abrams, Ashraf Amaya and Sean Bergman from the men’s side, and former women standouts Julie Illner, Colleen Holloway and Teri Merickel.

Abrams was a basketball star with the Salukis from 1977-1990 while Amaya was a four-year standout on the SIU basketball team from 1990-1993. Bergman enjoyed a superb career with SIU’s baseball program in the early 1990s and is now a leading pitcher in the National League playing with the Houston Astros.

Illner is well-known for her long career as the Salukis’ field hockey coach, while Holloway was a four-year standout softball player. Merickel lettered in four sports—basketball, golf, softball and field hockey—while attending SIU from 1969 to 1973.
Windy City Salukis
Doris Rottschalk, SIU Alumni Association president, and Board of Trustees Vice Chair Molly D’Esposito, spoke at the official chartering of the Windy City Salukis. Pictured left to right are: Laura Israel, Vice President Dana Shapiro Spaeth, Secretary/Treasurer Mark Toncray, President Steve Warnelis, and Chris Durkin.

Lake County
The Lake County Chapter was recognized as an official chapter of the SIU Alumni Association at a dinner ceremony in May. Pictured left to right are Vice President Bob Luber, Secretary/Treasurer Sheryl Barker, Membership Chair Tere Grupe, and Chapter President Charlene Cox.

Charleston, South Carolina
The SIU Alumni Association and the College of Education co-hosted an alumni reception following SIU’s graduation ceremonies at the Charleston Air Force Base Theater in May. Thirty-eight baccalaureate degrees were presented to military and civilian personnel who participated in this off-campus instruction program, which is conducted at several military program sites across the United States. Visiting at the reception are former Chancellor Donald Beggs, on the right, and Clint Noren ’58, a retired Air Force colonel.

DuPage/Will County
The DuPage/Will County Alumni Chapter received its charter on May 29 at Founders Hill Restaurant in Downers Grove. Pictured left to right are Jeanette Olson and President Jackie Timmons.

Indianapolis
The Indianapolis Area Alumni Chapter hosted its 9th annual golf scramble and banquet at Eagle Creek Golf Club. Pictured are Bruce Kopp ’80 (left) and Chuck Lofton ’79 (right), local television personalities with WTHR-13 and the banquet’s emcees. The scramble winners were SIU Athletic Director Jim Hart ’67, Mike Stafford ex67, Gina Giacone ’92, and Anne Childress Booher ex92.

Nashville
Alumni and friends in Nashville, Tenn., attended an alumni reception this spring. Pictured from left to right are Bill Turner, Cynthia Painter, and Pamela Pfeffer.
Springfield

One hundred alumni and friends attended an event this spring to support the Saluki baseball program. The group gathered at The Forty-Niner ByeBye Tavern in Springfield, owned by SIU alumnus John Bohan '70. Pictured from left to right are Mark Erickson, SIU Baseball Coach Dan Callahan, and Bob Ruff.

Phoenix

Alumni and friends living in the Phoenix area gathered at The Phoenician Hotel and Resort in Scottsdale this spring. The SIU Alumni Association hosted the activity and plans to develop an alumni chapter in the area.

Williamson County

The Williamson County Alumni Chapter recognized its 1998 scholarship recipients at its recent banquet. Above, from left to right, are Donald Beggs, former chancellor; Joshua Gabby, a scholarship recipient from Johnston City, Ill.; Cleta Whitacre, the president of the Williamson County Alumni chapter; Tami Fowler, a scholarship recipient from Herrin, Ill.; Winston Calvert, a scholarship recipient from Carterville, Ill.; and SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger. Missing from the photo was scholarship recipient Natalie Nolen from Marion, Ill.

Memphis

Forty alumni attended a social hosted by the Memphis Area Alumni Chapter at Cozymel's Mexican Restaurant. Bill Stark '66 was elected the chapter's new president, replacing Bob Ouellette '78 who had served in the position for two years.

Pinckneyville

Alumni and friends in Perry County attended an alumni social in Pinckneyville. Former Chancellor Donald Beggs greeted the group and discussed current campus events. Chapter members also discussed revitalizing its scholarship program for students living in the county.

Saluki Challenge Golf Outing

The annual Chancellor's Saluki Challenge Golf Outing was held at Crab Orchard Golf Club in Carterville in May. The Alumni Association team tied for first place with a score of 11 under par. Team members were Tom Van Horn '73, Jeff Doherty '75, M.P.A. '82, Michael G. Neill ex83, Julian Pei ex69, Bette Ligon, and Klay Tiemann.
Alumni Join Association Board

Mary Roe '65, '66 and Mike Munge '71 were recently elected to the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors. Roe from Pinckneyville, Ill., and Munge from Pekin, Ill., will serve four-year terms.

Roe is the director of Student Transfer and Retention Support (STARS), a student support services program at Rend Lake College. Roe also serves on the board of directors for the Friends of Morris Library. She is a past member of the Rend Lake College Foundation Board of Directors.

Munge is a manufacturing process engineer at Caterpillar, Inc. in Peoria. He is president of SIU's Tri-County Chapter and assists in coordinating several activities supporting the university's academic and athletic programs.

Financial Planning Seminar Series

The SIU Foundation Chicago Office will offer a three-part Financial Planning Seminar Series this fall to provide education and information to the university's Chicago area alumni, parents and friends.

The first seminar, How Will We Select and Pay For Our Child's College Education?, will be at the Hyatt Hotel in Oak Brook on Tuesday, September 22. This seminar will feature speakers SIU Financial Aid Director Pam Britton and Richard Barrett '67, senior vice president of Evers Securities. They will discuss financial aid applications, scholarships, student work, loans, along with a variety of savings and investment strategies.

Am I On Target For My Retirement? will be the second seminar held at the Holiday Inn in Naperville on Wednesday, October 14. Featured speakers are SIU business professor James Musumeci and Senior Vice President of Investments at Dean Witter Bill Lymangood '72. They will focus on trends in the stock market and address savings and investment strategies.

Everyone Needs a Will, But Who Needs a Trust? will be the final seminar in the series. The seminar, held on Thursday, November 19, at the Civic Opera Building in Chicago, will feature David Johnson, an SIU Law School professor, and attorney Rockney Hudson '80, '83, a partner in Hackbart & Hudson. They will address essential estate planning issues and will discuss charitable remainder trusts.

These seminars are offered to alumni, parents and friends free of charge. For more information please contact the SIU Chicago Office at (630) 574-7774.

Association Awards Pulliam Scholarships

Four students demonstrating leadership skills and academic talent have been selected as the 1998 Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarship recipients. The scholarships are funded by the Pulliam family and given in honor of the former SIU president. Students whose relatives are alumni and members of the SIU Alumni Association are eligible to apply for the academically-based $1,000 scholarships.

Anne Patricia Abney, an accounting major and native of Galatia, Ill., received numerous academic honors in high school and was on the dean's list during her freshman year at SIU.

Courtney Yvonne Douglas, a pre-physics assistant major and native of Carbondale, Ill., has taken a leadership role in community service activities, while staying on the dean's list.

Dianna Lynn Fulk Emling, an elementary education major and native of Du Quoin, Ill., is a dean's list student who is working on her degree while also being a single mother of three children.

Krista Marie Karcher, a business major and native of Marion, Ill., received many academic and leadership honors in high school and competed in varsity sports. Karcher has also been on the dean's list in the College of Business and Administration.

Member Appreciation Day

The SIU Alumni Association will host its fourth annual Alumni Member Appreciation Day for football and volleyball on September 19. Dues-paying members can receive two free tickets to the Saluki football game against Northern Iowa. These tickets will also be honored at the SIU-Missouri-Kansas City volleyball match that evening. Alumni, students and friends are invited to a complimentary lunch, held east of McAndrew Stadium, before the SIU-Northern Iowa game.

Tickets will be available beginning Friday, September 4 at the SIU Alumni Association offices and the following distribution sites: Anna State Bank; Anna Central Bank; Benton Charter Bank; Carbondale First National Bank and Trust Company; Carbondale Magna Bank; Carbondale SIU Credit Union; Carterville State and Savings Bank; Carterville Victor Drugs; Chester Central Bank; Cobden Emling and Hoffman, CPA; Du Quoin First National Bank; Harrisburg Health Mart; Herrin Security Bank; Herrin Banterra Bank; Marion Central Bank; Marion Illinois State Regional Office; Marion Nations Bank; Mount Vernon Magna Bank; Murphysboro Emling and Hoffman, CPA; Nashville Country Companies, Pinckneyville.

For more information on membership or obtaining tickets, call the SIU Alumni Association at (618) 453-2408.
Chicago Inaugurates Obelisk Awards

Southern Illinois University will celebrate the achievements of alumni in the Chicago region by hosting the inaugural Obelisk Leadership Awards dinner on Wednesday, November 4, at the Hyatt Hotel in Oak Brook. The obelisk, originally a symbol of honor in ancient Egypt, has been chosen to represent the Obelisk Leadership Awards for those who have made significant contributions in four areas of endeavor: Arts and Communication, Business and Professional, Science and Medicine, and Education and Community Service. These categories represent the four sides of the obelisk. The Kenneth N. Pontikes Award for Excellence in Philanthropy and Service represents the base of the obelisk. The Chicagoland Scholarship Award, given to an outstanding student of SIU for his/her achievements, represents the top pyramid of the obelisk.

Highlights of the dinner include a keynote address by former U.S. Senator Paul Simon, director of the SIU Public Policy Institute, the introduction of newly appointed Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger, and a welcome from President Ted Sanders. The dinner resulted from discussions among the members of the Chicagoland Advisory Board. Jane Hodgkinson '71, '74, is chair of the event's steering committee.

Advance registration is underway for the Obelisk Leadership Awards dinner and reception. Tickets are $50 per person or $400 for a table of eight. For reservations or more information, call the SIU Chicago Office at (630) 574-7774.

Proceeds will benefit the Chicagoland Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to a Chicago area child, grandchild, or sibling of SIU alumni who has demonstrated academic excellence.

Tentative Homecoming Schedule

**Wednesday, October 14**
10 a.m. - 7 p.m. - King and Queen Elections
Student Center and Recreation Center

**Thursday, October 15**
8 p.m. - Pep Rally/Bonfire/King and Queen Coronation
SIU Arena Parking Lot

**Friday, October 16**
10 - 11:30 a.m. - Class of 1948 Registration
Student Center
Noon - SIU Alumni Association/SIU Foundation Board of Directors/Class of 1948 Luncheon/Distinguished Alumni Ceremony
Student Center
1:30 p.m. - Morris Commemorative Convocation
Shryock Auditorium
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Guided Tour of Campus and Carbondale for Class of 1948
4 - 5 p.m. - Public Visual Communication, Radio-Television and Cinema and Photography (1975-1980) Reception
Communications Courtyard
5 - 6 p.m. - Tour of College of Mass Communication and Media Arts
Communications Building
6 p.m. - Half Century Club/Class of 1948 Reception
Student Center, Gallery Lounge
7 p.m. - Half Century Club Dinner
Student Center, Ballroom D
10 p.m. - 2 a.m. - Ms. Eboness Dance
Student Center
10:30 p.m. - Midnight - Saluki Late Night Basketball Practice
SIU Arena (tba)

**Saturday, October 17**
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Homecoming Parade
Downtown Carbondale
10:30 a.m. - Alumni Reunion Activities
Alumni Tent, east of McAndrew Stadium
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Saluki Football vs. Western Illinois
McAndrew Stadium
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Get Reacquainted Hour and Banquet for Public Visual Communication Reunion. Tickets are $20 per person.
For more information, call Jill Belcher at (618) 453-7473.
Student Center, Old Main Restaurant
8 p.m. - 25th Annual Alpha Phi Alpha's Ms. Eboness Pageant
Shryock Auditorium
Doris McLain Rottschalk talks about Southern Illinois University as if it were a family member—someone who she admits makes mistakes but for whom she expresses unconditional love and loyalty.

Growing up in nearby Du Quoin, Rottschalk always assumed she would attend SIU. "Hardly anyone ever went to any other university," she explains. She shares one particularly revealing story: "It was my sophomore year in high school and I was taking driver's education in the summer. I was a pretty good driver and so my instructor used to tell me I could drive anywhere I wanted and he would sit there and do a crossword puzzle while I drove around. I used to drive to campus and around Thompson Point every day. By the end of the summer, the instructor told me he thought I was probably going to end up at SIU and I said, 'Of course.' I think I always knew this is where I belonged."

Not surprisingly this lifelong devotion to her alma mater, combined with her vision and hopes for its future, have made Rottschalk both proud and motivated as she begins her term as president of the SIU Alumni Association.

Rottschalk's confidence that SIU was the right place for her never wavered. She doesn't remember ever experiencing any homesickness or second thoughts. She says it definitely helped that her roommate, Jane Gross Fox, and suite mates, Margie Mathis Lima and Jane Schneider Keene, were all good friends from high school. That close knit group and being challenged by her classes right from the start made Rottschalk feel immediately at home: "I didn't come home until Thanksgiving my freshman year. My mother came down to visit me, and I told her I was so happy I didn't know if I was ever going to come home!"

Attending SIU on a teacher's scholarship that covered her tuition, Rottschalk held student jobs to earn spending money. Her first job was working for R. Paul Hibbs who was in charge of the weekly university convocations and, coincidentally, had also once been her principal at Du Quoin High School. She started out making 75 cents an hour, eventually getting a raise to $1 an hour. Later, she worked in the speech communication department for professors Marion Kleinau and Dorothy Higgenbotham. Rottschalk cites these women and her high school speech teachers Betty Thornton and Catherine Forrester Derbak as the major influences in her eventual decision to major in speech communication.

Rottschalk says the 1967 NIT Basketball Championship, dances, President Delyte Morris coming to her residence hall to meet with students, homecoming, spring fest, the freshman watermelon feast and painting the cannon in front of
Old Main are some of the memories she remembers most fondly from her undergraduate years.

As she pages through her college scrapbook, the tumultuous side of those years also comes through in the newspaper articles she saved that detail the student unrest of the late 1960s. “The sixties were not an easy time,” Rottschalk concedes. “You wanted to do everything fast. We were told we might be bombed and so I think we lived fast because we didn’t know how much longer we would have to live.”

But Rottschalk stresses that despite the challenges of the times, her SIU memories remain overwhelmingly positive. After all, SIU was the place where Rottschalk met her husband Richard, a fellow Thompson Point resident. They were married her junior year and lived in a small apartment in De Soto while finishing their degrees.

After graduating from SIU, Rottschalk followed in her favorite teachers’ footsteps, teaching English and speech at Pinckneyville High School for three years and at Du Quoin High School for 23 years. Rottschalk continues to teach sophomore English at her high school alma mater, where she has also at various times been a class and newspaper sponsor and directed drama productions. She is also the mother of three children: Jane Rottschalk Cohlmeyer, who graduated from SIU, also teaches high school English and speech in Cahokia, Ill.; John, who attended the University of Illinois, recently graduated from the SIU Dental School in Alton, Ill., and Julie, who is currently a social work major at SIU. Jane and her husband Bob, a guidance counselor who also graduated from SIU, frequently attend alumni events with their daughter Abigail Claire and the Rottschalks.

Rottschalk has also kept extremely active in her community, serving on the tourism commission, park board, library board (including a term as president of the Friends of the Library), PTA, Sacred Heart School Board and several church organizations.

She explains she believes it’s important to be a role model to her students as well as to her children. “I’ve always seen volunteering as an excellent example to give them,” she says.

But while raising her children, pursuing her career and giving back to the community, SIU has always remained center stage in Rottschalk’s life. She regularly attends athletic events and theater productions. She was active in the Perry County Alumni Chapter during the 1980s and is working with the association on its revitalization. She served on the alumni board for SIU’s College of Communications and Fine Arts—as its president for one year. In 1991, her reputation as an enthusiastic and dedicated university supporter brought SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger and then Assistant Director Pat McNeil to Du Quoin to ask Rottschalk to run for the alumni association’s board of directors.

In the seven years she has been on the board, Rottschalk has served on numerous university committees and chaired the association’s membership services committee and the committee that inaugurated and now coordinates the Distinguished Alumni Wall. Her commitment to SIU remains as strong as the day she first arrived on campus. As she begins her one-year term as president of the SIU Alumni Association, Rottschalk has characteristically set her goals high.

In front of Campus Lake, and near the Thompson Point residence halls where Doris, Richard and their daughters Julie and Jane all lived, are, from left to right: John Rottschalk, a recent graduate of SIU Dental School in Alton; Richard Rottschalk ’70; Doris Rottschalk ’69, holding her granddaughter Abigail Claire; Jane Rottschalk Cohlmeyer ’90; and Bob Cohlmeyer ’81, M.M. ’83. Not in the photo is Julie Rottschalk, an SIU social work major.
"I think it's the association's responsibility to bring the good news of the university to alumni," Rottschalk says. She expresses concern that alumni don't always hear enough about the positive accomplishments of the university, faculty and students. To further this goal, Rottschalk intends to visit with as many alumni chapters as possible. "When I walk into those meetings I may not know another person, but we have something in common because we all went to SIU. I want to build on that bond."

Rottschalk believes there are numerous ways for alumni to reconnect and stay involved with their alma mater, most notably by joining the alumni association and by assisting with recruitment. She has always been an advocate for SIU with her own students, from the SIU bulletin board she has in her classroom to the messages she reiterates to her students. "I always tell my students that SIU is the ideal university for many reasons, but especially for students from this region because it is close enough for comfort but far enough away for their independence. And I can tell them that was definitely my experience as well as that of my daughters."

One idea Rottschalk would like to implement would involve her colleagues at high schools throughout the country. She suggests identifying alumni teachers in high schools and recruiting them as admission ambassadors to whom the university would send materials and who would then serve as contacts for prospective students and admission representatives. With cooperation from the admission office and the support of the association, Rottschalk believes this idea could be quickly and effectively put in place and have a significant impact on enrollment.

Rottschalk is proud of the association's track record of raising money for scholarships and its recent gift of $200,000 to the university. She hopes to continue those efforts as well as raise the endowment for legacy scholarships to be awarded to the children and grandchildren of alumni. The details for the legacy scholarship program are still being worked out and will be announced later this year.

Making sure all graduating seniors know about the alumni association and why they should join remains one of Rottschalk's most fervently held goals. She would like the colleges to consider cooperating with giving one-year memberships to all graduating seniors. She is especially interested in connecting with international students who she knows are often lost to the association and university when they return to their home countries.

Well aware of the high expectations she has placed on herself and the staff with whom she will work closely, Rottschalk has warned other organizations with which she volunteers that the association will receive her primary attention and time during the coming year. Even before officially assuming office on July 1, she had attended events in Indianapolis and Chicago. It was during the events in Chicago that Rottschalk discovered what might prove to be the most important lesson of her tenure.

Rottschalk had accepted the invitation to speak at the chartering dinners for two of Chicago’s alumni chapters at the end of May, knowing that the end of the school year, combined with plans for her son’s graduation from dental school, would make that time incredibly busy. The only time she found to work on her comments for the dinners was as she and her husband drove to Chicago. "But," she explains, "when I walked into that dinner, I put those notes aside and spoke right from my heart."

Speaking from her heart about the school she has loved ever since she can remember is something Rottschalk knows she must continue to do throughout the coming year. "I want to be able to make as many alumni as possible feel as good about our university as I do. And I want to encourage them to give back in whatever way they can. Alumni need to realize that the university needs our support."
1930s

Dr. George E. Casper '27, '37, an optometrist, and his wife Etoile Casper ex41 live in Anna, Ill. He still sees patients two days a week.

Lt. Col. Wilbur K. Ragland '37, retired, was the second-place high jumper in the 80-84 age group of the 1997 Masters Indoor Meets in the USA. His wife Geraldine won 12 gold medals in sprints, one of which was the ICCA Senior Olympics 50-meter dash in the 75-79 age group. The Raglands live in Pinckneyville, Ill.

1950s

John W. Mulkin '48, M.A. '52 retired in 1985 and lives in Carterville with his wife Martha. He is past membership/publicity chairman for the American Cut Glass Association.

Robert G. Streuter '56 retired from a career in banking in April 1997, and in May was named Citizen of the Year at the Murphysboro, Ill., Chamber of Commerce annual banquet.

Bruce Muench M.S.'57, a biologist who has been immersed in Midwest waters for 45 years, has published Stick Your Head Under the Surface, a book about events that have occurred in and around his farm pond since he built it in 1963. More than 60 color photos illustrate the text, which includes a number of his anecdotes and even a couple of poems. Muench has worked for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and, more recently, as a private consultant and investigator for water resources.

Roberta "Bobbie" Jones-Burns '59 is head of the art department at Atascocita Middle School in Humble, Texas. She has twice been named Teacher of the Year.

1960s

Louise M. Kabat '60 lives with her husband Melvin in Scheller, where they operate a diversified livestock and grain farm and she substitute teaches. In 1996, they were Illinois Conservation Family of the Year. They have five children, successful in their careers, and nine grandchildren.

Larry E. Swope '60, '64 retired from Carbondale Community High after 26 years and is now a visiting lecturer for the College of Applied Sciences and Arts at SIU. He and his wife Cindy, a teacher at Lincoln Junior High, live in Anna, Ill.

John G. Brown '61, M.S.Ed.'62, who lives in Martinsburg, W.Va., is a writer of poetry and drama. Some 150 composers have set his works to music.

Beverly Eugene Coleman '61, M.S.Ed.'65 received his Ph.D. in May from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Frances A. McKinstry '61 is an office systems analyst at SIU. She is working to finish a bachelor's degree in advanced technical studies by 2000. Her son is a graduate of SIUE, her daughter attends Rend Lake College, and her grandson is planning to be an SIUE grad.

Donald A. Stork '61 is president of Advanswers Media/Programming, one of the five largest independent media service companies in the U.S., with clients such as Gap, Johnson & Johnson, Jockey, Walgreens, Ralston Purina, Energizer, and Jack Daniel's and offices in St. Louis, New York, and Chicago. His wife, Joanna Gentry Stork, after taking early retirement from teaching, is employed by eight school districts and McKendree College on a Goals 2000 preservice teachers grant.

The board of trustees of the Mississippi State Institutions of Higher Learning has named the social science building on the Mississippi Valley State University campus for Dr. W. A. Butts M.A.'62, Ph.D.'68. The building was officially named during the Founders Day convocation in April.

Karen C. Kelter '62, who lives in Tucson, is a field representative for Scholastic Book Fairs.

Carroll Francis Nelson '62, M.S.'64 and his wife Rachel Ann have been retired for nine years. He was an elementary school principal in Carbondale for 24 years, and during this time his wife taught. They now have a miniatures business, Tob-Rae, and are world travelers.

Jim Sharp '62, a technical writer for General DataCom in Middlebury, has written and published Stereo Memories, a collection of poems paying tribute to icons of his youth. Finding poems that he wrote in grade school prompted him to return to poetry, and that helped him through the long illness and death of his parents. He has lived for nearly 20 years in Brookfield.

Linda (Ballou) Mottin '64 and her husband David L. Rockford are self-employed consultants in Cherry Hill, N.J.

James E. Tally '65, M.S.Ed.'71, Ph.D.'77 is the new president and CEO of ESR Children's Health Care System, Inc., in Atlanta. He is leading the merger of Scottish Rite and Egleston children's health care groups, bringing together Egleston's teaching and research capabilities with Scottish Rite's private practice model. Tally has held a variety of positions in the SIU School of Medicine, including executive director for patient and clinical services, and was previously vice chancellor for administration and fiscal affairs at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Tally and his wife Carol live in Atlanta.

Kay M. Brechtelbauer '66, Ph.D.'80 is the SIU softball coach. In 1997, she was Missouri Valley Conference Softball Coach of the Year, with a 41-26 record.

Oliver H. Dorn '67 is owner and manager of Dorn Farms, an 8,000-acre grain and livestock operation in Illinois and Indiana. Corn and soybeans are the main crops, and 1,000-1,500 feeder cattle are fed out each year.

Jim Pettigrew '67 is the owner of a consulting business that provides advice and assistance in swine nutrition and related areas to domestic and international clients, particularly in Latin America. He and his wife, also a consultant, live in Louisiana, Mo.

Joan Ferrel '67, M.A.'69, Ph.D.'88 teaches French and English and coaches men's golf for Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg, Ill. In 1995, she participated in a teacher exchange program in the Netherlands; she is now teacher/administrator/exchange coordinator for the Illinois Consortium of International Studies and Programs (ICISP). She and her husband Don live in Raleigh.

John W. Blakeney '68 is a design consultant for Sun Life/Four Seasons in Hickory, N.C. A long-running display of landscape paintings by Foster Gilman "Gill" Beamsley M.F.A.'68, at the Loyola Medical Center in Maywood, Ill., has recently closed.
Pamela Haughlawout '68, M.A.'76 has been named senior vice president of the Healthcare Practice at Sheppard Riley Coughlin, a privately held commercial insurance brokerage firm in Boston.

James A. Killion, III '68 is a senior advisor with the Xerox Corp. in St. Louis, where he has been employed for 25 years in various sales and managerial positions.

Michael Kosteczko '68, who lives in Orland Park, Ill., heads the consumer loan collection department for First Bank of Oak Park as well as for three other banks and a leasing company.

Barbara A. Litherland '68, M.S.Ed.'70, Ph.D.'82 has taught at Tennessee Technological University for six years. She teaches graduate courses, supervises student teachers and practicum students in health education and works with undergraduate and graduate advisement.

Phyllis E. Bochtler Ritko '68 earned her M.S. from the University of Illinois in 1972 and teaches fourth grade in the Streator elementary school system. Her husband Gerald is a crew leader for Commonwealth Edison. Their two daughters are business majors at SIU and their son is in high school.

James L. Tovell '68 and his wife Bonnie live in Yorkville, Ill., and enjoy visiting their year-old granddaughter, who lives in Boulder, Co.

Dr. Donna Dugger- Wadsworth '69 and Rev. Patrick Wadsworth live in Lafayette, La., where she is an assistant professor at the University of Southwest Louisiana. She has been elected president of the Louisiana Federation Council for Exceptional Children for 1997–98. He is minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Abbeville.

William C. Walker '69, a lost alumni association member, has been found in Los Gatos, Calif., where, since late 1995, he has been CFO of Tactical Fabs, Inc., and its four sister companies. His wife Ana is an intensive-care RN for Good Samaritan Hospital of San Jose. They have three children.

Robert Richardson '69, Ph.D. '85, an associate professor of education at University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, recently received three awards: the Coulee Region United Educators' Merit Award for Public Relations; the Gamma Iota Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa Exemplary Service Award; and the Wisconsin Association for Middle Level Educators' James Stoltenberg Award for his interest and commitment to the education of transcents.

1970s

In November, Lynn C. Avery '70, M.S.Ed.'75 was promoted to superintendent of Region I, Community Services Division, State of Illinois Department of Corrections. She is responsible for electronic detention, parole and work release programs in northern Cook and Lake counties.

In December 1997, Barry M. Eisenberg '70 completed 27 years of service as a sales representative for Met Life. He and his wife Gwen live in Yonkers, where he coaches a Bantam League hockey team.

Mary Carol Farmar '70 lives in Chicago, where she has her own law office.

Marleen E. Monahan '70 teaches physical education for girls and boys at a parochial elementary school in St. Charles, Mo. She also leads the school's Social Justice Committee, which does charitable work. She and her husband David, a manufacturer's representative in O'Fallon, Mo., live in Lake Saint Louis.


Glen Bower '71 has been reappointed to the Section Council of the Section on Employee Benefits of the Illinois State Bar Association. He currently is on the staff of the Secretary of State, and has had a number of bar association and government positions, including seven years as chairman of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board under President George Bush.

Ilona M. McGuinness '71, an associate professor of writing at Loyola College in Baltimore, Md., has been named the Harry Rodgers III Distinguished Teacher of the Year. In addition to her departmental teaching duties, she directs the Honors Program, works with the Class Retreat program, is working on a book about rhetoric in E.M. Forster's non-fiction, serves on the executive board of the Maryland Collegiate Honors Council and is active with the Maryland Humanities Council Scholars Bank. She has developed a national reputation as a leader in the service learning movement.

Norman O. Rose '71, of Westmont, Ill., a sanitary chemist, was promoted in June 1997 to lab manager at Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Stickney Environmental Lab, and is involved with public education projects to expose students to environmental vocations. During his time as chairman of the Public Education Committee of Illinois Water Environment Association, he helped put together a water environment curriculum for grades 6-10 that is being used by more than 65 middle and high schools.

Philip E. and Pamela J. Wilfinger '71 live in Washington, Ill. He is a project engineer for Caterpillar in Peoria and she is guidance counselor for Bloomington Central Catholic school.

Craig W. Wood '71 has recently been named human resources manager for Fort Dodge Animal Products, a subsidiary of America Home Products. He and his wife Phyllis live in Rockwell City, Iowa.

Paul L. Conti '72, M.B.A.'74 has been named CEO of Aon Enterprise Insurance Services Inc., bringing to his new position experience in general management consulting, human resources, and integrated system and business solutions. He and his family live in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Irl F. Engelhardt '72 has been awarded the Erskine Ramsay Medal by the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers. The medal, given annually to a coal executive, recognizes distinguished achievement in coal mining. Engelhardt has been Peabody chairman and CEO since 1990, and is a member of various coal industry organizations.

Terry L. Jones '72, who is in his fourth year working on the John Madden and Pat Summerall crew for Fox Football, moved to Phoenix in early 1997 to help with television production for the expansion baseball team, the Arizona Diamondbacks.
Alumnus Robert Weiss '72 recently returned to campus to receive a service award from the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts. Weiss may be the president of Broadway Pictures for Paramount Studios, but on that day he also played a starring role carrying daughter Emma Rose's luggage.

Robert P. McCormack '73, P.E., a senior engineer with more than 25 years' experience, has joined QST Environmental Inc. as principal wastewater engineer in the St. Louis consulting office. A registered professional engineer in Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky, he is also a certified environmental specialist and inspector, with special capabilities in water and wastewater treatment, construction management and hazardous and solid waste treatment.

Arthur Andersen, the global professional services firm, has appointed Steve M. Samek '73 country managing partner, to oversee operations in the U.S. He has recently been the leader for the Americas, and during his career has held a number of firmwide positions, including global managing partner for multinational clients, managing partner of wholesale industry programs, and leader of a highly successful commercial audit practice in Chicago. Samek, 45, joined the firm as part of the Chicago audit staff in 1973 and was admitted as a partner in 1984.

Marcia L. Bullard '74, president, CEO and editor of USA Weekend, was honored as the Revlon Business Woman of the Year at the 1998 Hallmark Cards/Students in Free Enterprise International Exposition and Career Opportunity Fair in Kansas City, Mo. George Fellows, Revlon's president and CEO, presented the award to Ms. Bullard at a luncheon where she gave the keynote address, saying, "Marcia Bullard is surely an inspiration to young women who seek to make their mark in journalism, or any profession, and at the same time give back their knowledge and spirit to the community."

Robert G. Caffey '74 is director of sales for Mobile Systems International in Atlanta, Ga. His wife is a physician.

Thomas M. Jackson '74 recently noted his first anniversary as host/producer of The New Orleans Music Hour, a radio show on WLW-FM that celebrates the music and culture of the Big Easy. In his day job he is sales manager of Superior Bank in Chicago.

After 17 years with the Chicago Park District, Alan S. Lery '74 has been named director of inventory control for Turbo Resources International, a supplier of aviation parts, in Phoenix, Ariz. He and his wife Jan Lery '74 are living in Phoenix.

Larry B. Rollen '74 is a social worker for the state of Missouri and lives in St. Louis.

Thomas Frenkel '75 is a tourism consultant and president of Prestige Vacation Services, Inc., of Carbondale. He has previously been president of Priestly Tours and of the National Tour Association, Inc., a multinational group of tourism entities whose 4,000 members include airlines, cruise lines, motels, railroads, and tour operators. He is currently enrolled in the SIU School of Law class of 2000. His wife Cynthia, a graduate of the SIUE nursing school, is director of maternal and child nursing at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. They have two children.

Roy Allen Gilbert Sr. USAF (ret.) '75 will enter law school at SIU in August, 1998. He is "currently enjoying a year of retirement and renovating an old farmstead in Johnson County" near Vienna. His wife Janet is the practice manager for Striegl Animal Hospital in Carbondale.

Vicky L. King '76, M.S.'84 is athletic director for Carbondale Community High School.

Thomas E. Dermody '77 lives with his wife Laura in Matteson, Ill., where he is a police officer in the K-9 unit of the Matteson Police Department.

Michael R. Karnes '77 says, "After 20 years in banking, I was hired by Universal Studios, Inc., to manage their national return center in Pinckneyville, Ill., a plant that employs a hundred people and handles all returns from rental customers in the U.S."

Jane Michel McGarry '77, who started her broadcasting career at age five doing Bunny Bread commercials for her father's 500-watt station in Anna, Ill., is now, after stints at WPSD-TV in Paducah and KFVS-TV in Cape Girardeau, a popular anchor for the 6 and 10 p.m. news at KXAS-TV in Dallas. She is a talented interviewer, credited with helping the station over some rough spots, and her One on One series has profiled local and national political, entertainment and sports figures. She, her husband Kevin, and their son Michael are happily settled by a golf course, and see Dallas as their home—but she is said to be "network material." Stay tuned.

Earl Huggins '79, a widower, teaches in the Chula Vista Adult School, Chula Vista, Calif.

1980s

James R. Abramson '80 is a district sales manager in Apple Valley, Minn. He and his wife Cheryl have three children.

Lt. Colonel Gordon Finklea USMC '80 is stationed in San Diego, Calif. His wife Anna is a financial director for HMCO.

Paul E. Kusinski '80 lives in Chicago and is a sergeant in the Chicago Police Department.
Lee Rode M.A.'80, Ph.D.'84 recently received the 1997-98 Faculty and Staff Diversity Award at Diablo Valley College, where he is a psychology professor. The award is given to a person who demonstrates "outstanding leadership and commitment to the principles of affirmative action and diversity" for the college. Diablo Valley College is in the San Francisco Bay area and has an enrollment of 20,000 students.

Mark A. Rouleau '80 is an attorney with Mark Rouleau & Associates in Rockford, Ill. He is a member of the Board of Managers of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and an Illinois State Bar Association Assembly member.

Debra L. McBride '81 is bookkeeper and accountant for Mack Sales, Inc., of Carbondale. Her husband David is manager of the firm.

Panayotis Tsekouras M.S.'81 is a food microbiologist, dividing his efforts between laboratory work in the private sector and teaching in a public institution (Technological Educational Institution) in Athens, Greece.

The SIU Press has recently published An Ethnobotanical Study of Montserrat by David Eric Brussell '82, a visiting assistant professor at SIU Niigata, Japan, and an adjunct professor of plant biology at SIU Carbondale. This complete ethnobotanical study of the flora of Montserrat, including those in areas devastated by the volcano, is rich in information about the plants and the integral part they play in Caribbean culture, economy, history, and folklore. He was able to observe the use of plants as medicines and foodstuffs and in voodoo rituals; others as aphrodisiacs, poisons, insecticides, dyes, building materials, and industrial chemicals.

"Finally!" says Thomas C. Dickinson '82,'87, director of radiology services for Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Ill., who used the ILP program to finish his studies. His wife Kerry, who received an A.A.S. degree in radiology in 1983, is a paraprofessional in the Quincy schools. The Dickersons have three children.

Joyce Solheim Ph.D.'82 recently joined the faculty of the Medical School at the University of South Dakota. Her husband, James Solheim, who taught creative writing in the SIU English department faculty for eight years, starting in 1985, has written a children's book, It's Disgusting—and We Ate It! being published by Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. The book, a collection of nonfiction, humor, and poetry about unusual foods from around the world and throughout history, has been chosen an American Bookseller Pick of the Lists.

Norma J. Strickland-Jones Ph.D.'82 is chair of the division of education for Rust College in Holly Springs, Miss., which has received a $200,000, three-year faculty development grant for "Strengthening Historically Black Institutions."

James Derk '83 is computing editor for The Evansville Courier and computer columnist for Scripps Howard and Tribune media services. He and his wife have recently adopted four children from Hungary, ages 4, 3, and 1 (twins).

In April, at a concert by the University of Missouri St. Louis Wind Ensemble, John Gerdes M.M.'83 conducted the world premiere of his composition Legends, which was part of his master's thesis, recorded with the SIU Wind Ensemble but never publicly performed. He studied composition with Frank Stemer and conducting with Melvin Seiner, John Mochnick and Michael Hanes, and has performed with the Belleville Philharmonic and conducted pit orchestras. His children's musical Lu-Lu-Lucy Blows the Blues was performed in 1985.

Bill Havrika '83 has been promoted to senior vice president of corporate services by Paric Corp. in St. Louis, a nationally recognized general contractor providing integrated design/build services and computer-generated financial feasibility analyses. He lives in Chesterfield, Mo.

Linda M. Gosse '84 finished her M.B.A. at North Central College in Naperville, Ill., in June 1996. She is currently working at Nike, Inc., in Portland, Ore., as a financial analyst. She lives in Beaverton, Ore.

Silvana Richardson, Ph.D. '85 recently completed her first year as the dean at Viterbo College's School of Nursing in LaCrosse, Wis. She was named Viterbo's Outstanding Teacher for 1997-98 and was recently promoted to the rank of commander in the U.S. Naval Reserves Nurse Corps.

Richard Day '85 has served for five years as the postmaster in Murphysboro, Ill., but has recently been named postmaster in Anna, Ill., where he first worked in the Post Office.

Robert M. Dempsey Jr. '85, '87 is a project engineer for S & C Electric Co. in Chicago. He and his wife Elizabeth A. L. Heken Dempsey '88 live in Mount Prospect.

Kay E. Wulf '85,'86, an interior designer for Philip Shaw Associates in Chicago, is a registered Illinois designer and a member of several interior design groups, one being Chicago Women in Architecture. In April 1997 she attended the international design fair in Milan, one of the largest trade shows in the I.D. industry — "overwhelming!" — and went on to visit Florence and Rome.

Thimios Zaharopoulos Ph.D.'85 and Julia L. Crain M.A.'85 are living in Topeka, Kan., where he has been appointed chair of the Department of Mass Media at Washburn University of Topeka and she is teaching English at Lawrence High School in Lawrence, Kan. She is also enrolled in a doctoral program at Kansas University.

Dwayne Johnson '86 was promoted last May, and now supervises a unit of probation officers in the home confinement division of the Cook County Juvenile Court. He and his wife Sharon, an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Department of Justice, live in Chicago.

Joel Lovelace '86, M.P.A.'88 has recently been promoted to deputy director of employee and labor-management relations at the U.S. Department of Labor. Joel lives in Arlington, Va.

Bass Hotels & Resorts in Atlanta has appointed John Merkin '86 vice president of franchise services for Holiday Inn Hotels.

Michael J. Hebeda '87 works in inside sales for VWR Scientific Products in Batavia, Ill. His wife Angela is a financial accountant with Pitney-Bowes Software.
Systems. They live in Plainfield, Ill., and hope their small daughter will someday be an SIU alumna.

Navy Lt. Gary L. Merrit '87, recently retired from active duty after 20 years of service, most recently with Naval Surface Group, Pacific Northwest, Everett, Wash. He now lives in Marysville, Wash.

Tutsa Kelley Nirtaut '87 is graphics manager for the Omni Sports Fitness Centre in Schererville, Ind. Her husband, David Nirtaut '86, is biomedical department supervisor for Ingalls Memorial Hospital in Harvey, Ill. The couple, who live in Saint John, Ind., have two children.

Suzanne Asaturian '87, a biology teacher at Carbondale High School, has been named one of 26 National Teacher Training Institute (NTTI) Texaco Teachers of the Year. Funded in part by Texaco and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, NTTI helps teachers incorporate technology into their lessons, particularly in mathematics and science. For several years, Asaturian has been an NTTI master teacher, cited for creativity in matching difficult curricula and concepts with hands-on activities that motivate students to learn. She plans to donate her $1,000 award to her department.

Army Capt. Stephen R. Cain '87 is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. His wife Lucy C. Cain '87 is a staff speech pathologist for the Cape Fear Valley Health System in Fayetteville, N.C., where the Cains live.

James P. Quisenberry '87, M.S. '89 was recently promoted to manager of operations at NovaNET Learning, Inc. in Champaign, a nationwide computer-based service that has had great success in dropout recovery and remedial programs for alternative education, high school, middle school, and community college programs. His wife, Jill Rogers Quisenberry '89, is a first-grade teacher in Urbana. She plays a strong role in promoting Champaign's Orpheum Children's Science Museum.

Glenna Racioppe '87 is a product manager for Nestle's Sunline Division in St. Louis, responsible for brand management and new products. She and her husband Stephen live in Wildwood, Mo.

Darlene Rutkowski-Hanks '87, '88 is a project architect for Korte Construction Colin Highland, Ill. Her husband Edward is quality control manager of Keinstra Concrete. They live in Edwardsville, Ill.

Linette L. Baker '88, superintendent, area dental laboratory, USAF, was promoted to Senior Master Sergeant on 1 January; 1998.

Sherry L. Craig '88 lives in Aurora, Ill., where her husband Robert is general foreman for Willamette Industries. She is busy rearing their new son.

Elizabeth Eastman-McRoy '88, M.S.W. '89 is director of social services for Marion Memorial Hospital in Marion, Ill. She is the winner of the 1997 Quality of Life Service Award from Quality of Life Services, Inc., for her outstanding commitment to improving health care in Southern Illinois. Her husband Jerry D. McRoy '58, M.S.Ed. '61, is retired.

The Rev. Chris Haake '88, '90 was ordained a deacon in 1996 and a priest in the Diocese of Peoria in 1997.

Richard A. Kaminsky '88 received the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from The University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine on May 17 in Kansas City, Mo. This summer he will begin training in anatomic and clinical pathology at Wake Forest University/North Carolina Baptist Hospital/ Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is one of 30 medical students nationwide chosen to complete a fellowship in pathology at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. He and his family will be moving to Clemons, N.C.

Deborah Chapman '89, M.S.Ed.'81, Ph.D.'94, a health education teacher, has earned the 1997-98 University of Tennessee at Martin National Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award. She has been at UT Martin for three years.

Kevin Hendricks '89 is an engineering supervisor for ISIS, Inc., in Sparks, Nev. His wife is a senior program analyst working on an Oracle project for the University of Nevada Systems in Reno. They live in Sparks with their two children.

Richard J. Jurek '89, M.A. '91, who also has a M.I.M. degree from Schiller International University in Heidelberg, has been named a second vice president at the Northern Trust Company, Chicago. He will be manager of communications and research in the marketing division of corporate and institutional services. He writes a quarterly column for the American Marketing Association's Marketing Research magazine. He, his wife Karin and their daughter live in Dyer, Indiana.

Ana L. Hoover '90 says, "I had the wonderful and unique experience of attending SIU with my son. In fall '87, I transferred to SIUC as a junior and my son Jeff Kremer '90 began his freshman year . . . we graduated the same day in May 1990." Ana lives in Tucson and works for the Pawn/Major Offenders Unit of the Tucson Police Department. Jeff and his wife Sheri welcomed their first child in February, 1998.

Annie Riech '90 and Lance Loman '97 planned to marry on July 4, 1998. She is an information management assistant for the FBI in Springfield, where her intended is an office assistant in the Illinois Comptroller's Office. They did not meet at SIU, but were brought together when out her window she noticed a maroon truck with SIU bumper stickers and the license plate SIUC 87. The wedding decor will be red, white—and maroon!

Jennifer J. Workman '90, who lives in Newton, Ill., is director of social services for the Evergreen Nursing Centre in Effingham.

Kristine G. Leaby '91 and John T. Moore, Jr. '91 of Lombard, Ill., plan to marry in December.

Don Lockart '91 has been named chief executive officer of U.S. operations for HLBI International, a global financial and business consulting network with affiliated firms in 21 U.S. cities and over 350 offices in 76 countries with a combined billings in excess of $535 million. Previously managing director of the Illinois Bankers Association, he has assumed all management responsibilities in the U.S. He operates from the offices of Blackman Kallieck Bartelstein, LLP, in Chicago.

Anita L. Loher '91 is director of food service for St. James Hospital & Health Centers in Chicago.

Jamal A. Abdala '92 has completed an M.B.S. in marketing from Roosevelt University and is a station analyst for the Univision Television Group in Chicago.

Riyaz Adamjee '92, M.S.'95 is a computer engineer for CCC Information Services, Inc., Glendora, Calif.
Carol M. Besler M.A.'92 has received Bronze Quill Awards of Excellence and of Merit for promotional writing—viewbooks for Birmingham-Southern College and Midwestern University. She is a senior writer with Stamats Communications, Inc., in Cedar Rapids and also teaches college-level writing and literature.

Navy Lt. Michael J. D'Amico '92 recently received an Air Medal while assigned to Patrol Squadron Eight, Brunswick, Maine.

Lisa Holderer '92 is a marketing program manager for First USA in Dallas, Texas. She was promoted to bank officer after one year of service.

Judith A. Martinko '92 teaches at Giant City School in Carbondale.

Bruce D. Payne '92 is quality control manager for Juaqo in Rockhill, S.C. He and his wife received M.B.A.s and the Dean's Service Award for distinguished service from the Bryan School of Business & Economics at UNC-Greensboro. She is a senior project director for Information Resources in Charlotte, N.C. They welcomed a son in October 1997.

D. Daniel Guilfoil '93 has a new position as an industrial engineer for K-Mart. However, his unit is relocating, and he had no address to give us.

Michael W. Adams '94, M.D.'98 is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from SIU School of Medicine in May. In July, he will enter a family practice residency at the SIU-affiliated hospital in Quincy. While in medical school, he edited Stethoscope, a newsletter for medical students.

Mark Goedecke '94 graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina in May 1997 and shortly thereafter married Aimee Lyn Agresta. He is a dentist for the U.S. Air Force and she is a resident pediatrician for the University of South Florida.

Leah K. Hampton '94, a technical writer and editor, was recently elected secretary of the board of American Grassroots, Unlimited, a national environmental citizens' action group based in Asheville, N.C. She is also pursuing her interest of creative writing, and has won several local awards for poetry. She lives in Hendersonville, N.C.

Violet A. Kelley '94, M.D.'98 graduated from the SIU School of Medicine in May, and will enter a pathology residency at the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. While in school she received the Kathryn Terry Scholarship, earned academic honors in the problem-based curriculum, and received a research fellowship from the Mayo Clinic. In 1995, she was editor of the school's literary magazine SCOPE.

Scott McLain '94, M.D.'98, who graduated in May from the SIU School of Medicine, will enter an internal medicine residency at the SIU-affiliated hospitals in Springfield in July. While in medical school, he received an Illinois General Assembly Scholarship.

In April 1997 Margaret O'Boyle '94 and Matthew J. Skulteti were married in Nashville, Tenn., where she is a structural design engineer with Stanley D. Lindsey & Associates, Ltd. The Skultetis are living in Hermitage, Tenn.

Frank Ferracane '95, director of patient accounts for the U.S. Air Force 89th Medical Group at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, earned an M.S.A. degree from Central Michigan University in December 1997. He and his wife Lorene Elliot Ferracane '96 live in Prince Frederick, Md.

Eileen L. Redeker '95 recently graduated from the Master of Social Work program at SIU Edwardsville. She lives in Carlyle, Ill., and is a child and adolescent case manager for Mid-America Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., of Belleville.

Eric E. Wilson '95,'97 is an engineer with Joulé Industrial Contracting in Edison, N.J.

Sonja Wilson '95 is a retired teacher and school board member from Lake Elsinore Unified School District in Wildomar, Calif. Over 32 years, she has gone from instructional aide to teacher and adult vocational and business education coordinator. She is active in community affairs, holds or has held various positions in an exhaustive list of area and statewide boards and associations, and writes poetry. She and her husband, who is retired, have eight children, 21 grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Beverley E. Allen '96 is co-owner, with her husband Clinton, of the Sunshine Retirement Home, Inc., in Orlando, Fla. She is a candidate for a master's in organizational management through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

Carolyn J. Borst '96 is a radiologic technologist for Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau. She is currently working as a visiting instructor at SIU while pursuing a master's degree in curriculum and instruction. Her husband Donald is general manager of The Great Outdoors Co. in Carbondale.

Michael Donovan Edwards '96 is an x-ray technician for the U.S. Navy, stationed at Camp LeJeune, Jacksonville, N.C. He graduated from advanced radiological technologist school in October, 1997, shortly after he and his wife Carla welcomed a new baby boy.

David M. "Doc" Mills '96 is a law enforcement instructor and football coach for Pontiac Township High School. He has been nominated to Outstanding Young Men of America and Who's Who of American Teachers. He also writes a column, The Voice of Southern Illinois, for the local newspaper.

Putting her plans for a master's degree on hold, Sandra L. Rhueill '96 of Metropolis is running for Massac County Clerk. She says there hasn't been a Democrat in that office since before the Civil War. She is a member of the Metropolis Lions Club, public affairs chairman for the Massac County American Cancer Society, and legislation chairman for the local BPW.

Stephen L. McShane '97, a supervisor for Lucent Technologies in West Haven, Conn., says, "Happy to be a graduate, finally!" He and his wife Barbara live in Uncasville, Conn., and she is a distance teacher for St. Joseph's in Norwich.
Alumni Profile

Former Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent John Wagner ran sting operations in Bombay, trained Turkish drug agents, pursued Columbian cocaine cowboys in Miami and captured drug smugglers on the U.S. Mexico border. But he says none of it would have happened if his father hadn’t kicked him out of the house and told him to get a job.

The Spirit of the Chase

Summer 1998
Wagner graduated from SIU in 1963 with a degree in political science. After being drafted by the Army, where he served two years as a military policeman (MP), Wagner returned to SIU to earn a master's degree. But Wagner admits his heart wasn't in graduate school. He was having much more fun bartending and flying planes for a local skydiving club. Finally, his father told him he needed to move out and "get legitimate."

Perhaps the first indication Wagner was drawn to danger was when he decided he'd rather be jumping from the planes than flying them. He describes skydiving as a fitting metaphor for drug enforcement work. "Sitting in the door of the airplane, you're so afraid you're going to fall out, until you get to 15,000 feet when, of course, you're going to jump out."

Wagner says his experience as an MP, his sense of adventure and the "spirit of the chase" motivated his career choice. As an MP, he realized he didn't want to be a policeman which he considers the "most dangerous job in the world." Instead, after observing federal agents when high profile figures came to SIU, he chose to work on the federal level. He was attracted to what was then known as the Federal Narcotics Administration because he was given the responsibility to initiate and handle investigations all the way to their prosecution. His first assignment was in Chicago. Three years later, and only six months after marrying his wife Sasha (a 1976 SIU alumna), he was transferred to Turkey.

Drugs were big business in Turkey, which served as a relay point in the infamous opium French connection. But although Wagner worked with agents whose exploits were immortalized in movies like the *Midnight Express*, he fondly remembers his family's four years in Turkey. He travelled extensively, and because the cost of living was so low, he was able to put every other paycheck in the bank. During one of his trips, this one to New Delhi, Wagner's wife went along and even worked undercover for him.

Wagner says another trip to Bombay held one of the most frightening moments of his career. "The plan was," he begins, "for the dealer and me to meet, for me to buy the opium and then give a signal to the police when I saw the drugs. The signal was that I would wipe my brow with a handkerchief. But when I gave the signal and the police came in to make the arrest, it was like keystone cops. They all rushed in and all the bad guys took off in different directions and got away. This one policeman pointed a gun at me and threatened to shoot, not knowing who I was. That was the only time I've really been scared because this guy didn't know what he was doing. Most of the time I was working with other DEA agents I knew I could trust."

Although the Bombay incident might sound harrowing, chasing drug dealers is something Wagner describes like an accountant might talk about a challenging tax return he's worked on. He speaks critically of those who have "glamorized" the drug scene, something he confronted when he was reassigned to Miami in 1975.

Wagner found Miami suffering from what he calls the "Jimmy Buffet effect." Popular singer Jimmy Buffet was a known drug user whose laissez-faire songs told of his experiences. At first, Wagner, says this time mirrored those carefree songs. Marijuana dealers made tremendous amounts of money, but there was relatively little violence. But, as the money flowed and competition increased, everything changed.

So-called cocaine cowboys were soon literally filling the canals with bodies. Eventually drug cartels moved in and started executing entire families. Wagner worked almost non-stop for three years. But even as the situation worsened, he says DEA agents never gave up, "We were always trying to be innovative."

One idea the agents proposed was to run reverse stings on drug dealers. The DEA rented a warehouse, filled it with marijuana and paid an informant to act as their broker. Wagner finishes the story: "The bad guys would come to the warehouse, we would sell them the pot, and then they'd go down the street and we would have them arrested. Now we have the money and the pot."
The idea worked well until the word got out that a lot of money was passing hands in the warehouse and someone held up the agents. Hidden from view, Wagner watched as the thieves argued about whether to kill the six agents they held hostage, finally deciding to take the

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marijuana and money and run. But before they could escape, agents surrounded the warehouse. The shootout that followed resulted in three men getting away, and one man being shot 30 times. Wagner explains DEA agents frequently encounter heat for how many times victims are shot. But from his experience Wagner believes what might seem “overkill” is usually necessary to ensure “getting the bad guys” before innocent bystanders are hurt.

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career pinnacle: “I thought, ‘This is the pulse. The worldwide operations are out of here. This is where I’ll see the big picture.’”

Instead, Wagner found himself part of a bureaucracy he had never liked and liked working for even less. As part of President Reagan’s efforts to ensure a drug-free workplace, he had been given the responsibility to develop procedures and protocols for DEA’s own employee urine drug testing program. Needless to say, he felt the brunt of his colleagues’ jokes about his task. He was only too glad to return to South Florida in 1990 to supervise the West Palm Beach office.

Wagner says his career gave him countless opportunities, but he knows it also caused him to miss important times with his wife, son and daughter. He praises his wife’s support. He says during all the years when he would be gone for days on end on stake-outs, she never asked for more than a courtesy phone call to let her know where he was and when he would be home.

Wagner says the intensity and focus of his work has definitely affected his personality: “My family calls me Mr. Negative. But when you deal with the dregs of society, it’s easy to get cynical.” In January, when Wagner reached the DEA’s mandatory retirement age, he says he was ready to step down. He had seen drug enforcement change from dealing with a few dealers to international cartels to what he considers the most dangerous element of all, street gangs.

“T’d rather work with Colombians or the Mafia before those inner-city cases... They’re heartless,” Wagner says.

Since retiring, Wagner has obtained a private investigator’s license and begun work on a book. Although the book will tell the story of his own exploits, he hopes it will also shine a light on the frightening prominence drugs have assumed in the world. He says that even though he lived in the middle of the drug world for 30 years, its prevalence and proliferation still shocks him, particularly in the schools. It’s a long way, he wryly observes, from his own college years when the worst thing he and his friends did was have a couple of beers.

Wagner acknowledges the war on drugs may not be winnable, but it’s a war he believes society cannot stop fighting. Reflecting on that dilemma he concludes: “It’s possible to catch these guys within the framework of the constitution. You can out think them and, if necessary, outshoot them. I believe that where there’s a will there’s a way. You can almost always find a way to get the bad guys.” And, as he concludes, coming from “Mr. Negative” that’s as close to optimism as you’re going to hear.

—Maureen Manier
### Alumni Deaths

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### Please Note

To report alumni or faculty and staff deaths, please send a copy of the obituary to:

**SIU Alumni Association**

Colyer Hall

Carbondale, IL 62901-6809

att: Death Notice

If an obituary is not available, please send a brief note to the above address which includes the name of the deceased, degree and graduation year (when appropriate), job title (when appropriate), and the date and location of death. To insure accuracy, *Southern Alumni* regrets that we can only publish notices of deaths received in writing.

### Faculty & Staff

- **Biggs, Willis**, Emeritus Civil Service
  Cobden, Ill.
- **Bock, Paul**, Emeritus Security
  5/9/98, Murphysboro, Ill.
- **Buboltz, Wmna Evelyn**, Emeritus Math Instructor and Lecturer
  4/19/98, Carbondale, Ill.
- **Davis, Marion Hale**, Emerita Staff, affirmative action
  5/8/98, Carbondale, Ill.
- **Higgenor, Don**, Emeritus Staff, Learning Resources
  5/24/98, Carterville, Ill.
- **Lawrence, Jr., Randal L.**, Emeritus Staff, Accounting Department
  5/17/98, Dongola, Ill.
- **Martan, Jan**, Emeritus Professor, Zoology
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- **Baker, T.A.**, '70
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- **French, James D.**, '72
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  1/23/99, Flossmoor, Ill.
- **Hollday, Jim**, '77
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- **Hart, Paul Clinton**, '82
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- **Gordon, Nancikay Hansen**, M.S.Ed. '90
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- **Broy, Ginger Ann**, '96
  5/23/98, West Frankfort, Ill.

### Share Your Memories

Readers often express an interest to share more information with fellow readers about a recently deceased alumni, professors or staff members. As space permits, we publish those memories in the Letters to the Editor section or as brief articles (see the Rafferty's tribute to Penny Severns on page 45).

Please send your submissions to *Southern Alumni*, Colyer Hall, Carbondale, IL 62901-6809.
When we met Penny Severns at SIU in the early 1970s, we did not realize our lives would never be the same.

On February 21, 1998, Illinois State Senator Penny Lee Severns '74 succumbed to the cancer that first struck her during her campaign for lieutenant governor in 1994. Once again our lives were changed.

We met Penny when she and Annette were both resident assistants at Mae Smith Residence Hall. Her energy and honesty, combined with her intelligence and quick wit, made her someone classmates, friends and co-workers admired. As we got to know her better, we all knew Penny was going places.

While she was at Southern, she was the youngest delegate ever elected to the Democratic Convention. A few months later, she was elected as the youngest member ever named to the Democratic National Committee.

When most of us were worried about our next exam or term paper, Penny was charting her professional future. After graduating in 1974, she took a job in the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., to get closer to her chosen profession, politics. However, Penny defined politics as public service.

She continued toward her goal of public service when she took a job with the State Department's Agency for International Development. While there she was chosen to represent the agency at the signing of the Camp David Peace Accords.

After an unsuccessful bid for a U.S. congressional seat in 1980, Penny ran for and won a seat on the Decatur City Council. From there, she went on to win a state senator seat in 1986 that she held until her death.

Her work ethic was amazing and wore us out. We would take our kids with us to visit Penny in Decatur for a weekend and they found out what we already knew. A weekend for Penny was quite different from a weekend for anyone else because she never stopped working. We would follow her to ribbon cuttings, barbecue picnics, and our kids would even march in parades with the state senator from Decatur.

Penny was a lifelong admirer of John and Robert Kennedy, and we believe Robert Kennedy might have had Penny in mind when he said, "An honorable profession calls forth the chance for responsibility and the opportunity for achievement. Against these measures, politics is truly an exciting adventure." Penny was excited by politics and politics was made more honorable by her dedication and integrity.

The news of Penny's death was a bitter loss for the residents of the 51st District and the state of Illinois. It also was a loss for SIU and education in Illinois because they lost a champion in Springfield.

The spirit we loved and admired in 1972 in Mae Smith and that her constituents admired and respected, is still alive in our hearts. Penny taught us to follow our dreams with a passion and that helping others is the greatest gift we can give. Her death may be one of the hardest things to live with, but her inspiration is one of the best things to live for.
New Association Dues Now in Effect

Beginning July 1, the SIU Alumni Association initiated a new dues structure to better meet the interests of SIU alumni married to other SIU alumni. The new dues program is:

- Individual: $30
- Individual & Spouse: $40
- Life Membership-single payment: $350
- Life Membership-installment plan: $400

Married couples who, prior to June 30, held paid-in-full life memberships or who initiated pledges for an installment life membership are not affected by this change.

As always, the SIU Alumni Association is grateful for all its members’ support and continues to review its policies to make sure they are fair to all members.

Update in Membership Benefit

Enterprise Rent-a-Car in Carbondale now provides a discount to members of the SIU Alumni Association. Ask for your 10% discount next time you need to rent a vehicle! Call (618) 549-6995.

Look for the Discount Decal

Membership Matters

Obelisk Yearbooks Available

Have you been trying to remember who was Homecoming King and Queen, or what your roommate really looked like? Perhaps the SIU Alumni Association can assist you in answering these questions! A limited inventory of Obelisk yearbooks is available for purchase. The cost is $15.94 if you pick up the yearbook; $20 if it is mailed to Illinois residents and $19.06 if it is mailed to non-Illinois residents. The following yearbooks are available:

- 1956
- 1957
- 1958
- 1960
- 1961
- 1970
- 1971
- 1972

Can you help increase the value of membership?

Perhaps you own, manage or know someone with a business in Indianapolis, St. Louis, Chicago, Seattle, Denver, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., or any other larger metropolitan city. If you would like to explore the subject of obtaining discounts for members of the SIU Alumni Association, please contact the SIU Alumni Association at (618) 453-2408 or by e-mail at alumni@siu.edu.

Lost Life Members

If you can provide us with any information on the following lost life members, please contact the SIU Alumni Association at (618) 453-2408, alumni@siu.edu, or by fax at (618) 453-2586.

Donald R. Campbell
Linda Jones Barnett
William Q. Davis
Theresa J. Helvey
Jeffrey & Barbara Erlil
Judy M. Kirkland
Richard E. Keane
Allan & Sharon D. Johnson
Loris Finney
Donald J. & Judy J. Lichtfield
Ralph McCauley
Stephen E. Bentley
Richard L. Bues
Eleanor & Nealy R. Glenn
Jenny L. Goodall
G. Talt Baker
Rosine L. Wells
Janice M. Dowling
Jane H. McNiel
Danial & Lynda Lomowski
Stephen C. Saxon
William D. Shively
Ronald L. & Kathleen W. Fiore
Dennis S. Andrews
David R. Brubaker
James D. Reeder
Joseph & Debbie Troster
David R. Vecera
David F. & Kathryn D. Anderson
Craig R. Barthuly
Dudie L. Gistmore
Roderick Duff Cooper
Jo E. Disney
Christian D. Morgan
Douglas C. Fleming
John R. Nates
Jill Michelle Johnson

New SIU Alumni Association Life Members

The SIU Alumni Association gratefully acknowledges the following alumni and friends who, between April 1 and June 30, 1998 chose to demonstrate their commitment through life membership in the association.

Doris McLain Rottschalk ’69
President, SIU Alumni Association

Jane C. Denisco
Richard J. Stedman
Collin J. Vogt
Daniel G. Sorensen
Brian A. & Debby M. Casper
Keith L. Hafer
Lousie A. Piscott
Theresa L. Joseph
Sarah H. Pearson
Michael T. Byman
Menzel J. Kowalzyk
Raymond J. DeMauro
Paul E. & Lisa J. Lantis
Thomas F. Sears
Duane Allan Berland
Lorrie Shirley & Lisa Hewitt
Margaret Ann Dillman
Elizabeth W. Meade
Kristy Ann Booth Robinson
Stephanie Chancy-Hasfield
Editha Rose & Susan M. Pinnetel
Robert Lloyd Keefe
Timothy G. Newcomb
Scott Edward White
Ellen P. Winor
Steven M. Bium
John D. Dusin
Gerald R. Northfield
Keith R. Allen
Aloha Tucker Carper
Joy Dunn
Kerstie C. Hauck
Audrey D. Mordland
Robert J. Schuler
Richard Dale Flaviut
Richard Y. Urmenita

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<td>The SIU Obelisk Awards Dinner: Celebrating Excellence, Oak Brook Hyatt Hotel, Oak Brook, Ill. The keynote speaker will be Former Senator Paul Simon, director of SIU's Public Policy Institute. For more information, contact the SIU Chicago Office at (630) 574-7774.</td>
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To confirm the date, time and location for athletic events, please call (618) 453-7325 or check the department's web page at www.siu.edu/~athletic/. For more information on obtaining tickets to Shryock Auditorium performances, you may call (618) 453-2787.
A Leader from the Start

Observers might speculate that Paige Smith Reed was destined for the legal career she is now pursuing. During her days at Du Quoin High School, instructors remember her as a dedicated honors student, recognized as a leader by fellow classmates. As class president, Reed always responded to her classmates' approval by working hard and striving to reach her high goals.

After graduating from SIU, she went on to earn a juris doctor degree from SIU's School of Law. She passed the bar for the state of Illinois and went into private practice with her father, Jerry B. Smith, in Du Quoin. She was hired as the assistant city attorney for the city of Carbondale in 1995, and promoted to the position of the city attorney in 1997.

As city attorney, Reed advises city staff on a wide variety of legal issues. She also advises the City Council on legislative matters, including the preparation of legislation and the city’s interaction with state and federal government.

For her continued demonstration of leadership as one of SIU’s impressive young Salukis, the SIU Alumni Association salutes Paige Reed.

"I joined the SIU Alumni Association for two reasons. First, I believe, as a student who benefitted from the educational experiences and opportunities that SIU offered, I have an obligation to give something back to the university for future students. Second, I appreciate and realize the continuous opportunities and information the association provides which serve, promote and benefit the current and future alumni of this university."

M. Paige Smith Reed '91, J.D. '94
City Attorney
Carbondale, Ill.
The Lost and Found Cannon

Over 120 years ago, a cannon, cast in iron between 1810 and 1840, was given to SIU by the United States government to be used by the Douglas Corps Cadets—named in honor of Senator Stephen A. Douglas.

For decades after its last use, the cannon stood by what was once Old Main by the flagpole in front of Altgeld Hall.

Today, the cannon sits in storage. How and why it got there is a mystery Jack Whitlock, director of the University Museum, is glad to clear up.

Actually, Whitlock explains, the so-called “disappearance” of the cannon is no mystery at all. In 1957, student groups began to paint and tar and feather the cannon as a prank. This activity went on relatively unchecked for almost 30 years, until Whitlock, working with the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, decided to put an end to what he calls nothing short of “vandalism” of a historical monument.

In 1985, the Inter-Greek Council gave unanimous support to a letter sent to then SIU President Albert Somit requesting permission to remove and restore the cannon. President Somit thoroughly supported the fraternity’s proposal to restore “our cannon to its original condition.” Although many people have intimated that the cannon was taken suddenly and without permission, several photographs and articles were published in the Daily Egyptian at the time—including a photograph of several fraternity members aiding in the cannon’s removal.

The cannon was taken to a museum storage facility where fraternity members helped with the arduous process of cleaning the years of paint off the old cannon. Almost three inches of paint were removed.

Whitlock believes “the rocks,” located on Grand Avenue by the Student Recreation Center, have suitably filled role once played by the cannon. In the past decade, painting the rocks has become a new tradition for fraternities and student groups. Therefore, rather than replace the cannon to its former location where it would again be vulnerable to student painters, Whitlock is suggesting that funds be raised for a carriage to hold the cannon and that it be appropriately displayed in a prominent campus location.

Although Whitlock appreciates the affection alumni feel for their “cannon of many colors,” he hopes they will recognize the importance of securing a final resting place for this university tradition.