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The Morris Legacy
The SIU Alumni Association believes the greatest compliment alumni can pay their Alma Mater is to entrust the educational aspirations of their children to Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The Association has decided to show its commitment by supporting alumni as they seek to pass on the SIU legacy to their children, grandchildren and siblings through the establishment of a legacy scholarship program.

SIU Alumni Association Legacy Scholarships of $2,500 a year will be awarded to outstanding incoming freshmen prior to the fall semester in which they are enrolled. Eligible students must have a parent, step-parent, legal guardian, grandparent or sibling who has completed a minimum of 24 credit hours at Southern Illinois University Carbondale and who is a member of the SIU Alumni Association. Students must submit a completed application to the admission office as well as complete a legacy scholarship application to the Association.

For more information about the SIU Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship Program, please contact the SIU Alumni Association at (618) 453-2408 or by e-mail at alumni@siu.edu.

SIU definitely runs in the Martin/Gonzenbach family, one of many families who can boast several generations of Salukis. Standing are, from left to right, Robert Gonzenbach ’76, M.S. ’84, who works for the Illinois Department of Labor; Amy Gonzenbach (daughter of Robert and Nancy), who will graduate from SIU in 1999 with a degree in athletic training; and Nancy Gonzenbach ’74, M.S. ’83, Ph.D. ’90, a professor in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Seated are Nancy’s parents, Joan Martin ’57, M.A.’61, professor emerita from the Department of English, and Reid Martin ’53, M.S.’55, a former teacher, coach, athletic director and superintendent at Carbondale Community High School.
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Student Shares European Adventure

I am sending a photograph taken on top of the mountain range in Mittenwald near Munich, Germany. This was just one stop on a five-week SIU-sponsored architectural tour through Europe this summer. The class was titled La Petit Grand Tour de Architecture and was led by Associate Professors Jon Davey and Denny Hays from the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

The tour brought together 14 students from SIU’s Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses as well as students from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana and Southwest Missouri State University. During the trip the professors emphasized the architectural masterpieces of Europe as well as exposed students to new cultural experiences.

We visited England, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Greece and Turkey. Students had access to the internet throughout the trip so we could create our own web pages, truly making the trip one of a kind. The tour can be also relived by checking out its web site at www.siu.edu/~archtour.

The trip was a rewarding experience. As a participant, I enjoyed every minute, and, as a SIU student, I hope I’ve shared a bit of the school spirit felt on the trip with the SIU Alumni Association!

Laura Bunselmeyer
Interior Design Student

Dear Readers...

Once a year all SIU alumni receive a copy of Southern Alumni. We send you this copy of the magazine for many reasons:

• To provide you with an update of what has been happening at SIU;
• To tell you about SIU Alumni Association activities, particularly about homecoming;
• To give you a chance to look at the Annual Honor Roll of Donors and learn more about how you can make a contribution to your alma mater.

We also hope that after you read Southern Alumni you will take a few minutes to let us know what you think of this issue.

Did an article remind you of a memory you’d like to share?

Did something you read in this issue provoke a thought or opinion that you would like to share with other alumni?

Or maybe you liked (or disliked) an article so much you want to make sure to tell us what’s on your mind.

Why ever or whatever you might write us, be assured we are anxious to hear from you. We can only respond to our readers if we hear from you.

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Southern View

A "Delyteful" Homecoming

by Doris Rottschalk '69, President, SIU Alumni Association

Homecoming 1998 celebrated "50 Years of Saluki Pride" in honor of the 50th anniversary of former SIU President Delyte Morris' inauguration. It was a memorable weekend—one I wish all alumni could have been here to enjoy. If you were at Southern during the Morris years, as I was, it would have been especially meaningful for you.

President Morris' widow Dorothy Morris returned for the weekend's festivities with her two sons and other members of her family. One of the first events they attended was the Friday morning dedication of the beautiful Dorothy Morris Gardens, located west of the University Museum. The gardens were landscaped near what was once the backyard of the Morris home. I vividly remember seeing Mrs. Morris work in her rose garden as I walked to classes in Old Main. Their backyard was also where President and Mrs. Morris hosted their annual watermelon feast. An unexpected rain shower only seemed to refresh the garden and the spirits of those in attendance.

The celebration of the Morris legacy continued that afternoon with an emotional convocation held in Shryock Auditorium. As I watched the procession, listening to the majestic tones of the auditorium organ, my mind wandered back to the days of freshman convocations. Every Wednesday afternoon, freshmen would come to the auditorium and receive a color-coded computer card to return to the registrar to verify attendance. President Morris believed the university needed to stress "the aesthetic values of poetry, art and drama." I was brought back to reality as a slide show on the Morris years began.

What I consider to be the emotional highpoint of the weekend was the presentation of SIU's first ever university-wide honorary degree to Dorothy Mayo Morris. Her two sons Peter and Michael, both university professors, assisted as she received the framed degree and the doctoral hood. Her simple one-sentence thank you, as well as how she was obviously so moved, said it all.

Following the convocation, many of us walked over to the Student Recreation Center's Alumni Lounge for a reception honoring SIU's 1998 Distinguished Alumni: Richard Blaudow, the late William Freeberg, Burnell Kraft, Philip Pfeffer and Robert Weiss. President Ted Sanders and Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger unveiled the recipients' photographs on the wall, located on the recreation center's lower level. Each year five additional alumni will receive this honor.

Bill McMinn, the director of intramural recreational sports, who was instrumental in the wall's creation, estimates that over 100,000 people view the wall each year. The wall acknowledges the contributions and accomplishments of alumni and, in so doing, demonstrates to current and prospective students the value and power of an SIU education.

From the recreation center, I dashed to the lawn outside the agriculture building to bring greetings to Dean McGuire, agriculture alumni and their super student agassadors. That evening the college dedicated a renovated alumni study room in its building, an effort made possible by generous alumni donors. After kissing a pig and counting dots on a horse (it's a long story), I was off to the Student Center to attend a banquet in honor of the Class of 1948.

This was the 21st annual Half Century Club Dinner. Twenty-four members of the Class of 1948 returned for the weekend, with many members of earlier classes also in attendance. I was particularly impressed by the many individuals who were on the faculty in 1948 who came to the dinner: Charles Neal, Frank Klingberg, Mary Belle Melvin, James Neckers, Frances Philips and Victor Randolph.

The evening’s conversations revolved around the former students’ fond memories: going to Carter’s; returning after the war; attending classes in Old Main; participating in the spring Greek Sing; planning the first Theta Xi Variety Show. Saying my farewells at the end of the evening, I realized I was only 1 year old when my new friends had graduated. But we still shared so much from our bond as alumni.

Finally the big day of homecoming arrived. Thousands of alumni returned to campus—some with their children and grandchildren. The alumni association's tent filled quickly with guests enjoying a complimentary lunch as they visited with college deans, former professors and classmates.

Another sentimental moment came for me when I saw Mrs. Morris enjoying a huge slice of watermelon, just like the ones she served to so many thousands of freshmen during her years as SIU's first lady. It was a fitting touch to a weekend of honoring the Morris legacy of innovation, leadership and hospitality.

Then off to the game! Another tough opponent and loss for the football team, but a good game nonetheless. As always, it was fun to watch the Marching Salukis and the alumni band take the field with their distinctive style.

As you can tell, it was a busy weekend. I enjoy all homecomings, but I must admit this is a homecoming I will always remember—a homecoming when I truly felt as if for a few days I was transported back to the SIU that was my home as an undergraduate.
A Professor for All Seasons

by Greg Scott

Harold Kaplan was living happily in Cambridge, Mass., in 1949 when a friend encouraged him to visit SIU, which was attempting to establish a physiology department. Kaplan agreed to visit the campus, but he admits he was skeptical.

"I thought SIU was too small and wasn’t too sure that I wanted to come here. But they told me, ‘In a year or two you watch this place, it’s going to grow’—which it did,” Kaplan says. "They told me President Morris was just about to spread this campus all over the place, which he did very successfully."

After receiving his doctorate from Harvard in 1933, Kaplan started his career as an assistant instructor in zoology at the university. After a year at Harvard, he taught at the Middlesex County Medical School for 11 years, where he chaired the physiology department.

Kaplan moved on to Brandeis University and then to the University of Massachusetts at Fort Devens. Kaplan assured his wife their cross country move to Carbondale would be temporary. He told her they would only stay for a year before he looked for a job back east. But Kaplan soon changed his mind.

"They treated me very well here. You go on a honeymoon when you first arrive at a place," he says.

Kaplan, who celebrated his 90th birthday in September, continues to teach part time. Almost 50 years after arriving at SIU, Kaplan can only chuckle as he remembers the early challenges he faced.

"The dean told me, ‘In three years, if all goes well, you will be chairman [of a fully-staffed department],’" Kaplan remembers. "But the trouble was the first year I came in they had apparently spent all of their money for instructional staff. I never got another person in the department that year. I had to run the whole so-called department myself."

"I took it on the chin for a year there—although they treated me well because they realized no one else would take the job. I taught about five courses myself; it drove me crazy."

The dean hired one staff person the second year, and for several years Kaplan’s staff expanded annually. He eventually built a department of eight faculty members, which Kaplan says was enough for a small department.

"We offered courses for anybody and everybody interested in the human body, which is the essence of physiology," he explains. But Kaplan also pursued other avocations at the university. In his words, “I was on about every committee that existed around here over the years.” Kaplan served as chairman of the honorary

Harold Kaplan and his granddaughter Diane Lundeen take a moment to pose during the 90th birthday party given for Kaplan by the School of Medicine.
Southern Exposure
Black Issues in Higher Education magazine recently identified Southern Illinois University as one of the nation's top ten producers of African-American undergraduate degree holders. SIU was ranked 10th out of 50 traditionally white universities. Among all colleges and universities—both traditionally black and white—SIU ranked second for graduating African-American teachers; third for producing African-American engineers, and eighth for training Hispanic engineers.

Great Plains Software, a North Dakota-based company, recently donated $40,000 in software and educational materials to SIU's School of Accountancy. The software will provide students with invaluable hands-on experience in practicing how to manage companies' accounts.

Enrollment is up for the second straight year at Southern Illinois University's Carbondale campus. The total enrollment is 22,252—344 students more than a year ago. The size of the incoming freshman class is also up by 207, reaching a total of 2,521.

Michael Feldman, host of the nationally syndicated public radio show Whad'Ya Know, welcomes former U.S. Senator Paul Simon, director of SIU's Public Policy Institute, to his show. WSIU/WUSI-FM radio brought the popular show to Carbondale as part of its 40th anniversary celebration. Feldman broadcasted the show live in front of a sellout crowd in Shryock Auditorium.

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When asked why he continues to teach, Kaplan pays credit to the students. "I like the students. They're very motivated here and determined to get into medical school," he says. "The minute you get in the middle of a crowd like that, you're better off."

"I was the greatest volunteer in the United States. Every academic veterinarian in the country knew me because of being president of that society," Kaplan says. "I practically became a veterinarian without the title. It was a career that took so many turns. But now I'm out of it and it's time for younger people to come in and rise through the ranks."

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A Fork in the Road

This fall a distinguished and distinctive group gathered at SIU as the university’s Public Policy Institute and the School of Law convened a symposium to discuss the issue of how to respond to increasing numbers of prisoners. Between 1980 and 1997 the number of prisoners in the nation increased 250 percent. In Illinois alone the percentage of state operating funds spent on corrections has tripled in the past 20 years. During the same time the state has built 24 correctional institutions.

Joseph Hartzler, an assistant U.S. Attorney renowned as the lead prosecutor in the federal case against Timothy McVeigh in the Oklahoma City bombing trial, delivered the symposium’s keynote address. Conference panels dealt with such topics as “Crime, Recidivism, Public Perception and the Media,” “Alternatives to Current Sentencing” and “Community Supervision of Juveniles.”

Panelists included community advocates, attorneys, federal judges and several state officials—including SIU alumnus Howard Peters, secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Two of the participants, former Congressman Dan Rostenkowski and former Assistant United States Attorney General Webster Hubbell, were viewed by some audience members as unusual panelists for this symposium. But Hubbell and Rostenkowski, both convicted felons who served prison time for their crimes, spoke directly about how their experiences profoundly influenced them to work for sentencing and prison reform.

At the symposium’s conclusion, the Public Policy Institute, School of Law and the Center for the Study of Crime, Delinquency and Corrections issued a statement that listed a number of recommendations made by symposium participants. The recommendations will be presented to state and federal officials. Among those recommendations were:

• Reserve long-term imprisonment for the most violent and predatory offenders;
• Change current sentencing policies that require non-violent offenders, especially
those convicted of minor drug offenses, to serve mandatory minimum prison sentences; 
- Expand use of probation and other alternative punishments and emphasize restitution and accountability to victims and society; 
- Develop and adequately staff case management systems that can create and monitor individualized approaches to ex-prisoners returning to their communities; 
- Build on programs and policies that have worked or appear promising; 
- Ensure a continuum of substance abuse treatment, job training and other services for offenders that begin while they are in prison and extend through their reintegration into the community; 
- Emphasize early intervention and prevention programs; 
- Require federal and state judges to include the estimated cost to taxpayers of the sentence given to a convicted person when pronouncing a sentence.

The statement concluded by asserting: “To achieve long-term success in protecting the public safety, elected officials may well have to display statesmanship and courage—turning away from easy, slogan-friendly responses to crime and toward approaches that actually will produce better results. We should ask nothing less of them.”

Assistant United States Attorney Joseph Hartzler, based in Springfield, Ill., delivered the symposium’s keynote address.

The School of Law, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, now has 375 students, 75 faculty and staff and more than 2,300 alumni. The school recently enrolled the largest class in its history.
New Chancellor Makes the Rounds

Jo Ann Argersinger began her new position as chancellor at Southern Illinois University Carbondale on July 1, and many observers would say she has been going nonstop ever since. She has met with numerous university, alumni and community groups, travelling to events in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, St. Louis and Chicago. She has also found time to organize several important initiatives on campus, including a council that has begun work to improve undergraduate retention. These photographs provide only a "snapshot" of Chancellor Argersinger’s first few months on campus. At a recent alumni event, Argersinger proclaimed, “I love this job!” And it shows.

The Scientific Council of the Technical University Ostrava in the Czech Republic has conferred the title of Doctor Honoris Causa on John H. Woitz, professor emeritus of chemistry. Woitz was recognized for his lifelong teaching and research activities as well as his efforts in establishing close cooperation between U.S. and Czech universities. Woitz taught in SIU’s chemistry department from 1967 to 1989.

The Lawyers Trust Fund has helped underwrite an SIU School of Law self-help legal program. The $35,000 grant will fund print materials, a research assistant, classes and an innovative internet site. By accessing the new site, individuals can find information on a host of legal issues as well as an e-mail address to which they can send questions. The new site, which will be primarily maintained and staffed by law students during this first test year, can be found at www.siu.edu/~lawsch/clinic/selfhelp.
To understand Ron Osman, you need to forget your usual ideas about what it's like to be an American high school student. Forget the marching bands and track meets and pep squads. Forget, too, student councils and yearbook staffs and leisurely trips after school to the corner fast food spot with friends.

By the time Ronald Osman graduated from Dongola High in 1968, he had been working on his family's farm and in their wholesale produce business since he was 12, putting in more than 40 hours a week before and after school and on Saturdays. When he turned 16, Osman began making regular trips to New Orleans in his dad's truck to pick up loads of sugar.

Six nights a week, his father, Leland "Speck" Osman, drove to the wholesale markets in East St. Louis to buy fruits and vegetables for the next day. Osman often accompanied him. He remembers how much he learned watching his dad negotiate for the lowest prices with vendors. Although these were skills Osman would put to good use years later as an attorney, at that time a career in law was the farthest thing from his mind.

For one thing, Osman's dad hated lawyers and passed that feeling on to his sons. Also, after working with cattle and hogs on the family's farm, Osman had decided the richest people he knew were veterinarians and he wanted to be one.

To do that, he knew he had to leave southern Illinois, his family's home for more than four generations, and travel north.

Although he doesn't remember bringing home a book in high school, Osman managed to graduate fourth in his class and was admitted to the pre-vet program at the University of Illinois. But a year later, after coming face-to-face with organic chemistry.
and, even more significantly, after realizing he didn’t much like animals, he switched to the agriculture economics program, still with no clear idea of what he wanted to do with his life.

In his new major, Osman had his first positive encounter with legal studies in a required course, agriculture law, taught by Professor Hank Hannah. Ten years later Osman would take agriculture law from Hannah again, this time at the newly opened Southern Illinois University School of Law. One of Law School Dean Hiram Lesar’s first successes had been to convince Hannah to travel once a week to Carbondale to teach agriculture law, a course Lesar felt was essential for law students who would be practicing in southern Illinois.

But Osman’s positive experience didn’t lead him directly to a legal career.

Instead, with his undergraduate degree in hand, Osman worked briefly for Monsanto in St. Louis and then began a three-year stint as a Marine. Osman took his Marine training seriously and regretted he never had a chance to serve his country in battle. “I think leading your troops into war, doing your job, and then bringing them all home safely would be the hardest—and most rewarding—thing a person could do,” he says.

In 1972, with the war almost over, Osman left the Marines and married Michelle Overlin, a first-grade teacher he’d met while stationed in North Carolina. The young couple returned to Dongola, she to begin teaching in the town’s elementary school and he to farm with his father, brothers and uncles. The produce business had ended abruptly several years earlier when the warehouse had burned down, and the family was now concentrating exclusively on its extensive farm operation.

The farm afforded plenty of work for young Osman, a self-confessed workaholic. He and Michelle started a family and began settling into a routine as members of the tiny rural community which boasted a population of 830. But Osman could not shake a growing sense that something was missing. Although farming was then—and remains—his first love, he felt he wanted to do more with his life. An attorney friend, John Womick of Carbondale, encouraged him to consider a legal career, but Osman wasn’t interested until a family tragedy pulled him into the center of a legal battle that would change his life.

Osman’s father died at age 52 of lung cancer, a shattering loss for the close-knit family. While they tried to pick up the pieces and keep the farm going, excessive estate taxes were levied that threatened to drown the family in enormous debt. With the help of a good attorney, his mother battled the IRS for months until she was exhausted by the effort.

Osman remembers coming into her kitchen for lunch one day, covered with mud after a long morning of farm work, to find her on the phone.

“OK, Wallace,” she said. “I’ll be in to sign in a few minutes.”

“What’s up, Mom?” Osman asked, not wanting to hear the answer he knew was coming.

“I’m going to the bank to get the loan,” she said. “The man from the IRS told our lawyer this is as low as he’ll go, and I can’t fight them any more. My heart’s just not in it.”

But Osman wasn’t ready to give up.

“Is this what you think Speck Osman would want us to say?” he demanded angrily. Then he called the lawyer back. “Tell the agent to wait. I’ll be there in 10 minutes. We’re not signing any papers until I talk to him.”

He took a quick bath, found some clothes of his father’s that fit and headed for town. Two hours later, Osman had whittled more than $60,000 off the family’s tax obligation, lowering the original $75,000 debt to $13,000. The lawyer, who was present at the meeting, was impressed by Osman’s negotiating skills—and his tenacity—and told him so.

“You wouldn’t be so surprised if you’d ever been on a farm at 5 a.m. with a hoe in your hand,” Osman responded.

“Well, I don’t know how you learned it,” the lawyer said, “but you should go to law school so you can keep right on.”

In that moment, Osman says, he finally accepted the advice that had been offered before. He applied to the School of Law’s third entering class and was accepted. With the help of the GI bill, and with his wife assuming full responsibility for their growing family and his brothers and mother taking over the majority of the farm work, Osman took a full course load in the fall of 1976. Squeezing law school, farm work and a 60-mile round-trip drive into each
For the next three years, Osman estimates he and associate Tim Keller spent almost 25 percent of their time on this case, eventually convincing U.S. Attorney W. Charles Grace to initiate a criminal investigation. As a result of the work of Grace’s office, two former employees eventually pleaded guilty and five more are facing criminal indictments.

And—most importantly for the thousands of southern Illinois residents who depend on prompt and accurate handling of their Medicare claims—a decade of fraud has been brought to an end.

Osman will tell you straightforwardly that he doesn’t credit SIU’s law school for his success. His classes taught him to think and to understand complex legal issues, but he wishes he had learned how to write a brief and file a motion before he became a lawyer instead of afterward. That’s why he is impressed by the direction set by the law school’s present dean, Thomas Guernsey.

Building on a lawyering skills program that was in place when he came to SIU two years ago, Guernsey strengthened the school’s skills-training curriculum, hiring additional faculty so all first-year students take a comprehensive, six-hour course in legal research, writing, argumentation, interviewing, counseling and negotiation. Second- and third-year students take at least two additional courses in advanced skills training.

“Our hope,” says Guernsey, “is that this new curriculum will better prepare our students to do what the vast majority of them want to do when they graduate—to practice law well.”

Osman believes so strongly in these changes that he recently made a $100,000 gift to the law school, to be used for scholarships for deserving students from southern Illinois, especially those with roots in Union and Williamson counties.

When he told Guernsey of his intention to make the gift earlier this year, Osman mentioned he wanted the gift to be anonymous, a practice he has used throughout his life.

“I’ve given a lot over the years to support causes I believe in, but I’ve never done it for the recognition,” he says. “In fact, I’m just not comfortable with that kind of attention at all.”

Using his own well-developed powers of persuasion, Guernsey ultimately convinced Osman that making his gift public would greatly expand its benefits, encouraging others to follow his lead. Osman has reluctantly become a public hero to the school that helped launch his career 20 years ago.

But Osman knows he owes his success to the long and tedious hours he spent researching evidence of fraud against the government to win this landmark case. He also knows he owes an even greater debt to his parents who encouraged him to work hard and steadily. The tenacity, ingenuity and hard work that characterized Osman when he was a young boy who would rise at 5 a.m. to hoe rows of beans have served him well as a lawyer. When asked his profession, Osman proudly acknowledges that heritage as he replies: “Farmer/Attorney.”

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Charles Johnson ’71, M.A. ’73, never gets writer’s block. Not when facing a trainload of material for a novel that took 17 years to research. Not when pumping out a dozen short stories in one month to meet a tight book deadline. And especially not when traipsing through the mountains of Thailand in search of spiritual experiences.

All of which might partially explain why Johnson is so prolific. Since 1970 he has published four novels; a book of short stories; scores of book reviews, introductions and literary criticism; 20 scripts for television and film; a volume of essays he co-edited; and a collection of short stories for a book on slavery—not to mention two volumes of cartoons and more than 1,000 published drawings.

Johnson’s shelves are heavy with marks of his fame: a National Book Award (1990) for his third novel, Middle Passage, a Writer’s Guild Award for his work on the PBS drama Booker, and a so-called genius grant worth $305,000 from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (awarded earlier this year).

Want more evidence of Johnson’s success? His answering machine identifies various agents to call for speaking engagements, literary matters or screen writing. A collector might pay more than $200 for an unsigned first-edition copy of his debut novel, Faith and the Good Thing. Microsoft sent him on a 10-day adventure to anywhere he wanted (he chose Thailand), so he could write about his experience. His name pops up whenever the words “black” and “writer” are used in the same sentence.

At age 50, Johnson is a major talent: popular in book stores, respected in literary circles and successful at his craft. He is an ambidextrous wordsmith, deeply in love with words.

“The English language is so rich,” Johnson says. “It has more words than any other language—more than two million. That is the writer’s tool, our most basic, fundamental tool.”

The man is a walking thesaurus. His writing is sprinkled with words such as ensorcel (which means “to hypnotize or mesmerize”), orlop (an archaic sailing term describing the lowest deck of a ship), and samu (a Japanese word meaning “monastic labor”). Readers of his work are advised to keep their dictionaries handy.

Johnson actually once read, and apparently absorbed, Webster’s New 20th Century Dictionary—a notion he borrowed from former SIU professor John Gardner and from Malcolm X, who reportedly read the dictionary in prison.

“That’s something every writer needs to do at some point in his or her life,” Johnson says. “You discover that there is a word for every thing, every tangible object, every intangible object, every thought, every feeling. Oliver Wendell Holmes said, ‘The word is the skin of a thought.’ ”
Students in Johnson’s creative writing classes at the University of Washington, where he is the S. Wilson and Grace M. Pollock Professor of English, are asked to learn five new words every class day. When they bring especially evocative words to the class’s attention, Johnson rewards them with a prize—an issue of Writers’ Guild magazine.

This love for the singular building blocks of language began early in Johnson’s life. Always a copious reader, he remembers carefully choosing paperbacks from the neighborhood newsstand on Saturday afternoons and devouring two or three a week.

Required Reading

The small faculty office where Johnson conducts business on the UW campus in Seattle holds little interest for visitors: just a university-issue desk, an extra chair, a funky lamp sporting a hand-painted figure of Martin Luther King, and hundreds of books stacked in descending order of circumstance, like sediment in a cross-section of earth.

One stratum contains first-edition novels he has judged for the Pulitzer Prize (twice) and the National Book Award, among other contests. Another tier reveals “important fiction” he refers to in his classes; philosophy tomes are squeezed in between layers for later reference. Recurring topics run in marbled streaks: Martin Luther King, 19th century sailing ships, slavery, Buddhism, martial arts, drawing.

“These are just the ones that don’t fit in my house and garage,” Johnson explains, with a self-amused chuckle.

On the desk is a letter informing him that his best-known novel, Middle Passage, will be read by all 1,600 Stanford freshmen this year. “The book is kind of canonical by now,” Johnson shrugs. “The publisher tells me they sell 1,100 copies a month.”

But, at the moment, his mind is on more recent works, including last April’s Dreamer, a fictionalized account of Martin Luther King Jr.’s 1966 campaign in Chicago. In September another book went on sale: Africans in America: America’s Journey through Slavery the companion book to a PBS series aired this fall.

The latest book became controversial last spring when Johnson’s co-author, Patricia Smith, was forced to resign her position as a Boston Globe columnist after fabricating sources and information in several columns. Johnson was surprised by the incident, but still has high praise for Smith’s writing.

“She’s a splendid prose stylist,” Johnson says, “I marvel at some of her imagery.” He explains that his part in the book was to write 12 short stories (which he accomplished in one month), interspersed between chapters of historical text written by Smith. “It really is Patricia’s book,” he says humbly. “She had the harder job. I wrote 60 pages of stories, and she wrote 300 pages of text to accompany the documentary.”

In light of Smith’s dismissal, the book’s publisher, Harcourt Brace, went over the manuscript with the finest of combs—twice. “The book was thoroughly, microscopically checked,” Johnson says. He adds that Smith is a talented woman who, he believes, will land on her feet, “She just got in over her head, and she cut corners.”

Leaning into a subject he has obviously given some thought to, he continues: “What goes on in journalism now is a lot different than what we were taught. Objectivity was the ideal. Important facts were checked by three different sources. But now news has become entertainment, more like the...
supermarket tabloids. The pictures get bigger, the type gets bigger and the stories are selected for their shock value. And some of the journalists feel pressured to get their stories out quickly. There's no time to be careful or your competitor will get the story first. So you go with what you've got and then there's a retraction because the story is false. That erodes public confidence in what they read.

Confessions and Self-revelations

This might be a good place to confess that the line about Johnson being a walking thesaurus is purloined from Dreamer. The novel's protagonist, Matthew Bishop, a shy, young, black man who works for King, is told by another character that he "talks like a thesaurus." The similarity between the fictitious Bishop and the real-life Johnson was too tempting to resist.

Johnson was a senior in an Evanston high school when King unwillingly sparked the Chicago riots of 1966.

"I graduated that spring and then was preparing to go to college, so it didn't really touch me directly. My memories are very hazy. Researching that period was actually illuminating for me," he says.

Asked whether the character of Matthew Bishop is somewhat autobiographical, Johnson replies, "I imagine myself in all the characters of the book," especially, we may assume, the Rev. King, whose fictionalized thoughts we are privy to in alternating chapters of the novel. "I have deep sympathetic feelings for King. That's always the case with a novel," Johnson says.

For four years, Johnson researched King's life in minute detail—his sermons and experiences, photos and films of him, commentary from his college professors, everything written about King and every word that King altered him."

On his book tour for Dreamer, Johnson discovered that most people are not that knowledgeable about King. "They know so little about Dr. King's social vision, how it evolved and what were the central points in it." He explains that non-violence was not merely a strategy of the Civil Rights Movement, but a philosophy to which King was committed.

Johnson also wanted to write about King because no works of fiction had been written about him. "I get attracted to stories for which there are no precedents," he says. That desire has also led Johnson to merge two intellectual interests: writing and philosophy. "Philosophy is one of my passions," he explains.

"As I looked at black American literature, it occurred to me that there was a great void in respect to philosophical fiction. And for somebody with a background in philosophy, there were all kinds of basic philosophical questions—not terribly esoteric—that I knew could be addressed and dramatized but simply were not. That's the heart and soul and core of my body of work. I want my novels to be probing and I want them to unearth questions that are part of our human experience but sometimes never get talked about.

"There are stories that are not told, that are so important," Johnson suggests. "Why are there no stories about the late astronaut Ron McNair? Why no stories about Colin Powell? The expansion of our images and the stories we tell is important because there is so much of the human experience that is never told. There is so much that hasn't got anything to do with race. It's not about being black, it's about being American. It's about being human."
The Accidental Alumnus

Johnson's journey to SIU was circuitous to say the least. His first love was drawing, and as a high school senior he was already publishing award-winning cartoons in the school paper. He planned to go to art school. A warning from his art teacher about the realities of making a living as a professional artist caused a last-minute change of heart. "I thought about it and thought about it, and I said, 'Wait a minute. I'm the first member of my family to go to college—can I risk this?' So I ran back to my adviser and asked if there were any schools still accepting students. This was in May. She looked in her big book and the first one she came up with was Southern Illinois University, and I said, 'OK, I'll go there.' And I majored in journalism because I had worked on the paper and I figured journalism would give me the opportunity to write and draw.

"That was a remarkable time in American history. I was one of the first wave of black students pouring out of the north to go down to that school," Johnson says. "One of my friends who went to high school with me and also went to SIU said, 'It's wide open here!' And he was quite right. They were very flexible and open to creativity. A lot of things were changing, and the 60s were an exciting time to be in college."

The roots of Middle Passage, Johnson's novel about a 19th century slave trader, can be traced to an undergraduate course Johnson took at SIU. It began as a term paper, before he revised it several times into a novel. For many years Johnson was dissatisfied with the book's "voice." He originally wrote it from the point of view of the ship's captain, but later changed the perspective to that of Rutherford Calhoun, a stowaway freedman. Amid researching, thinking about and rewriting Middle Passage, Johnson signed up for John Gardner's writing class. Gardner took Johnson under his wing, introduced him to the literary world and served as his writing coach for many years.

Under Gardner's tutelage, Johnson published his first novel, Faith and the Good Thing. (Johnson set aside Middle Passage, returning to it again and again for 17 years before finishing the novel in 1990.) Today, 16 years after his mentor's death, Johnson frequently speaks of Gardner and uses his texts on writing in his classes.

Although focused on his writing, Johnson did not abandon drawing while

How to Write, According to Charles Johnson

When I sit down to write, like I tell my students, the first draft should be messy. It should be just an outpouring of whatever you think and feel for as long as you can sustain it. Then you look at it and you say to yourself, "Well, now, is this worth going on with or not?" If it is, then you go to a second draft and you clean it up. You take out the gunk and the stuff that doesn't make sense or is incoherent, and then you fill in the gaps that need to be expanded upon.

The third draft is when finally you begin to polish. You begin to choose just the right word, just the right structure. For example, if all the sentences have the same structure, like subject-verb-object, subject-verb-object, then you just have bomb-bom-bom-bom-bom-bom-bom-bom-bom-bom-bom-bom. You need to vary complex and simple sentences, compound, complex, loose and periodic, right through. You need variation in sentence length. If you've got a sentence that is two lines long, the next one shouldn't be two lines long. You might have a one-line sentence and then you have a three- or four-line sentence that rises and crests, you see, then slowly comes down and after all that (breathes out a loud sigh), you need something short. Probably a simple sentence, right?

There is an underlying layer of music that you begin to work on. By the third or fourth draft—that's just the beginning. Sometimes it may take 20 drafts. And that is quite worth the time spent, I feel, when one is creating literary art. So that you have both the "sense" dimension (what it means) and the "sound" dimension (how it sounds to the ear). I always ask my students to test that by reading out loud. They will stumble if something is not right. Just by saying it, they'll know where to break the sentence up or where to expand it or combine two sentences. It's like plastic, you know. It's like molding or shaping something very flexible.
During his days at SIU Johnson hosted Charlie's Pad on WSIU-TV.

in college. He drew cartoons for the student newspaper, the Daily Egyptian, as well as for The Southern Illinoisan. He even convinced the campus television station, WSIU, to produce a series of 15-minute shows teaching people how to draw. The station taped 52 segments of Charlie's Pad, which ran on PBS stations all over the country.

Johnson translated his fond memories into enthusiastic support for SIU, most notably through the Charles Johnson Award, given annually to talented young writers. Open to college students all over the country, the prize rewards minority writers or those who write about issues related to race, culture or a minority subject. Johnson provided the award's initial funding, but SIU now includes the award in its budget.

"I feel good that I could give something back to the school," Johnson says. "I feel very indebted to the university and the professors I had there, particularly in the philosophy and communications departments.

"We had magnificent teachers, like John Gardner, prior to his becoming a best-selling author. Buckminster Fuller was there at the time. It was a most interesting group of people brought there by the president of the university."

Johnson particularly remembers former English chair John Howell; Howard Long, who founded the Journalism School; and Louis Hahn and Elizabeth Eames in philosophy.

Back in present-day Seattle, after finishing three books and two book tours in the past year, Johnson is taking a breather, maybe for the first time in 50 years. He’s catching up on reading, spending some time with his wife, Joan, and their two children, and thinking about his next book.

"Maybe by the end of the year I’ll know what I’m going to do next," he says, relishing these rare days off.

"Once I commit to a book, it’s like a marriage. Everything I think about, read, hear, feel—it’s got to relate to that book until it’s done."

A promise of devotion from a man who is never at a loss for words.

**Works by Charles Johnson**

- Black Humor (drawings, 1970)
- Half-Past-Nation-Time (drawings, 1972)
- Faith and the Good Thing (novel, 1974)
- Oxherding Tale (novel, 1982)
- The Sorcerer's Apprentice (short stories, 1986)
- Middle Passage (novel, 1990)
- Black Men Speaking (co-edited, essays, 1997)
- Dreamer (novel, 1998)
- Africans in America: America's Journey through Slavery (co-authored, short stories and history, 1998)
When Delyte Morris appeared on campus for the first time in September 1949, he was almost completely unknown. Morris had been appointed president while faculty members were on summer break. In the rush to find a suitable candidate to replace Chester Lay, Morris had not even been asked to come to Carbondale for his interview. Instead, he met the members of the Teachers College Board in Mattoon.

But if the people of southern Illinois didn’t know much about Delyte Morris, he knew a good deal about Southern Illinois University and this region. A southern Illinois native, Morris’ brother was an SIU alumnus. Morris had also been a finalist for the presidency two years earlier when Chester Lay had been selected.

In the 42 years before coming to SIU, Morris had proven himself to be a dynamic take-charge person, a risk-taker, enthusiastic and charming. He possessed powerful debating skills and a strong work ethic. He threw himself into assignments, seeing them not as part of a job, but as
crusades that consumed his every waking moment. When swept up in a cause, Morris believed everyone shared his fervor.

Born in 1906 in Xenia, Ill., about 80 miles northeast of Carbondale, Morris was the second living son of Charlie and Lillie Morris. His name, Delyte, was taken from the spelling of delight in early Irish poetry. He and his brother, Lossie, were given unusual names after their older brother Henry, named after a relative, died. Delyte’s mother decided not to name any of her other children after relatives or friends.

The family lived on a farm with pigs and cattle, outside plumbing and a coal stove. From his early years, Morris gained his lifelong love of the outdoors, riding horses, hiking and hunting. Morris even attributed his powerful handshake to years of milking cows.

Lossie and Delyte attended the three-year high school in Xenia. Lossie remembered the local science teacher offered them a lot of personal philosophy, urging his students on by saying, “Nothing’s impossible—it just hasn’t been done yet.” Delyte made that observation and his class motto, “Can’t is Un-American,” his personal credo.

Morris’ parents always assumed the boys would go to college and become teachers. In 1924 Delyte followed Lossie’s lead and went to Park College in Parkville, Mo., near Kansas City. After Lossie married, he transferred to SIU—Morris’ first contact with the university.

Park was a Presbyterian school based on a self-help program that required students to participate in school maintenance and to work on the farm that provided much of the school’s food needs. His college experience convinced Morris of both the economic and spiritual value of student work.

Delyte had continued his interest in debate and drama during his years at Park. Upon graduating he spent a year teaching speech and coaching debate in Sulphur, Okla. But Morris had bigger plans and obtained a teaching assistantship at the University of Maine to pursue a master’s degree in English and speech. At Maine, while teaching speech and directing the men’s debate team, he met Dorothy Mayo, a recent graduate who was working in the library. They married in 1930.

After he earned his master’s degree in 1934, Morris completed a doctorate in speech at the University of Iowa where fellow students included Horton Talley, head of the speech department at SIU, and Buren Robbins, who established the radio and television stations at SIU.
By now Morris’ interests had shifted to the emerging field of speech pathology and therapy. He soon became head of the speech department at Kansas City Junior College, where he began a long and important involvement in national speech correction circles as a member of the American Speech Correction Association.

Morris’ drive soon made him a major figure in his field. As head of the speech department at Indiana State University, he directed its pioneering speech clinic.

In 1946 Morris moved to Ohio State University as a member of the speech department and director of its speech and hearing clinic—one of the leading clinics in the country. According to Dorothy Morris, when they went to Ohio State, Delyte had no ambitions to become a university president and expected to spend the rest of his career in Columbus. However, after Morris gave a seminar at Western Illinois State Normal, a faculty member encouraged him to apply for the presidency there. Lossie heard of his brother’s application and proposed Delyte as a candidate for the post at SIU. Delyte couldn’t resist the opportunity to contribute to the region of his birth.

Before his arrival at SIU, Morris revealed two interests that would mark his years as president: a love of the outdoors and the environment and a concern for persons with disabilities, the downtrodden and for minorities.

His farm background fueled his abiding interest for the landscaping of the campus—his concern for every tree and bush, his desire to preserve Thompson Woods and his fascination with the Little Grassy camp which he saw as a laboratory for outdoor education. He loved to walk or ride his bicycle around the Little Grassy camp and the Carbondale campus. Also from his boyhood came Morris’ interest in the River to River Horseback Trail. For years he participated in an annual ride there.

Morris’ work in speech therapy inspired his deep affinity for persons with disabilities, which in turn motivated his concern for disadvantaged people. He pushed for the establishment of a clinic to offer a full range of services to persons with disabilities. He worked hard to make SIU handicapped accessible. He also fought to integrate not only campus dormitories but the town of Carbondale. All these activities fit into Morris’ ideal: that SIU should and would be open to all who would come. To this end, he worked for open admission and to maintain the lowest possible tuition and fees.

Most importantly, perhaps, Morris’ career before 1948 revealed the level of commitment he gave to every task he assumed. He didn’t participate, he took charge; he didn’t lead, he crusaded. For 22 years SIU was fortunate to be Delyte Morris’ crusade.
Dorothy Morris: The Legend Beside the Legend

by Robert Harper

Dorothy Morris impressed them all. From faculty to students to visiting dignitaries, Delyte Morris’ wife Dorothy made them all feel at home. Her smile and warm greeting were there for governors, Eleanor Roosevelt, Richard Nixon and the shyest freshman. Visitors often commented that Mrs. Morris was the most gracious lady they had ever met.

Dorothy always stood next to her husband in reception lines, greeting guests by name and introducing them to Delyte. Dorothy usually shared this role with Morris protégé John Rendleman, with whom she flanked Delyte in reception lines to help start conversations.

Dorothy not only organized several official dinners a week, she served as hostess-on-call. The president’s house stood next door to Delyte’s office and he often called Dorothy mid-morning to tell her he would be bringing guests home for a working lunch. Because Morris lived SIU every waking moment, he would often call Charles Pulley, the campus architect—or anyone else for that matter—late at night or early in the morning to ask them to come over for coffee or breakfast before the workday to talk about something he had on his mind.

Dorothy was also mother to two sons, Peter and Michael, who were 11 and 7 respectively when the Morris family arrived on campus. The Morrices lived for a few months in the Roberts Hotel, an old railroad hotel in downtown Carbondale, and for a few years in a house on the north edge of campus. But for most of Morris’ 22 years as president they lived in a lovely two-story frame house on what had been the west side of Route 51—the north module of Faner Hall now occupies part of the house site.

While she was the hostess and in charge of event planning, Dorothy received help from Bessie Richardson, who was the housekeeper-cook-babysitter through the Morris years. Buffets and hors d’oeuvres were catered, but Dorothy and Bessie would plan the menu several days ahead, and Bessie would be in charge of the kitchen. Minnie Mae Pitkin, the president’s appointment secretary, would handle invitations and be on hand to make sure everything went smoothly. Although she was the wife of William Pitkin, a member of the history department, she never ate at official functions. Student workers, including comedian-activist Dick Gregory, served the meals.

Functions at the Morris house were more than social affairs. Observers say many of the deals Morris cooked up were made during a good dinner hostessed by Dorothy. In the years before the open meeting law of the early 1960s, it was Morris’ custom to invite the board of trustees to dinner the night before a board meeting. After dinner, the ladies would adjourn to another room and Morris would go over the next day’s agenda.

Dorothy was also crucial to how Delyte viewed the student body, faculty and staff as a family. She was at his side as he walked or biked around the campus, stopping frequently to ask students how they were. In the early years, she joined him on informal, often unannounced, visits to faculty homes.

Dorothy also regularly invited
faculty wives to her home for tea and, on her own, visited faculty wives, again, often unannounced. One faculty wife told the story of being in the shower on a hot day, with the front door and all the windows open when Dorothy knocked at the door. Unfortunately, the bathroom door was also visible from the front stoop.

The importance of Dorothy Morris to the growth of SIU is something known best by those closest to the couple. Those who were around the Morrises—the office staff, key board members and top administrators—knew she was Delyte’s closest confidant and played a major role in his decision making. Both Charlie Feirich, a Morris aide who was frequently around the Morris home, and Tom Leffler, who served as Morris’ driver as well as the campus’ chief security officer, agreed that Dorothy was Delyte’s sounding board. She was a good critic and he accepted criticism from her. One aide called Dorothy, “Delyte’s secret weapon.” But Morris clarified “Dorothy is my job security! She is my right-hand man remembering names and faces—that and everything else.”

Perhaps Dorothy’s influence can be seen best in a seemingly minor incident. Feirich, who had been working full time for the president, wanted to reduce his workload. Morris depended on Charlie and was less than enthusiastic. During an informal discussion with the Morrises, Feirich said he’d like to work half time every other quarter. Dorothy immediately replied, “Delyte, I don’t see why Charlie couldn’t do that, do you?” Morris gruffly answered, “See me at contract time.” It was a done deal.

Leo Brown, a member of the original SIU board, was, with his wife, a member of the local Hysterical Society social group to which the Morrises also belonged. He described Dorothy as “the guiding light, the stabilizing influence, the balance wheel operating behind the scenes with great courage.” He felt that Dorothy had keen insight into human relationships and motives. Throughout her husband’s presidency she made sure to stay clear of gossip and the internal politics of the university.

In his final years Dorothy played still another role: caring for Delyte while they lived in Washington, D.C., and later at their Kentucky Lake home as Alzheimer’s disease rendered him progressively disabled. Only when she realized her own health was likely to fail under the burden of his care did Dorothy reluctantly move her beloved husband to a nursing home.

Dorothy Morris has always been modest about her contributions to her husband’s achievements. To those who knew and watched her, however, she will forever be remembered not as the woman behind the man, but as the wife who stood beside her husband, fighting for their shared dreams for the region and for Southern Illinois University.
Dr. and Mrs. Morris were like your mother and father on campus. They were always attending student functions and were very friendly when they saw you. They would check on your progress and ask how you were doing. As a result of their friendliness and helpfulness to so many students, anytime I went to alumni meetings, even years after they had left the university, everybody would always inquire about how they were doing or ask me to say hello to them. Alumni were always asking me to thank the Morrises for all they had done for them.

Bob Odaniell, retired director of the SIU Alumni Association

So many academicians are muralists, bound by the walls of academia. But this university is always reaching out—you never know where it might go.

Herbert Koepp-Baker, Morris colleague and friend

When I arrived on campus, Southern was already integrated. Black students had always been welcome here. There was a tradition of involvement of African Americans at SIU. But that tradition definitely intensified under Morris. When I think about President Morris, I think about how—educationally, politically, or morally—he was committed to access, quality and diversity long before most leaders in the country. To understand the essence of the man, you need to realize he had an overriding belief that education was the key for the future. For people to be successful, they had to be educated. He took that position and refused to see race, sex or disability as major obstacles.

Seymour Bryson, executive assistant for affirmative action

Early in his career, Morris would go to Springfield when Senator Crisenberry was there. They’d go into the governor’s office and the governor would give them another half a million and they’d come out so excited because they hadn’t thought they’d do that well. Morris would say, "You know, I think if I go back in, I could get a little more." Crisenberry would say, "Oh don’t, he’ll take away what we got." But Morris would go back in and invariably he’d come back out with more money—he’d thought up something else he could sell.

Charles Feirich, Morris aide

Morris had a standing request that when we received a call to guard VIPs coming in at a southern Illinois airport that we inform him so he could go to the airport and meet them.

Don Evers, Illinois State Police Officer
The Morris Years

1962 - Thompson Point residence halls for women completed.
1964 - Wham Education Building, SIU Arena and Lingle Hall completed.
1964 - Doctoral programs approved in anthropology, botany, economics, education, English, government, microbiology, philosophy, psychology, sociology, speech correction and zoology.
1965 - Southern Illinois University Edwardsville moves onto its newly completed campus.
1966 - Communications Building opens.
1967 - Rehn Hall completed.
1968 - Evergreen Terrace opens.

As an administrator, Dr. Morris looked upon the whole university as his staff. He never bothered about going through reporting lines. If he had some project in mind for an individual, he would just talk to them directly. As Dr. Tenney once said, he was a hard taskmaster. He worked at his job seriously and he expected everyone else to do the same. He was on 24 hours a day. It didn’t bother him to call individual faculty or staff members at any or all hours of the day or night or weekends or holidays. If he had something in mind he wanted them to do, he would call them. I don’t ever recall a time in talking to him that his voice was raised above the conversation level. He was not a yeller or a screamer. I learned after a while that when he was dissatisfied with something to the point of being angry, he’d usually lower his voice or get quiet. If Dr. Morris got quiet during a conversation, he had a way of giving you a very piercing look and you could tell he was displeased about something.

Robert MacVicar, Morris’ vice president for academic affairs and first chancellor of SIU's Carbondale campus
In describing Morris, Buckminster Fuller observed, "He held his initiative."

When I was asked to interview here at SIU, to my amazement, the people who interviewed me were the president of the university, the vice president and the dean of the college of education. I couldn't help being a little amazed wondering what the president was doing interviewing a prospective associate professor. I was very delighted, of course, they were giving me this attention. When he got through sort of querying me on a lot of things, he asked me what kind of questions I had. I said, "I just wondered if you had a five- or 10-year plan that you've written so you know where you're going." He said, "Guy, that's a nice idea, but we don't want anything that curtails us or holds us back, because all plans do is hold you back." He said the university was moving forward and asked, "Do you want to go with us?" I accepted the job and we'd just built a new home in Columbia, Mo. I immediately called my wife and said, "We're moving in three weeks." You can imagine the reaction from my wife. But I was so impressed with Morris and his expansive way of looking at things. He was not only a dreamer, but a visionary of some note. I just wanted to go with him.

Guy Renzaglia, emeritus director of SIU’s Rehabilitation Institute

The personal touch, including signing all graduates' diplomas, was a hallmark of Morris' presidency.

One thing you had to warn people about was that casual conversations with him often turned into requests on his part that you get involved in some university enterprise. At one time, a tremendous number of people who probably wouldn't have thought too much about the university were drawn in by Morris to help develop its projects.

Bob Gallegly, business manager in Morris' administration

Charles Tenney, Morris' vice president for academic affairs and later for planning and review
In the early 1950s, President Morris was making $18,000 a year as president. He was offered the job of heading Channel 9—the educational station in Chicago. The job paid $25,000 a year. But Morris never really considered the job. He was a dedicated person; he wasn’t looking for self-aggrandizement.

**John Rendleman, university legal counsel and first chancellor of SIU’s Edwardsville campus**

Morris was a spellbinder when he appeared before committees. He made a good impression. He wasn’t a politician in the sense of backslapping. Anything he went up there to testify for he was familiar with and could answer all the questions. He was always available and was very charming. And they all would have eaten out of his hand.

**John Gilbert, Carbondale lawyer and politician**

Anecdotes compiled by Robert Harper, Greg Scott and Maureen Manier. Guy Renzaglia interviewed by Producer Jak Tichenor for the WSIU-TV documentary *Delyte W. Morris: A Southern Vision*. The documentary can be purchased for $29.95 from WSIU-TV, 1048 Communications Building, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901-6602.
To What Are Our Children Born?

Honoring and Continuing the Morris Legacy

by Maureen Manier
The moment was both powerful and poignant. Fifty years after her husband had delivered his inauguration address from the stage of Shryock Auditorium, Dorothy Mayo Morris stood on that same stage receiving an honorary degree from the university President Delyte Morris had built. Beside her stood their two sons, Peter and Michael, now university professors, who had been young boys when their family moved to Carbondale in 1948.

The significance of the moment was not lost on SIU President Ted Sanders. Sitting in his Stone Center office several weeks before the Morris Commemorative Convocation, he spoke about what he describes as the “long shadow of Delyte Morris.” He knew the speech he would deliver at the convocation would give him a rare opportunity he was anxious to grasp.

Sanders had barely arrived on SIU’s campus three years ago when Don Beggs, then dean of the College of Education and later chancellor of the Carbondale campus, loaned him a copy of the convocation program from Morris’ inauguration. “I was really moved by his address,” Sanders remembers. “I read it again and again and I was repeatedly struck by how timely and how timeless Morris’ vision was.”

Morris’ address eloquently raised important questions about the economic, educational and cultural disparity between northern and southern Illinois. Morris proposed that the answer to these inequities rested in what he called “the moving power of education.”

From the beginning, despite its small size, enrollment and limited funding, Morris knew SIU had great potential. “He saw this university as being all things to southern Illinois,” says Sanders. “He saw it as a great instrument that could transform this region.”

Intrigued by Morris’ inaugural address, Sanders set out to talk to people who knew and had worked with the former president. As he continued the discussions, Sanders came to an important realization. “Slowly I came to the conclusion that Morris’ vision was still the right vision for this university and that we needed to re-embrace that vision and needed to re-embrace Delyte and Dorothy Morris.”

Student riots and the controversy over building the Stone Center complicated the last years of Morris’ presidency. Sanders expresses the hope that the yearlong celebration of Delyte Morris’ legacy will heal some of the
wounds that remain from that difficult period in university history.

Sanders admits he thinks of Morris’ final challenges as president each day he drives to his office in Stone Center. He believes Morris’ decision to build the presidential house showed great foresight that has paid off for subsequent university leaders. He cites a recent visit from the counselate general of Taiwan. “Being hosted at this house left a lasting, positive impression on him,” says Sanders, adding he is satisfied the house is now being used as the center of university hospitality Morris had planned.

Sanders believes Morris’ tenure offers many similar lessons for him and the university community. “I think Morris’ genius may have been in his ability to see value in others’ ideas and to be willing to embrace ideas that predated him,” Sanders observes. “He knew no one gets anything done alone. He worked to build relationships with powerful partners and that made a tremendous difference for this university.”

As he built these relationships, Morris also took time to mentor his younger colleagues, something Sanders finds particularly impressive. “Many more people feel they were mentored by Morris than could possibly have been. But that in itself is a significant statement.”

Sanders also praises what he calls Delyte and Dorothy Morris’ “human touch.” “Dorothy Morris seemed to know everyone by name and reached out to people, personalizing her husband’s presidency. Together they spent all sorts of time walking and biking around the campus,” says Sanders.

He compares the Morrises to another famous couple he knows personally: former President of the United States George and Barbara Bush. “Like the Morrises, the Bushes are also an extremely personable and captivating couple who are particularly effective in small groups.”

Motivated by Morris’ legacy, Sanders prepared his convocation address, an address he hoped would give Morris’ vision a contemporary context in which it would again flourish and inspire. As Morris once suggested, Sanders contended that education remains the best answer for society’s problems. But the essence of education, how and what students learn, bears close scrutiny and evaluation. “It is time for us to break the mold,” Sanders asserted in his address. “We must begin thinking less about courses and hours of credit. We must begin to focus more on the assessment and credentialing of learners.”

Sanders’ remarks also focused on the need for colleges and universities to place a higher priority on values and community service: “We must be stronger in our commitment to making a world that is just, secure and free.”

He drew a direct link between learning and doing, saying, “Here is where the history and traditions of SIU and of Delyte Morris’ vision can converge with the needs of the 21st century. We must teach our students to reach out for morally legitimate, public-spirited and mutually respectful habits of responsible citizenship.”

Sanders concluded by talking about the “rickety stairway” that many students, and society itself, are afraid to climb. But he invited the SIU community to look at those stairs not as an obstacle but as an opportunity: “We must rebuild them so that students will see them as the only attractive path. It is in this basic process of teaching and leading by example that we can begin to get to the root of our societal problems.”

Reflecting on Delyte Morris’ presidency, Sanders admits the power Morris had in those years was key to his success. Morris’ ability, often singlehandedly, to direct the course for the university and then to obtain the necessary support is a singularly spectacular accomplishment not likely, Sanders believes, to be repeated by one individual. Instead, Sanders suggests, the future of SIU will depend on many individuals demonstrating what Morris called “enlightened leadership.”

Fifty years ago Morris showed that type of leadership as he passionately crusaded for the university he knew SIU could become. As they celebrated Morris’ legacy, Sanders challenged members of the university community to reassert their identity as innovative leaders in higher education and to embrace the university’s legacy and, by so doing, its destiny.
1998 Honor Roll of Donors
SIU Foundation
Southern Illinois University
Honor Roll Overview

For the SIU Foundation, 1997-98 was a year of achievement and transition. The year ended with the foundation exceeding its goal by more than $500,000.

- The Annual Fund total for the fiscal year was $615,919—$50,000 more than raised during the previous year.
- The first ever capital campaign for the College of Engineering concluded with an impressive total of $1.5 million—again, half a million more than its original goal.
- Two other fund raising efforts, the Saluki Futures Campaign for Athletics and the Communications Court- yard Campaign, moved forward positively, with numerous facilities and equipment upgrades directly attributable to the campaigns' success.

This year also marked a momentous transition for the foundation as it implemented a new data base management system. During the past decade the foundation had encountered increasing difficulty as it sought to better respond to donor needs and interests. Several years ago the foundation and the SIU Alumni Association joined together to invest in a new highly regarded system to significantly improve the maintenance and updating of all records as well as enable all university colleges and organizations to communicate more effectively with alumni and friends.

In one way, we will know we have done our job well with this new system if alumni notice no change at all in their contact with and from the university. Certainly, making the transition as seamless as possible for donors was a high priority.

But, as you read the honor roll, you will notice some changes we have made because of the opportunity presented by the new system to ensure consistency and accuracy in our listings.

- We have discontinued the use of courtesy titles (e.g. Mr., Mrs., Dr.) in the identification of donors.
- When listing donor couples, the alumnus/a is listed first or in the case where neither or both individuals are alumni their names will be listed alphabetically.
- Donors will only be credited for gifts received by the last day of the fiscal year: June 30.

As the SIU Foundation leads the university’s fund raising efforts into the 21st century, it’s essential it do so with an efficient and flexible information management infrastructure. Although the transition to this new system demanded considerable human and financial resources, the tangible benefits to the university make the effort well worthwhile.

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Actual Goal Benchmark

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As an alumnus who came to Southern Illinois University during President Delyte Morris’ tenure and who has benefited from his expansive vision my entire career, I am especially proud to be writing to you in a publication that celebrates the 50th anniversary of President Morris’ inauguration. President Morris’ legacy profoundly influenced not only this university’s growth but, as you will read in this issue of Southern Alumni, the lives of numerous individuals.

Among President Morris’ greatest accomplishments was his ability to work with the sitting governor and legislature to secure funding for SIU. Too many buildings were constructed during his tenure to list here. Suffice it to say, Delyte Morris’ accomplishments can be seen and touched in every building on this campus.

Other Morris achievements are less tangible. The spirit of openness he created on this campus is now deeply ingrained in our identity. For 50 years SIU has been known for its accessibility and affordability as well as for its academic excellence and innovation. Every time I attend an alumni gathering, I meet first-generation alumni who tell me attending SIU was an unexpected but life-changing opportunity for them.

But although the Morris legacy continues to guide and inspire us, we must now look to a very different source than Morris did to fund the continuation of his legacy. State funding plays an increasingly smaller role in overall university budgeting. Indisputably, as we look to increase student scholarships, fund capital improvements, attract top-quality faculty, and keep pace with changing technology, SIU must look to our alumni and friends.

This year SIU successfully completed one major campaign in the College of Engineering. Two other campaigns, for Saluki Athletics and the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, are still underway. All of our efforts in this past year and in the immediate future will be focused on launching SIU’s first major capital campaign—a campaign that will secure the Morris legacy for the next millennium.

I hope that as you read this magazine you will consider how your life was directly or indirectly touched by this university and the legacy of Delyte Morris, and then that you will consider how your financial contribution can make a similar difference for future generations of students.

Tom Britton ’70, M.S. Ed.’73, J.D.’76

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In millions
From the President of the SIU Foundation Board

There seems no better place than in the SIU Foundation’s Honor Roll of Donors, stitched into the middle of the SIU Alumni Association’s quarterly magazine, to talk to you about the importance of the relationship between the foundation and the association.

I’m sure you’ve heard it said before that a university’s alumni professionals are the “friendraisers” while the foundation’s officers are the “fundraisers.” Personally, I believe that distinction can better be described as a connection.

One of the toughest challenges any university faces is ensuring that alumni stay connected to their alma mater. In this mobile society, where people not only move around but move often, keeping track of where alumni live, much less building a friendship with them, is no easy task.

The SIU Alumni Association performs that important job of maintaining contact and building relationships with alumni that, in turn, benefit the entire university community. Forming alumni chapters, organizing social and cultural events, sponsoring and coordinating homecoming and publishing the quarterly Southern Alumni are only a few of the ways in which the association works for all SIU alumni. In the last decade, the association has also provided generous contributions to student scholarships, Saluki Athletics, the Morris Library, the Marching Salukis, the Public Policy Institute, and numerous other student groups. Joining the association is a tangible way you, as alumni, can sustain its efforts for your alma mater.

At the SIU Foundation, we work with alumni to translate the attachment they feel for the university into financial support. We’ve learned from experience that our leaders in the foundation have frequently been involved in their alumni chapters and served on the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors. It is through this involvement alumni often learn about and become convinced of their alma mater’s financial needs and of the importance of alumni giving.

Your assistance in spreading the “good news” about SIU to family, friends and associates and encouraging them to consider sending their children to SIU to receive a well-rounded education is also another important way for you to support the university.

You can be assured that the legacy of President Delyte Morris lives on today at this university and will be strongly guiding us into the next century.

As president of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors, I, therefore, encourage you to join the SIU Alumni Association, become involved in your local chapter, or, if there is no chapter in your area, consider working with the association to establish one. And, as you become reacquainted with SIU and its distinct and pressing needs, I also encourage you to consider making a gift to your university. There are few relationships in life as strong as the relationship between alumni and their alma mater; and there are few gifts as worthwhile as the one you will make to SIU.

John E. Moody ’66
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Winter Hill Farm

WLIB FM/AM
WOOZ FM (2100) Radio Station
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WTAO Radio

Robert Allyn Society

$10,000 to $24,999

The university's first president (1874-1892), Robert Allyn was inaugurated on July 1, 1974, one day before the first classes began at SINU. During his term the library was established and a Model School was set up for teacher training.

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A Rose By Any Other Name

Dorothy Morris and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Harvey Welch take a stroll through the gardens recently dedicated in her honor. They are shown above pausing for a moment on the bridge named in honor of the late Charles Klasek, longtime director of international programs at the university.

For 22 years Delyte Morris led SIU into the modern era, securing funding for dozens of buildings, initiating numerous programs and turning SIU from a small regional teacher's college into a major international university. Among the hallmarks of Morris' tenure was the hospitality shown by him and his wife Dorothy to the entire university community. Many memories of this time are linked to events held at the Morris residence. The Morrices were well known for giving their parties a gracious touch that made guests feel at home.

Another legacy of the Morris family was their interest in maintaining and cultivating the natural beauty of the campus and region. Mrs. Morris was an avid gardener and was often seen by students walking to class working in her backyard garden. Designing gardens that would honor Dorothy Morris' many contributions to SIU, therefore, seemed a natural decision.

The Dorothy Morris Gardens are located approximately where Mrs. Morris' own backyard garden once flourished. Covering approximately 24,000 square feet, the gardens include the Kumakura Garden and the Museum Sculpture Garden. The Kumakura Garden, named in honor of the longtime mayor of Niigata, Japan (the site of SIU's campus), has been planned as a Japanese-style garden and will include a traditional Tea House and an open-style fencing border. The Dorothy Morris Gardens also encompass the University Museum Sculpture Garden which contains works by internationally known artists as well as by several SIU faculty members. Several new benches have been added to the collection.

Led by SIU Foundation Board of Directors member Mary Simon, a former faculty member and longtime friend of the Morris Family, the initial funding for the Dorothy Morris Gardens has been secured. The SIU Foundation is now focused on building an endowment that will ensure the maintenance of this beautifully appropriate tribute to SIU's former First Lady.

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As captain of the 1930 SIU football team, Glenn “Abe” Martin led his teammates to the university’s last undefeated football season. That type of determined leadership characterized Martin’s athletic and professional career.

After graduating from SIU in 1932, Martin played a year of professional football before coaching high school football for several seasons. In 1938 he returned to SIU as an assistant football coach under William McAndrew, only to become head coach in 1939. During the next 32 years Martin served in a variety of positions, as athletic director, basketball coach, baseball coach and intramural sports director.

When Martin retired in 1971, the university honored him by naming the baseball field the Glenn “Abe” Martin Field. His national recognition included being inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame in 1967.

A revived and respected baseball program, national championships and world-class athletes are central to Martin’s legacy. But he is best remembered for his commitment to students, to their future as athletes and as citizens. In memory of Martin, who died in March 1997, his wife Elise and sons Kenneth and Russell have donated $30,000 to establish the Glenn “Abe” Martin Endowed Student Award. An annual scholarship to a junior or senior education major will be awarded each year in Martin’s memory.

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Thirty-four years ago Southern Illinois University lured George Kapusta away from North Dakota. But at the end of this year Kapusta contends no one will be able to tempt him back to work. “For the first few months, I’m planning on doing nothing but sleeping in,” he pledges.

The hundreds of company representatives, farmers and students who have worked with Kapusta during his SIU career agree he has earned a long rest.

When Kapusta came to SIU in 1963 he was hired to make a farm out of the hundreds of overgrown acreage the university had purchased for $1 in Belleville, Ill., near Scott Air Force Base. Kapusta claims building and running the farm “didn’t take much,” so he was soon devoting his attention to his own research in weed control.

Through his efforts the Belleville research center has gained national and international acclaim—particularly the annual field day which provides farmers with herbicide comparisons as well as sessions on soil and risk management. Despite numerous changes in the industry, Kapusta’s goal has remained constant, “I hope I’ve provided productive answers to production questions.”

When Kapusta announced his decision to retire, the College of Agriculture could think of no better way to recognize his achievements than by seeking to establish the George Kapusta Endowed Graduate Program. The endowment will fund graduate assistantships for the Belleville Research Center.

Kapusta has worked with several dozen graduate students in his career, all of whom still work in their area of study. Combined with his own research and leadership at the research center, Kapusta’s mentorship of these students will endure as his legacy even as he spends his retirement years ignoring the rooster’s call.

For more information on how you can make a contribution that will perpetuate the legacy of George Kapusta, please call Julia Wetstein, assistant dean, College of Agriculture, (618) 453-2469.
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Beck Heads into First Year as Women's Basketball Coach

With nine of 14 players on the team either freshmen or sophomores, the 1998-99 SIU women's basketball team stands out as one of the youngest squads in the Missouri Valley Conference. Julie Beck's inaugural team possesses tremendous potential, but the first-year Saluki head coach initially hopes for marked improvement during the early portion of the season.

"I think we are a much more athletic team than last season, and we need to be in an attack mode on both ends of the floor to sustain a tough mental mindset," Beck observes. "I think we certainly need a more potent offense. One thing is certain, the returnees are tired of losing and do not want to go through something again like they did last year."

Leading the returnees is junior Meredith Jackson, one of the top three-point shooters in the league. The Normal, Ill., product returns as SIU's top outside threat, after connecting at a 39 percent clip last season from long range. She also established herself as one of the top free throw shooters in the MVC, connecting on 34 of 37 (92 percent), including a school-record 25 straight.

Senior O'Desha Proctor is the team's top returning scorer and rebounder. Another upperclassman who will see plenty of time is Melaniece Bardley, who averaged 5.4 ppg and 4.0 rpg last season, and tied for the team lead with 17 blocked shots.

Senior Jessie Phillips, who battled injury last year, can provide the Dawgs with leadership in the backcourt and some outside punch, while junior Ann Morgan adds experience to the post slot.

Also returning are sophomores Courtney Smith, Terica Hathaway, Maria Nieburgge, Kristine Abramowski and Tiffany Traylor.

Beck has added four freshmen to the list, and, while all could play key roles in the team's success, Kim Holloway may get the quickest look. "The left-handed point guard will provide solid size, quickness and ball-handling ability," says Beck.

Also joining the Salukis will be forward Geshla Woodard, 6-4 center Leah Holcomb and guard Tiffany Green.

"We are going to change a few things and try to be a better defensive team than we were last season," Beck promises. "We will see if we can take a solid step forward this year."

Saluki Goose Hunt Benefits Men's Hoops

The SIU men's basketball team will again benefit from the Saluki Goose Hunt, set for Dec. 18 at the Grassy Lake Hunting Club.

A $150 entry fee includes goose hunting adjacent to the Union County Wildlife Refuge, a gourmet barbecue dinner prepared by "Great Bores of Fire," a Saluki Goose Hunt gift and a contribution to the Saluki Basketball Program.

Interested persons may also choose to pay a $50 entry fee, which will cover the gourmet dinner and a contribution to the basketball program.

For ticket reservations, contact the Grassy Lake Hunting Club at (618) 833-7890, or the Saluki Basketball Office at (618) 453-4667.

Basketball Coach Announces Summer Camp Dates

First-year Saluki men's basketball head coach Bruce Weber has announced camp dates for the summer of 1999.

June 11-13: Shooting Weekend Camp
June 20-23: High School Team Camp
June 23-26: Junior High School Team Camp
July 18-21: High School Team Camp
July 31: Father-Son Camp
Aug. 2-6: Day Camp

Of all the camps, the one most unique to SIU will be the Father-Son Camp. "We did this for years when I was an assistant coach at Purdue, and it was really a popular camp," Weber says. "It allows both a player and his father to attend the event together and go through the entire experience. It was something that proved to be a great deal of fun."

For information on any of the camps, contact the SIU Men's Basketball Office at (618) 453-4667.

HEAR THOSE DAWGS

Saluki Football and Men's Basketball Games can be heard over the internet at www.siu.edu/godawgs.
North Carolina
The College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA) and the SIU Alumni Association sponsored the first North Carolina Annual Alumni Pig Pickin’ at Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) this fall. The event brought together alumni and current students from the off-campus programs at Cherry Point, New River MCAS and Camp LeJeune Naval Hospital in North Carolina. More than 120 alumni and students attended the event; plans for next year’s event are already underway.
Shown, from left to right, are: David NewMyer, professor of aviation management; Major General Braaten, commanding officer at Cherry Point MCAS; Terry Bowman, director of CASA's off-campus programs; Agnes Currin-Tonkin, recently retired base coordinator for SIU programs at Cherry Point; Elaine Vitello, CASA dean; and Thomas Beebe, director of SIU military programs.

Sponsoring the Future
Each year the SIU Alumni Association and the Student Alumni Council organize the Externship Program during spring break. Last year over 200 students spent a week learning more about the professions they are interested in pursuing after graduation.
If you would like to sponsor one or more externs to work with you during spring break, please call Jenna Henderson-Smith at (618) 453-2408 for more information.

Central Illinois
Golfers at the seventh Annual Central Illinois Golf Outing in Decatur, Ill., look on during the putting contest. This year’s outing, held at Scovill Golf Club, drew 44 participants.
Busch Stadium Day
Attending one of the season's most exciting extra-inning games, over 200 alumni watched Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa hit home runs at SIU's annual Busch Stadium Day. Alumni gathered for a pregame picnic at the stadium. Above, Marietta and Maurice Dahncke show support for Southern as they also show off their Cardinal red.

State Fairs
SIU Alumni Association staff members and volunteers staffed the SIU tents at the Springfield and Du Quoin state fairs this year with representatives from university photocommunications and the admissions office. Each day the fairs featured representatives and displays from various university programs. Above, Alumnus William Norwood, a member of SIU Board of Trustees and a retired United Airlines pilot, talks to an aspiring pilot while she tries out the controls at SIU's Du Quoin fair exhibit.

Calling All Nominations!

Two years ago the SIU Alumni Association initiated the Distinguished Alumni Awards. Recipients are recognized during homecoming and their photographs and biographies assume a place of honor on the Distinguished Alumni Wall at the Student Recreation Center. The selection committee chooses recipients based on their professional accomplishments, community service and service to the university.

All alumni and friends are encouraged to submit nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Awards. To submit the name of an alumnus/a for consideration, please complete and send this form no later than March 1, 1999 to: Greg Scott, SIU Alumni Association, Colyer Hall, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901-6809.

Nomination Form

Name: ____________________________

Job Title: __________________________

Degree and Year: ______________________

Please provide a brief description explaining why you believe this individual should receive the Distinguished Alumni Award.

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Seattle
Seattle-area alumni gathered at the home of Len ('67) and Linda Boscariine in Burien, Wash., in August for their fifth annual SIU picnic.

SIU Alumni Association Membership Appreciation Day
Several hundred alumni enjoyed a pregame social before this fall's Hall of Fame football game against Northern Iowa. Bruce Weber, the new men's basketball coach, addressed the group.

Union County
More than 125 Union County alumni met in Anna in September to discuss plans for restarting an alumni chapter. Saluki Athletic Director Jim Hart '67, men's basketball coach Bruce Weber and women's basketball coach Julie Beck were the special guests at the reception hosted by Wes ('77) and Eileen ('84) Wilkins. Shown at the event are, from left to right, Bruce Weber, Wes Wilkins, Jim Hart and Julie Beck.
Bloomington

The association sponsored a tailgate prior to this year’s SIU vs. Illinois State University football game in Bloomington, Ill.

Mike Reis ’78, sports director and play-by-play commentator for Carbondale-based Zimmer Radio, spoke to the group prior to his live broadcast of the game.

Denver

Eighty alumni and friends attended SIU Day at Coors Field in Denver late this summer. The Salukis in attendance watched Chicago Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa hit home run number 53 during a Cubs victory. Enjoying the game are, from left to right, Joan Burchard, Jane Rayburn and Russ Rayburn.

Central Illinois

The Central Illinois Alumni Chapter continued its tradition of selling foot-long Saluki hot dogs at the annual Decatur celebration. Proceeds from the fund raiser support the chapter’s activities throughout the year. Chapter President Mark Sturgell ’83, shown to the left of the booth, calls his famous “Dawgie Gawk” chant, which heralds the start of each year’s event. Mark Pieske ’73 coordinated the booth this year.
Homecoming began for many alumni on Friday afternoon at a special convocation commemorating the 50th anniversary of Delyte W. Morris' inauguration. With sons Peter and Michael (both university professors themselves) by her side, Dorothy Morris received an honorary degree from SIU in recognition of her lifelong commitment and contributions to the university. SIU President Ted Sanders, who conferred the degree on behalf of the Board of Trustees, also delivered an address acknowledging President and Mrs. Morris and challenging the university community to continue building on their legacy.

Members of the Half Century Club attended a reception and banquet in their honor that evening. They were entertained by the Marching Salukis and a special video presentation produced for the Class of 1948.

After attending this year's homecoming parade, which featured Dorothy Morris as the grand marshal, thousands of alumni visited the SIU Alumni Association's tent. Colleges, the Public Policy Institute and several clubs hosted tables. Alumni enjoyed a complimentary lunch, which included a watermelon feast—a nostalgic nod to those once hosted by President and Mrs. Morris.

Although the SIU football team lost the homecoming game to Western Illinois, the fans were treated to a lively halftime performance by the Marching Salukis, Alumni Band and a reunion of Saluki cheerleaders as well as a special presentation to the Morris family.
Nearly 30 alumni cheerleaders, spanning four decades, returned to SIU for the 1998 homecoming. The alumni marched in the homecoming parade and even performed a cheer to the fight song at halftime. The cheerleaders intend to make the reunion an annual homecoming event and will be meeting again next year on the weekend of October 23, 1999.

Each year the alumni band gathers for a reunion and to play during halftime at the homecoming football game.

Dorothy Morris and her family were honored during halftime at this year’s homecoming game. Many members of the Morris family attended the anniversary celebration of Delyte Morris’ inauguration, including sons Peter and Michael and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Representatives from the College of Applied Sciences and Arts’ Off Campus Military Programs made up their own “human float” in this year’s parade. Kneeling in front of the group is College Dean Elaine Vitello.

J.C. Garavalia, the 1998 Alumni Achievement Award for Service winner, is a well-known and respected figure on the SIU campus. For 30 years he served the university in various capacities, including as director of annual giving, director of development and services, acting executive director for the SIU Foundation and assistant director and executive director for the SIU Alumni Association. His lifelong service to the communities in which he has lived has included work on the board of directors of the Florrissant, Missouri, City Library; the Herrin United Fund; the Carbondale and Herrin Chambers of Commerce; and the Friends of Morris Library. Garavalia retired from SIU in 1991, but, until this year, he continued to work part time on special projects at the request of President Ted Sanders. Above, Garavalia receives his award from SIU Alumni Association President Doris Rottschalk at the homecoming luncheon.
SIU’s Music Man
Evelyn Canedy says her husband was so busy leading the Marching Salukis some 30 years ago he didn’t realize how much it impacted the lives of others. While he agrees with his wife’s assessment, Don Canedy began to realize the significance of his contributions during homecoming weekend.

Canedy was SIU’s band director and percussion teacher from 1958 to 1965. He and Evelyn, his wife of 48 years, were invited to be the guests of honor at the Alumni Band’s homecoming activities by Mike Hanes, SIU’s director of bands. Reflecting on his first visit to campus in 35 years, Canedy succinctly described the experience as a “constant high.”

It was a trip down memory lane as Canedy served as special guest conductor during the band’s halftime show and reminisced with former students and friends. Canedy, who originated the Marching Salukis’ performance style and uniforms, says current band members also made the weekend special.

“They were honoring me for something that happened 30 years ago,” Canedy says. “I responded by saying, ‘You have to be very careful when you’re trying to get young kids to do things because you might,’ and one of the students interrupted and said, ‘You might make a lot of people very happy.’ That’s powerful stuff for an old guy. We risked everything and didn’t even know how it would affect others.”

Risks initially brought Canedy to Southern. A music teacher and band instructor at Flora (I1.) High School, he decided to pursue a master’s degree at SIU. Visiting the university one weekend, Canedy met with the music department chairman and brazenly stated, “You need me here and I need you.” Once the department chair was convinced, Canedy left his teaching job and moved his family to Carbondale to live on a $1,600 graduate assistantship.

After receiving a master’s degree in music in 1958, Canedy joined the music faculty as band director and percussion teacher.

“I had no idea my master’s degree would lead to my becoming SIU’s band director. I was lucky to receive these opportunities.”

But Canedy’s opportunity presented some challenges. The band’s uniforms were the source of some snickering in the 1950s. The outfits featured a cape with an “S” on the back, which some jokingly associated with Superman.

“There was an attitude problem at the time. It was a tough time to encourage people to belong to the band. There didn’t seem to be a lot of spirit,” Canedy says.

Canedy decided to revamp the marching band’s image.

“We had a challenge to represent our university in the best possible way because we were taking on a new kind of pride under Delyte Morris,” Canedy explains.

Soon the Marching Salukis’ renaissance evolved into a trademark style. The band’s uniforms and musical arrangements reflected the change in spirit and attitude. Canedy credits the late Dean of Students I. Clark Davis for his support of the band.

“I. Clark Davis thought I had something to contribute,” Canedy explains. “Military-oriented marching bands were performing at athletic events across the country. I felt we should really have civilian-oriented entertainment, not the representation of a military force of some kind.

“So we got civilian-oriented uniforms and we played civilian-oriented arrangements. We moved on the field, not marched [military style] onto the field. Sometimes you might say we danced onto the field.”

Dressing the band musicians in tuxedos and homburg hats, Canedy modeled many of the band’s selections after Sauter/Finnigan, a jazz band he had heard in Chicago.

“I found a fabulous young student named Glen Daum. He wrote the arrangements for us. The concepts were all mine, but Glen’s music brought the concept to life,” Canedy remembers. “He was central to the new concept by writing arrangements that made the band sound like it did.”

Another Canedy innovation was the “Saluki Rhythm on Wheels,” then the nation’s only mobile percussion section.

“The carts were one thing you could see and touch that made us different. Band members felt like we were breaking new ground for entertainment on the football field [as well as] doing something really exciting.”

The Marching Salukis’ new look and sound did, however, raise some eyebrows.

“It turned out to be such an exciting event each time we came out because people just frankly didn’t know what [we were going to do next],” he says. “We created controversy in newspapers all over the country. This made some people unhappy at first.”

But the controversy soon faded away. President Delyte Morris asked the band to perform at many public relations events each year. The band was also invited to perform at the Chicago Bears-Baltimore Colts football game at Wrigley Field.

“During the pregame show we performed an original arrangement of The Star Spangled Banner very well even though it was 20 degrees.

“I got lots of letters from people saying they cried during the Star Spangled Banner at Wrigley Field. We were also proud that the announcers said it was the best halftime show they had seen in a long time.”

Canedy says it’s hard to believe something he did 30 years ago continues to be part of SIU’s music tradition. Returning to Southern as the university commemorated the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of President Delyte Morris, allowed Canedy to realize, perhaps for the first time, how significant his contributions had been and how many lives his “risk” had positively affected.

—Greg Scott
1940s

C. Roy Rylander '42 was inducted into the University of Delaware Athletics Hall of Fame where he served as a pioneer in the field of athletic training for 42 years as trainer and coach. As Delaware's head athletic trainer from 1946 until 1988 he was also inducted into the National Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame in 1986. His 41-year tenure as men's tennis coach from 1953 to 1993, the longest for a head coach in UD history, was highlighted by a dual record of 343-176-1 and the 1974 Middle Atlantic Conference title. A professor emeritus at UD, Rylander also served as director of intramural sports and men's gymnastics coach from 1947 to 1951. He resides in Newark, Del.

Gale R. Ballard '48 lives with wife Freda in Mount Vernon, Ill., where he was an elementary school administrator. He has been a member of the Kiwanis Club for 35 years and has served as president. He enjoys reading, fishing, auctions and yard work. He has three children, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Helen Francis Benedict '48 has three children and three grandchildren and lives with husband Russel in Cutler, Ill. She believes SIU contributed to her happy life as a teacher and homemaker. She is fighting breast cancer and appreciates each day. Daughters, Judith and Rebecca attended SIU.

Jo-D Nooner Blansett '48 lives in Rosenberg, Texas, and has one child and two grandchildren. She is a retired secretary and enjoys playing bridge and traveling.

Gordon E. Eade '48 and wife Nona Grace Rose Eade '48 have four children and seven grandchildren and live in Pensacola, Fla. He worked as a teacher, principal, professor and associate dean of a College of Education at the University of West Florida. He received distinguished service awards from the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1960 in Freeport, Ill., and from the University of West Florida, Pensacola in 1981. He received distinguished teaching awards in 1982, 1984 and 1990 from the University of West Florida students and in 1990 from the University of West Florida faculty. His hobbies include needlepoint and chair caning. Nona served as a homemaker and elementary school teacher and enjoys traveling, church activities and being with her family.

Betty Adams Ebbs '48 lives with husband Jim Ebbs '64 in Royaltown, Ill. All three of their children attended SIU. They have five grandchildren. She worked as a teacher and counselor and has enjoyed her retirement working in the garden, teaching Sunday school, traveling and walking. She remembers playing on the women's tennis team and preparing house decorations for homecoming in 1945, 1946 and 1947.

Robert F. Etheridge '48 and wife Veda Hallam Etheridge '48 have two children and four grandchildren and reside in Oxford, Ohio, where Robert worked in higher education as an administrator for 40 years. His last position was vice president for student affairs for Miami University of Ohio. He has been very active on civic and education boards and served as president for several clubs. Veda is a homemaker and a realtor and enjoys golf, reading and traveling. They were married during their senior year at SIU.

Claire Hudgens Fromme '48 lives in Jacksonville, Ill., and has eight children, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. During her life she worked as a homemaker and for six years as a house and cottage parent at the Illinois School for Visually Impaired. Her husband, Bernard, died in November 1996.

William Bayless Grey '48 spent 35 years with Sentry Insurance Companies in management positions. He ran a small business of his own from 1983 to 1989, during which he traveled in more than 13 countries in Europe for three months annually from 1985 to 1988. As a retiree, he volunteers as a reader for the blind and print handicapped and also narrates and records books for the blind for the Library of Congress and the Connecticut State Library. He resides in South Windsor, Conn.

Peggy Browning Hansen '48 lives with husband David in Clarksburg, W.Va. She has taught in the elementary grades in Illinois, New Mexico and New Jersey. During her retirement she enjoys exploring the beauty, history and geography of West Virginia. She still keeps in touch with friends she met while at SIU and remembers fondly her initiation into Pi Kappa Sigma.

Billy D. Hudgens '48 went on to graduate from Washington University Law School in St. Louis in 1951. He served two tours of duty in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946 and 1951 to 1953. He was vice president of Mercantile Mortgage Co. in Carbondale for nine years, director of auxiliary and service enterprises at SIU Carbondale for six years, vice president for business affairs at SIU Edwardsville, and chief administrator (clerk of the court) for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois for four years. He retired in 1983 after having taught management in the SIUE School of Business for four years. Following retirement, he was a medical office management consultant for seven years. He jokes that his wife, Bettie, says he just couldn't keep a job. His civic activities included membership in the Lion's Club and the Edwardsville Rotary Club (10 years) and SIU alumni treasurer for 10 years. Now he loves golfing and playing with his six grandchildren ages 6 to 22. He and Bettie reside in Edwardsville, Ill.

Kermit J. Jeffers '48 lives with wife Mildred, who is also a graduate of SIU, in East St. Louis, Ill. They have three children and four grandchildren. He worked as a teacher and school administrator and served as a corporal in the armed forces. He was a member of the American Federation of Teachers Local 122, for which he served as president from 1968 to 1970. He spends part of each year revisiting his home in southern Illinois.

Mary Ruth Carruthers Kenshalo '48 spent 45 years as an elementary school teacher. She has two children and two grandchildren and resides in Overland Park, Kan. As a retiree she enjoys traveling, grandparenting and volunteering in the local schools. Her husband, Marshall, is deceased.

Carl W. Lutes '48 maintained a double profession as a musician and English lecturer at SIU. Other professional activities included being chairman of English at Washington Irving High School in New York City, principal flutist for the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, Longines Symphonette, various Broadway shows, and the New York City Opera. He received a master's degree at Columbia University and a professional diploma from the Conservatoire National de Musique de Paris. He was honored at the Southern Illinois Music Festival in 1957 and was runner-up for the New York State Teacher of the Year in 1978. His musical publications include Complete Method for Flute. He was fond of the many fine teachers he had at SIU and was especially touched that seven or eight corresponded with him regularly until their deaths. Residing in Somers,
N.Y., he is enjoying the cultural and entertainment advantages of New York City and plans a trip to Vienna, Austria, this fall.

**William N. MacFarlane '48** lives in Johnston City, Ill., with wife Eleanor. They have six children and 11 grandchildren. He worked as a teacher and in manufacturing as a manager. He has written two publications, *Principles of Small Business Management* and *The Magic City of Egypt*. A former school board member, his additional civic involvement includes the Lion’s Club and the Masons. As a retiree, he is interested in writing, painting and traveling.

**Charles Carlton Mathieu '48** lives with wife Peggy in Evansville, Ind. They have three children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He served as coach, teacher and high school assistant principal. They enjoy R.V. travel, fishing, and sporting events. He was captain in 1947 when SIU won the Corn Bowl and was listed in *Who's Who in American Education*—two of his fondest memories.

**Aline Senteney Mifflin '48** worked as secretary, bookkeeper, homemaker and mother. She and husband Albert Mifflin have two children and two grandchildren and reside in Carterville, Ill. Aline has sung in the SIU Choral Union for 20 years. She remembers when President Delyte W. Morris strode into his office on his first day at work. She was a student worker in the president’s office under the direction of Minnie Mae Pitkin and Lois Nelson.

**Lois Sprinkle Neihaus '48** met her husband at SIU which led to 38 years of a great marriage. Her husband, now deceased, and she have two children and four grandchildren. She received master’s degree in guidance and counseling and worked as a school counselor. She enjoys travel, golf and volunteer work and resides in Warson Woods, Mo.

**James F. Newton '48** and wife Guilda have two children.

He lives in Carbondale and worked as an engineer with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

**Urie A. Parkhill '48** and wife Mildred live in Spring Lake, N.J. They have four children and seven grandchildren. He graduated from the St. Louis University School of Medicine and became a surgeon. He has published four surgical articles, served as a lieutenant in the Army and currently enjoys travel, golf and playing with his grandchildren.

**Lawrence J. Rossel '48** became an electrical engineer and was president of his own business, Rosco Electric, Inc. He and his wife, Carol, have four children and four grandchildren and reside in St. Louis, Mo. He ran for the school board in University City and served as president of the local P.T.A. Council. He says his SIU education gave him the opportunity to teach math for one year at McBride High School and also made possible his commission in the Navy. As a retiree, he enjoys traveling, using his computer, taking college courses and playing duplicate bridge.

**Clariann Rapp Woolard '48** and husband Charles have three children and nine grandchildren and reside in Joliet, Ill. She obtained a master’s degree from Northern Illinois University and worked as a teacher and school administrator. She served on many local boards and belongs to Delta Kappa Gamma, A.S.C.D. and A.A.S.A. They spend six months a year in Florida.

**1950s**

**Theodore A. Bookhout '52,** M.S. '54 is enjoying retirement in Worthington, Ohio, where he resides with his wife, Jean Smith Bookhout ex54. After military service, upon graduation, he received a doctorate from the University of Michigan. In 1964 he joined the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as leader of the Ohio Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at Ohio State University, where he was professor of zoology and of natural resources. He retired in 1996. His professional accomplishments include serving as editor of *The Journal of Wildlife Management* and president of The Wildlife Society.

**Robert A. Wiggs '52,** a retired fine arts professor, has been invited to lecture at the International Conference of the
The scholarship was established from donations from friends; fellow teachers; coaches from DHS, LaMoille and Mendota; former students; the DHS class of 1992; and his family.

G. James Haas '59, M.S.Ed. '60 retires this year from his position as a foreign admissions officer at Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis. He was the first full-time foreign student admissions officer for SIU and worked in the office of admissions from 1963 to 1966. He has been given two national awards this year in recognition of his service to the profession: In April at the national conference of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers in Chicago he was given honorary membership. At the national conference of NAFA-Association of International Educators in Washington, D.C., he was given life membership.

1960s

Lyle Reuss '60 changed careers after 23 years of teaching and is now an auto sales manager in Belleville, Ill. He has four children, two in education and two in business.

Scott R. Harrington '62 was named the Florida Public Relations Association's 11th recipient of the John W. Dillin Award, which is the association's highest honor and recognizes professional contributions to FTRA. He received the honor at the association's 60th anniversary conference. Harrington is employed by Gulf Power Company, Pensacola, Fla., as a senior communications specialist in the company's corporate communications department. He is an accredited APR and certified CPRC in public relations.

Tom Hecht '63 retired from the State of Illinois in 1996 after 17 years. He worked with the video section of the Illinois Information Services for the last two years producing and directing various projects with state elected officials and agencies. Before that he worked for the Illinois Department of Conservation and the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources producing video news releases and documentaries for statewide use on commercial and PBS television stations.

David Davis '64 died on August 8, 1998, in Marshfield, Wis. He was a member of the Illinois Bar Association and the McLean County Bar Association. He was also a member of the Bloomington Consistory, Bloomington Club, Elks Lodge, Bloomington Country Club, McLean County Historical Society, David Davis Mansion Foundation, Lac Du Flambeau Historical & Cultural Society and the Commercial Law League. He served as president of the McLean County Arts Council from 1975 to 1979. He was also active in Republican politics. He is survived by wife Linda and one daughter, two sons, one stepdaughter and two stepsons.

Reverend Jerry Ray Anderson '65 is director and chaplain for the Episcopal Aids Ministry, Inc., and lives in Miami Fla.

Jane Harris McNeil '65 of St. Louis, Mo., is a credit adviser for U.S. Agency for International Development in Business Finance working on a project in Bosnia-Herzegovina. While working in Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina, she met two other SIU graduates, Kevin Rushing and Mark Hendrix, both of whom graduated in the '70s.

David M. Jacobs '66 is a project manager for Bonneville Power and lives with wife Helen in Vancouver, Wash.

William T. White '66 of Detroit, Mich., represented Chancellor Jo Ann E. Argersinger at the inauguration of Irvin D. Reid as the ninth president of Wayne State.

Russell F. Ghilain '68, M.S.Ed. '72 married wife Cathe in June. They reside in Shorewood, Ill.

Marvin Harris '68 has been a general manager for 15 years for Ford Square/King City Chrysler. He has also served for five years as vice president on the Kell school board in Kell, Ill. He lives in Mount Vernon, Ill., with wife JoAnn.

Gale Beachum AAS '69, '73 retired from Marion Pepsi Cola after 20 years in 1997. The same year she became the owner of Five Star Tours, a Herrin, Ill.-based group tour company specializing in domestic motorcoach tours, group cruises and international travel. A year later she added a full-service travel agency and purchased Travel Agents International located in the Illinois Centre Mall in Marion, Ill. They service the entire southern Illinois market.

Richard C. Bogren '69 and Sue Ann Bogren '70 have moved to Baton Rouge, La. Rick holds the rank of assistant professor in the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center with job responsibilities for news and media relations for the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station. Sue is a teacher and member of the Classroom Assistance for Atypical Behaviors team with the Ascension Parish school system. She is also enrolled in an internet-based, online master's program in curriculum, technology and education reform through the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana.
1970s

Robert E. Arroyo '70 is head of the employment litigation group for the Chicago office of Schnitzler & Krupman, a national law firm representing management exclusively in labor, employment and benefits matters.

Roger Leisner '70 is owner/operator of Radio Free Maine and has been nominated for the Harry Chapin Media Award.

Barbara K. Emil '71, M.A. '72, Ph.D. '79 was recently named Dean of Educational Outreach for the University of South Florida. Her husband, Jeffrey Emil '72, M.A. '79, spent the last six years as director of substance abuse services for the Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition in Lincoln, Neb. They are now living in Temple Terrace, Fla., with their 12-year-old son, Benjamin.

Richard L. Grant '71 was named director of the Carbondale Park District by the Board of Commissioners effective September 1998. He has responsibility for the overall management and direction of parks, recreation programs, leisure services and facilities provided and operated by the district. He leaves the position of director of parks and recreation for the city of Appleton, Wis., which he has held since 1981. His wife, Cathy, is a special education teacher and they have three adult children.

Mark Hickson '71, professor and chair of the department of communication studies at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Southern States Communication Association in San Antonio, Texas, in April. He is married to Nancy Dorman-Hickson '83, associate features editor of Southern Living.

Ming-fai Hui '71, M.S.Ed. '73, Ph.D. '80 serves on the faculty of the department of curriculum and instruction at the Hong Kong Institute of Education. She returned from the US to her native country to provide leadership in the education sector. She is presently the principal investigator of a large-scale research project that involves over 80 percent of the 900 schools in Hong Kong.

Stephen Kindel '71 has just been promoted to the newly created position of forestry supervisor for Central Illinois Service Company in Springfield, Ill. He has been with CIPS for over 21 years. In his new position he will be responsible for all tree-related activities in the East St. Louis, Alton and Western Illinois areas. In 1967 he served in the Navy in Vietnam. He went on to earn both bachelor's and master's degrees in environmental planning.

Ralph G. Moore '71 was appointed to the board of directors of University of Chicago Hospitals. He is president of Ralph G. Moore & Associates in Chicago.

Eva Domolky Unikel '72 just celebrated the 10th anniversary of her company, Interior Solutions, Inc., in Hinsdale, Ill. The company specializes in hospitality- and public-space interior design. She has completed over 270 projects and is listed in the International Who's Who of Interior Design.

David D. Boylan '73 is vice president and general manager of WTVT television in Tampa, Fla.

Steven Short '73 was a presenter in March at the 10th annual conference of Shooting the West, a regional gathering of photographers in Winnemucca.

The Local Connection

Tip O'Neill, the longtime speaker of the House of Representatives, once quipped, "All politics is local." Ken Alderson '71 would hasten to add that the more local the politics the better. Alderson, the executive director for the Illinois Municipal League, recently returned to Carbondale for a board of directors meeting and spoke about his commitment to his organization's mission.

The Illinois Municipal League represents over 1,050 cities, villages and towns in the state. During his 25-year association with the organization, Alderson has grown increasingly convinced the best place to solve problems is at the local level. "Nobody lives on the federal level," Alderson says. "Nobody lives on the state level. They live on the local level."

He observes that the federal government's method of governing, which he describes as a "one-size-fits-all approach," has proven unsuccessful. "I have a strong faith that the closer you work to the people the better."

The Illinois Municipal League provides a variety of educational and training programs and materials to assist its members. Alderson and his staff also work as lobbyists for the league's legislative agenda.

Alderson explains that his Springfield-based organization is bipartisan. "I have to get votes from both sides of the aisle to be successful," he says. He admits he has thought about running for public office: "You can't work with the legislature as much as I do and not occasionally think what you would do if you were chairman. But I think I can be more successful doing what I'm doing at the league than what I could do running for office."

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At a recent meeting of New England Rehabilitation professionals, four participants found they had more in common than their profession—they all had ties to SIU. From left to right, they are: Ronald Esposito ’60, M.A. ’60; Fred McGinn, Rh.D. ’94; Geraldine Hanson, a former SIU assistant professor in rehabilitation counseling; and William Talley, Rh.D. ’87.

Neve. He focused on preservation through photography. Shots, a national journal of black-and-white fine art photography featured a full-page reproduction of one of his photos in the spring 1998 edition.

Bob Smith ’73 has been promoted to director of brand strategy and communications at Rockwell Automation. He is responsible for all external communications concerning the Rockwell Automation brand, including advertising, print, video, internet and multimedia.

Cliff Albert ’74 is program director/news talent at Jacor Communications KOGO-KSDO in San Diego, Calif. He and wife Marianne celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this year. They reside in El Cajon, Calif.

Ruth-Marie F. Chambers ’74, M.S. ’82 is an elected delegate from California to the 1998 NEA Representative Assembly in New Orleans, La. She is the editor of four literary anthologies. Mosaic Journey is the most recent publication.

Thomas M. Jackson ’74 recently celebrated a one-year anniversary as host/producer of “The New Orleans Music Hour” on WLUE 88.7 FM. The radio show is dedicated to the music and cultures of New Orleans and Louisiana.

Arthur Novak ’74 was voted vice president of SiPi Metals in Chicago. He completed an M.B.A. in 1993 and lives with his wife and daughter in Elk Grove, Ill.

Daniel I. Weiler ’74 says that in the spring of 1997 his family assisted in the production of a rock video. His daughter Marissa, then 6, was the featured actress in the video, which starred a Chicago area band called Bumpus. He and wife Gail also appeared in the video. The family lives in Chicago and Weiler is a computer operator for Trustmark Insurance.

Thomas E. Fisher ’75 is an audiologist for Ear Nose and Throat Associates of Wausau in Wausau, Wis.

Donald L. Hoops Ph.D. ’75 recently retired as executive vice president of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine after 20 years with the association. He was presented the President’s Award during the American Occupational Health Conference in Boston, Mass. He resides in Prospect Heights, Ill.

Edward G. Husar ’75 is a newspaper reporter for the Herald-Whig in Quincy, Ill. He was married April 25, 1998, to colleague reporter, Deborah Gertz originally from St. Louis. They reside in Quincy.

Patricia Jane Huffman Koprucki M.S.Ed. ’75 is an attorney for Cox & Stein Co., L.P.A., in Columbus, Ohio, and has received the 1998 President’s Award for outstanding professional service and commitment to the Franklin County Trial Lawyers Association. Husband Mark Koprucki ’76 is a financial analyst for Fifth Third Bank in Columbus.

Marc T. Morrisey ’75 works for the cable television industry and is the general manager of Time Warner Cable in Portage, Ind.

Linda Schaefer ’75 is working as an actor/narrator in Los Angeles, doing corporate videos, commercials, voice overs and film. She lives in Valley Village, Calif., and works part time as a flight attendant with American Airlines.

Jonathan Voelz ’75 received the Illinois Department of Corrections’ Employee Volunteer of the Year award in May. He has served as an educator with School District #428 at Shawnee since 1984. He has volunteered with the American Lung Association, Boy Scouts, his church and a countywide soccer program. He has been married for 21 years to Sharon Watson Voelz ’76 and they have two children.

Denis Grandcolas ’76 works in management for USA Networks Studios which comprises Universal Television, USA Cable, Home Shopping Network and Ticket-master. He lives in Carrollton, Texas.

Mary Lou Carlson ’77 is an extension specialist at Penn State University and consulted on the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Marketing Assistance Program in Armenia for six months this year. She set up outreach agricultural education offices in three locations, consulted to the Armenian Ministry of Agriculture and administered a microenterprise agriculture loan program.

J. Timothy Eaton J.D. ’77, a partner in the Chicago law firm Ungarretti & Harris and chairman of its litigation department, has been elected third vice president to the Illinois Bar Association. He is the first SIU law school alumnus to hold that office. He will become president in two years. He lives with wife Jane and three children in Chicago.

Vickie Jenkins ’77 is news director of KOIT AM/FM, San Francisco, and runs her own media coaching business.

Steven M. Bimm ’78 recently started a new business in land development consulting, construction management and valve engineering. He lives with wife Diana in Broomfield, Co.

Dirk Claussen ’78 has joined the sales team of Fox Sports Net in its Chicago office. He will represent over 20 sports broadcasts covering Major League Baseball, the National Basketball Association and the National Hockey League.

Neil Fiala ’78 just finished his fifth year as head baseball coach at Belleville Area College with a 45-15 season. He has been named conference coach of the year for three years and regional coach of the year for two years. In 1981 Fiala played baseball in the major leagues for the Cardinals and the Reds.

Kurt Mische ’78 is director of development for KLVX-TV 10 in Las Vegas, Nev. He was inducted into the Nevada Broadcasters Hall of Fame. He and his staff won the PBS Development Award for the market size in underwriting category at the PBS Annual
Jeanine M. Herold '80 has been promoted to assistant vice president by Lincoln Financial Advisors Corporation. She is director of registered products and registered investment advisor products for LFA in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mark Rouleau '80 has been selected as a member in the 1998-99 edition of Who's Who Among Top Executives. He was also recently appointed to serve as secretary of the Tort Section Counsel for the Illinois State Bar Association. He has been in private practice in Rockford for over 14 years.

David F. Anderson '81, M.B.A. '83 and wife Kathryn Hamilton Anderson '82 are co-owners of Sea to Sea Communications Inc., in Canton, Ga. They are completing development of a windows-based voice mail package that is web-integrated and allows users to retrieve voice mail using a browser on the internet.

Patrick C. Brumleve '81 recently returned from a vacation in Australia with a group of 21 Americans from Cobden, Ill., and others from Cobden, Canada, and Cobden, New Zealand. All the Cobdens are named after Richard Cobden, an English statesman, and have been making trips to visit each other for several years.

John Lang '81, a photographer/editor for WTVJ-TV in Miami, Fla., recently won his fourth Emmy Award in November for his photography in a feature story on U.S. Coast Guard rescue swimmers. His second child, a daughter, was born last January. He and family reside in Coral Gables, Fla.

Leslie Sloan Orr '81, M.F.A. '86 is an assistant professor of theater for Indiana State University. She received a doctorate in theater from Wayne State University in Detroit in December 1997.

Thomas R. Syre Ph.D. '81, an associate professor in the Health Services Administration Program at James Madison University, was recently honored with a teacher of the year award and a distinguished professor award. He and his son Tommy live in Harrisonburg, Va.

Alyce Ward '81, M.M. '83 is an assistant instructor in the SIU School of Music and has been teaching piano in the youth music program since completing her master of music degree. She gave birth to a baby boy in December 1997.

Matt Coale '83 is president of Mole Productions in Joelton, Ind. In 1997 he was nominated for a Sports Emmy for outstanding film cinematography in an ABC sports commercial.

John Kabat '84 teaches agriculture at Mount Vernon High School and lives with wife Marcia and three children in Mount Vernon, Ill. He is president of the Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers for 1997-98. He is also president of the Waltonville Unit #1 School Board and president of his Catholic church council. He serves as secretary of the SIU Agriculture Alumni Society. Last year he received the outstanding vocational teacher award at the 1997-98 national convention in Las Vegas, Nev.

Gregory D. Storey M.S. '84 was appointed editorial director of the Journal of Commerce, an Economist Group publication, in August. For 12 years prior he served as vice president of corporate relations for the New York Shipping Association.

Renée DaSaro Podrebarac '85 is a registered dental hygienist in Fairfield, Calif. Her husband, Jan Charles Podrebarac '83, was promoted to system aircraft maintenance controller for United Airlines based at the San Francisco International Airport. The couple resides in Fairfield, Calif.
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Gary L. Canivez M.S.Ed. '85, Ph.D. '87 was promoted to associate professor of psychology at Eastern Illinois University and received a 1997-98 EIU achievement and contribution award in the area of research. He has taught in the EIU school psychology training program and served as sport psychologist for EIU intercollegiate athletics since 1995. He resides in Charleston, Ill.

Chris Patrick '85 was named vice president of acquisitions integration for Chatham Technologies Inc., a Dallas-based manufacturer.

Daniel Enerson '86 is a national account executive for Coca Cola USA in San Antonio, Texas. His and his wife, Susan, have two children. Daniel is currently attending the University of Texas at San Antonio's M.B.A. program.

Frederick J. Krull J.D. '86, M.A. '86 was promoted to partner for Ernst & Young LLP in Chicago. He and wife Joan live in Hinsdale, Ill., with son Brandon.

Derrick (Doc) McClellon '86 is president of Ace Enterprises General Contractors, a company that he opened in January 1997 in Chicago, Ill.

Craig A. McCormick '87 is manager of financial controls for The Boeing Company in Long Beach, Calif.

Steve Baeckelandt '87 lived in Japan as an SIU exchange student from 1985-1986 and now works as a bilingual sales manager for TS Trim Industries, a supplier to Honda. His wife is from Belgium and they reside in Worthington, Ohio.

Emanuel Centifonti Jr. '87 was honored for the third consecutive year by The Cittone Institute in Mount Laurel, N.J., as winner of the annual “Court Reporting Instructor Performance” award. He joined the institute in 1990 after 25 years with the Ford Motor Company’s Delaware Valley Parts Distribution Center in Pennsauken, N.J. He teaches adult swimming and adult and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes. He was an assistant swim coach for Special Olympics and was involved in track and field and tennis for the handicapped of Burlington County. He and his wife, Anne, have five children and six grandchildren.

Joe Marino '87 is president and owner of Pure Entertainment Corp. He is celebrating its 10th year in business.

Samuel L. Phillips '87 is a research assistant for Asgrow Seed Company in Evansville, Ind. In his current position he is a hybrid corn researcher.

Paul J. Weber '87 is a major in the United States Marine Corp. and resides with wife Julie and new daughter Leslie in Oxford, Ohio. Weber received a master's degree in history from Miami University of Ohio in May 1998.

Beth A. Fox '88 lives with husband Dennis in the New York City area. She taught music until the birth of their son in November 1997 and is now a full-time mom.

Ted E. Krakowiak '88 is the lead manufacturing engineer for Motorola-Cellular Strategic Manufacturing in McHenry, Ill. He resides in Prospect Heights, Ill.

Anne Waranauska-Rose '88 was named director of customer relations for Connie’s Pizza Products in Inverness, Ill. She and husband Tom welcomed their second child, Jacqueline, in March. They also have a son, Jason, and reside in Des Plaines, Ill.

Ann M. Sutter '88 is an attack helicopter pilot for the Army and currently stationed in Germany. She has done tours of duty in Germany, Bosnia and Korea. She met her husband while going to flight school and was one of the first females to fly an Apache helicopter.

Mark Czmyrid '73 is self-employed as a political consultant. Wife Carol Czmyrid is an educator for Pinckneyville Junior High School District 50. They reside in Carbondale, Ill.

Michael W. Fisher '89 received a law degree from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, Calif., in July 1998.

James L. French '89, M.S.Ed. '92 is manager of health and safety for Morton International, Inc. in Chicago, Ill., where he has recently relocated. He has lived in Salt Lake City, Utah, for the past seven years working for Kennecott Utah Copper.

Eva Spindler Keiser '89 was promoted to account executive at Padilla Speer Beardsley Inc. She has a master's degree in mass communications from the University of North Dakota.

James A. Leja Ph.D. '89 was named interim chairperson of the department of occupational therapy at Western Michigan University-Kalamazoo. He has been a faculty member in WMU's Department of Blind Rehabilitation since 1986.

Chris Myers '89 was named executive producer of news for WMAQ Channel 5 Chicago. Prior to his appointment Myers was news producer for WLS-TV and a producer at WRTV-TV in Indianapolis.

Michelle R. Griffin-Lovel Rody '89 is the regional office manager for Freesin Inc., in Springfield, Ill. She is married to Bruce D. Rodely M.S. '96, who works for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in Springfield.

Paul Anthony O'Dwyer '89 is a medical representative for Medical Service Bureau of Travis County near Austin, Texas. He is also a substitute teacher and referees in Austin's Parks and Recreation Adult Men's Basketball League. He celebrated the birth of his son in January 1998.

Daniel Wallenberg '89 has been added to the Ohio State University sports information office. Previously, he handled men's basketball as an associate sports information director at Kansas State and spent three years as associate sports information director at Western Kentucky.

Joe Byassee '90 is a strategic sourcing adviser for Federal Express Corporation in Memphis, Tenn. Wife Jeannie is director of annual giving for the University of Memphis. Their daughter, Samantha, was born in August 1997. They reside in Bartlett, Tenn.

Amie M. Riech '90 and Lance Loman were married on July 4, 1998. She is an information management assistant for the FBI in Springfield, where her husband is an office assistant in the Illinois Comptroller's Office. They did not meet at SIU, but they were brought together when, out her window, Amie noticed a maroon truck with SIU bumper stickers and the license plate SIUC 87. The wedding decor was maroon, white and blue.

Shirley Wilson '91 works part time as a photographer and is also a free-lance photographer. Daughter Keara was born in December 1996 and Adams quit her job to be a full-time mom. She is secretary for the Fulton County Arts Council. She, daughter, and husband Colin reside in Canton, Ill.

Sharon Collins M.S. '91 was promoted to director of Washington University's intramural and club sports, a 50-sport men's and women's intramural program involving students, faculty and staff. She is a native of Jacksonville, Ill., and has worked for the St. Louis university since 1991.

Leslie Kelley '91, M.S.Ed. '96 is technology coordinator and chair of the computer department for Augusta Christian School in Martinez, Ga. Husband Rob R. Kelley '93 began working at Urguhart
Gymnastics Star Dies in Houston

Brian Babcock '83, M.S.Ed. '89, an eight-time All-American gymnast who finished third in the NCAA all-around competition his senior year at SIU, died recently from complications of myelodysplastic syndrome at his Houston-area home. He was 38 years old.

A member of the Saluki Sports Hall of Fame, Babcock holds all but one of the University's gymnastics records. He won five gold medals and two bronze medals at the National Sports Festival in 1983. He was a National Champion at the McDonald's Championship in 1985, a World Championship team member in 1983 and 1985 and a national team member for eight years.

Donations to Babcock's medical fund can be sent to:

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Power Station as its training manager in August. He attributes his position to his background in workforce education at SIU.

Bill Stolpe '91 was recently promoted to sales representative with Allied Digital Technologies. He resides in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Ron Svoboda '91 flies caravan planes for Viking Express and lives in Waukegan, Ill.

Frank Uhelsky '91 is living in Vermont and is director of manufacturing engineering for Hallam Associates, an engineering consulting firm.

Ken Cooley Ph.D. '92 was promoted to full professor of philosophy at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha.

David W. Steck '92 is director of marketing for American Community Mutual in Springfield, Ill. He and wife Nancy reside in Edwards-ville, Ill.

Michael E. Franklin '93 of Maplewood, Mo., was selected to The Order of the Coif for academic excellence from the top 10 percent of the graduating class at Washington University in St. Louis School of Law. Franklin received a law degree in May.

Amy Masters '93 was named assistant director of the office of public affairs by the Chicago Bar Association. Before her appointment she was public information officer for the Laborers' International Union and also worked for Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madigan.

Cynthia Snair '93, M.S.Ed. '96 has accepted a position with Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire where she is coordinator of advising and special programs.

Michael W. Adams '94, M.D. '98 entered a family practice resident at the SIU-affiliated hospital in Quincy in July following graduation.

Violet A. Kelley '94, M.D. '98 started a pathology residency at the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga., following graduation.

Scott McLain '94, M.D. '98 entered an internal medicine residency at the SIU-affiliated hospitals in Springfield following graduation.

Christopher J. Reedy '94 is financial adviser for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in Chicago.

Richard J. Smolen '94 completed a M.B.A. through Keller Graduate School. He works as a senior design engineer for Motorola Cellular Subscriber Sector in Libertyville, Ill. He and wife Yvonne reside in Lake in the Hills, Ill.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Aaron S. Ausbrooks '95 received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for outstanding achievement as public affairs officer aboard the submarine USS Michigan, homeported in Bangor, Wash.

Jim Backman '95 is an account executive for WRCX-FM in Chicago. He resides in Elmhurst, Ill.

David K. Bailey '95 is a gas turbine mechanical technician for the Navy. He has been in the Navy for 14 years.

Peter Ferro '95 is an uplink operator for Fox News in Chicago III.

Lance C. Kreul '95 is working at the Chicago Board of Trade Clearing Corporation as a software engineer. He is also attending graduate school at DePaul University to pursue a master's degree in information systems.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeffrey W. Preston '95 participated in a rescue at sea aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Cole. Preston's ship located a Honduran ship and rescued six crew members. Preston joined the Navy in 1985.

Mark VanBuren Crenshaw '96 graduated from Old Dominion University in 1998 with a master's degree in education. He and wife LaRissa reside in Blue Ridge, Ga.

Bradley Hansen '96, '97 is a business operations analyst for Boeing and works part time as a sales associate for Gateway Country, a subsidiary of Gateway, formerly Gateway 2000. He resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Donald Raddatz '96 is a media buyer for American Marketing Systems in Burr Ridge, Ill. He lives in Downers Grove, Ill.

Eugenia R. Brown '97 is a program coordinator and a public relations specialist for Haven of Grace in St. Louis, Mo.

Shawna Donovan '97 is working for the Illinois State Treasurer in the public affairs division in Springfield, Ill.

Ryan L. Hiemann '97 is working on a graduate degree at SIU and interning on the grounds crew at Busch Stadium for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Mark Anthony Mason '97 volunteers as a disc jockey for WDBX 91.1 FM radio and is vice president of the Southern Illinois Cultural Diversity Association. He works for campus police at SIU.

Amanda K. Poole '97 is sales manager for Americair. She and Joshua D. Valtos '98 were married in June and live in Decatur, Ga. Amanda is a fourth-generation SIU alumna.

Daniel Prather M.P.A. '97 was promoted to assistant director of operations at Tampa International Airport.

Robert D. Bloodworth '98 worked for the aerospace industry for nine years in San Diego as a technical illustrator. His goal is to live and work in France.

Thomas P. Leahy '98 was hired as an engineer for the city of Fort Worth, Texas.

Leslie Meeks M.P.A. '98, a project associate, manages Target Group's assignments for the Airport Owners Representatives at O'Hare International and Midway airports, the Chicago Department of Aviation's Midway Terminal Development Project and the Auburn Lake Homes residential development.

Class News Correction
Beverly Eugene Coleman '61, M.S.Ed. '65 received her Ph.D. last May from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

82 Southern Alumni
One never knows what life will bring us. Certainly my parents and I learned that lesson at age 10. I was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, which required me to use a wheelchair by the time I was 15 years old. Was it serendipity or a loving parent's plan when, a few months after the onset of my condition, my father accepted a job as chairperson of the sociology department at the rapidly growing SIU campus in Carbondale? Whatever the case, we found ourselves at one of the few campuses in the nation that, thanks to the vision of then President Delyte Morris, had committed itself to open the door to higher education for students with disabilities.

What did this mean to me, a young girl struggling with growing up and having an increasingly severe disability during a difficult developmental time? Well, it meant a lot when SIU was willing to put an elevator in the University Laboratory School where I attended high school. It meant my teachers, some of whom I hope will read this, were willing to come and teach me on the first floor before the elevator was installed. Later professors would do the same for me when I was in college and the honors program in psychology was housed in an old house without a ramp.

It also meant I had a place to go to college where I was welcome after being turned down by several private colleges even though I had close to an A average in high school. Other colleges gave me excuses such as "We can't put in curb cuts" and "The snow plows can't clear the snow fast enough." I was without recourse in those days before laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act were passed.

But instead of bitterness, I have been graced with wonderful memories of Carbondale and SIU.

When I was about 14 years old I was not yet using a wheelchair and firmly resisting the idea of ever doing so. Yet, the possibility was looming larger. My father was asked to be the judge of the homecoming decoration contest at one of the Thompson Point dorms, not far from Baldwin Hall where I would later live as a college student. He asked me to come with him to the dorm. When we arrived, there were several wheelchair accessible rooms and students with disabilities were actively participating in the festivities. My father casually, or at least seemingly casually, remarked: "See, it doesn't matter if you have to use a wheelchair, you can go to college and graduate school. You have the brains, that's what counts, not if you can walk."

His message has always remained with me. Now, as Dr. Campisi, I repeat it to my students when I teach a graduate class in counseling persons with disabilities. It is an example of a father's hope and wisdom. It is also an example of how the vision of a campus president can be realized and change lives. To this day, I do not know if my father brought me to that dorm on purpose or, as with his decision to go to work at SIU, whether it was sheer serendipity.

Some of my best memories are of being a college student living at Thompson Point, just like any other student. Of making friends with peers with and without disabilities. Of starting to grow up and beginning to define who I was, struggling to learn to live independently as a person with a disability and to make it to those dreaded 8 a.m. classes just like everyone else.

During the 1960s and 1970s SIU welcomed students with disabilities from all over the country since few other universities would even admit us. We have become teachers, lawyers, speech pathologists, administrators—you name it. Now, with the laws which have made access for all students an increasingly international reality, it seems so commonplace to be able to choose a college based on your academic abilities and interests even if you are a student with a disability. Rest assured, this was not the case 30 years ago.

Whether ending up at SIU was serendipity or a parent's well calculated plan, I will never know. In any case, I am eternally grateful to Dr. Morris for his vision and to my parents for their hope and faith in me. My teenage and college years in Carbondale and at SIU made it possible for me to have dreams and to have a place where I was encouraged to come and work toward achieving those dreams.
An Ear for News

Within hours that music is being heard by millions of people around the world. Finding music to frame major news events is one of Stahl's diverse responsibilities as CNN's news production supervisor.

Not bad for someone who says that as a boy he had "no greater aspiration than being a board operator at a radio station. I thought that would be cool."

Stahl started working at radio and television stations in high school, community college and eventually at SIU, where he transferred to complete a degree in radio-television. He fondly remembers his years at SIU: "I fell in love with Carbondale. A lot of my friends to this day were people I was in school with at SIU. The radio-television program back then was its own kind of fraternity/sorority."

He recalls what he considers the greatest contribution of professors and staff members like David Campbell: "They allowed us to get our hand in on everything. I had an incredible mix of experiences.

"The majority of them had worked in the business and gave us a real-world concept of what it was going to be like to get a job. They told us the truth about how we would need to pay our dues, how we really needed to love what we did. I never forgot being told that I could achieve anything in this business, but I had to be willing to make the necessary sacrifices."

For Stahl those sacrifices began after graduation when he accepted a job at CNN in Atlanta for little more than minimum wage. He wonders now how he made ends meet. But he says despite the financial sacrifices he knew right from the start CNN was the place for him. "There isn't a better place to be if you're a news junkie," he explains.

Stahl accepted his first job at CNN in 1982, at a time when the three major broadcast networks still referred to CNN as Chicken Noodle News. But Stahl says such disrespect had little impact on CNN's staff: "We were having a lot of fun during those early years. The average age of staff members was probably around 25-years-old so it was very much like a graduate school in television production."

Stahl's dedication to CNN paid off.

"There were times when friends wondered why I stayed here," Stahl says. "But sometimes you have a feeling you're at the right place at the right time. I could see the company growing and getting bigger and better. And every year or so another promotion would rope me in." Stahl credits CNN for being a company that promotes from within. "Everyone starts at the bottom," he explains. "But anyone can work their way up through the ranks."

Stahl's own career mirrors that statement. In 1985 he helped start CNN International, worked his way up to technical director and was starting to do some directing before he was moved into a management position.

Stahl says one of the best and most difficult parts of his job has been the travel—although he now generally picks the trips he takes. He finds it hard to describe how he's felt being on what he calls "the first vector of history." He was part of the crew that covered the first democratic elections in South Africa and the handover of Hong Kong from Great Britain to China. But he doesn't regret not being sent to cover what some consider CNN's breakthrough news story: the Persian Gulf War. "I'll take historic events without the gunfire," Stahl says.

Stahl considers those early hours of the Gulf War as CNN's moment of truth. "That first night, most everyone thinks they remember the pictures, but it was really an audio event that was being heard on CNN. All but one Atlanta station was carrying CNN at one point that first night." And although CNN's comprehensive coverage of breaking news has now been copied by network news and other all-news stations, Stahl asserts, "As I look at the competition, in my mind, we're still doing it best."

Stahl believes CNN is entering another exciting time in its history. This fall the station premiered new sets and new shows. Stahl was instrumentally involved in the design of the new control rooms.

But, in the end, being a news junkie not a new control room is what keeps Stahl at CNN. "I guess I have a kind of love-hate relationship with the 20-hour workday," he admits. Although major news events have a way of interfering with Stahl's personal life (he was visiting his brother's new baby in Nashville when Princess Diana died and he immediately drove back to Atlanta), Stahl knows he wouldn't have it any other way. "I want to be here as much as I have to be here," he explains. "It's the type of people we all are who work here that we couldn't not think of coming in, we couldn't imagine not being here. To be in the middle of covering a story when history is made— I can't think of a bigger high."

—Maureen Manier
### IN MEMORIAM

#### Alumni Deaths

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Update on Membership Benefits

Applebee's and Garfield's restaurants in Carbondale are now offering discounts to members of the SIU Alumni Association. Ask for your 20% discount at Applebee's, located west of University Mall, and ask for your 15% discount at Garfield's, located inside University Mall.

Look for the Discount Decal in other Carbondale businesses!

Association Web Site

The SIU Alumni Association has recently redesigned its web site. Located at www.siu.edu/~alumni, the association's web site features a calendar of current events, information about alumni tours, the alumni connections database that includes alumni names and e-mail addresses, and the opportunity to submit class news or letters to the editor. Please visit the site and fill out the online survey and submit any questions or comments you might have.

Obelisk Yearbooks Available

Have you been trying to remember the name of the redhead who sat next to you in freshman composition class? Or are you looking for some really "groovy" pictures to show your kids from the "old days"? The SIU Alumni Association has a limited number of Obelisk yearbooks available for purchase. The cost for a yearbook is $15, plus $3 for shipping and handling. Illinois residents should add 7% for sales tax.

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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.

Barclay J. Allen ’70, Radio-Television
Phyllis Gaskill ’62, Home Economics Education
Penny K. Hutton ’81, Clothing and Textiles
Nancy J. Robinson ’84, Management, ’85, Finance
James R. Davis ’70, ’72, Accounting
William J. Doderick ’65, Biological Sciences
Maxwell J. Dietz ’49, Economics; M.S.Ed.’67, Economics
James L. Dietz ’49, Economics; M.S.Ed.’67, Economics
Timothy E. Griffith ’77, Plant and Soil Science
John E. Hoffer ’72, Special Major
Stephen A. King ’88, Aviation Management
Tat Seong Lee ’94, Electrical Engineering

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New SIU Alumni Association Life Members

The SIU Alumni Association gratefully acknowledges the following alumni and friends who demonstrated their commitment to the association by purchasing life memberships between July 1 and September 30, 1998.

Linda L. Alley
Dwight A. & Shirley R. Armstrong
Thoman L. & Martha H. Barber
Edward A. Benefield
Tom C. Biggs
Gary K. Book
John J. Bonsignori
Patrick C. Brunner
Susan E. Cur
Richard L. Carter
Robert Stephen & Carolyn S. Chamber
Cheryl D. Cole Young
Nancy Carol & Greg N. Cook
Donald W. Dawson
Fred D. Dillon
Michael A. Dodel
Joseph F. Downing
Deborah E. Farマーク
Jay Fairmark
Robert J. Fagan
Susan M. Fernandez
Jacqueline M. & Michael F. Filippon
Timothy M. Fisher
Keith A. Francis
Marlynn S. Friedrichsen
Michael S. Friedman
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David A. & Marilyn Gillispie
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William A. Goldstein & Sherry Crisil-Goldstein
William L. Gordon
James S. Gustafson
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Nicholas F. Harkovich
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Jane L. Ingrogen
Brett D. Jones
Jeffrey S. Johnke
Terry P. Jutelich
Jeffrey A. Kirtland
Kurt A. Kiser
Scott M. Klinker
Steven Daniel & Brenda Knight
John R. Koerner

Doris McLain Rotchel ’69
President, SIU Alumni Association

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December

12 Men's Basketball vs. Southwest Missouri State, home, 7:05 p.m.
12 Women's Basketball vs. Michigan State, home, 2 p.m.
15 Men's Basketball vs. St. Louis University, home, 7:05 p.m.
18 Holiday Pops Concert/Reception, Powell Symphony Hall, St. Louis, Missouri. Reception from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., The Met Bar. Concert: 7:30 p.m.
20 Women's Basketball vs. Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, 3 p.m.
21 Men's Basketball vs. University of Illinois-Chicago, home, 7:05 p.m.
23 Men's Basketball vs. Western Kentucky, Bowling Green, Kentucky, 7:05 p.m.
23 Men's Basketball vs. Southeast Missouri State, TWA Dome, St. Louis, Missouri, 6 p.m.

January

2 Men's Basketball vs. Tulsa, home, 7:05 p.m.
2 Women's Basketball vs. Indiana State, Terre Haute, Indiana, 2 p.m.
4 Women's Basketball vs. Illinois State, Normal, Ill., 7 p.m.
6 Men's Basketball vs. Bradley, home, 7:05 p.m.
7 Women's Basketball vs. Northern Iowa, home, 7 p.m.
9 Men's Basketball vs. Indiana State, home, 7:05 p.m.
9 Women's Basketball vs. Bradley, home, 2 p.m.
11 Women's Basketball vs. Wichita State, home, 7:05 p.m.
13 Men's Basketball vs. Wichita State, home, 7:05 p.m.
16 Men's Basketball vs. Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 7:05 p.m.

February

3 Men's Basketball vs. Creighton, home, 7:05 p.m.
4 Women's Basketball vs. Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 7:05 p.m.
6 Women's Basketball vs. Bradley, Peoria, Ill., 8:05 p.m.
6 Chicago Chamber Orchestra, Shryock Auditorium, 8 p.m.
5-6 Journeys: Explorations in New Works, Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater, 8 p.m.
7 Men's Basketball vs. Illinois State, Normal, Illinois, 2:05 p.m.

Future Dates

March 4-6: State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament
July 15-18: Black Alumni Group Reunion
Making a Difference

As a student at SIU in the late 1950s, Roland W. Burris emerged as a leader during adverse circumstances. Burris and his fraternity brothers had sought service at various Carbondale businesses, but were refused at all of them. Burris met with President Delyte Morris and university attorney John Rendleman to discuss racism in the Carbondale community. After reading a report compiled by the group, President Morris met with the Chamber of Commerce and indicated these conditions were unacceptable.

Now a managing partner in one of the largest minority law firms in the country, Burris served as Attorney General for the State of Illinois from 1991-1995. He began his government career in 1973 as director of the State Department of General Services. In 1978, with his election to the first of three terms as State Comptroller, he was the first African American to be elected to state office in the history of Illinois. Burris has been recognized annually by Ebony magazine as one of the 100 most influential Black Americans. He was an Alumni Achievement Award recipient in 1979 and received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1997.

For his strong leadership and commitment to making a difference as a student, an alumnus and a citizen, the SIU Alumni Association proudly salutes Roland W. Burris.

"I have always admired Southern Illinois University for opening its doors to everyone in pursuit of a college education. President Delyte Morris was committed to providing opportunities for minorities during a very tumultuous period in this country. He was an admirable leader who took a strong stand. The university has carried on that tradition to this day. That is why I am a proud member of the SIU Alumni Association. SIU gave young black students a chance, when many other universities didn't. I will always be grateful for that."

Roland Burris '59
Lifetime Member, SIU Alumni Association
Managing Partner
Jones, Ware & Grenard, Chicago, Ill.