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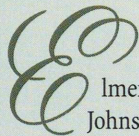
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Inside: Alumni Profiles, Class Notes, Membership Matters, Southern Sports, and more...

Donating a Personal Residence



Elmer and Carol Johnson are loyal supporters of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. The Johnsons have continued to enrich their legacy by deeding their property to the SIU Foundation through a program called Life Estate.

“My wife and I are dedicated to the university,” explains Elmer Johnson, internationally-known criminologist and SIU professor emeritus. “I am especially interested in providing resources that will be used to assure a bright future for the university’s Crime Studies Center.”

In 1997, the Johnsons donated more than \$116,000 in mutual funds to create two endowments: The Holmes-Johnson Press Criminology Series Endowment at SIU Press, named in honor of their parents, and the Elmer and Carol Johnson Criminology and Criminal Justice Library Endowment at Morris Library.

The Life Estate Program allows the couple to transfer their personal residence directly to the SIU Foundation without any probate and take an immediate tax deduction, while retaining the use of their home for the remainder of their lives. As life tenants, the Johnsons will continue to pay maintenance, insurance and taxes on the property.

To obtain more information on the Life Estate plan and other planned giving ideas, please call the SIU Foundation at (618) 453-4900. ■



Carol and Elmer Johnson relax with a cup of coffee in their Carbondale home. The couple’s principal consideration in making the decision to deed their property to the university was a desire to simplify their trust in order to make things easier for their daughters, Jill Lewis of Rochester, N.Y., and Joy Boyden of Atlanta.

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CORRECTION

In *SOUTHERN MEMORIES: Alumni Find Romance and Future at SIU*, Winter '99, the founding year of Mark C. Zweig's town was incorrectly stated. The year should have been 1652, as opposed to 1952.

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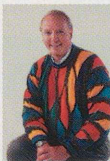
"The Best Job in the World"



In celebration of its 25th anniversary, SIU's School of Law is highlighting its impressive record of alumni success stories. G. Patrick Murphy and David R. Herndon, Alumni Achievement Award recipients, have made the school even prouder by becoming its first-ever federal district judges.

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Mark Victor Hansen, a popular best-selling author, has co-written the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book series that herald positive thinking and examples of personal courage and success. Hansen, who returned to campus this spring to receive an honorary doctorate, talks about how he applied this philosophy to his own life since his years in Carbondale.

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Through SIU's off-campus military programs, students can earn degrees from the university while living on or near military bases throughout the United States. They may never step foot on the Carbondale campus, but these students represent some of the university's most talented, dedicated, and loyal graduates.

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Voice of the Salukis



While SIU student-athletes and coaches come and go, Mike Reis has become a fixture on the Saluki sports scene. Reis, a 1978 SIU graduate, has called play-by-play for SIU sports since his college years. He also mentors many SIU students who aspire to follow in his footsteps.

Reconnecting to Our Alma Mater

by Ed Buerger '70, executive director, SIU Alumni Association

Welcome to the spring issue of *Southern Alumni*.

Having had the privilege of being professionally associated with the SIU Alumni Association for nearly 16 years, it has been my good fortune to witness, firsthand, the expansion of many programs and services. The phenomenal growth of alumni membership, our student extern program, the annual 50-year class reunion, Homecoming, the Student Alumni Council, and the proliferation of off-campus alumni chapters, both nationally and internationally, speak volumes about the capability of the alumni staff and even more about the loyalty of you, our alumni.

Communication is the cornerstone of any successful organization, and just as our programs and services have evolved, so has our publication. Our loyal alumni readers from 1940 through 1983 will recall reading the *Southern Alumnus* tabloid and magazine. From 1984 through 1997, the Association published the *Alumnus* magazine, and more recently, the *Southern*

Hopefully, in the first few pages you have already noted a fresh look in our design and a new format—one which invites you to turn to each and every page. Not that we didn't appreciate your many kind comments about the magazine before, but, over the next few issues, we will do our very best to insure that a really good magazine continues to get even better. We won't go to the extreme and do away with your favorite features, but we think a new look will give them a little more impact. We'll be introducing several new departments, some of them more photo-oriented, while continuing to strive for the right mix of up-to-the-minute university news and close-to-the-heart Saluki nostalgia.

Our desire is to make *Southern Alumni* an even more friendly magazine . . . one that encourages alumni, faculty, students and friends to chat with one another, exchange professional and personal experiences and share those special southern Illinois memories that serve as the common threads binding all of us together.

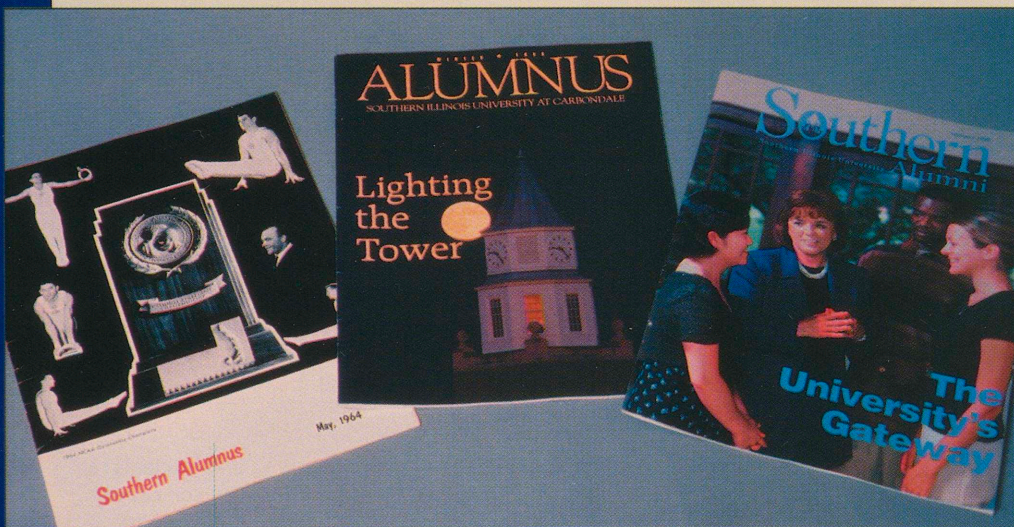
Likely, some of the best times of your life were spent walking the paths of Thompson Woods, attending events at Shryock Auditorium and immersing yourself in the various educational and cultural opportunities unique to all who spent time in

Carbondale and now share our "Southern" heritage.

Who can forget taskmaster professors, midterms, late nights at Morris Library, meals at UD's and Mary Lou's, and standing in line at the Bursar Office and the Varsity Theater! Those common experiences brought many of us together and, as a consequence, we forged lasting, life-long friendships. We invite you, our readers, to tell us about your most meaningful SIU experience. While we cannot share every alumni story, we may publish yours.

Our intent is to publish a magazine for you, about you, and the wonderful university over 175,000 alumni are proud to call their alma mater.

As you scan the pages of future issues, our goal, very simply, is to create a magazine that each of you will look forward to reading—cover to cover—because it's about a special place and a special time in each of your lives. ■



Alumni magazine. This, the 1999 Spring issue, marks the initial collaboration of four new members of the alumni publications team. We are fortunate to have Gene Green, our new editor; Marianne Lawrence, staff writer; Ann Ruger, contributing writer; and Todd Freeman, graphic artist, join Assistant Director Greg Scott in producing what we consider the hallmark publication for SIU and for you, our alumni and friends.



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**Sean Bergman Stirs
 Former Teammate's SIU Memories**

I would like to commend Greg Scott for his well-written article on former Saluki and current Houston Astros pitcher Sean Bergman in the winter 1999 issue of *Southern Alumni*. It brought back some good memories of Saluki baseball. I remember boarding the team bus at 6 a.m. on March 3, 1990 to travel to Louisville for our season-opener. Sean was dressed in full uniform and looked like he was ready to hook it up right there. Nine years later Sean has that same look in his eyes. The look of a champion. It would be nice to see Sean and former Saluki relief pitcher Al Levine (now with the California Angels) reunite on a Major League club some day and record a win and a save!

*Bob Geary '91
 St. Louis, Mo.*

**A Proud Fan of
 David Lee Murphy**

I just wanted to compliment you on the David Lee Murphy article. I am a member of his fan club and will talk about David Lee and country music to anyone who will listen. I shared the magazine with some of his other fan club members. I've met David Lee and attend his performances whenever I get the opportunity. David Lee is not only an outstanding performer, but more importantly, he is a warm and caring person.

The article on country music was great, too. I didn't know that Marty Stuart's manager (Bonnie Garner '64) also graduated from SIU. I am in Marty Stuart's fan club too! And I met Keith Harling (managed by SIU graduate Kathy McClintock Harris '72) at a concert in Huntsville, Ala. last summer where he opened for David Lee and a few other performers. Needless to say, I really enjoyed the article. Can you tell I like country music?

I think it's wonderful to see so many SIU alumni doing so well in Nashville. Go SIU!

*Linda Porter-Smith
 Murphysboro, Ill.*

Dear Readers...

Your SIU Alumni Association is always eager to hear your opinions of *Southern Alumni*. As with all alumni magazines, we can only improve if we are being responsive to you, our readers. Therefore, we encourage you to take some time after you've read this issue of *Southern Alumni* to let us know what you're thinking. **Please mail your letters to:**

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

We also invite you to send items and photographs of interest for the class notes section as well as submissions for *Southern Memories*. You can mail this information or send it by e-mail to the above addresses.

We are looking forward to hearing from you! Thank you for your continued support of the SIU Alumni Association.

Former First Lady Visits SIU

by Marianne Lawrence

This spring former first lady Barbara Bush joined other national, state and local leaders in Carbondale as the SIU Public Policy Institute conducted a two-day forum to address the problem of illiteracy in America.

The forum, titled "Literacy: Where Do We Go From Here?" featured a keynote address by Bush and presentations by other experts and practitioners on the ever-widening critical skills gap that affects millions of Americans. Among

the distinguished guests were U.S. Rep. Tom Sawyer of Ohio, who, along with former U.S. Senator and institute director Paul Simon, authored the 1991 National Literacy Act.

Personally committed to the cause of literacy, Bush spoke with down-to-earth warmth and humor to a full house at Shryock Auditorium. Her goal was to provide inspiration to the forum's participants. "The organizations represented here today are the heart and soul of the literacy movement, along with the volunteers and the students,"

she said. "As always, the best and really only thing I can do for you is be your biggest cheerleader."

Bush, who established the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy a decade ago, told the audience what she says when people ask her what they can do to help. "You'll be happy to know I'm pretty quick on the answer. Give money, give time, give support."

"I believe, and the experts will tell you, that if more people could read, write and comprehend, we'd be much closer to solving many of the serious problems that we face

today, such as teen pregnancies, drug abuse and violent crime," she says. "You've heard of crimes of passion, but when you think about it, the problems I just cited are more like crimes of hopelessness, and literacy can help fill that void."

Bush has been involved for 20 years in family literacy, an issue that is indeed a Bush family affair. Her husband and former President George Bush signed the National Literacy Act in 1991. Son and Texas Governor George W. Bush declared literacy a priority shortly after he entered office, and his wife Laura heads the First Lady's Family Literacy Initiative for Texas. Another son, Governor Jeb Bush of Florida, spends an hour a week tutoring a local student, according to the former first lady, who wryly adds, "I know this is a non-partisan event, but did you know that one out of every eight Americans is now governed by a Bush? That should scare you," she laughed with the audience.

Nothing much scares Barbara Bush when it comes to fighting for her cause. Nor is she afraid to poke a little fun at herself to make a point. She recalled speaking to a group of plastic surgeons. "I was risking my life. I thought they'd all rush the stage, trying to get their hands on me! But I'd risk my life for literacy!"

Bush's feelings were echoed by four adult learners who shared their deeply per-



Barbara Bush urged the crowd at Shryock Auditorium to get involved in community literacy programs: "There are many wonderful programs that need your help. For example, if you haven't already received information about the Illinois Literacy Hotline, let me give you the number. It's 1-800-321-9511."

sonal experiences as adults who felt the shame and fear of not being able to read. They recalled their struggle to learn and the success they have experienced because of the literacy programs they encountered and tutors who reached out to help them succeed.

Their testimony set the stage for panel discussions and working sessions that produced an action agenda. Under Simon's leadership, a 25-member working group defined the problem: "The United States faces its most critical skills gap in this century. Nearly 40 million adult Americans lack the skills to be fully productive members of their local communities, to be effective workers, citizens and parents." To address the problem, the group formulated the following recommendations:



Former first lady Barbara Bush greets the first lady of Illinois, Lura Lynn Ryan, at the SIU Public Policy Institute's two-day forum, "Literacy: Where Do We Go From Here?" Jesse White, Illinois Secretary of State, center, and former U.S. Senator Paul Simon, director of the institute, look on.

- **Increase the numbers interested in literacy** by using libraries to call together community groups to address the problem.
- **Clarify and strengthen the role of libraries** in providing programs and services, disseminating information, and setting standards for the continuation of involvement.
- **Recognize literacy training as an effective anti-crime tool** by providing strong incentives for prisoners to improve their skills, which could be linked by judges to their probation.
- **Launch a major campaign to reach people** who have skill deficiencies and encourage them to get help.

- **Offer significant tax incentives to employers** to provide workplace literacy and educational opportunities.
- **Expand efforts to identify and analyze learning disabilities**, especially in early childhood.
- **Incorporate the opportunity to obtain basic literacy skills into all human service activities**, particularly those provided by agencies that deal with large numbers of our citizens.
- **Expand family literacy** and recognize that parents are central to increasing

the focus of education services, particularly in the pre-school and early elementary years.

- **Encourage public schools to support high school completion** beyond the established age restriction.
- **Encourage more volunteers** and develop a greater cadre of well-trained professionals in the field of education.
- **Provide improved training opportunities** for teachers and volunteers.
- **Take steps to reduce dropouts** from literacy programs.

- **Expand efforts to measure progress** by publishing a national literacy report card at least every two to three years.

"I believe these concrete, specific recommendations will help us move forward much more aggressively as we prepare for the challenges of a new century and a new millennium," Simon said at the close of the forum.

The American Library Association responded to the forum's recommendations by issuing its own "immediate action plan" that includes a strategy session in Washington, D.C., to plan a literacy campaign through the nation's libraries. ■

Thirty Years of Black American Studies

Africana Studies for the New Millennium

by Greg Scott

In celebration of its 30th anniversary, SIU's Black American Studies Program hosted a symposium in February featuring nationally-recognized scholars. The week-long symposium included a historical perspective of black studies and discussion of the program's future development.

Program director Joseph Brown delivered the symposium's keynote address, "My Soul Looks Back in Wonder: The Spiritual Rock of Africana Studies." Some of the other conference presentations included "The Black Poetry Movement and its Relationship to the Development of Africana Studies," "Black Music, Black Studies, the Black Expressive

Arts" and "Black History Recovering the Vision."

Among the participants were Eugene Redmond, an internationally-recognized poet and professor at SIU Edwardsville; Samuel Floyd, a nationally-known African-American music expert who is founder and director of the Center for Black Music Research at Columbia College Chicago; and Julianne Malveaux, a nationally-known economist, columnist and television and radio commentator. This distinguished group was joined by Black American Studies faculty and staff members, who gave presentations during the symposium.

"Quite often, the Black American Studies Program here has been seen as a service program providing academic courses, counseling and advising to a predominantly black population. It's not necessarily seen as having the same stature as some other academic programs," Brown says. "Now that we have faculty who are thoroughly trained in Black Studies, I thought it was appropriate and timely for us to let the SIU community know that we have people who represent this academic discipline professionally. It's legitimate, and people need to know that."

Brown says while Black Studies is celebrating its 30th anniversary, the symposium

also communicated goals for the next millennium. "We wanted to begin conversation about eventually having a major here, establishing the program on the graduate level and expanding the study to become an African Studies program," he says. "By bringing in scholars of national reputation, we were able to underscore the program's importance and the respect that it is starting to get around the country."

Nancy Dawson, a professor in the program, agrees that this symposium was beneficial for the university. "It's important that the campus community is exposed to a wide variety of scholars through the people who have come through this program and the contributions it has made to the retention of African-American students," she says. "This symposium was a way to bring new things this program is doing to the forefront and get the university used to talking about black people, issues and studies."

Dawson led an intriguing presentation during the symposium titled "The Importance of Reconnecting to Your Roots: The Benefits of Studying Abroad in Africa," during which she and her students shared international experiences. Dawson, who coordinates the African-American Continuities



M. Stalls gave a presentation on the history of African-Americans during the Black American Studies Symposium.

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Program, says the experience is an exciting opportunity for students.

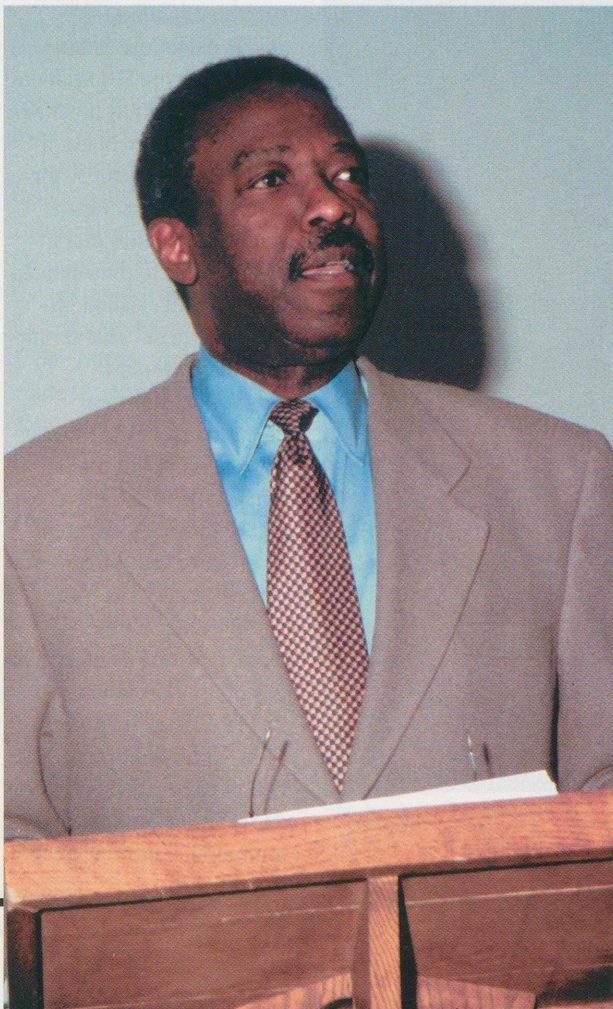
"Anytime you participate in an international development project, you are enhancing your intellectual abilities, growth and talents. It's really a leadership program," she says. "The program is a little bit different than some study abroad programs in that it has a community service component. You go to class and see people, but you also make a contribution to the community."

M. Stalls, training specialist at the Center for Basic Skills, gave a historical perspective of African-Americans at SIU in her presentation, "Black History at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in Retrospect:

Possibilities for Present and Future." She will be one of the featured presenters as the program continues its celebration with a two-day institute held during the Black Alumni Group Reunion July 15-18 in Carbondale (see schedule on page 36). Brown says the support of alumni is encouraged.

"We need to get our alumni more involved. I've seen it work beautifully in other places," he says. "Our young people need to hear the stories of how other people survived here. The black faculty need to teach and make sure programmatic and institutional changes are taking place internally. But alumni should be mentoring the black students." ■

Samuel Floyd, a nationally known music expert, was one of the distinguished guests on hand for the week-long symposium.



SIU President Ted Sanders is chairing a national task force established by the American Council on Education (ACE) to strengthen and improve existing teacher education programs. The task force is composed of 35 representatives of higher education from across the country. They expect to provide college and university presidents and policy-makers with a report later this year.

A scholarship to honor the late **Sen. Penny Severns** has been established and will be available to an SIUC junior or senior female student who is interested in entering public life. The late senator, a 1974 SIU graduate, died February 21, 1998, after a battle with breast cancer. Anyone who is interested in donating to the scholarship fund may contact the SIU Foundation, Colyer Hall, Carbondale, IL 62901, (618)-453-2408.

The SIU Board of Trustees presented two professors with the 1999 Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Public Service Awards for their volunteer work. The awards memorialize the late Mr. Sturgis, who was a longtime member of the State Teachers College Board and SIU Board of Trustees. **Kathleen Pericak-Spector**, associate professor of mathematics, was acknowledged for her volunteer work to introduce school children and their teachers to the wonders of math and science. **John Foster**, associate professor of political science, was cited for his work with Carbondale Junior Sports, a year-round after school program that attracts about 1,000 students annually.

Matt Baughman has joined the Public Policy Institute as a fundraiser. He is responsible for helping the institute meet its \$10 million goal, which would place it under independent operation. Baughman received his master's degree in business administration from SIU in 1997.

Scott Kaiser has been appointed assistant to the president for corporate and community relations, a position formerly held by J.C. Garavalia, who retired in 1998. Kaiser most recently served as Gov. Jim Edgar's deputy director of legislative affairs and also was a member of the Illinois Senate Republican staff.

A behind-the-scenes look at how Bulgaria created a democratic system of government after the collapse of Communism is the subject of a book written by SIU political scientist **Albert Melon**. *Creating Parliamentary Government: The Transition to Democracy in Bulgaria* was published last year by Ohio State University Press as part of its "Parliaments and Legislatures Series."

Former **U.S. Senator Paul Simon** received the 1999 Paul H. Douglas Ethics in Government Award at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. Simon, who served in the U.S. Senate from 1985 to 1997, is founder and director of the SIU Public Policy Institute.

Journalism Professor **Gerald Stone** has been appointed to a third term on a *New York Times* advisory board that guides an outreach effort encouraging universities to use daily newspapers as teaching tools in college classrooms. The board convenes twice a year.

United Airlines Donates 737 to SIU's Aviation Program

by K.C. Jaehnig

When it comes to big gifts, it's hard to beat a 63,938-pound jetliner. In terms of sheer size, the Boeing 737-200—a present from United Airlines to SIU aviation students—might be the largest donation the university has ever received.

"We are delighted by this very generous gift from United Airlines. It will provide new curricular opportunities for our students and reaffirms our innovative partnership

with United," said University Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger after the presentation ceremony in March at the Southern Illinois Airport.

Now sporting some shiny, fresh paint and the SIU name and logo, the jet will begin its new life as the aviation program's biggest little classroom this fall.

"It will have a wide range of uses in almost all our courses," says David NewMyer, who heads the university's Department of Aviation Management and Flight.

For example, technology and maintenance students can gain hands-on experience in taking apart and reassembling the jet's different operating systems. Flight students can sit in the cockpit and learn firsthand such skills as coping with a stuck starter. And the 109-seat passenger area eventually will serve as a life-sized learning laboratory for management students enrolling in a planned course on customer service.

"Up until now, our students have had to rely on simulators and computer-

based training, but nothing can replace working with a real airplane," NewMyer says.

The gift plane is the latest token of a relationship that goes back a long way. "Nearly 30 years ago, United Airlines donated a Viscount four-engine turboprop aircraft to the aviation program," says Capt. Hart Langer, senior vice president of flight operations for United. "I am pleased to continue our partnership with the donation of a fully-equipped operational Boeing 737-200 aircraft to this fine aviation program and to the students of SIU.

"To date, United has employed more SIU aviation graduates than any other airline in the United States, including more than 50 former SIUC interns. We are confident that this aircraft will continue to contribute to this excellent aviation program and to our relationship with the university."

The gift jetliner was designed in the mid-1960s for a two-person flight crew, an innovation that made it an economical aircraft to fly. At one time, United had as many as 75 of these planes in its fleet.

"It was a really great airplane for us and a moneymaker for the airline industry," says United Airlines Asset Manager Norm Kirby. "A variant of this type of plane is still being produced by Boeing today, and some airlines base their entire



University Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger (left) and Elaine Vitello, dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, sit in the cockpit of the 737.

On The Side



Wayne McCosker '72 (right), the pilot who delivered the 737 to SIU, is pictured with his father Tom, who was the pilot when United Airlines donated an aircraft to the University 30 years ago.

operation around it. It's still in use all over the world."

United acquired this particular plane—the 24th 737-200 to roll off Boeing's assembly line—in 1967. Assigned the tail number 9609, it flew its first passengers April 28, 1968. Over the years, No. 9609 made 66,190 trips, flying the equivalent of more than 1,240 times around the globe.

But times change. Airbus began making the A-319, a larger plane with a wider cabin and digital cockpit instruments, and United decided to go with them instead of the 737-200s. Eventually, No. 9609 was the only one of its kind left in United's fleet.

The jetliner completed its last commercial flight—a trip from Chicago to

Minneapolis—November 30. After a decommissioning ceremony at San Francisco International Airport, the plane was flown to Amarillo, Texas, for repainting and detailing, then on to its new home.

The jet is large enough that housing it at the Carbondale airport proved something of a challenge. The airport's main hangar bay has a 30-foot ceiling; the plane's tail stands at 37 feet. The solution: Let the tail hang out.

"It will look sort of funny, but there's nothing we could do, and at least the plane itself will be out of the weather," NewMyer says. "Eventually, we hope to have a transportation center with a special

SIU Spring 1999 enrollment is 21,300, up about 2.5 percent over this time last year. There are 352 more students enrolled in on-campus degree programs for a total enrollment of 18,645. Off-campus enrollment, boosted by 186 additional students on the military bases, is 2,655 and includes 110 students at the Nakajo campus in Japan.

SIU anthropology professor **Jon Muller** was awarded the Society of American Archaeology Book Award for *Mississippian Political Economy*, which was published by Plenum Press in 1997. The book explores the broader questions of societal organization. Muller has been teaching at SIUC since 1966.

An anthropologist who studied ethnic identity in a community of Mexican migrant workers has won SIUC's Outstanding Dissertation Award. **Warren Anderson** received a \$1,000 cash prize during May commencement ceremonies for his work tracing social, economic and psychological changes among Mexican laborers who have settled in Union County to work on fruit and vegetable farms. Anderson, a native of Cobden, Ill., received his doctorate from SIU in 1997 and is assistant professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Southeast Missouri State University.

After more than 30 years, **Ray Serati '59** has retired as Copley News Service's Illinois State Capitol bureau chief. The Illinois Legislative Correspondents Association honored Serati by renaming its existing scholarship in his name. The ILCA Scholarship, awarded to a student in the school of journalism, will be renamed the Ray Serati ICLA Scholarship. Serati, a native of Herrin, Ill., also served as the association's president.

A philosophy student who explored the problem of communicating divine mysteries that cannot be described with words has won the SIU Alumni Association's outstanding thesis award.

Christopher Nelson, who completed his master's degree last August, was awarded the \$500 cash prize during the association's annual board meeting this spring. The thesis, "Coming to Terms with the Ineffable: Meister Eckhart, Discourse and the Divine," focuses on the treatises of Meister Eckhart, a 14th century German monk who wrote about the mystical connection between God and humankind. Nelson examined the difficulties in using speech and writing to think and talk about concepts that are beyond words.

hangar, but that's three to five years from now."

SIU students don't mind where the tail is. They are just glad to have the plane. "Most universities don't have anything like this," says senior Carrie Purin, one of two aviation majors accepting the plane on behalf of

SIU's students during the presentation ceremony.

"I won't be there to see it, but it will give our flight training a new dimension. The connection we have with the world's greatest airline is special, and our flight program will be able to grow because of this gift. It makes me proud." ■

Troutt Named COBA Executive of the Year

Industry leader and 1996 Ernest & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Kenny Troutt has been named Executive of the Year by the SIU College of Business and Administration.

The Mt. Vernon, Ill. native, who is founder and chief executive officer of Excel Communications, Inc., played football at SIU and graduated in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He was recognized by COBA at the college's annual awards banquet in May.

Troutt launched his long-distance telephone service resale company in 1988. Utilizing a nationwide network marketing distribution system, he offers customers residential and commercial long-distance services, dial-around services, Internet and paging services, and calling cards.

In just over ten years, Troutt has parlayed an ambitious beginning into a \$1.4 billion player in the long-distance telephone market. Now traded on the New York Stock Exchange, the company was ranked 44th in the Deloitte & Touche LLP listing of the 500 fastest-growing technology companies in the nation in 1997. Excel experienced a revenue growth of 5,492 percent over five years.

The story of this success has appeared in such national publications as *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Business Week*, *Success*, *Fortune* and *Inc.*

Marketing the products and services exclusively through a network of independent representatives, Excel remains tightly connected and true to Troutt's entrepreneurial vision.

Troutt and his wife, Lisa, reside in Dallas, Tex., with children Preston and Grant. ■



Kenny Troutt

Law School Founders Honored

by K.C. Jaehnig

Three men who played stellar roles in launching SIU's School of Law were honored at a gala dinner in March. After citing the accomplishments of Ivan A. Elliott, Jr., Richard O. Hart and the late Hiram H. Lesar, law school dean Thomas F. Guernsey presented the school's first Founders' Medals to the two men and to Lesar's widow, Barbara.

"As the school is celebrating its 25th anniversary, it's an appropriate time to honor those who were instrumental in founding it," Guernsey said.

Elliott, a Southern Illinois University trustee from 1967 to 1991, headed SIU's board of trustees from 1973 to 1978, the period following the law school's creation.

Hart, a Benton native, represented Illinois' 59th District in Springfield from 1968 to 1978, serving as a freshman representative on the General Assembly's higher education and appropriations committees.

As for Lesar, he was the school's first dean, coming to SIUC at the age of 60 from Washington University's law school, where he was dean and Zumbalen professor of law.

Founders' Medals represent the highest honor the law school can bestow. The bronze medallions are emblazoned with the image of a tree, symbolizing the law school's growth and maturity as an institution of higher learning. Intended as a tribute to extraordinary accomplishment, they will be awarded only in cases of very special merit.

"They will provide us with opportunities for recognizing those who have made significant contributions to the school, to legal education or to the profession," Guernsey said. ■

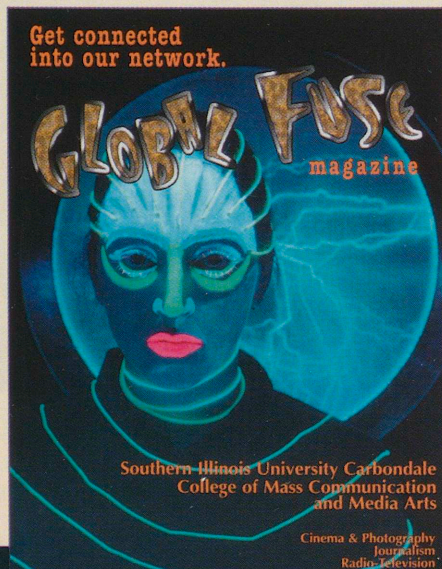
Global Fuse Makes Its Debut

Inspired by their worldwide network of alumni, faculty and supporters, students from the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts created *Global Fuse*, a magazine designed to showcase the quality of education offered at SIU.

The Saluki Advertising Agency, a student club in the School of Journalism, designed, wrote and produced the magazine, a

logical way for students to build their professional portfolio.

Scott Kemmerer, a graduate student in the Master of Fine Arts degree program, shot the cover and other photographs in the magazine.



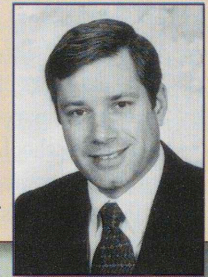
Commencement Ceremonies Honor Successful Alumni

Some 2,300 graduate and undergraduate students participated in Southern Illinois University at Carbondale's spring commencement ceremonies on campus. Ten ceremonies were conducted from the university's major academic units. During the weekend, ten prominent alumni received the Alumni Achievement Award. Two of the award recipients, **G. Patrick Murphy, J.D. '78**, and **David R. Herndon, J.D. '77**, are profiled on pages 12-13. Photos and career biographies of the other eight recipients follow:

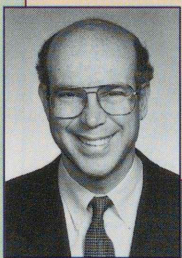
Maj. Gen. **Rodney P. Kelly '66, M.A. '68**, received the Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Agriculture. General Kelly, a command and combat pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours, is director of operations, United States Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colo. He was commissioned as a distinguished graduate through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at SIU.



Clarence C. Copping '77 received the Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Copping, a flight officer for United Airlines, Chicago, began his career as a flight instructor and charter pilot for the university.



The College of Business and Administration presented the Alumni Achievement Award to **Herbert S. Shear '69**. He is chairman and CEO of GENCO Distribution System in Pittsburgh, Pa., and currently serves on the COBA advisory board.



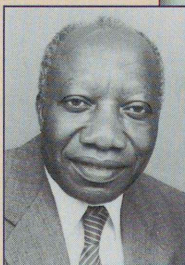
Recipient of the College of Education's Alumni Achievement Award was **Isadore Newman, Ph.D. '71**, who is the

Distinguished Harrington Professor Chair in the College of Education at the University of Akron, Ohio. He is the only faculty member in the College of Education to hold the rank of Distinguished Professor.

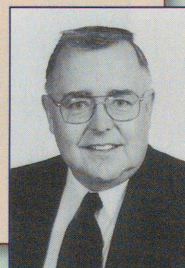
Mohammad S. El-Zein '84, M.S. '86, was chosen to receive the Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Engineering. He is a senior engineer for the Deere & Company Technical Center in Moline, Ill.



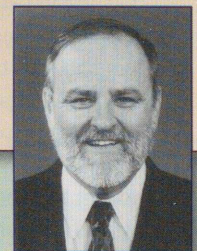
The College of Mass Communication and Media Arts presented its Alumni Achievement Award to **F. Lwanyantika Masha '65, M.A. '70, Ph.D., '72**. Dr. Masha, who is currently acting Secretary-General of Tanzania's United Democratic Party, retired in 1994 as a director in the United Nations Department of Public Information.



Joseph P. Hoppesch '65, vice president of the Center for Physical and Chemical Studies at Baxter Healthcare Corporation in Round Lake, Ill., was selected to receive the Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Science.



The College of Liberal Arts selected **James L. Moody '67** for the Alumni Achievement Award. He is lighting designer and director of photography for Moody, Ravitz, Hollingsworth Lighting Design, Inc., in Van Nuys, Calif.



“The Best Job in the World”

Two Law Grads Join Prestigious Federal Bench

by Ann Ruger

More than 18 months ago, the School of Law began planning its 25th Anniversary Celebration, a year-long series of events highlighting the extraordinary accomplishments of this young school. High on the list of achievements was an impressive record of alumni success. But the school did not know that its impressive alumni achievement record would be getting a dramatic boost in 1998.

Two SIU graduates became the school's first federal district judges, a position held by only 658 other people in the nation. Last year, G. Patrick Murphy, J.D. '78, and David R. Herndon, J.D. '77, were sworn in as district judges for the United States District Court, Southern District of Illinois. Murphy and Herndon work with two other district judges and three senior judges in the strikingly-renovated U.S. Courthouse in East St. Louis.

Although they share alma maters, titles and a deep appreciation of the legal education they received at SIU, Murphy and Herndon arrived at the federal bench from very different paths.

The U.S. Marine Corps and a stint as an infantryman in Vietnam were the first steps on Murphy's road to the judgeship. After his discharge, he worked for a trucking firm in Detroit spotting trucks until his mother convinced him to return to southern Illinois to take advantage of the GI Bill at John A. Logan Community College.

To his surprise, Murphy began to enjoy school. His years as a Marine had taught him that academic success depended mostly on discipline, going to class, and caring about what you were doing. He found it relatively easy to do all three well. During his final year as a transfer student at SIU, Murphy, acting

on a whim, took the LSAT and was admitted as a member of the new law school's third class.

That fall, Herndon was already beginning his second year of legal studies, a career choice he had made years earlier. Strongly influenced by his educator parents and an uncle who was active in the railworkers' labor movement, Herndon had decided that a law degree would best equip him to do what he wanted to do with his life—to serve other people.

During his undergraduate years at SIUE, he worked in the offices of John H. Haley, Jr., one of the country's best railway labor lawyers. He remembers helping Haley prepare for a case he was to

argue before the U.S. Supreme Court. Herndon began to think that he would like to become a judge. He was accepted by many law schools, but a visit to SIU made his choice easy. He felt an immediate sense of cooperation and excitement among the school's students and faculty.

“As I talked to students and professors, the quality of life just seemed much better than at any other school I was considering,” Herndon recalls. “I had a sense that the approach was: ‘We're all in this together. We all want to succeed.’”

Both Herndon and Murphy have high praise for the faculty that Founding Dean Hiram Lesar had assembled at the new school.

Murphy and Herndon, this year's recipients of Alumni Achievement Awards from the School of Law, were co-speakers at the school's May 15 graduation.



Photo by Bill Brinson, SIUE

“Learning from those professors was a wonderful experience,” says Murphy. “The mix of interest and intensity that they maintained was just right.” Herndon adds: “I was immediately impressed with the combination of practical and academic skills we were required to master. It was great preparation for trial practice.”

After graduation, both men joined firms and immediately began getting trial experience before real-life judges. Murphy was in his hometown of Marion and Herndon was with Haley’s office in East St. Louis. Both spent a good part of their private practice careers as trial lawyers, learning firsthand what makes some trials work well and others fall apart.

Murphy continued his successful civil and criminal practice in Williamson County, work he enjoyed for almost 20 years. Herndon, frustrated by the growing travel demands of his 13-state client base, left private practice eight years ago to become a state judge on Illinois’ 3rd Judicial Circuit in Madison County.

In 1997, however, vacancies on the federal bench caught the attention of both men, and both applied. Herndon and Murphy knew well the invasiveness of the selection process they were about to undergo, having been warned of its many hurdles by United States Senator Dick Durbin. “You’re going to have to answer questions that no one should ever be asked,” he told them.

Before their nominations could be confirmed, they knew their lives would be subjected to the scrutiny of scores of questioners, from the Southern District’s Merit Commission, the Illinois State Bar Association, Illinois’ two senators, the FBI, the Justice Department, the American Bar Association, the White House, the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the Senate in its entirety. Every aspect of their professional and personal lives would be examined, in a process known as “cradle investigation,” and they would be asked to articulate their positions on a whole range of judicial, political, and personal subjects.

But neither was dissuaded by the difficulties that lay ahead. As luck would have it, Murphy’s nomination arrived at the Senate several months before

Herndon’s, which turned out to be good timing. With very little delay, he was confirmed and sworn in on May 4.

By the time the judiciary committee got around to sending Herndon’s name to the full Senate in late July, the Monica Lewinsky scandal was breaking and regular Congressional business was grinding to a halt. It would not be until several months later, on the last day of the session, that frantic negotiations finally allowed 15 back-logged judicial nominations to come before the full Senate. All were confirmed, and on November 30, Herndon became the second SIU Law grad to join the federal bench.

Both men are unabashedly enthusiastic about being in their present positions. Murphy calls it “the best job in the world,” and Herndon describes the U.S. courts as “incredible.”

“The approach here is of absolute quality,” Herndon says. “The wonderful thing is that they give you all the necessary support.” Murphy concurs: “We’re invested with a tremendous amount of authority and responsibility,” he says, “but we’re given all the means we need to do the job.”

This includes an exceptionally capable staff whom Murphy and Herndon call “world class.” Clerking for the new judges are three 1993 SIU Law School graduates, Jo Dawn Hooks and Nancy (Niemeier) Rosenstengel, in Murphy’s chambers, and Heath Hooks, in Herndon’s.

With lifetime appointments and ample resources to do their jobs well, both new federal judges recognize how fortunate they are, and they are committed to bringing honor to the bench.

“My job is to make decisions as quickly as possible commensurate with fairness, and I intend to do that to the best of my ability every day I’m on the bench,” Murphy says.

Herndon, whose lifelong goal has been helping others, now finds himself in a perfect position to act upon his beliefs.

“One of the things that strikes you about this court is that there’s some real serious business going on,” he says. “I consider myself incredibly fortunate to be working here, where I can help people solve problems every day.” ■

Judge Herndon Establishes Scholarship

Judge David R. Herndon, J.D. ’77, has established the Al H. and James A. Chesser Endowed Scholarship at the School of Law to honor two people who had a profound influence on his life.

Al Chesser, Herndon’s uncle, began working in the early 1930’s as a railway brakeman and ended his career 50 years later as international president of the United Transportation Union. He devoted his life to helping others.

When young Herndon was looking for role models on which to pattern his life’s work, he knew he had found one in his Uncle Al. The lesson Chesser taught his nephew about the importance of helping others—without regard to financial reward—became one of the two guiding principles of Herndon’s life.

The other he learned from his grandfather, James Chesser. When young Herndon announced that he had decided to become a lawyer, the decision was met with enthusiasm by almost everyone, including Uncle Al.

But his grandfather had some concerns. “Can you be a lawyer and still be honest?” he asked.

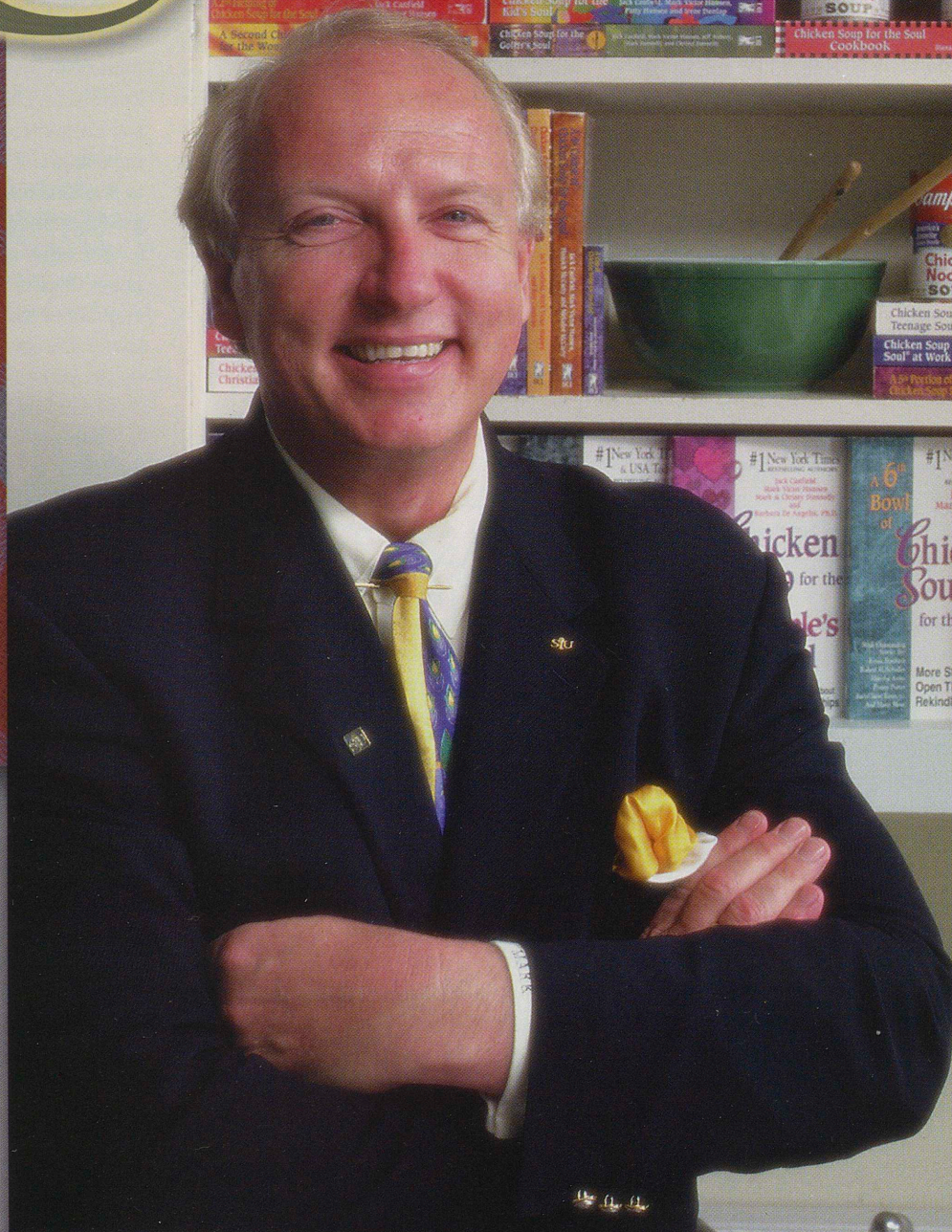
That question has remained with Herndon for over 30 years. In fact, it often seems to the judge that his grandfather sits on his shoulder every day, checking to make sure he gets the right answer.

Commitment to others and honesty—these two principles, Herndon feels, are what the practice of law is all about.

“If you’re going to go to law school,” he says, “you should take a look at people like Al and James Chesser and ask yourself if you can dedicate yourself to the two principles they stood for. If you can’t, you have no business being a lawyer.”

The Chesser Scholarship will be given each year to qualified students who demonstrate commitment to high ethical standards. Preference will be given to those who are members, or have family who are members, of labor organizations. ■

MASTER CHEF



by Ann Ruđer



The Twentieth Century began, almost 100 years ago, during a time of dramatic upheaval in American life. Although the Industrial Revolution had created tremendous opportunity, it had also spawned confusion and fear among thousands of Americans who mourned the loss of a simpler, slower way of life. People were hungry for assurances that their values were still legitimate.

Readers of "The Gift of the Magi," first published in 1906, responded enthusiastically to O. Henry's touching tale of love and self-sacrifice, and its popularity spread quickly. People identified with Della and James Dillingham Young, the newly-married couple struggling to make ends meet in desperate times who sold their most valued possessions – her hair and his watch – to buy each other Christmas gifts. The story became a mainstay of popular anthologies, to be read and reread by generations of Americans yearning for signs that people are good, that love is powerful, and that life is worth living.

Now, with a new century just around the corner, another revolution – this time a technological one – has people as confused and afraid as its industrial precursor did a hundred years ago.

And again, the power of a simple story is evident.

This time, however, anxious Americans – and others from around the world – can choose from literally hundreds of feel-good stories when they need a lift. All they need to do is pick up one of the books in the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series, and they'll find 101 very short stories – rather like motivational sound bites – that will soon have



Mark Victor Hansen takes time out to relax at home with his dogs.

them smiling. Each book is chock full of tasty morsels that are gobbled up by millions of readers hungry for affirmation that love and courage and hope still exist. The books, with their distinctive Campbell-Soup-like "labels," are sold almost everywhere, in bookstores, of course, but also in grocery stores, airports, gas stations – and even nail salons.

The mastermind of this phenomenally-successful venture is SIU graduate Mark Victor Hansen '70, who, with his partner Jack Canfield, developed an ingeniously-simple "recipe" that allows them to cook up each of the *Chicken Soup* titles. Hansen returned to his alma mater this spring to receive an honorary doctorate and deliver the May 14 commencement address for the College of Liberal Arts, and he talked about how he and Canfield manage to keep creating additional books for this hugely-popular series.

So popular are these books, in fact, that their sales have become something of an industry marvel. Since *Chicken Soup for the Soul: 101 Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit* was first published in 1993, the series has expanded to include 22 additional titles,

each containing a collection of new stories targeted to a particular audience. Among the offerings, for instance, are *Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul*, ... *for the Pet Lover's Soul*, and ... *for the Country Soul*. Loyal fans now have 2,323 stories to turn to when they need a quick boost – and new titles are being released almost every month. Altogether, the series has sold more than 30 million copies in its short six-year history, with translations now in 29 different languages. Of all the books purchased by American readers today, one of every seven is from the *Chicken Soup* series.

The first step is to collect the ingredients – the stories – that give each book its unique flavor. Some of the stories in the *Chicken Soup* series are written by recognized authors, some have been previously published, but most are submitted by ordinary folks who have touching personal anecdotes to share. Since each book contains exactly 101 stories, a number with spiritual meaning for Hansen and Canfield, the two men have developed a way to insure that their supply of ingredients remains fresh and plentiful. They now include a request, at

the end of each book, inviting readers to submit stories for future *Chicken Soup* titles – and the entries pour into the California office at the rate of almost a hundred a day, many now by e-mail through the series' website at <http://www.chickensoup.com>.

Next, the partners identify niches and select stories that will reach those audiences. In 1997, for instance, they published the first *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul*, which quickly became one of the series' most successful titles and has been followed by two additional titles targeted at teenagers. Go into any middle school in the country today, and it's a good bet you'll see kids with dog-eared copies of *Chicken Soup* on top of their math and history books.

Recently, Hansen and Canfield have added collections for the couple's soul, the Christian soul, and the golfer's soul. And they have another 74 titles that they plan to add to the series in the future.

After the stories are collected and arranged into titles, the books are marketed. Here, too, Hansen and Canfield have found ways to do things differently – and with impressive results. Placing their books outside the traditional bookstores and making them almost universally available – especially where people are every day – was a first step. Fans can now pick up the latest title when they stop for milk on the way home from work. The partners have also created an interactive web that links readers, through the internet, both to each other and to a growing list of series products, including audio and video tapes, cook books, and even an opportunity to receive a new *Chicken Soup* story every day via e-mail.

MARK VICTOR HANSEN'S FOUR BASIC PRINCIPLES

- **You need to know what you want to do.**
- **You've got to write down goals.**
- **Visualizing is realizing.**
- **When your team comes together, your dreams come together.**

By any standards, the partners have enjoyed unprecedented success. Many in their shoes would be ready to settle back and enjoy the rewards of their work. But not these two super-achievers. As Hansen puts it in his *Treasury of Quotes* booklet, "If your cup runneth over, expand your cup." The two men already have grand plans for *Chicken Soup's* future. Their current goal is to sell a billion copies by the year 2020, and given the success they've enjoyed so far, it's a safe bet they'll reach it.

Where did all this begin? How has Hansen become one of the most widely-published author/editors in American history?

One answer might be found in the town of Waukegan, Ill., where Hansen grew up. It was his great good fortune to have a mother who was a gifted story teller. She took everyday events and spun them into magic in the telling, fascinating young Mark with her ability to see wonder in mundane things.

He remembers particularly how she would describe family vacations to her friends after a trip. He and his younger brother would sit at her feet, spellbound, as

she wove tales of adventure, humor, and suspense out of what, to them, had been routine events. It wasn't that she falsified the stories. It was instead that she had been able to see in the experiences what was most exciting and memorable – and what the rest of them had missed.

"She went on a different trip than we had!" he recalls.

His mother's keen ability to experience life fully – and to use that experience to entertain and instruct

and inspire – shaped Hansen's life.

The stories in the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books are simple ones, too. They involve ordinary people who, like his mother, share their experiences in ways that others enjoy hearing. Laughter, generosity, and love abound in the tales, as do pain, suffering, and courage. And they're filled with examples of perseverance and commitment.

These are the qualities that most interest Hansen – and that he's devoted his career to exploring. For 25 years, he's been a motivational speaker, urging his audiences to set high goals and go after their dreams. Now head of Mark Victor Hansen and Associates, he's been phenomenally successful, having spoken to more than 5,000 groups – over two million people – since 1975. In addition to speaking engagements, his message is now available through books, audio and video tapes, and television and radio appearances.

What is the message that resonates with so many? Quite simply, it involves four principles that Hansen suggests can change people's lives. And he should know – they changed his.

I finally got the message. My life, my bankruptcy, and my misery were all created by me. And all of them could be uncreated by me.

When I visited the campus for the first time, ...I decided right then that I wanted to live here for the rest of my life. It was Camelot!

The first is that you have to know what you want to do. He answered this question for himself 25 years ago after a series of events that began while he was a student at SIU. Hansen's decision, in 1966, to come to Carbondale for his undergraduate studies had been an easy one. "When I visited the campus for the first time, the place was even better than I'd imagined," he says. "I decided right then that I wanted to live here for the rest of my life. It was Camelot!"

He attributes the university's draw to the vision of its president, Delyte Morris, a "genius" in Hansen's mind.

"He took this little bitty campus of 3,000 and, in just a decade, turned it into a major university with 35,000 students," Hansen says. "Back then they fired everyone who hit 65 at schools like Harvard and Yale and Wharton and Stanford. Dr. Morris got down on his hands and knees and said to these gifted people, 'I'll sit at your feet if you'll just come down here and be in tutelage at this school.' So we had the greatest minds at this university, and we got to hang out with them."

One of those great minds belonged to Buckminster Fuller, a multi-talented scholar whose long list of accomplishments includes the invention of the geodesic dome. Although Hansen's major was speech communication, he became interested in design and

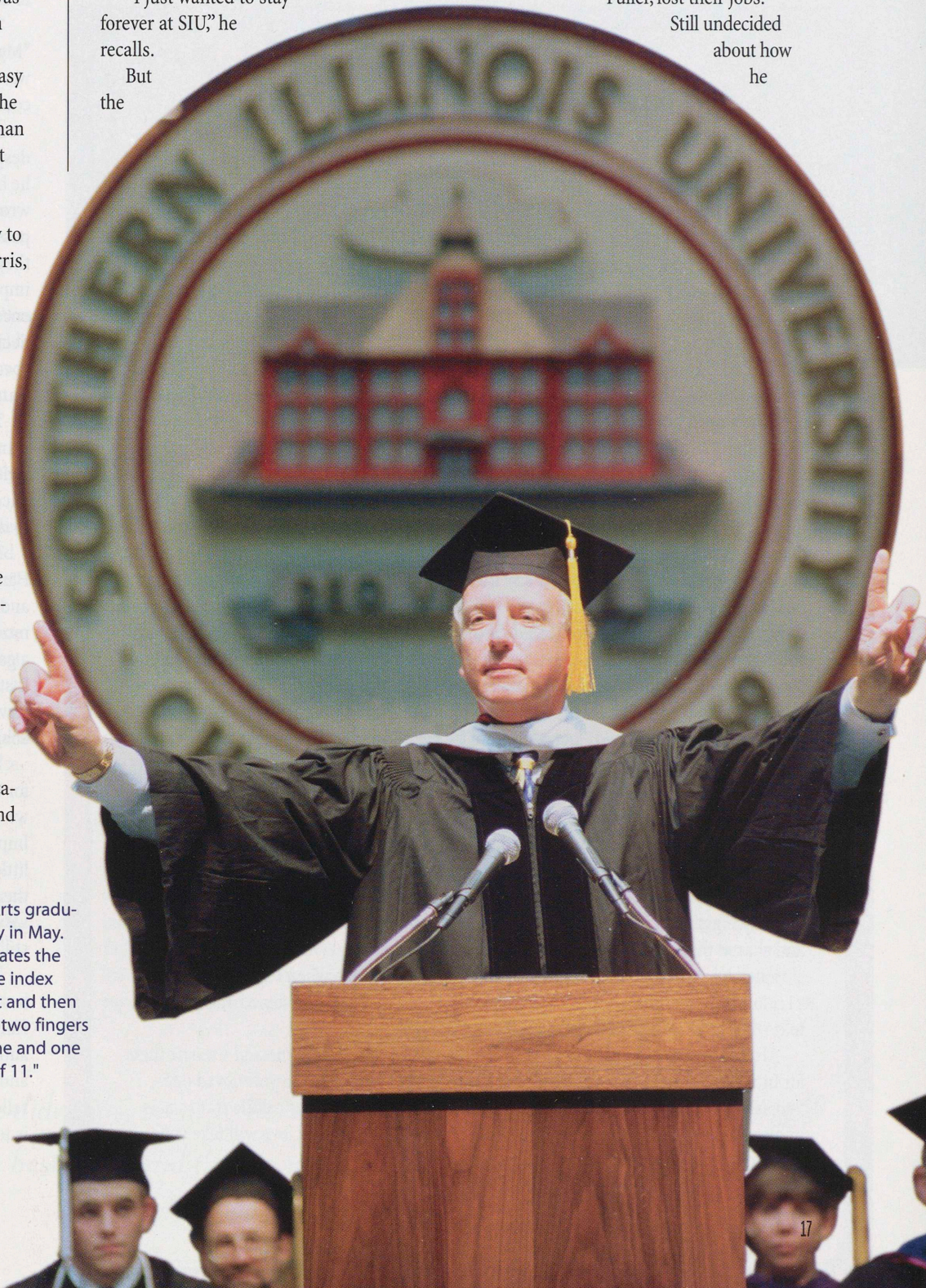
got a job working in Fuller's lab. After graduation, he stayed on to work for Fuller and pursue a master's degree.

"I just wanted to stay forever at SIU," he recalls.

But the

Vietnam war got in the way – the upheaval on college campuses reached Carbondale and many people, including Fuller, lost their jobs.

Still undecided about how he



Hansen speaks to College of Liberal Arts graduates at the commencement ceremony in May. During his address, Hansen demonstrates the power of teamwork by holding up the index fingers of both hands a few feet apart and then bringing his hands together until the two fingers are side by side: "I teach that when one and one come together, you have the power of 11."

wanted to spend his life, Hansen left Camelot in the early '70s and moved to New York City to start a business based on Fuller's geodesic dome design. Soon he was selling the domes as fast as he could produce them – and making lots of money. By the time he was 26, he was a millionaire.

But the Arab oil embargo burst his balloon, as the price of oil-derivative products, like the plastic pipes he used in his domes, skyrocketed. Without the materials to build his product, he soon went bankrupt and slipped into what would be the most difficult period of his

life. For months, he wallowed in self-pity and doubt, living in a sleeping bag outside a friend's apartment, until he happened upon a tape by Cavett Robert, a man whom many called the dean of motivational speakers. At first skeptical of its uplifting message, he eventually became intrigued and ended up listening to the tape 287 times.

"I finally got the message," he recalls. "My life, my bankruptcy, and my misery were all created by me. And all of them could be uncreated by me."

As he was working his way out of despair, it became obvious to him that he had been trying to make it in the wrong line of work. What he really felt passionate about were people – what they cared about, what drove them to improve, and how they could be influenced to take charge of their lives. He decided to become a motivational speaker; he had found what he really wanted to do.

The second principle at the core of Hansen's message is that you've got to write down goals. He tells his audiences, "Don't think it. Ink it. Delegate it to document."

Taking his own message to heart, Hansen keeps a running list of personal and professional goals that now number more than 6,000. And he never removes a goal from the list once it's realized. Instead, he writes "Victory" next to it and leaves it on the list as an incentive to achieve even more.

"Jack Canfield and I wrote 1,094 goals for our *Chicken Soup* series – things that we wanted to do that we knew were all impossible," he says. "We wrote these on little yellow sticky notes and plastered them all over the wall in our office. So far we've accomplished 93 of them, so we still have a lot to keep us going."

"Recently we had nine of the top 150 bestsellers on the *USA Today* list," Hansen continues. "We're the only authors ever to have numbers one, two, and three on a *New York Times* best-seller list at the same time. Our goal now is to get ten of ten. If Michael Eisner at

A Final Goodbye

by Mark Victor Hansen

I am going home to Denmark, Son, and I just wanted to tell you I love you."

In my dad's last telephone call to me, he repeated that line seven times in a half hour. I wasn't listening at the right level. I heard the words, but not the message, and certainly not their profound intent. I believed my dad would live to be over 100 years old, as my great-uncle lived to be 107 years old. I had not felt his remorse over Mom's death, understood his intense loneliness as an "empty nester," or realized most of his pals had long since light-beamed off the planet. He relentlessly requested my brothers and I create grandchildren so that he could be a devoted grandfather. I was too busy "entrepreneuring" to really listen.

"Dad's dead," sighed my brother Brian on July 4, 1982.

My little brother is a witty lawyer and has a humorous, quick mind. I thought he was setting me up for a joke, and I awaited the punchline – there wasn't one. "Dad died in the bed he was born in – in Rozkeldj," continued Brian. "The funeral directors are putting him in a coffin, and shipping Dad and his belongings to us by tomorrow. We need to prepare for the funeral."

I was speechless. This wasn't the way it's supposed to happen. If I knew these were to be Dad's final days, I would have asked to go with him to Denmark. I believe in the hospice movement, which says: "No one should die alone." A loved one should hold your hand and comfort you as you transition from one plane of reality to another. I would have offered consolation during his final hour, if I'd been really listening, thinking and in tune with the Infinite. Dad announced his departure as best he could, and I had missed it. I felt grief, pain, and remorse. Why had I not been there for him? He'd always been there for me.

In the mornings when I was nine years old, he would come home from working 18 hours at his bakery and wake me at 5:00 AM by scratching my back with his strong, powerful hands and whispering, "Time to get up, Son." By the time I was dressed and ready to roll, he had my newspapers folded, banded and stuffed in my bicycle basket. Recalling his generosity of spirit brings tears to my eyes.

When I was racing bicycles, he drove me 50 miles each way to Kenosha, Wis., every Tuesday night so I could race and he could watch me. He was there to hold me if I lost and shared the euphoria when I won.

Later, he accompanied me to all my local talks in Chicago when I spoke to Century 21, Mary Kay, Equitable and various churches. He always smiled, listened and proudly told whomever he was sitting with, "That's my boy!"

After the fact, my heart was in pain because Dad was there for me and I wasn't there for him. My humble advice is to always, always share your love with your loved ones, and ask to be invited to that sacred transitional period where physical life transforms into spiritual life. Experiencing the process of death with one you love will take you into a bigger, more expansive dimension of beingness. ■

from *A Second Helping of Chicken Soup for the Soul*.
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Disney can have ten films out of ten [on the top list], we're going to have ten books out of ten."

Visualizing is realizing is the third of Hansen's principles. Human imagination is a great motivator, he believes, as it allows us to create our own futures.

Hansen tells a story of the three long years of planning that went into the *Chicken Soup* series before he and Canfield published the first book. The two men knew they wanted to create something really big. What bigger prize is there for an author, they figured, than to have their book on the *New York Times*' bestseller list.

"And we didn't just want to make a bestseller," Hansen recalls. "We wanted a mega bestseller, and then a mega best-selling series."

But wasn't this a bit much to ask? Was it really possible that such a thing could be achieved by two previously-unknown authors? To convince themselves, the two men clipped out a current *NYT*'s bestseller list, removed the top book from the list, and replaced it with their still-to-be-published first title. They made two copies of the imagined list, pinned one to each of their bathroom mirrors, and used it as a daily reminder of what they planned to do.

Hansen calls this intense, often frustrating period, that began at a breakfast in 1990 when the idea was first mentioned, weathered the rejection of 33 publishers and their agent's quitting, and ended three years later with the publication of the first book, "an act of love, courage, and devotion."

Hansen's fourth principle involves teamwork. "Each of us needs family teams, business teams, educational teams, spiritual teams," he says, "so why not make a dream team? My co-author and best friend Jack Canfield and I are a dream team. I'm the outside guy or macro-



Above, Hansen greets Doris Rottschalk, president of the SIU Alumni Association, and Ed Buerger, Association executive director, at a luncheon held in the Student Center. During his years as a student at Southern, Hansen got a job working in Buckminster Fuller's lab. When Hansen left the university in the early 1970s, he started a business based on Fuller's geodesic dome design.

thinker, and Jack's the inside guy or micro-thinker. Neither one of us is more important than the other and both of us are needed to produce phenomenal results."

In Hansen's talks, he illustrates the power of teamwork by holding up the index finger of both hands a few feet apart and then bringing his hands together until the two fingers are side-by-side.

"I teach that when one and one come together, you have the power of 11."

The four principles that Hansen espouses are simple ones – know what you really want to do, set goals, dream big, and find people who can help you. But the real power of his message lies in his own amazing life story. It is as if he is saying to his audiences, who come to

him for assurance that they can turn their lives around, "Look at me. Although I started out in the wrong field, I used a time of personal setback to discover my true calling. I've set thousands of goals for myself, and I've achieved many of them. I've imagined great things for my future, and many of them have become reality. And I've found a partner whose strengths truly complement mine. If I can do it, so can you!"

The thousands of stories that make up the *Chicken Soup* series are replete with messages of courage, connection, and commitment. But none is more compelling than the one that Hansen tells through the example of his own life.

This master chef has cooked up quite an impressive dish. ■

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mega bestseller, and then a mega best-selling series.*

Student

A M B A S S A D O R S

When it comes to recruitment, SIU has discovered that nothing compares to the personal perspectives of current students.

by Greg Scott

Imagine the questions of a 17-year-old high school senior trying to discover what the college experience is all about. How many students are in the classes? What are the professors like? What is the male to female ratio and what about social activities for underage students? Who better to answer these ques-

tions than college students who not long ago sat in a high school class themselves.

Several SIU colleges have formed student ambassador organizations to assist in the university's recruitment efforts. These students represent their colleges as speakers at high schools statewide, conduct campus tours for prospective students and their families, host high school and junior college students at the university's open house activities and

coordinate follow-up correspondence with prospective and admitted students.

These student ambassadors are having a profound impact. The College of Agriculture's "Agbassadors" were SIU's first student recruitment organization. After declining to 556 students in 1985, agriculture's enrollment rose to 930 last fall.

"Our student enrollment continued to climb at a time when the rest of the university was declining," says Robert



Arthur, associate dean of the College of Agriculture. "We attribute a lot of that to our Agbassadors getting the word out to prospective students."

Don Elkins, Arthur's predecessor, created the Agbassadors organization in 1985. As a result of a major farm crisis in the mid 1980s, student enrollment in agriculture programs declined nationwide. While attending a national conference, Elkins discovered the idea of involving current students in the recruitment process.

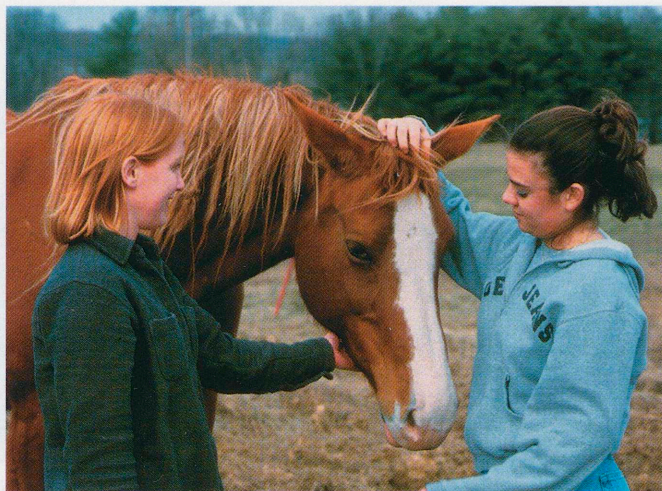
"The college was having some terrible enrollment problems, and we needed to find a way to turn that around," says Elkins, who now administers a similar program at Tennessee Tech. "We wanted something that would pay dividends for years to come. My colleagues informed me that current students can create a very effective way of accomplishing that."

Elkins proposed the idea to former agriculture dean James Tweedy. He requested \$2,000 and 10 student leaders. "The general mood was one of cautious optimism. It took time to get the program recognized on campus and to gain the interest of students," Elkins says. "But within a few years, the program gained prestige and became well known throughout the state. Everyone was convinced that the Agbassadors were doing the job."

The success of the Agbassadors has been replicated by other colleges on campus. Among the ranks of student recruiters now are three more organizations: the College of Business Linx, the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts (CMCMA) Ambassadors and the Aviation Ambassadors in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

CMCMA has had a steady increase in student enrollment since beginning its ambassadors program in 1994. During the last five years, the college's enrollment has increased from 920 to 1,140. Joe Foote, CMCMA dean, says the college's ambassadors have contributed to this success.

"Agriculture provided a good model, and I felt that we needed something



Nealy Boyd (left) introduces a prospective student to a friend on the animal farms. Boyd is one of SIU's student "Agbassadors."

comparable to that," Foote says. "Without question, students have higher credibility with other students than we do. Prospective students feel more at ease and ask questions they would not ask us. We have a wonderful group of students who have been superb recruiters."

The newest student recruiters will be the College of Education's Student Leaders, who are expected to begin recruitment activities this fall. Norma Ewing, associate dean, says the college plans to have an office equipped with telephones and computers, allowing student leaders to communicate with prospective students. The recruiters will also visit high schools, community colleges and host open house activities on campus.

"The program is really two prong. The student leaders will not only provide support for recruitment and retention, but we're going to provide an extra personal and professional development component for them," Ewing says. "This group will also be an advisory committee relating to college and student relations. We are looking for a way to personalize our efforts."

Ewing says the students will participate in a week of intense leadership training this summer. Her goals are to create skills that have been exhibited through each of the student ambassador organizations at SIU. "We are going to develop confidence, communication skills and demonstrate how to

work as a team," she says. "It's going to be a model. We want to make them as well rounded as possible."

Recently, the student leaders in the four existing groups shared their experiences, perspectives, activities and goals, and addressed how they try to make a positive difference in the lives of students who follow them.

AGBASSADORS

On a chilly Saturday afternoon in January, Nealy Boyd is conducting a tour of the 200-acre animal farms for a family from Poca, Mont. Stephanie, who plans to start college in the fall, is accompanied by her mother and father. She has narrowed her choices to SIU and Kansas State University. The family has not visited Manhattan, Kan. yet, but Stephanie appears to be leaning toward attending Southern. Therefore, her parents inquire about everything from housing options to core curriculum requirements to safety issues on campus.

Boyd, a junior majoring in animal science, appears adept at answering this wide range of questions. But the family asks about Boyd's personal experiences on campus. For instance, Boyd, who initially majored in preveterinary medicine, changed majors after struggling in a prevet class, something she freely admits to Stephanie's family.

"I'm one of many people who got caught up in the glamor of the major itself. I never had anyone sit down and tell me what I needed to do, which was probably my own fault," Boyd says. "Now I try to inform parents and students through my own experiences. It is my way of helping someone who may otherwise end up in the same situation I was in."

Boyd says her perspective is helpful to prospective students and their families. "They know I'm not getting paid to give them some rehearsed or fabricated comments about SIU. If someone asks me if prevet is hard, I'm not going to give a powder puff answer—it's a tough road to

go," she says. "I've been there and know what it's like."

Tuesday Ashner, who coordinates the Agbassadors activities, says prospective students are more likely to listen to the agbassadors. "Sometimes at that age communicating with your peers is more important than listening to any adult figure," she says. "It's easier for them to trust an Agbassador who is experiencing what they want to do. The Agbassadors will answer questions with complete honesty and sincerity."

Boyd is one of 12 Agbassadors who helps introduce prospective students to the College of Agriculture. In addition to conducting 100 farm and campus tours each year, the Agbassadors visit 100 high schools statewide. They travel to career fairs and Future Farmers of America (FFA) meetings and conventions. These effective student recruiters also distribute notecards inviting prospective students and their families to open house events, where they inform them of opportunities available at the university.

Once students are on campus the college sends welcome letters informing them of important dates and phone numbers. The Agbassadors contact them to offer their assistance, and a bi-yearly newsletter keeps students informed.

Anthony Oesch, a senior in agriculture education, says helping incoming students was his primary reason for becoming an Agbassador. "My roommate helped a lot of students as an Agbassador last year and I wanted to follow in his footsteps," he says. "When I came here I was confused and didn't know what was going on. If I can help that one person realize the university setting isn't as intimidating as it sounds, I've done my job."

Angela Wendell, a sophomore studying agriculture education, says the Agbassadors always have a responsibility to the college. "People come up to me requesting information all the time," she says, "even if we're not at scheduled events."



Laura Parnell (second from right) and Christine Dohl (far right), describe the features of the university's Boeing 737 to fellow students. Parnell and Dohl are charter members of the Aviation Ambassadors.

The Agbassadors represent six majors within the college. Chris Slago, a junior in forestry, says diversity is a strength of the organization.

"Our biggest advantage is that we work together as a group," he says. "Each of us has knowledge in different areas. We can get together regarding topics and answer questions."

Agbassadors are required to participate in extensive training workshops on topics related to housing, financial aid and campus services, and to meet with admissions and records professionals on campus. During one of their workshops, the Agbassadors are asked to respond to an impromptu question regarding some aspect of the university.

"We have confidence in our students representing the college and know they handle themselves very well," Arthur says. "Our Agbassadors are trained to recruit for all areas on campus. Once they get through the training program, they probably know as much about the campus as most faculty members."

Over the years, representatives from other SIU colleges have noticed the impact of the Agbassadors. They have met with Arthur and have emulated this model within their own units. "I'm enough of a lover of SIU that I want everybody to reap the benefits of having more students," he says. "I hope their student groups will be as successful as ours."

LINX PROGRAM

The College of Business was the first to follow the Agbassadors' lead. The college coordinates the Linx Program, an ambassadors organization that gives prospective business students a look at campus life. Michael Haywood, who advises the organization, says that, like the Agbassadors, Linx members participate in recruitment activities on and off campus.

"This group of students is very instrumental in keeping our enrollment up. Our numbers haven't been down for the last five years," Haywood says. "During the lean years that this university was down in enrollment, we were one of the academic units that actually had an increase. The program has been a tremendous asset to the college of business and its recruitment efforts."

Haywood says the program also was created to enhance leadership and communications skills and provide an avenue for students to give back to the college and university. The college offers one credit hour to Linx members based on their participation in recruitment efforts. The students are trained by professionals on campus and review a comprehensive 53-page training manual that features objectives of the program, presentation tips, information for prospective students and a thorough listing of university facts.

Linx members say it is important to make every student feel welcome. For instance, when prospective students visit campus they are given an assortment of SIU-imprinted trinkets, including pens, pencils, key chains and book marks. This hospitality continues for students admitted into the college.

"I always offer to show students around the campus and let them know where their classes will be," says Erin Christianson, a graduate student in business administration. "I also give them my number so they can call me with any questions."

Aisha Boyd, a junior majoring in accounting and management information systems, adds: "It makes a student feel like

they're more than just a number when another student asks how they are doing in college. It's more personal. It goes beyond sharing university facts. You can talk about your own personal experiences."

CMCMA AMBASSADORS

When he was in high school, most people expected Mark Carlson to attend the University of Illinois. The Champaign native's mother and father had degrees from the university, and his brother was attending U of I. But the institution didn't have the program Carlson wanted. When Carlson visited Southern, he had a \$12,000 camera handed to him. Carlson, now a member of the CMCMA Ambassadors, says SIU's hands-on opportunities convinced him to break a family tradition.

"I learned how to use those cameras during my second week of school. You have to be a junior or senior to touch a microphone at some other schools," he says. "It's important to inform students of the opportunities here. Otherwise, they see your school on the same level as everybody else."

The CMCMA Ambassadors also tell prospective students about unique opportunities in the college such as Hollywood Studies and Chicago Studies, in which alumni coordinate internships for students. "There are a thousand different ways to get involved. Our alumni come back to campus and help students get jobs and internships," says Sara Sutton. "CMCMA is a small college that cares about you, and I wanted to pass that on."

Assistant dean Jill Belcher, who advises the ambassadors, says that tours are conducted daily and approximately 600 letters are written per year to admitted students. CMCMA also has created a peer advisors program, which is designed to mentor freshmen and first-year transfer students. The ambassadors work with the peer advisors in helping new students get through what is sometimes the most difficult period of their college experience.

"There are several things that make recruitment successful," Belcher says. "You always need someone here who students can come in and talk to. There is a sense of Southern Hospitality and people have to feel welcome when they come here."

AVIATION AMBASSADORS

It was not too long ago that Julie Savage was a 16-year-old high school student flying from Chicago to Carbondale to participate in the United Airlines Career Day. The day-long trip, sponsored by the airlines and SIU's aviation management and flight program, is designed to encourage minority and female high school students to pursue aviation careers. Savage fondly remembers riding in the observer seat of the cockpit during the return flight, a reward for finishing second in an essay contest.

Savage, who participated in the first three career day events as a high school student, is now one of the aviation ambassadors who helps host the activity.

"All of these kids are interested in aviation and it's a way to show what it's really like down here," she says. "This is a hard industry to make it in if you don't have support. I've been blessed to have mentors to help me along the way. This is my way of giving back."

Robert Kaps, an aviation management and flight professor and the group's advisor, came up with the idea of an ambassadors organization because of

Aviation Ambassadors, from left, Brian Cook, Tiffany Huszagh and Judd Goldberg, are always prepared to promote their program to prospective students.



his involvement with Trans World Airlines. Kaps recalled that TWA had a good-will program when he was personnel director there.

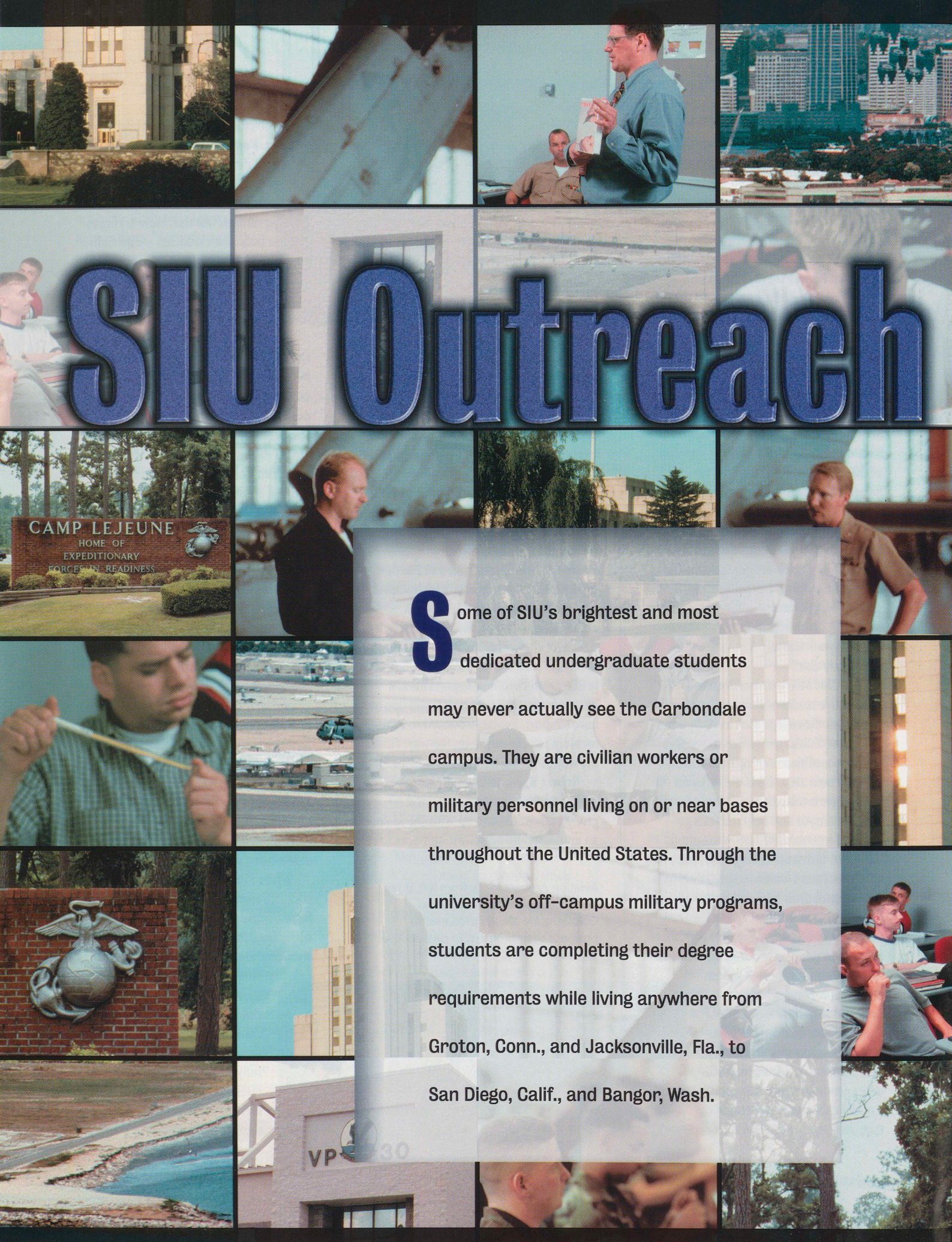
"It could be awfully lonely when you're on a big campus like this. We're trying to create a bond with students—especially kids who come way down here from Chicago," he says. "You can't measure how much the ambassadors have contributed in terms of personal relationships."

Kaps credits the ambassadors with the success of the program, which began in 1997. "Laura Parnell (one of our ambassadors) deserves a lot of credit for beginning the organization. She brought in what we considered the cream of the crop," he says. "This current group of ambassadors is the epitome of a student organization because one spark got them going and they have done a fantastic job."

Tiffany Huszagh adds: "The six of us would meet every week and discuss things we wanted to do. All of us had our own ideas, and all of a sudden we had these great things to do."

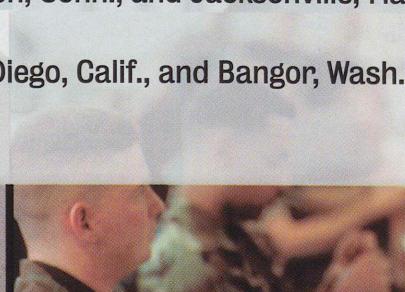
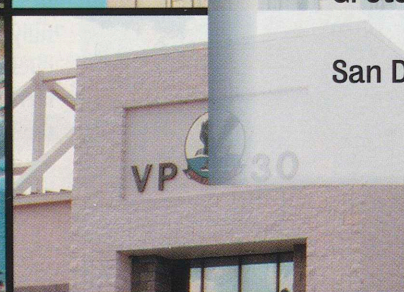
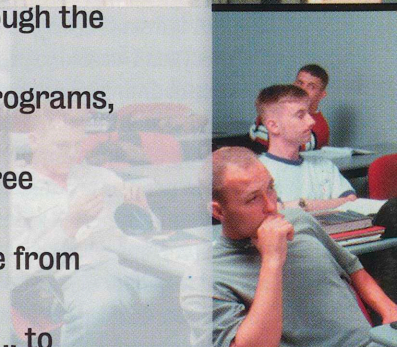
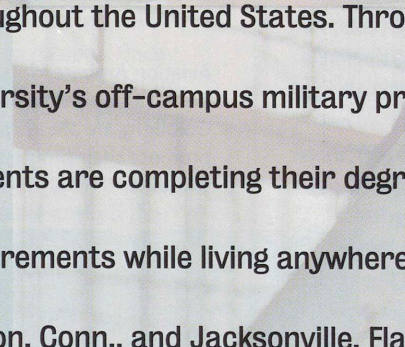
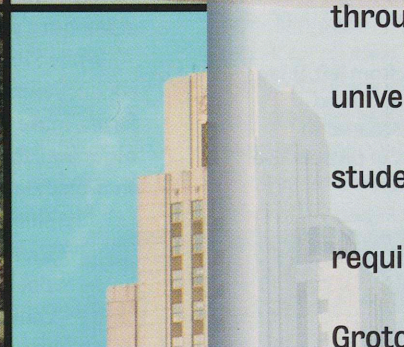
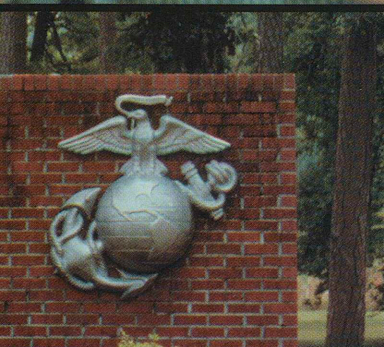
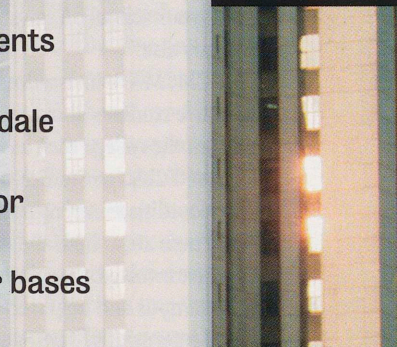
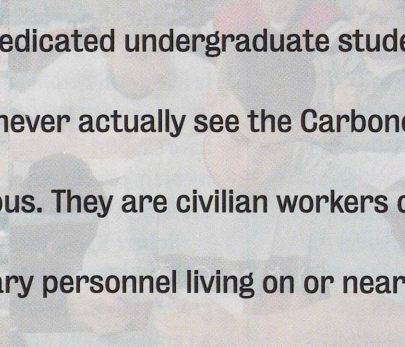
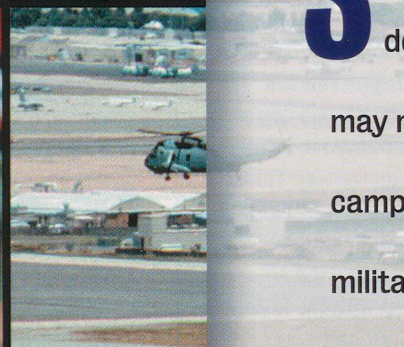
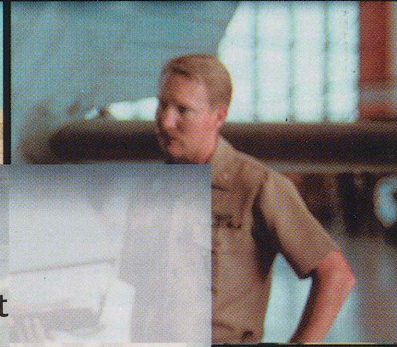
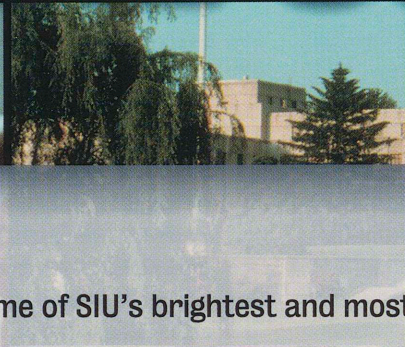
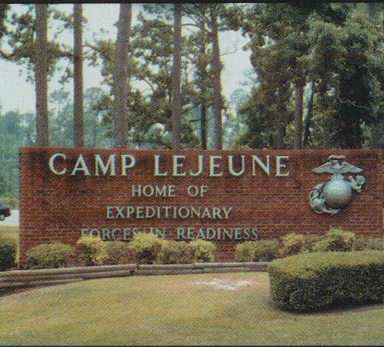
The Aviation Ambassadors promote their program at the Experimental Aircraft Association OshKosh Airshow, which is the second largest airshow in the world. They provide tours of Southern Illinois Airport facilities to prospective students, families and even to kindergarten children. "Some of these kids just want to see an airplane, and it's really neat to look into their eyes," says Christine Dohl, a sophomore from Davenport, Iowa. "It stirs their interest in aviation at a young age."

While SIU's student ambassadors conduct tours of the 200-acre animal farms, make presentations on opportunities available in the business field, showcase state-of-the-art radio-television equipment and provide tours of the university's new Boeing 737-200 jetliner, they continue to enhance SIU's recruitment efforts. And hopefully, answer the important questions of 17-year-old teenagers about to embark on their college careers. ■



SIU Outreach

Some of SIU's brightest and most dedicated undergraduate students may never actually see the Carbondale campus. They are civilian workers or military personnel living on or near bases throughout the United States. Through the university's off-campus military programs, students are completing their degree requirements while living anywhere from Groton, Conn., and Jacksonville, Fla., to San Diego, Calif., and Bangor, Wash.



Southern Illinois University's off-campus military programs have been providing educational opportunities for more than a quarter of a century through programs administered by the College of Engineering, the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, and the College of Education. In recent years, particularly in Illinois, the focus of all three programs has shifted from educating primarily military personnel to also include civilian workers on the bases, who are unable to attend a university because of family and work obligations.

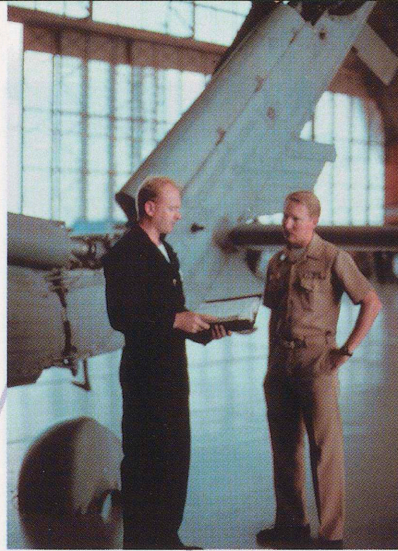
Jim Orr, director of the College of Engineering's outreach programs says it takes teamwork to coordinate the nationwide programs. "I manage all of the individual programs with staff from my Carbondale office," he says. "We do our own advisement. At the military bases, we have full-time SIUC employees, a faculty member and an adviser."

U.S. Air Force Capt. Michael Dunn '89 credits the College of Engineering's military off-campus program for his success. Dunn, an adjunct assistant professor in the ROTC Aerospace Studies program, is pursuing his doctorate. He earned his bachelor's degree at Barksdale Air Force Base near Shreveport, La., although at the time he was stationed at another base. "I was trying to finish my bachelor's degree as part of my professional development in the Air Force," he says.

"I spoke with some people and they all recommended SIU's industrial technology program," Dunn said. "It was a lot of driving time; 220 miles one way."

The College of Engineering program got its start in January 1975 at Travis Air Force Base near Sacramento, Calif. It has grown to include seven other Air Force and Navy bases, including Scott Air Force Base near Belleville, Ill.

Orr became director of the College's program almost 20 years ago. "Our programs were over in Europe for eight



years, and in Germany and England. With the downsizing of the military, we had to withdraw," he says. "At one time, we had 1,200 students in the program. We estimate that 15,000 plus students have gone through the program since its inception."

Though the program is not as large as it once was, Orr reports that an average of 700 students are involved each year. Because of the success of the program, graduate studies may be added in the future.

A master of science in manufacturing systems built on the industrial technology undergraduate degree is a natural progression, Orr says. "I would say in due time we will be taking that off-campus," he says. "We get numerous requests, especially from the places we've been for a while."

Requests for programs come in from military bases, but also from corporate headquarters. Corporations such as Caterpillar in Peoria make use of the opportunity to provide employees with more education by using a program at nearby Illinois Central College. Industrial programs are also located at companies in Alton, Decatur and Joliet.

"The beauty of it is that we are educating employees in the state of Illinois at no expense to the taxpayers because the companies reimburse the students for their tuition," Orr says. Upon completing the program, students earn a bachelor of

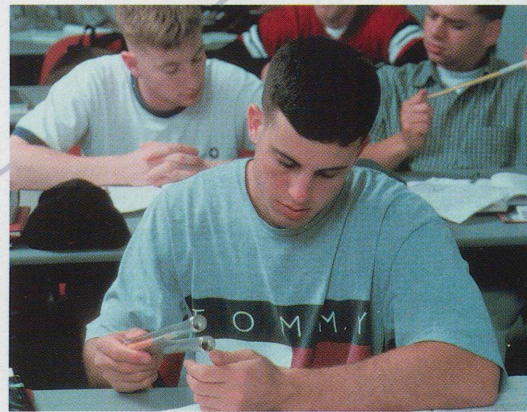
science degree in industrial technology with a major in manufacturing.

Students in the off-campus programs tend to be older than on-campus students. Orr says the average age for off-campus students is 34. But the age range is anywhere from 19 to 50. Many students have good-paying jobs, but never had the chance to earn a degree.

"We live in a degree-oriented society. The younger students are looking for a degree to get accepted into officer's training. The others are those who want to advance in the enlisted ranks and prepare themselves for retirement," Orr says. "They will have a marketable degree when they retire."

"In industry, most of the students are hoping to get promoted," Orr continued. "If they should lose their job because of downsizing, they are in a much better position to get a job with a degree and this background."

Before coming to SIU, Orr had a career in the Air Force, where he was an instructor for many years. He earned



a master's degree while serving in the military and later earned a doctorate at SIU. Orr considers himself a walking testimonial that off-campus programs work.

Whether people serve in the armed forces like Orr or work for a large corporation, it may be impossible for them to get the training needed to earn a degree.

From Coast to Coast

by Linda Sickler

But this program makes their dream a reality by reaching out to students on the weekend, which does not interfere with their daily jobs or commitments.

But Orr advises students that determination and dedication are necessary to complete the program while working fulltime during the week. Their pursuit of a degree does not come without sacrifices. Students can take seven classes per year but must also complete two internships to receive a degree.

“They are going to have to give up some television and have less time to spend with their families,” he says.

The first program offered off-campus through the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA) was health care management in April 1975 at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill. The college now offers bachelor of science degrees in health care management, fire science management, electronics management, and aviation management.

Classes are provided at 21 locations from coast to coast, including five in Illinois. Terry Bowman, CASA’s off-campus academic program director, says the program has 1,000 students per semester.

“We offer an aviation management program at O’Hare International Airport in Chicago,” he says. “That program serves people employed in the aviation industry who need a bachelor’s degree program but wouldn’t be able to attend if we didn’t take the program to them.”

Bowman himself has a military background, having joined the SIU family in 1982 as coordinator of an off-campus program in North Carolina after retiring from the Air Force. He became director of CASA’s off-campus programs in 1994.

“In the early 1970s, the military in all branches recognized the need to provide these services,” he said. “The only way to do this was to attract colleges and universities to the bases where these people worked and resided. Institutions set up the programs on weekends and week nights so people could attend.”

The College of Education’s Workforce Education Development program is SIU’s oldest and largest off-campus program, having started 25 years ago. It operates at 14 sites throughout the country.

Judy Rawls, a graduate assistant who assists in administering the program, completed her undergraduate and master’s requirements while serving in the Air Force. She retired after reaching the rank of major and is working toward her doctorate at SIU.

“The talent that comes out of these groups is incredible,” Rawls says. “The nice thing about the military programs is the same group of students stay together. After that first class, they are a very cohesive group. It helps the graduation rate. The attitude is, ‘If we allow one

SIU coordinates its off-campus military programs in 19 states nationwide.



classmate to fail, we've all failed.' We wouldn't let one of our cohorts fail."

A large number of faculty are required to teach the classes. Seventy instructors and 35 support personnel are employed at each location. SIU administers programs at three of the four submarine bases in the United States.

"This program allows airmen and sailors the opportunity to go to school on the base," Rawls says. "If they are transferred between bases, we have the same programs going on at other locations. They can transfer without skipping a beat."

Students receive some financial assistance in pursuit of their degrees, but it does not cost the taxpayers. Employers often pay part or all tuition and fees for civilians, while the military pays 75 percent of the bill for their students. The students pay for books, childcare and other expenses.

Orr says the off-campus program generates revenue for the university. The programs grossed \$5 million last year, with \$2 million going to SIU. The revenue also helps the programs hire instructors from all over the country, who can cater to the needs of students with diverse backgrounds.

CASA has two groups of faculty, including full-time instructors who voluntarily agree to teach off-campus. The other group is part-time or adjunct instructors who are hired to teach one course at a time. Bowman says during a given semester, CASA will hire 135 faculty members.

"Some of our faculty are flown in from where they reside," Bowman says. "We have had a faculty member in Alaska and one in Hawaii, although are very careful in where they get assigned because of the cost factor."

Off-campus programs are a public relations vehicle for the university. Alumni have donated money and equipment. They also provide a means of recruitment.

"Many of these students will attend SIU to get their master's degrees," Rawls says. "My strategy was to get my



The university offers 45 bachelors degree programs at 31 military bases in the United States. Pictured above is an electronics management course at the Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, N.C.

degree here. I had no intention of staying, but I fell in love with Carbondale and the community."

Orr says recruitment does not stop with current off-campus students.

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he says. "I remind them of SIU and strive to get these students on campus. If their children want to consider SIU, I'll personally show them around campus."

Each off-campus location coordinates a full-fledged graduation ceremony for

their students. High-ranking officials from the base, including staff sergeants and generals attend along with university representatives, including SIU President Ted Sanders, chancellors, vice chancellors, deans and program heads.

Although each location has its own commencement service, a number of students insist on coming to Carbondale to graduate.

Lorie Allen, the academic adviser for the Workplace Education Development program, often can be seen with iron in hand, helping these graduates prepare for the ceremony. "I give them tours of the campus and find them a place to stay," she says. "I do everything I can to ensure their experience at SIU is the best possible. They feel it is an important thing for their families. One family flew here from Korea to attend."

After spending 28 years in the Air Force, Orr says his second career directing engineering's off-campus program is self-gratifying.

"It's very rewarding to get letters from students who say they wouldn't be where they are today if it weren't for your program," Orr says. "Those kinds of things have to make you feel good. We're doing a lot of good for a lot of people and we're doing a lot of good for SIU." ■

Voice of the Salukis for 21 years

Mike Reis brings a candid and enthusiastic style to broadcasts

by Steve Cunningham

The athletic department at SIU has witnessed a multitude of changes in the past two decades. Since 1977, the university has employed six football coaches, five basketball coaches and a trio of leaders on the baseball diamond. While coaches have come and gone, the voice carrying Saluki athletics into the homes and cars of southern Illinois is still around.

Mike Reis, a 1978 graduate of SIU, began broadcasting Saluki games while he was in school and today is an integral part of the school's athletic visibility. Knowledgeable and articulate, it's a bit surprising that Reis is still plugging away in Carbondale, making the circuit of

Missouri Valley and Gateway Conference towns like Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Wichita, Kan. But he has been the voice of the Salukis for 21 years and expects to be around for a while.

"I'm very happy here," Reis says. "I like the people. I've watched a whole generation come through this school and a lot of things transpire, but I have no complaints. It wouldn't bother me at all to close my career here."

Reis began broadcasting SIU athletics when radio coverage for the university was sporadic. His first big event was the 1977 College Baseball World Series, where SIU finished third, and he has been making the call in football, basketball and baseball ever since.

Reis' resume has plenty of other entries including morning sports anchor, weekly talk shows, freelance gigs for Marquette University basketball and SportsChannel Chicago. But his first love is broadcasting games. Reis says gaining experience at SIU was the springboard to the last two decades for him.

"I was lucky in that I stepped right from college to a Division I play-by-play job," Reis says. "That's really my only interest in broadcasting. My other duties enable me to do the play-by-play."

Reis says the '77 College World Series is his most cherished memory. "They say your first time is the most memorable. The College World Series games in Omaha were played in front of a full house and Southern was one of the best teams in the country. That is my number one memory, with the 1983 I-AA football national championship right behind. As the season went along, the atmosphere and anticipation were amazing."

Reis says his worst year came in 1981. The Salukis opened the basketball season 7-2 and proceeded to lose their final 18 games.

"People were wearing sacks over their heads and at the end, they got beat by 40 at home by West Texas State," Reis says. "It was just ugly. Everywhere I went, people were mad at me because I wouldn't get on the postgame show and rip Coach Joe Gottfried."

"Gottfried wasn't happy with me because of the questions I was asking him. He thought I was cornering and badgering him. I was uncomfortable the whole year and didn't look forward to the games. It was the only time in 20 years I've felt that way. The spring after that is



Mike Reis (left) is pictured here with Saluki Hall of Famer Greg Starrick. Reis and Starrick have worked together on SIU basketball broadcasts for 17 years. Starrick remains the NCAA career free throw percentage record holder.

the only time I tried really hard to pursue other jobs.”

Radio sports broadcasters run the gamut as far as individuality goes. Some cheer unabashedly for the home team, others simply tell it like it is. Reis, who falls into the latter category, says his rules of the game are simple.

“My basic philosophy on the business is when you are broadcasting one team’s games, I think the fans who are listening want you to be for their team,” he says. “However, I don’t think they want, nor can I be, a homer. So I think they want me to tell the truth. When their team plays well, say it but don’t belabor it. And when their team plays poorly, say it but don’t belabor it.”

The men Reis works closest with—baseball coach Dan Callahan, football coach Jan Quarless and basketball coach Bruce Weber—are ushering in a new era, of sorts, at SIU. Callahan has been on the job since 1995, Quarless since 1997 and Weber since the spring of 1998.

A new cycle in Saluki history is beginning and Reis is candid about what these coaches can bring to SIU.

“I’d say I’m enthusiastic and optimistic,” Reis says. “Southern has a chance to win but I’d temper that, with the experience of being around here for 20 years, to know it’s awful hard to win here for any number of reasons.”

One of the biggest assets for a journalist, whether it’s on-air or in print, is to know he or she is never bigger than the event or story being covered. Twenty years in a sparsely populated region as the voice of the local university might elevate some to celebrity status, or up the level of their egos a notch.

Not Mike Reis. He is perfectly content just doing his job without much fanfare. “There is a feeling of importance, but if I was ego driven I wouldn’t be here,” Reis says. “What I do is important but it’s not critical to whether SIU wins or loses games.” ■

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Mike Reis visits with SIU basketball coach Bruce Weber during a postgame show.

Reis Has Made His Mark With SIU Broadcasters

Not only has Mike Reis been a part of the SIU scene for many years, but he also has served as a mentor of sorts to a legion of broadcasters with ties to the University. Since 1976, the “Voice of the Salukis” has helped over 30 individuals learn the ropes through employment at WCIL Radio/Zimmer Radio Group.

Most are still in touch with Reis, although he admits to losing contact with a few individuals. The following represent some of the “Salukis” he has worked with over the years, and what they are currently doing on the professional level:

Name (Years With Reis)	Last Year At SIU	Current Position/Location
John Alois (1997-98)	1998	Sportscaster/WREX-TV, Rockford, IL
Brian Baggett (1976-81)	1980	Marketing /Cook Portable Warehouses, Cobden, IL
Andy Burcham (1984-88)	1989	Sports Director/Tiger Communications, Auburn, AL
Cory Curtis (1991-94)	1993	Sports Director/WOLO-TV, Columbia, SC
Dave Crome (1985-87)	1989	Sports Anchor/KDAF-TV, Dallas, TX
Doug Dillard (1982-86)	1992	Personnel Manager/Modesit Trucking, Olney, IL
Bob Irzyk (1987-88)	1988	Sports Director/KDAF-TV, Dallas, TX
Dave Jecklin (1990-92)	1991	Sportscaster/West Virginia Radio Corp./Morgantown, WV
Mike Kelly (1983-84)	1984	Broadcast Operations, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
Sean Kelley (1999)	1998	Sportscaster/KFRU Radio, Columbia, MO
Clark Lance (1994-97)	1995	News Director/WTAX Radio, Springfield, IL
Ryan Lieber (1996-97)	1997	Sportscaster/WOLO-TV, Columbia, SC
Chuck Lofton (1976-78)	1979	Weatherman/WTHR-TV, Indianapolis, IN
Todd Manley (1981-83)	1985	Production Director/WGN Radio, Chicago, IL
Dan Manella (1987-90)	*	General Manager/WLUM-FM, Milwaukee, Wis. *(Manella did not attend SIUC, but is a friend of the university)
Chris McCloud (1998)	1998	Sportscaster/WJBC Radio, Bloomington, IL
Rob Morhaim (1978-80)	1980	VP First-Run Programming/Big Ticket TV, Los Angeles, CA
Mike Murphy (1998-Current)	1978	Sportscaster-Account Executive/Zimmer Radio, Carterville, IL
Gary Petersen (1979-80)	1980	General Manager/WKEI Radio, Kewanee, IL
Jim Spencer (1992-94)	1995	Sports Director/WSDR Radio, Sterling, IL
Greg Springer (1981-82)	1982	Sports Director/WFXW Radio, St. Charles, IL
Dave Stricklin (1982-84)	1983	Chief of Staff/ U. S. Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-NY
Mike Trude (1979-84)	1982	Marketing Director/SIU Athletics, Carbondale, IL
Kyle Wiggs (1989-90)	1990	Sportscaster, West Virginia Radio Corp., Morgantown, WV

The following SIU products worked with Reis between 1976-89, but he is uncertain of their current whereabouts:

Marty Bahamonde (1985-86)	1986	John Miller (1986-87)	1988
Jim Crouch (1977-78)	1979	Brad Rogers (1981-82)	1982
Jim D’Agostino (1988-89)	1990	David Schuster (1976-77)	1978
Bill Ezrin (1979-80)	1981	Joe Weintraub (1980-81)	1983
Randy McGuire (1983-84)	1985		

—compiled by Gene Green

Saluki Women's Basketball Nets Top Prep Player From Illinois

by Gene Green

For the second time in three years, the SIU women's basketball program has signed the reigning "Illinois Ms. Basketball" as one of its new recruits. Head coach Julie Beck's first recruit for the 1999-2000 season finished her high school career as the most heralded player in the state.

Molly McDowell, a 5-10 guard from Fillmore, Ill. (Nokomis High School), was crowned "Illinois Ms. Basketball" in voting announced by the *Chicago Tribune* this spring. The highly-recruited McDowell led Nokomis High School to the Illinois Class A State Championship the past two seasons and was the tournament MVP and a first-team all-stater. She scored 2,203 points during

her career, starring for Coach Maury Hough. Her career totals smashed the old school mark of 1,801 set by Stacy LaFeber.

McDowell also played softball and volleyball last season, leading her softball team to the 1998 regional title. The three-sport standout was widely recruited, but eventually selected the Salukis over Illinois State and Saint Louis University. McDowell will be joining current Saluki guard Courtney Smith (Carlyle, Ill.), who was "Illinois Ms. Basketball" for the 1996-97 prep season.

"In the last few seasons, we have been able to attract some top Illinois talent involved in state championship competition," Beck says. "Molly certainly continues that tradition. She has the complete game at the point guard position and can provide us with immediate offensive help from either guard spot.

"I also feel her outgoing personality is a natural fit with our players and staff, and her performance both in the classroom and on the court will be a vital part of our future success. We did not have a Molly McDowell last season, and when you do not have a quarterback, it is hard to stop teams like Colorado and Southwest Missouri State."

Other signees for the Salukis are:

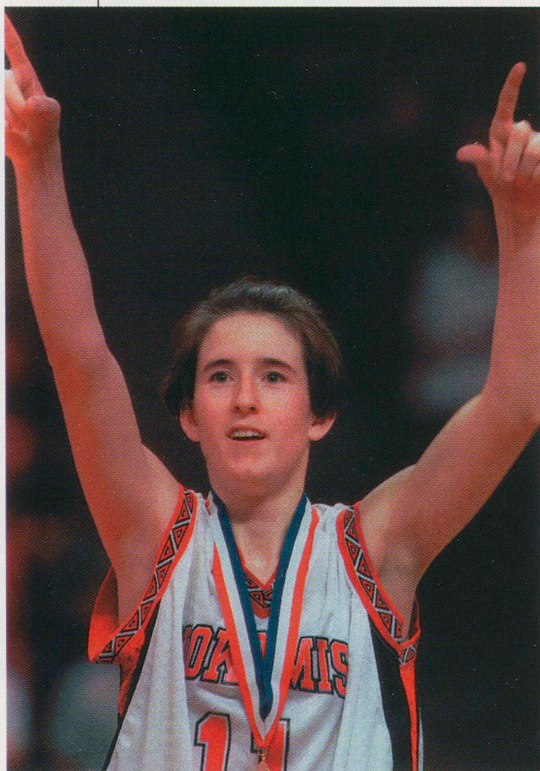
- **Katie Berwanger**, 6-0 forward, Lake Zurich, Ill. (Lake Zurich High School)—Berwanger averaged 9.7 points, 5.4 rebounds and 2.6 steals-per-game this season as a senior for the 31-2 Bears, who advanced to the super sectionals. Their season came to an end after losing

55-52 to Loyola. During her career at Lake Zurich, Berwanger's teams went a combined 64-0 in conference play and won four consecutive conference and regional titles. She is the third player from head coach Carl Krause's team this season to sign with a Division I team. An all-area and all-conference (Fox Valley) performer at Lake Zurich, Berwanger also excels in her studies. She is an honor student who has a 4.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) and will likely major in art design.

"Katie played with two Division I signees at Lake Zurich and was what we consider a sleeper," Beck says. "She comes from a traditionally strong basketball team, and it's great to get a Chicago-area player at SIU from such a strong high school, both academically and athletically."

- **LaToya Graves**, 5-11, forward, Memphis, Tenn. (Whitehaven High School)—Graves averaged double digits in both points and rebounds for the powerful Whitehaven High School squad. She earned all-district honors in basketball and is one of the top track and field athletes in the Memphis area as well. She won the pentathlon and 300-meter hurdles in the state meet, leading her squad to the state championship. Beck said Graves will have the option of also competing on the Saluki track and field team.

"LaToya comes from the same prep program that produced former Saluki star Angie Rougeau, and both were coached by Sarah Jo Smith," Beck says. "Smith is one of the premier coaches in that area, so you know LaToya will come



"Ms. Basketball"

Saluki recruit and 1999 "Illinois Ms. Basketball" Molly McDowell signals to the crowd following the state championship title game. Her Nokomis team defeated Carrolton 45-40 in overtime for the crown. McDowell is expected to provide immediate offense to the Saluki lineup this season. Photo taken by Kelly J. Huff of the Decatur Herald & Review.

to us from a solid program. Her athleticism is outstanding, and her frame and style of play is easily comparable to former standout Rocky Ransom.

"Her natural quickness has made her a top track athlete as well, as her times in the 300-meter hurdles would presently be on par to win the Missouri Valley Conference title in that event. All of this certainly illustrates what a talented natural athlete she is."

• **Lynn Morancie**, 5-6, point guard, Houston, Texas (Stephen F. Austin High School)—Morancie was a first-team all-conference and second-team all-district pick for Coach David Wheat's squad. As a senior, Morancie averaged 10 points, five assists and three rebounds-per-game.

"We feel that we really got a steal at the point guard position in signing Lynn," Beck says. "She is a quick pene-

trating guard and is a confident ball handler and passer. She loves the defensive end of the court and will also be able to guide us in the full court offensively. The Houston area has many of the state's premier women's basketball players, and we are fortunate to establish some recruiting ties in that area."

As of press time, Beck still had two scholarships to give and hopes to fill the roster spots late this spring. ■

A Saluki Flavor at the Final Four

by Fred Huff
Sports Information Director

If you have ever been excited by hearing hundreds of Saluki fans chanting S-I-U, S-I-U, S-I-U at a sporting event, you probably would understand the electrifying treat we experienced at this year's NCAA Final Four. Thousands of Connecticut fans jammed into St. Petersburg's Tropicana Field chanting U-C-O-N-N, U-Conn, U-Conn, U-Conn. The Huskies' fans dominated the overall crowd of 42,000.

Connecticut fans were rewarded with the most prized title in intercollegiate athletics—the NCAA Division I basketball championship. But UConn's upset victory over Duke was not the absolute highlight of a week-long trip south for us. Instead, visiting former Salukis and meeting new friends with SIU connections definitely topped the Huskies' success story.

In the media workroom, we bumped into SIU graduate **Greg Hardwig '89** frequently. Hardwig, a former SIU beat writer for the *Southern Illinoisan* and now a staff member with the *Naples (Fla.) News*, is thriving in the sunny South and looking forward to someday moving to a larger market in the Tampa-St. Petersburg area.

When **Lee Feinswog '77**, sports director at WJBO in Baton Rouge, La., tapped us on the shoulder, it was a definite surprise. We first met when the Salukis played Duke in the 1993 NCAA Midwest Regional in Chicago. Feinswog is a former

sports writer for the *Daily Egyptian* and still carries a piece he once did on SIU's one-of-a-kind mascot, the Saluki.

A new friendship was created when **Dave Wirth '80**, sports anchor and reporter at WTSP-TV in Tampa Bay, was introduced. Another talented product of the university's Communications School, Wirth is definitely one of the classiest at his profession in the Tampa area.

We also renewed a relationship of 32 years with **Jerry Izenberg** of the *Newark Star-Ledger*. It is a frequently told story, but worthy of repeating. In 1967 when the late Jack Hartman was directing the Walt Frazier-led Salukis to the NIT championship in New York City, Izenberg wrote:

*"Princeton has its Tiger;
B.C. has its Eagle.
Rutgers is the Queensmen,
a title truly regal.
But from frigid New York City to
Kentucky's old Paduchee,
There's just one burning question—
what the hell is a Saluki?"*

Sure enough, a check of over 700 media members at this year's Final Four showed that Izenberg was in attendance. Therefore, it was as simple as checking his seat assignment, tapping him on the shoulder, re-introducing myself and finishing with "... from Southern Illinois." Izenberg turned, gave me a quick glance, and said, without missing a beat, "Tell me, what the hell is a Saluki?"

Two days earlier, with Ohio State and Michigan State still in the Final Four field, had been somewhat of an old home week with sports information types. Ohio State sports information director **Gerry Emig** had spent the first four years of his professional career in our office at Lingle Hall in the early 1980s. After making a couple of stops along the way, Emig is now entrenched as Ohio State's No. 1 man. His backup is SIU journalism school grad **Dan Wallenberg '89**, another former worker in our operation, who has made it to Ohio State after stops at Western Kentucky and Kansas State.

Other former SIU sports information assistants in attendance included Missouri Valley Conference associate commissioner **Joe Mitch**, our helper in the late 1960s and early 1970s, and **Gil Swalls**, now associate director and SID at the University of Tampa. **B.J. Sohn '89**, another SIU graduate and Saluki sports information student worker, was also in attendance. The University of Michigan's basketball SID for four years, Sohn has joined a publishing firm in his hometown of Champaign.

While lodging at the St. Petersburg Hilton Towers, we bumped into several athletic directors with SIU ties. Among them were **Jim Jarrett**, one of SIU's all-time tennis greats in the mid-to-late 1950s, and **Jim Livengood**, who headed up SIU's athletics program in the mid-1980s. Jarrett for many years has been AD at Old Dominion, and Livengood, who moved to SIU from Washington

State before returning to Pullman in 1987, has been the number one administrator at Arizona since 1994.

Former Saluki basketball assistants **Rob Spivery** (Joe Gottfried, 1979-81), **Bobby McCollum** (Rich Herrin, 1987-89) and **Ron Smith** (Rich Herrin, 1986-1995) were attendees at the coaches' social on the Final Four's off night.

Spivery, who has had several stops since leaving Carbondale, is now at Alabama State (Montgomery) where his Hornets enjoyed a solid season in his third year. McCollum, of course, left SIU for Kansas State and is now an assistant at the University of Illinois. Smith, who came to SIU with Herrin in 1985, left in the mid-1990s to accept a position at Alton High School. He is back in the MVC at Northern Iowa, assisting head coach Sam Weaver, another former Saluki assistant coach.

HEAR THOSE DAWGS

Saluki football games can be heard over the Internet at www.siu.edu/godawgs/football

Saluki basketball games can be heard at www.siu.edu/godawgs/mbball or www.siu.edu/godawgs/wball

Another unusual conversation was with former Saluki fan deluxe **Lawrence Baker**. An August 1969 graduate of SIU, Baker has been at Lane Tech in Chicago for the past 11 years as a disciplinarian. A board of education member for 30 years, Baker's feelings for SIU are still extremely strong.

"I'll never forget some of the exciting times I had at SIU, watching the Saluki football and basketball teams," Baker said. "Perhaps the best ever was our football win over Tulsa in 1967. I'll never forget

the game or that day. It was the greatest."

And, sure enough, Baker could remember all the keys—Ralph Galloway's three field goals, John Quillen's three pass interceptions, Charley Pemberton's touchdown run and Carl Mauck's all-around superb play. Baker also spoke of his close friend at SIU, **Jim Eisenhower '69**, now of Belleville. And lo and behold, we heard from Eisenhower three days after returning to campus. He wrote:

"I have a six-inch piece of the goal post (which students tore down following the Tulsa game). My roommate was a freshman football player and would clean up McAndrew after the home games. He brought a section back to the dorm, and I remember cutting it up before we went home for Thanksgiving break. The thing that I remember most about that game was, while 15,500 paid to get in, the crowd kept growing as the game progressed. At the end, there had to be 25,000-30,000 fans in McAndrew. I have never seen a larger crowd at SIU, and I saw both playoff games in 1983."

There is really no end to the stories, but current Salukis' sports activities deserve mention, too, and we'll review the past school year and preview the 1999-2000 year in athletics in the next *Southern Alumni* publication. ■

Slam Dunk Saluki...

Monte Jenkins provided a thrill for Saluki fans nationwide on March 25 by finishing second out of eight competitors in the Final Four slam dunk contest. He finished just two hundredths of a point behind Gary Durant of Florida Atlantic University. Jenkins was drafted by the Gulf Coast SunDogs in the sixth round of the United States Basketball League draft in April.



Spring Break At Work

by Marianne Lawrence

Spring Break is usually a time when students find something relaxing to do — like going to the beach or hanging out with friends. But this spring 190 SIU undergraduates decided to roll up their sleeves and go to work.

From the Virgin Islands, to San Francisco and back to the lights on Broadway, these students spent their breaks garnering hands-on experience in their chosen fields. The award-winning Extern Program, administered by the SIU Alumni Association in cooperation with the Student Alumni Council and SIU colleges and schools, matches juniors and seniors with SIU alumni and friends in professional settings.

The students' excitement wasn't so much about what they had actually learned in those five days, but rather about what they had experienced.

"It was a huge confidence builder," said Sharon Svec, a visual communication student in the College of Liberal Arts. Her externship at Primo Angeli Inc., a prominent commercial design studio in San Francisco, helped Svec connect her course work at SIU to the real world. "The experience made me more confident about what I'm learning in school. I was able to compare what is in my portfolio with what the designers there were doing every day and I see that what I'm doing compares."

Royce McConnell pictured in front of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.



Sharon Svec (far left) pictured with Primo Angeli (second from left) and other interns and staff at Angeli's commercial design studio.

Svec could identify with her sponsor, agency owner and West Frankfort, Ill. native Primo Angeli '57, M.S.'59. He understood her apprehension as someone from a rural area experiencing a big city for the first time. But by the week's end, Svec, who lives in the tiny town of Ava, Ill., just north of Carbondale, had conquered the big city.

Three thousand miles away, in North Carolina, Royce McConnell was learning everything there is to know about the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. A forestry student in the College of Agriculture, McConnell's externship assignment was to educate tourists and local residents about a two-year, \$12 million project to move the 1870 lighthouse to safer ground. This meant that McConnell had to absorb numerous facts and details about the lighthouse and its move. In the process, he learned a lot more than facts about the lighthouse. "I learned that I definitely want to explore the interpretive side of the forest ranger occupation. I like working with people, I like history, and I love lighthouses."

Although McConnell's sponsor, Andrew Kling, is not an SIU alumnus, he is sold on the extern program. "Having Roy here for a week allowed us to experiment with some different approaches on how we use our volunteers. There was nothing Roy was not willing to try," Kling said. "We learned from him, and hopefully, he learned a little from us."

Ryan Hammer and his sponsor, SIU graduate Pieter Schmidt '81, J.D. '88, traveled to St. Louis for legal depositions during Hammer's week at Feirich, Mager, Green, and Ryan attorneys in Carbondale. "It was a good experience just to be around working lawyers and get the practical experience, instead of just theory," said Hammer, a finance major in the College of Business and Administration. Schmidt, who agreed that the week was a good learning experience for Hammer, said he would be glad to accept another extern next spring. ■

Admissions Staff Hires Alumni Volunteer Coordinator



The admissions office has hired SIU graduate Becky Burns to coordinate alumni volunteer efforts in support of the university's student recruitment efforts.

Burns, who earned her degree in administration of justice, has been with the university for eight years. She plans to enlist alumni support by visiting alumni chapters and club members, attending alumni association events and publishing a volunteer newsletter.

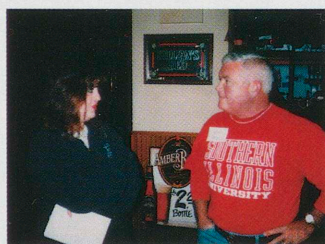
"Alumni are great assets to the recruitment effort," Burns says. "SIU has alumni throughout the United States who support the university with words of kindness. These words enhance the prospective student's view of SIU and continue to increase our enrollment numbers."

Over 450 alumni have offered their assistance. Burns says some alumni are apprehensive because they do not know all of the current university facts. But alumni can assist students in other ways.

"Alumni can help by telling prospective students about their experiences at SIU and their careers," Burns says. "Their perspective is more meaningful than those of us who are paid to represent the university."

Updates of the program's efforts will be published in *Southern Alumni*. Burns invites alumni who are interested in volunteering, or have any ideas regarding admissions activities, to contact her at (618) 536-4404 or via e-mail at burns@siu.edu.

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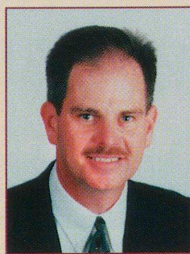
Thirty-three alumni and guests gathered to watch the SIU-Illinois State basketball game on February 7 at Halftime Sports Bar in Naperville, Ill. The DuPage/Will County Alumni Chapter hosted the basketball party. Pictured above is Lynette Klingbeil visiting with Paul Conti.

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Windy City Salukis

Seventeen alumni and guests attended a basketball party hosted by the Windy City Saluki Club



Gene Green Named Editor of *Southern Alumni Magazine*

Gene Green recently joined Alumni Services and the SIU Alumni Association as editor of alumni publications within the SIU Alumni Association.

His primary responsibility will be as editor of *Southern Alumni* magazine. Green replaces Maureen Manier, who left SIU for a position at Butler University.

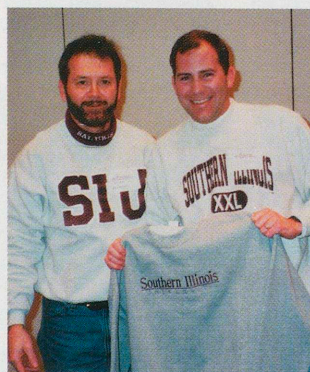
A 1975 SIU graduate and a native of Marion, Ill., Green joins the Alumni Association staff after a nine-year stint with the university's Intercollegiate Athletics Department. He joined Saluki Athletics in 1990 as assistant director of sports information, serving as a publications editor. Green produced brochures and media guides for the university's athletic teams, and served as the primary contact for Saluki baseball. In 1996, he was promoted to director of sports information. In that capacity, he supervised all publications, releases and special projects for women's athletics, and continued to supervise media relations for Saluki baseball.

Green brings additional experience gleaned from media relations and editorial roles at the University of Missouri-Rolla from 1979 to 1989. While serving as the senior information specialist, Green served as a contributing writer for the university's alumni publication and edited various publications and department newsletters. He also worked as a sports editor at the *Southeast Missourian* and the *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican Register*.

"I'm certainly excited about the opportunity offered to me at the SIU Alumni Association, and I look forward to the challenges ahead," Green says. "As a graduate of SIU, it is an honor for me to serve as editor of the *Southern Alumni* magazine."

Green and his wife Pam, also a 1975 SIUC graduate, have two children and live near Murphysboro, Ill.

on February 7 at the Cubby Bear Lounge in Chicago. The group gathered to watch the SIU-Illinois State basketball game on television. Enjoying the festivities are (seated left to right) Chris Gilligan, Fran Michl and Elgin Watson and (standing left to right) Steve Warnelis, President of the Chicago Alumni Chapter, and Mike O'Day.



Peoria

The Peoria, Ill. Tri-County Chapter hosted 44 alumni and guests at a reception prior to the SIU-Bradley basketball game in February. Ken Blum (right) receives a sweatshirt from Chapter President Mike Munge (left) during the event.

Rabid Saluki Fans Create Basketball Shrine

by Marianne Lawrence

John Hawkins set the VCR to record SIU's upcoming basketball game against the Bradley Braves in Peoria, knowing that his evening meeting would interfere with the Salukis' 7 p.m. tip-off. His wife Ruth Ann, however, would be home to cheer for the Dawgs in their final game of the season—a season that never lasts long enough for her.

In case you haven't guessed, John and Ruth Ann Hawkins, both SIU alumni and life members of the association, are rabid Saluki basketball fans. Their devotion began when they started watching a friend's son play for SIU in 1988. Rick Shipley had an outstanding career with the Salukis and also made the Hawkins fans for life. Rick's father, Dick Shipley, had officiated at the Hawkins' marriage 31 years ago.

Most home games find the DuQuoin, Ill., couple in their seats at the SIU Arena in the section just above the pep band. "It's kind of noisy there," John explains, "and sometimes you can't even hear the announcer above the music." Ruth Ann chimes in, "We wouldn't want to sit anywhere else. Those seats are home for us. We are surrounded by friends and other people we know." Besides, that noise reminds them of the days when they both played in their high school bands. The couple met while attending community college in Centralia, Ill.

"We just love the basketball games," exclaims Ruth Ann, whose face lights up when she talks about the Salukis—almost as much as when she mentions her daughter Andrea. The DuQuoin High School sophomore sometimes attends games with her parents and shares their exuberance.

"Andrea was raised on the Salukis," says Ruth Ann, who remembers when a much younger Andrea would occasionally have to be reminded to be quiet while the family listened to road games on the radio. Therefore, Andrea was understanding of her parents' dilemma on the February weekend the Salukis would play their first game in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament in St. Louis, and she was scheduled to compete in a regional math contest at an Illinois community college.

As the couple's interest in the basketball team grew, the Hawkins transformed the family room in their home 20 miles north of the campus into somewhat of a Saluki shrine full of memorabilia, pictures and original creations. John's woodworking talents turned the snack bar into a detailed replica of the new basketball floor at the Arena. Then he incorporated basketballs into the legs of the bar stools to complete the décor.

This room, now filled with Saluki basketball lore, invites you to linger, as you would in a museum. Banners and team

Ruth Ann Hawkins holds one of the autographed game balls prized by the couple. Her husband John and a friend created the top of the bar, a replication of the Arena's basketball floor.





John and Ruth Ann Hawkins relax in their family room full of Saluki basketball mementos. The season ticket holders support the Dawgs, win or lose.

posters line the walls, a life-size stuffed "dawg" in a Saluki T-shirt sits in one corner, a cheerleader's outfit decorated with commemorative pins and an autographed game ball hang near the bar. Ruth Ann won that game ball in a free throw competition at the Arena in 1989.

A focal point of the room is a large action photo John took during a National Invitational Tournament game between SIU and Stanford. Some of the couple's fondest memories are of watching the Salukis compete in postseason games, especially during the "glory years" when the "Dawgs" were capturing Missouri Valley Conference titles and making it into the NCAA and NIT tournaments. "I am looking forward to it again," says John confidently.

The Hawkins agree that longtime coach Rich Herrin brought the team through some exciting years, and they like what they see in the new coach, Bruce Weber. "It's the boys who have brought the thrills," says John. "Their heart and effort is what makes it exciting."

John earned his bachelor's degree in education in 1970, a master's in 1980 and an advanced degree in educational administration in 1994. Assistant superintendent of Jackson and Perry County Schools since 1981, he spent 11 years teaching fourth and sixth graders before becoming a principal. Although retired from a photography business he once ran on the side, John occasionally will shoot a photo from his seat at the Arena.

Ruth Ann, a 1971 graduate, has been a teacher for 28 years in the DuQuoin school system. She taught kindergarten, first and second grades before retiring from the traditional classroom. After taking additional training, she has spent the last five years as a reading recovery teacher, specializing in first graders at risk.

Since they left SIU as students, the Hawkins have raised a family, developed successful careers and community interests, and yet have never left behind the campus and university they love. ■

Black Alumni Group Reunion Schedule

Thursday, July 15 - Sunday, July 18

THURSDAY, JULY 15

10 a.m. - Noon

Registration
Student Center
Old Main Lounge

1 - 3 p.m.

Black American Studies
Institute I Introduction
Dr. Joseph Brown
Video Lounge (4th Floor)

3 - 5 p.m.

Black American Studies
Institute II
Video Lounge (4th Floor)

3 - 5 p.m.

African Market (Ballroom C)

5 p.m.

Chancellor's Reception
Gallery Lounge

7 - 11 p.m.

Registration, Mixer &
Splash Party
Holiday Inn

8 p.m.

Bid Whist Tournament Begins

FRIDAY, JULY 16

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Child care
(small fee)

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

New Student Admissions
information table applica-
tions, financial aid, scholar-
ships, upcoming events for
prospective students

10 a.m. - Noon

Black American Studies
Institute III (4th Floor)

Noon, 1 and 2 p.m.

Campus Tours (front of
Student Center)

1 - 4 p.m.

Open Houses at Academic
Departments

1 - 3 p.m.

Future Awareness Experience
for teens and pre-teens (Big
Muddy Room)

2 - 10 p.m.

African Market/
Information on SIUC
Student Center - Ballroom C

4 - 5 p.m.

SIUC Reception with Deans,

Administrators, and Directors
Student Center - Gallery
Lounge

8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Child care
(small fee)

8 - 9:30 p.m.

"What Goes Around....."
(A dramatic comedy that
chronicles the Ups, Downs
and Go 'Rounds of Black
Folks at SIUC)

Written by Brenda Major
Student Center - Ballroom D

10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Bowl-O-Rama and Dance
Egyptian Sports Center

SATURDAY, JULY 17

1 - 5 p.m. Child care (small fee)

7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Golf - Hickory Ridge (pay
upon arrival)

8 a.m. - Noon

Tennis Tournament

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Lunch served at 1 p.m.)

Picnic and African
Open Market
Turley Park (rain location
Eurma C. Hayes Center)

8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Child care
(small fee)

7 - 9 p.m.

Banquet featuring
Dr. Crystal Kuykendall
Attorney, Author, Educator,
President & Founder of
K.I.R.K. Inc.,
Human Relations Expert
Student Center - Ballroom D
(You must pre-register by June
25 to attend the banquet)

10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

After-Set and Bowl-O-Rama
Egyptian Sports Center

SUNDAY, JULY 18

10 a.m. - Noon

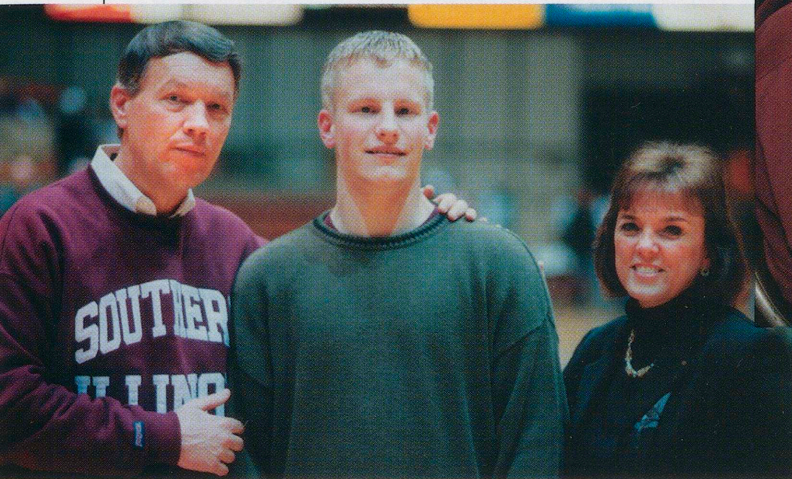
Brunch and Business Meeting
(Election at 11:00 a.m.)
Student Center, Ballroom D

**To register for the reunion
or for more information,
call Jenna Smith at
(618) 453-2408.**

Alumni Member Appreciation Basketball Games

The SIU Alumni Association hosted its 9th annual Alumni Member Appreciation men's and women's basketball games in February. Game tickets were distributed to 681 alumni members and guests, contributing to the largest fan attendance at a Saluki game in four years.

The Alumni Association and Jackson County Chapter hosted 371 alumni members and guests at a Chili Supper on the south concourse of the SIU Arena, between the Saluki women's and men's games. Pictured at right are: James Rossiter, Judith Rossiter, Jon Shidler, Lynn Shidler, Karen Oon Gallegly and Robert Gallegly.



Chris Walker of Anna was the winner of a tuition and fees scholarship covering nearly \$2,000 for the fall semester. The Alumni Association conducted a drawing for the award. Ed Buerger, executive director, and Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger congratulate Walker.

SIU Alumni Association Seeks Award Nominations

The SIU Alumni Association presents an Alumni Achievement Award for Service each year at its Board of Directors Homecoming luncheon. This award is given for outstanding service to the association and, therefore, the university. Nominees may be graduates, former students, or friends of SIU who have demonstrated their commitment to alumni by their service. Neither the current president nor current board members may receive the recognition while serving on the board.

A five-member committee studies the information given for all nominations and selects the recipient. Names remain in the active file for five years.

Association members are asked to submit names with resumes and background material of those whom they feel qualify for this honor. Send the material to SIU Alumni Association, c/o Nadine Lucas, Colyer Hall, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901-6809. ■



Phil and Mary Beers of Springfield were among those attending the Association's Chili Supper.

Wesley Foundation Alumni Sought

The United Methodist Student Center/Wesley Foundation at SIU is searching for individuals who used to participate in the ministry's programs and services during their time at the university. Alumni will receive invitations to special events such as homecoming and news about current activities at the Foundation.

SIU Wesley Foundation alumni are encouraged to send current address information to the Foundation, 816 S. Illinois Ave., Carbondale, IL 62901, or call (618) 457-8165. Address updates also may be e-mailed to umwesley@siu.edu. ■

1920s

Frank B. Allen '29 is a recipient of a 1998 Elmhurst College Founders Medal. An Elmhurst faculty member from 1968-1974, Allen chaired both the Division of Natural Science and Mathematics and the Department of Mathematics. The Frank B. Allen Scholarship was established in his honor in 1991 to help a senior mathematics major who plans to become a teacher. He is a past president of Mu Alpha Theta, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Men's Mathematics Club of Chicago. Allen received a Distinguished Service Award from the Metropolitan Mathematics Club of Chicago in 1988, and the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics honored him with the Max Beberman Award for leadership and excellence in teaching mathematics education in 1987 and the Distinguished Life Member Award in 1969. Allen, who received the Founders Medal notification on his 89th birthday, resides in Elmhurst, Ill. with his wife Eleanor.

1930s

Harry C. Wilson Jr. '35 died February 14, 1999, in Springfield, Ill., at the age of 85. He was a retired engineer with Central Illinois Public Service Co. (CIPS) in Marion and Springfield.

Frances Shepard Cavin '39 returned to the SIU campus in October of 1998 for the first time in 30 years. She says, "I couldn't believe what the school has done in growth... I saw nothing that I recognized." She attended SIU in 1937-39 and then transferred to Illinois State Normal to



study to become a kindergarten teacher since SIU did not offer the courses at the time. "Of course the year I transferred, Southern put it in their program but State would not refund my tuition so I couldn't return." She received her degree and taught in Long Beach, Calif., before quitting to raise her children. After they were grown, she taught as a substitute teacher for 28 years. She was married to Robert Cavin, who attended SIU and is now deceased.

1940s

E. Lendell Cockrum '42 and wife **Irma Schutte Cockrum '43** live in Tucson, Ariz., and have raised two sons who both have careers in academics. Lendell retired as professor emeritus in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology after 33 years at the University of Arizona. Since retiring he has published three books for the general public and continues to be consulting editor for *Encyclopedia Americana*.

1950s

Donald Adcock '56, M.S.Ed. '64, coordinator of the National Library Power Program since 1996 and coordinator for the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) from 1989-1996, retired in August of

Four SIU alumni have received awards from the Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). **Jane Hodgkinson M.S. '74**, Western DuPage special recreation association director, received the Robert Artz Award, given to an individual who has "had lasting value and created an awareness of the importance of parks and recreation among their colleagues and their community." Hodgkinson, the first woman to receive the award since its creation in 1979, is a founding board member of the Illinois Special Olympics. She resides in Wheaton with husband Pat Cleary and two sons. **George Whitehead '75, M.S. '82**, former director of the Carbondale Park District, received the President's Award for his service to the state, the profession and public recreation in southern Illinois. **Val Kozuch '96**, program coordinator for Western DuPage Special Recreation Association, received the Young Professional Award from the Illinois Therapeutic Recreation Society, and **Michael Benard '91**, superintendent of recreation for Park District of LaGrange, received the President's Award for Outstanding Committee Work.

1998. Prior to joining ALA/AASL in 1989, he was director of library services in Glen Ellyn for 26 years and also served as an adjunct professor at the National College of Education. He began his career in education in 1956 as a teacher of English and mathematics and part-time librarian.

1960s

James E. Hazen '61 drives for J.B. Hunt in a radius of 500 miles around Chicago, which is his home terminal. He resides in Gibson City, Ill. Son **David C. Hazen '92** lives in Carbondale and drives a truck for a firm in Murphysboro.

Carol McDowell Frederick '62 returned recently from Tirana, Albania, where she served as trainer for the International Republican Institute, a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing democracy worldwide. Frederick was selected because of her expertise in the legislative process. She has worked in public affairs for more than 20 years and has managed her own consulting firm since 1982. She monitors and lob-

bies bills introduced in the Illinois legislature.

Lois Stalorites Malone '63 and husband William are director/owners of Malone Day Care and Malone Child Care in Carterville, Ill. The day care center will celebrate its 30th anniversary of service



this year. In 1980 the child care facility was opened. The couple's

hobby is travel and they recently went to Kazakstan to work in Taraz at the country's only privately run school, where they trained the teachers and taught.

Arthur Aikman Ph.D. '65 is a member of the board of trustees for the State University Retirement System (SURS). He is chairman of the legislative committee.

Philip M. Pfeffer '65, M.A. '66 was elected CEO and a director of Borders Group, Ann Arbor, Mich., a leading global retailer of books, music. Prior to the appointment, Pfeffer was president and CEO of Random House. He completed postgraduate work at Vanderbilt University as a

National Science Foundation Fellow, and holds an honorary doctor of humane letters from SIU. Since 1981 he has served on the faculty of the Stanford Professional Publishing Course at Stanford University. *Publishers Weekly* recently named Pfeffer as one of the men and women most influential in the development of the American book business during the past century and a quarter. He has been married to Pamela Korte Pfeffer for 33 years and they have three children.

Fred Blank '66, M.S. '68 received Ripon College's May Bumby Severy Award for excellence in teaching. His specialty is resource and environmental economics and he has taught at the University of Wyoming and at the University of Papua, New Guinea.

Jean Ellen Reynolds '66, M.S.Ed. '70, Ph.D. '78 was selected by the Carterville, Ill. Chamber of Commerce as 1999 recipient of the Frank Samuel Jr. Community Service Award, given to a resident who displays leadership, spirit, devoted service and ideas to improve the community. Reynolds taught in the Carterville school district for 27 years before retiring in 1993. She was first a third-grade teacher for 13 years and was principal at Crainville and Carterville grade schools. She often operated behind the scenes giving needy students money and clothing. She is a trustee at her church where she plays the organ.

Beverly Byers-Pevitts M.A. '67, Ph.D. '80 has been appointed interim president of Texas Woman's University. Formerly dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts at the University of Northern Iowa-Cedar Falls, Byers-Pevitts was named vice president for



academic affairs at TWU in 1995. She is also a professor of communications studies and theater. She was founding president of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education and president of the University and College Theatre Association.

Jean Marie Nebel '67 married Oliver Dee Joseph in August 1998 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in East St. Louis. She is a dental hygienist in Belleville, where her husband owns a car dealership. They reside in Fairview Heights, Ill.

Foster Gilman Beamsley III '68 is an artist residing in Genoa, Ill. He has had solo and group exhibitions throughout Illinois and is known for his paintings of Midwest buildings. He also works as a manufacturing associate and in agriculture communications.

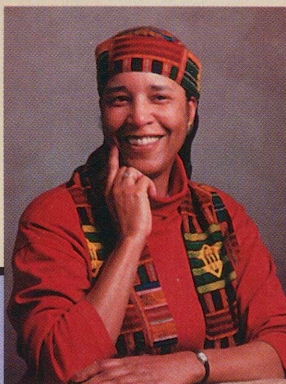
Don Harper '68 retired from Pharmacia & Upjohn, Kalamazoo, Mich., in May 1998 after 18 years in cancer research. He was granted two patents in that area including one as co-inventor in December 1998. Wife **Chris Colemn Harper '68** is office manager of Kuipers Insurance in Kalamazoo.

Larry L. Kite '68 has been admitted as an associate partner in Andersen Consulting, Chicago, where he works in the company's government industry practice. He helps state governments and business organizations in strategic planning, tax operations, and economic and workforce development. Kite resides in Wheaton with wife Anita. They have five children.

Billie J. Moore M.S.Ed. '68, one of the most successful coaches in the history of women's intercollegiate basketball, received an honorary doctor of humane letter degree from Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., this spring. She is a resident of Fullerton, Calif., and holds the honor of coaching the first U.S. Olympic women's basketball team to a silver medal in 1976. Moore coached at UCLA for 16 seasons, leading the school to nine conference championships, eight top 10 finishes and two national titles.

Robert H. Harkins '69 has been promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the Colorado Air National Guard. He began his Air Force career in 1969 and flew 120 combat missions over South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. He joined the Colorado National Guard in 1981. In civilian life he is a business development manager for Lockheed Martin Astronautics in Denver. He and wife Patricia live in Littleton, Colo.

Patricia Harvey-Holmes '69, M.S. '74 presents a historical and contemporary overview in a book titled, *"Broadcasting in Sierra Leone."* Holmes also explores the potential effects of the present civil unrest on the broadcasting industry in Sierra Leone, which was the first African nation to introduce electronic broadcasting. She is assistant professor of communications at the University of Southwestern Louisiana.



1970s

Glen Bower '70 will serve in Illinois Gov. George Ryan's cabinet as director of the Department of Revenue. Bower, of Effingham, Ill., previously served as assistant to the secretary of state, chair of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board and assistant director and general counsel for the Department of Revenue.

Ilna McGuiness '71 has been appointed to the position of dean of freshmen at Loyola College in Baltimore. A member of the writing and media faculty at Loyola since 1986 and current director of the college's honors program, she was last year's Distinguished Teacher of the Year at Loyola and has developed a national reputation for service learning. She earned a Ph.D. in English at the University of Iowa and holds a master's degree from Iowa State University.

Ildasio Tavares M.A. '71 taught Portuguese literature at Federal University of Bahia, Brazil, after receiving her SIU degree. She is now retired as full professor after 42 years of teaching. She has published 10 books of poetry, two novels and two books of essays, one on the art of translating. She has also written, performed and directed several plays including a lyric drama for an opera titled "Lidia de Oxum," which was the first Brazilian Black Opera.

Webster Grove, Mo. Chamber of Commerce has named **Thomas J. Finan IV '74** president of Finan Publishing Co., Inc., Citizen of the Year. Finan's commitment to community service spans 15 years and includes recognition as a 1998 YMCA of Greater St. Louis' Adult Volunteer of the Year which is awarded to 19 citizens throughout the metropolitan St. Louis area. He



David E. Kennedy '78, executive director of the Consulting Engineers Council of Illinois (CECI), received the Illinois Society of Association Executives' 1998 Distinguished Member Award, which is given for outstanding leadership and

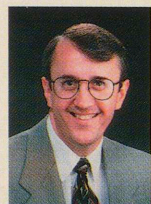
donates approximately 200 hours a year to the YMCA and is also a major donor to the Partner with Youth campaign.

Guy M. Zajonc '74 graduated from law school at Gonzaga University in 1977. As secretary-treasurer of Cape Verde Explorations, Ltd., for the past two years, he worked with National Geographic to coordinate an expedition to the mid-Atlantic using the Akademik Mstislav Keldysh and its twin submersibles, the Mirs, to conduct the deepest manned survey of a shipwreck in history. He was one of 10 Americans making a dive to the site of a World War II Japanese submarine, which was more than a mile deeper than Titanic. The expedition will be the subject of a *National Geographic*/NBC TV special in September 1999 and will be a feature story in the October issue of the magazine.

Gloria D. Bates-Cole '75 is a special needs teacher for the Springfield, Ill., School District and resides in Decatur. In August of 1998 she received The Talented Tenth Award



named in honor of the late Dr. W.E. DuBois for individuals using their talents to help elevate others. The award is sponsored by The Anna Waters Educational Scholarship Committee and College Futures of Richland Community College in Decatur.



achievement in association management. He has served as executive director since 1986 and resides in Springfield, Ill.

K. Ann Sondag '78, M.A. '81, Ph.D. '87 is a winner in the 1998 Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching U.S. Professors of the Year program. The program salutes outstanding undergraduate instructors in the country. Sondag is an associate professor of health and human performance at the University of Montana-Missoula.

Cem M. Basman '78 is an assistant professor in the Department of Forestry at SIU. He is the current president of the National Association for Interpretation, an international professional association

representing 3,500 naturalists, historians, educators and park managers.

1980s

Anthony Warnelis '80, '81 works with Market USA in Des Plaines, Ill., and recently was promoted to shift coordinator at the corporate teleservices facility. He is president of the Windy City Salukis Alumni Association Chapter in Chicago and is also a member of the Chicagoland advisory board and chair of the Alumni Services Committee. He reports that his father passed away in October 1998.

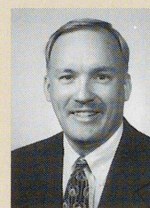
Rick Zabel '81 has recently written a travel article on Key West, Fla., that will appear in a newsletter he writes for in Cincinnati. He is currently working on his second novel, inspired by the Little Egypt coal mining region. An excerpt from his first novel, "Pluto's Garden," will appear in an anthology titled "Years of Rage: 1960s" which is due to be published in December 1999 by Pig Iron Press.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. **Martin R. Hirschowitz '82** retired from active duty after 27 years of service. He most recently

served at Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn.

Irene Weibel '82 joined WGBH Boston as vice president for national sponsorship last November. She oversees national corporate sponsorship, client services and marketing division. Previously she worked at KCET Hollywood where she was director of program marketing, responsible for both local and national fund-raising and corporate sponsorship since 1993.

Rich Dwyer '84, vice president of sales and marketing for Kent Feeds, Inc., has been

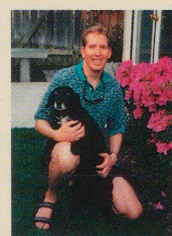


appointed to the Evergreen Mills, Inc., board of directors (a subsidiary of Kent Feeds, Inc.). A native

of Atkinson, Ill., Dwyer joined Kent Feeds in 1984.

Linda Hubbard Ph.D. '84 has been named chair of the Department of Education at Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C. For 19 years Hubbard served as a principal in the Durham, N.C., Public School System. She received her undergraduate and master's degrees from North Carolina Central University.

Gregory Minarik '84 is an aviation safety inspector/program manager for the Federal Aviation Administration in



Fresno, Calif. Following graduation at SIU, he moved to Los Angeles to work for

the U.S. Department of Defense in the aircraft and aerospace industry, including the Space Shuttle Program (NASA). He is currently a member of the California Air

SIU Alumni Board Member H. Douglas Mougey Dies



H. Douglas Mougey, who was to become the president of the SIU Alumni Association's national board of directors on July 1, died April 29. Mougey had served on the board of directors since 1992. He was 54.

Mougey came to SIU on an athletic scholarship in 1963. A three-year letterwinner on the Saluki football team, he earned two degrees from SIU. Mougey received a bachelor's in sociology in 1967, and a master's in community health administration in 1968. After leaving Southern, he earned a doctorate in dental surgery from Ohio State University in 1972. He subsequently went on to practice dentistry in Scottsdale, Ariz.

A member of several professional affiliations, Mougey passed dental boards in 23 states and had licenses to practice in Arizona and Ohio.

Mougey is survived by his five children.



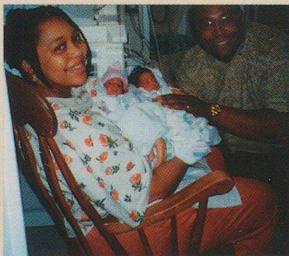
The Recreation Alumni and Friends Award Banquet was held April 15 in Wheaton. William McKinney '71 (left) was the recipient of the 1999 Recreation Alumni of the Year award. Greg Meyer, last year's winner, presents McKinney with a print of Old Main. McKinney heads the department of Leisure Studies at the University of Illinois.

National Guard assigned to the F-16 fighter aircraft unit, part of the 144th Fighter Interceptor Wing located in Fresno.

Douglas Kinley '85 is an executive director for Illinois Small Business Growth in Springfield, Ill. His wife, Dana, is a principal for the Springfield School District.

Pamella Parrish '85 was promoted to senior deputy probation officer with the Ventura County Probation Agency. She is serving her second term as a vice president for the south region, California Probation Parole and Correctional Association. She resides in Ventura, Calif.

Dwayne Johnson '86 is a supervising probation officer for the Cook County Juvenile Court. He and wife Sharon, an



attorney for the Department of Justice, reside in Chicago with twin daughters, Kaitlyn and Damarra, born March 27, 1998.

Nathan J. Storck '87 was promoted to major in the United States Army. In March of 1998 he and wife Marcy moved to Burnsville, Minn., in

the Twin Cities area. He is currently serving at Fort Snelling, Minn., with the 88th Regional Support Command as the training officer and program manager, deputy chief of staff, operations-unit training. Their first child, Zachary Hunter, was born on May 16, 1998.

Staci Wingo '87 is a kindergarten teacher for the Springfield School District #186. She received a master's in elementary education in December 1998 from Western Illinois University.

Bradley Brown '88 is a vice president of the Rockford Chapter of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers. He resides in Beloit, Wis.

Joseph Egdorf '88 is a brewmaster at the Blue Cat Brew Pub in Rock Island, Ill. He completed the Professional Brewers Certificate program at the Siebel Institute of Brewing Technology in Chicago in May 1998.

Sharon Paterson McGuire M.S.Ed. '88 lives with husband John in Radford, Va., and recently earned a Ph.D. in sociology from Virginia Tech.

John R. Olivero '88 is a producer-director for radio and television and has produced a two-hour documentary titled "Death in America" for PBS. The documentary investigates how Americans have dealt with illness and death from colonial times to

the present. He is the recipient of the 1998 American Death Education & Counseling (ADEC) Conference Film Festival Award; a 1997 Philadelphia International Film Festival Award; the 1997 Telly Award for a Documentary; and 1996 Telly Award for a Promotional Video.

1990s

Michelle E. Bretscher '90 is a clinic manager at the Sangamon Avenue Veterinary Clinic in Springfield, Ill. She lives with husband David in Springfield.

Anne M. Koleson '90 has been promoted to digital marketing manager for the Health Imaging Division of Eastman Kodak Co. in Rochester, N.Y. She moved to Webster, N.Y. in December after graduating last May from the University of Illinois with a master's in business administration. She had been an account manager in central Illinois for Kodak.

Marine Capt. **Alan E. Busenbark '91** recently completed Cold Weather Training, learning basic skills essential for survival in cold, harsh climates. He is currently assigned with 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Bradley Fleck '91 is an engineer/operation manager for the City of Carbondale. He and wife Marilyn, a registered nurse, reside in Makanda, Ill.

Gregory Graves '92 and **Jennifer Litchfield Graves '95** moved to Stevensville, Mich., when Greg was promoted to plant manager for Dean Foods in Benton Harbor. He was a plant engineer in Atkins, Ark., for two years and was then promoted to manager of strategic planning in Rockford, Ill. Jennifer

was a substitute teacher for the Rockton School District while they lived in Illinois.

Cleophus Price '93 was appointed associate registrar for the University of Kentucky in February. He joined the staff of the



University of Kentucky in August 1995 and most recently worked as associate director of student services for the UK College of Arts and Sciences.

Sherry L. Smith '93 has been hired as the first job placement specialist at Belleville Area College's Red Bud Campus. In addition to providing direct student service, she will be responsible for creating partnerships with regional employers and business organizations. Smith is also a part-time substitute teacher for Columbia Unit Schools and lives with husband Thomas and their three children in Columbia, Ill.

Debra A. Woelbling '93 has been named interactive marketing manager for Pollak Levitt & Nel Interactive in Atlanta, Ga., where she will develop targeted Web and CD programs. Her professional affiliations include Women in Technology, American Marketing Association, and the Interactive Media Alliance. Active in the community, she volunteers for Egleston's Children's Hospital and also as marketing/public relations director for The Off-Broadway Club of Atlanta.

Leah Hampton '94 has begun working on a master's degree in English at Western Carolina University.

Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer **Vicki K. Teachey '94** graduated from the Senior Enlisted Academy at the Naval Education and Training Center

in Newport, R.I. She joined the Navy in March of 1976.

Nora A. Ferguson-Buhlig '95, M.A. '97 has joined SCORE Interactive, the Internet



and multimedia division of The Hughes Group, as director of marketing. She will be responsible for new business activities for the interactive division, as well as overseeing Internet and multimedia projects. Ferguson-Buhlig resides in St. Charles, Mo.

Carl Leslie Ph.D. '95 has been named supervisor for field experiences in the education department at Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C. He is a former assistant professor of Early Childhood Education at Norfolk State University. He taught social studies in the public school systems in Gaston County, N.C., and in the state of Illinois for 13 years.

Brandon M. Shelton '95 has joined the law firm of Baker



& Daniels in the firm's Fort Wayne, Ind., office. He is a member of the employment relations and litigation teams.

Navy Ensign **Bryan K. Carmichael '96**, with Navy Chief Petty Officer **Joseph P. Hutson '97**, conducted a port visit to Haifa, Israel, while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the dock landing ship USS Pensacola, home ported in Little Creek, Va. During the port visit, they had the chance to enjoy the Haifa culture and visit the Holy City of Jerusalem. Carmichael was recently designated a Surface Warfare Officer while serving aboard the USS Pensacola.

Frederick Mosley Chandler '96 has been an alternative education teacher in St. Clair County for the past three years, residing in Belleville, Ill. He was recently selected Omega Man of the Year by his local fraternity, Nu Chi Chapter/Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., for promoting humanity in the East St. Louis area. He currently serves as Keeper of Records & Seal for the chapter.

Susan Deege Ph.D. '96 was one of four doctoral graduates selected to present at the 1998 American Vocational Association conference in New Orleans. She presented findings from her dissertation, "Factors Influencing Females Choosing Non-traditional Occupations." Deege teaches at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo. and at John Wood Community College in Quincy, Ill.

John C. Neill '96 is working for J. Star IND as a territory manager for Illinois and Indiana. His wife **Lahn Morrisette-Neill '95** works part time as a substitute teacher and as a homemaker. They have a 15-month-old son and two black lab dogs.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Timothy E. Samuelson '96** was selected as Senior Sailor of the Year at Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla. He was selected for outstanding professional accomplishment, proficiency, leadership, initiative and military bearing.

Navy Ensign **Shane D. Rice '96** has recently received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. He joined the Navy in May 1988.

Stephen N. Strayer '96 has received commission as

a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. He joined the Navy in June of 1984.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class **Terry L. Hill '97** was selected as supervisor of the quarter aboard the guided missile frigate USS Stephen W. Groves, home ported in Pascagoula, Miss. Hill was chosen as the top performer from among all the sailors assigned to the command.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Sonia I. Adams '98** recently re-enlisted for four years and earned her bachelor's of science degree through off-duty studies while assigned to Naval Dental Center, Parris' Island, S.C. She joined the Navy in June 1986.

Kendra A. Helmer '98 is a copy editor and page design-

er for *Pacific Stars and Stripes*, Tokyo, Japan. She won third place in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation feature writing competition for her story, published last year in the *Daily Egyptian*, about the five-year anniversary of the Pyramid fire. There were 102 contestants from 59 schools across the country.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Michael M. Hunter '98** recently reported for duty at Navy Recruiting District, Raleigh, N.C.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Donald L. Kaestner '98** recently reported for duty at Naval Construction Training Center, Gulfport, Miss.

James Roy Lyle '98, was named the Code 50 Sailor of the Year, a Navy Marine commendation medal. He and wife Suzanne have a daughter and an adopted son. They live in Seaback, Wash.

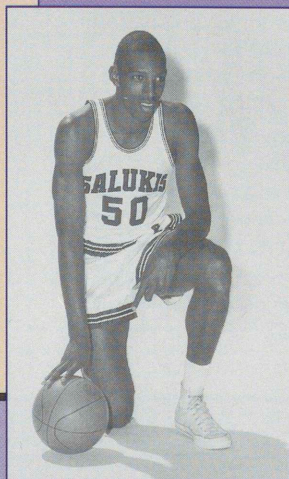
Former Saluki Great Benson Dies; Was Two-Time Athlete of the Year

Chuck Benson, one of the all-time greats of SIU Athletics died unexpectedly May 6 at the age of 51. Benson, a member of the SIU Sports Hall of Fame and a player on the Salukis' National Invitation Tournament champion men's basketball team of 1966-67, died of a heart attack in Decatur, Ga.

Benson was named SIU Athlete of the Year in 1968 and 1969 -- only one of four men who ever earned that prestigious award more than once. In addition to a stellar basketball career featuring a three-year average of 10.3 points and 6.9 rebounds per game, he was also an outstanding performer on the track team from 1965-69.

Benson was the school's record holder in the 440 for several years (46.14), and that mark is still fourth all-time at SIU. One of the most versatile performers in SIU track history, his shining moment occurred on May 24, 1969, when he won the 220 and 440, and helped win the 440 and mile relays in a triangular meet at Illinois.

Most recently, the 1986 SIU Sports Hall of Fame Inductee served as a highly successful high school boys basketball coach at Milton High School in a suburb of Atlanta.



Alumni Deaths

VAN BROWN, Martin, '23; '25
3/10/99, San Antonio, Texas

SLOAN, Lelah Catherine, '25
12/29/98, Murphysboro, Ill.

THRAILKILL, Edith Mathis,
'26; '37, 3/20/99, Venice, Fla.

ANDERSON, Janet W., '27
1/23/99, Cobden, Ill.

KRUPP, Hattie, '27
12/13/98, West Frankfort, Ill.

BREWER, Myrtle Lucretia "Pat", '29; '39,
2/9/99, Marion, Ill.

HASE, Theodore, ex '29
1/28/99, Jonesboro, Ill.

HELMS, Dorothea M., '30
4/26/98, Belleville, Ill.

LONGBONS, Helen, ex '30
3/9/99, Marion, Ill.

MURPHY, Marie, ex '32
3/15/99, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

WILLIAMS, Anna Mae, '32
12/11/98, Port Orange, Fla.

ADAMS, Harold E., '33
12/8/98, Denver, Colo.

WILSON, Jr., Harry C., '35
2/14/99, Springfield, Ill.

PETERSON, Polly, '36
3/14/99, Centralia, Ill.

RYAN, John David, '38;
M.S.ED. '53, 1/6/99, Bradenton, Fla.

TOROK, Paul Joseph, '38
12/21/98, Highland, Kan.

KRUCKEBERG, Linda C.,
ex '39, 3/16/99, Marion, Ill.

McGUIRE, Ruth, ex '39
1/31/99, Ridgway, Ill.

WILLIAMS, Marie E., '39
12/8/98, Fairview Heights, Ill.

KRIER, Dorothy Gene, '40
7/18/98, Sun City, Calif.

YUND, Earl Arnold, '41
2/6/99, Salem, Ill.

LANGDON, Tom S., ex '42
2/19/99, Carbondale, Ill.

TROTTER, Naaman J., ex '43
2/26/99, Dahlgren, Ill.

SMOTHERS, J.C. "Jay", ex '44
1/24/99, Marion, Ill.

MORRISEY, Clara, ex '45
1/1/99, DuQuoin, Ill.

MARTIN, Max L., '46
1/18/99, Springfield, Mo.

MONROE, Charles Arthur "C.A.",
ex '46, 1/21/99, Winter Springs, Fla.

ORSBORN, Peggy Marie, '46
2/11/99, Zeigler, Ill.

SCHWEGMAN, Helen, '46
12/25/98, Decatur, Ill.

DERBAK, John, '47
3/12/99, Overland, Mo.

FEAZEL, Delmar, '49; MA '51, 1/16/99,
Raleigh, Ill.

SUMMAR, Julia Cook, ex '49
2/4/95, Carmi, Ill.

SWANNER, Charles J., ex '49
3/23/95, Chicago, Ill.

YOUNG, Wynnye Y., '49
2/4/99, Carterville, Ill.

BAUDER, Emma Hughes, ex '50
3/16/99, Christopher, Ill.

HARTLEY, Harold J., '50
1/16/99, Osprey, Fla.

PERKINS, Harold E., '50;
M.S.ED. '55, 3/3/95, Carterville, Ill.

ARNOLD, Pete, ex '51
2/20/98, Centralia, Ill.

PETTY, Bernice E., ex '51
1/30/99, Christopher, Ill.

LINDSEY, John M., '51
5/14/98, Swarthmore, Penn.

GRAHAM, Marilyn Nelson,
ex '52, 12/26/98, Elmhurst, Ill.

SHAWMEKER, William F.,
'52; M.S. '61
1/3/99, Harrisburg, Ill.

TUROC, Frank, '53; M.S.ED. '56 1/15/99,
Vienna, Ill.

WHITEHEAD, William Wayne, '53;
M.S.ED. '58
3/4/99, Marion, Ill.

MARSHALL, Kathryn Edith,
'55, 2/24/99, Chester, Ill.

FINCH, R. Corydon "Cord",
'56, 1/25/99, Anna, Ill.

BORDEWISCH, Marie K. Castellano, ex '57
12/19/98, Roanoke, Va.

BOWERS, Michael, '57
3/2/99, Murphysboro, Ill.

HOLLINGSEAD, Patricia Ann,
'58, 2/13/99, Centralia, Ill.

HOPPER, Donald E., '58
9/27/95, Lake Forest, Ill.

WOLLARD, Genevieve Faye,
ex '60, 2/25/99, Johnston City, Ill.

DILL, William J. "Joe", '62
12/98, Fargo, N.D.

LINGLE, Betty L., '62
1/31/99, Anna, Ill.

LAUR, Mildred A., '64
1/26/99, Ina, Ill.

MURPHY, Paul A., '64
8/11/98, Monticello, Ark.

WHELOCK, Evelyn Faye,
'64, 11/26/98, Ballwin, Mo.

HINDMAN, Michael W., '65
12/31/98, Effingham, Ill.

RAY, Jerry W., '65; M.S.ED. '69, 12/31/98,
O'Fallon, Ill.

TURNER, Warren Thomas, '65
3/14/99, Carterville, Ill.

ADKINS, Carl E., '67
1/98, Mahomet, Ill.

CASS, Richard Donald, '67
11/7/98, Dayton, Ohio

BARKER, Robert Leo, M.S. '69
8/20/90, Cookeville, Ill.

WALTERS, Wanda May, '69
12/31/98, Murphysboro, Ill.

FOUGHT, John P. "Jack",
Ph.D. '70, 11/25/98, Peoria, Ill.

ELLIS, Sandra Lee, '71
1/11/99, San Francisco, Calif.

JORDAN, David A., '71
1/25/99, Herrin, Ill.

McNAMARA, Jr., William F.
'71, 11/3/98, Orlando, Fla.

WHITE, Jr., Sidney B.
'71; M.S.ED. '86
12/26/98, Carbondale, Ill.

ASTON, Barbara F., '73
4/1/98, Chicago, Ill.

BANN, Donna, '73
2/13/99, New Baden, Ill.

REYNOLDS, James M., '73
1/21/98, Moline, Ill.

SEPE, Anne Marie Scutiere,
M.S. '73, 11/18/98, Cary, N.C.

KING, Roberta S., '74
11/23/98, Skokie, Ill.

RUSSELL, Michael John, ex '74
1/12/99, Ben Lomond, Calif.

SHELATO, James D., '74
7/3/97, Danville, Ill.

Former SIU Chancellor Dies in Oregon

Robert W. MacVicar, Southern Illinois University chancellor from 1968 - 1970, died in December in Portland, Ore. He was SIU's vice president for academic affairs from 1964 to 1968. After leaving SIU, he served as president of Oregon State University, retiring in 1984.

MacVicar's term as SIU chancellor was a tumultuous one. In 1969 students staged sit-ins to demand changes in student regulations, and in June of that year Old Main burned. General student unrest over the Vietnam War came to a head on May 6, 1970, when rioting students forced MacVicar to close the university.



During MacVicar's 14-year tenure at Oregon State, the university experienced enormous growth in faculty, programs and campus expansion. A Rhodes scholar, MacVicar received degrees from the University of Wyoming, Oklahoma State University, and the University of Wisconsin.

COLLINS, Patricia Ann Brown, '75;
M.S.ED. '77, 2/3/99, Carbondale, Ill.

DORSEY, Diane Neill, '76
1/14/99, Carbondale, Ill.

STARRICK, Joyce Lynnette, M.S.ED. '76,
2/8/99, Marion, Ill.

KARL, Scott B., M.D. '77
10/29/95, Glendale, Calif.

ADAMS, Delbert J., '78
3/2/99, Chester, Ill.

CAMPBELL, Bruce, '78
2/19/98, Sun City Center, Fla.

GOODALL, Deborah Ann,
'78; M.A. '79
3/22/98, College Station, Texas

McLEAN, Jimmy, '78
3/13/99, Alexandria, La.

ESLINGER, Robert Allen,
'84, 1/21/99, Lexington, Ill.

ANDERSON, Laurence G., '87
9/25/98, Santee, Calif.

HUDGINS, Debra Jean Kroening,
M.B.A. '87, 12/31/98, Norwell, Mass.

PARRISH, Zachary S., '93
3/8/99, Carterville, Ill.

BRUNS, Suzanne Marie, '96
1/19/99, St. Louis, Mo.

Faculty & Staff

ANDERSEN, R. Clifton
Emeritus Professor, Department of Marketing, 2/20/99, Carbondale, Ill.

BENTON, Ralph
Emeritus Professor, Agriculture, Education and Economics, 1/13/99, Clarksville, Ind.

BENZ, Daniel Adam
Emeritus Civil Service, Aircraft Mechanic, 2/1/99, De Soto, Ill.

BOONE, Alvin W. "Pop"
Emeritus Civil Service, Maintenance Department, 2/27/99, Anna, Ill.

DEROSSETT, Katherine E.
Emerita Civil Service, Bursar's Office 12/17/98, Murphysboro, Ill.

EOVALDI, Frank W., '74
Department of Public Safety
2/13/99, Murphysboro, Ill.

FOX, Sidney Walter
Former Distinguished Research Professor,
8/10/98, Mobile, Ala.

HOLDER, Billy Gene
Emeritus Civil Service, Building Services,
1/2/99, Carterville, Ill.

KABISCH, William T.
Emeritus Professor and Associate Dean for Research, SIU School of Medicine, 3/4/99,
Springfield, Ill.

LOGUE, David W., ex '47
Emeritus Civil Service, Physical Plant,
3/20/99, Carbondale, Ill.

MacVICAR, Robert
12/26/98, Corvallis, Ore.

MILLER, Kenneth Ronald
Administrative Assistant to the President and Executive Director of SIU Foundation (1958-73), 1/10/99, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

MILLER, Virgil Ray
Emeritus Civil Service, Building Engineer,
3/23/99, Cobden, Ill.

MORRIS, Raymond
Emeritus Civil Service, Groundskeeper,
3/12/99, Carterville, Ill.

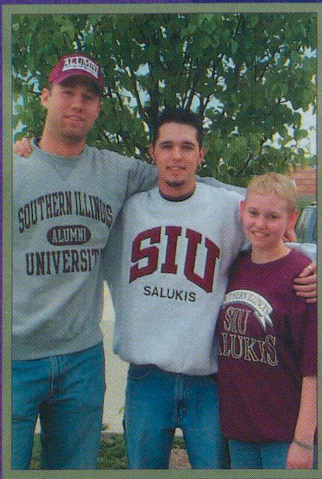
OLSSON II, Phillip Humphrey
Emeritus Dean of College of Communications and Fine Arts and Director of School of Music 2/21/99, Carbondale, Ill.

RUCKER, Bryce W., Professor of Journalism, Director of Research and Graduate Studies, and Interim Director, School of Journalism (1972-74), 2/17/99,
Chapin, S.C.

SUMMERFIELD, Donna Manfredi
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, 1/6/99, Carbondale, Ill.

YATES, Loyd "Bob", '73; Ph.D. '81
Assistant Professor, Technical & Resource Management, 2/6/99, Carbondale, Ill.

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100% Cotton \$19.95
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75/20/5 \$5.50
- T. Bib. \$5.50



- AA. Alumni T-shirt
100% Cotton-Ash Gray,
Heather Gray, Maroon
\$12.95



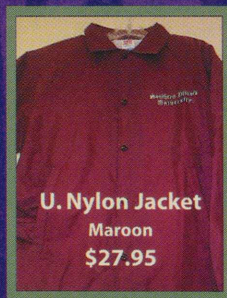
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- A. Portfolio Folder-SIU/Seal-Maroon \$5.99
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- M. Ceramic Stein \$15.95
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Alumni Association annual members receive a 15% discount. Lifetime members receive a 20% discount.

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Recent Graduate's Dreams Coming True

by Shawwna Donovan Lee '97

Since I graduated from SIU in 1997, my life has been an adventure in mental endurance and patience. However, my experiences at SIU taught me to endure and be patient enough to allow my dreams to come true.

I started my career in Springfield, Ill., at the state treasurer's office right after college and have recently landed a public relations job with the American Cancer Society of St. Louis. This southern Illinois girl from Marion went from state level politics in Springfield to the bright lights of St. Louis.

I worked in Illinois State Treasurer Judy Barr Topinka's office in Springfield as a policy specialist and later assisted with her successful statewide campaign. From there, I began a job as marketing coordinator with Mosby Publishing Company in St. Louis. Shortly after arriving at Mosby, I married Justin Lee, a correctional officer at Menard Correctional Facility in Chester, Ill. We met on the Topinka campaign trail, fell in love and settled in Waterloo, Ill., 20 minutes from St. Louis.

Unfortunately, being settled only lasted a few months. Soon after I landed a great job, Mosby was taken over by another international publishing company. With the buyout, changes occurred and my position was eliminated. At this point, I thought back to my days at SIU. Those days on the Carbondale campus taught me that anything is possible. I am grateful for the encouragement I received from fellow students and professors, especially former U.S. Senator Paul Simon. As a senior, I enrolled in Senator Simon's first journalism class. Senator

(or Professor) Simon is a true inspiration and a wonderful professor. I especially remember his eagerness to help students find their creative sides. His advice to "follow through" with a task and never give up, whether the task is large or small, really stuck with me. I also remember Simon's emphasis on "discipline, discipline, discipline."

My experiences as an opinions and political editor at the *Daily Egyptian* instilled in me the discipline to meet deadlines and be professional. I remember how intimidating it was to cover my first SIU Board of Trustees meeting. I gradually became familiar with the university policies, procedures and officials. After covering the SIU administration, I had the challenge of covering local and state politics, which became my love and passion.

My interest in government and politics began in a high school government class, continued at the *Daily Egyptian* and with local and statewide media to increase the state treasurer's visibility. My political dream came true. I am now taking that interest in media and marketing to my new job with the Cancer Society.

I love SIU. My mother is a 1964 graduate, and I grew up hearing about how wonderful SIU is and how I should attend after high school. I completely agree with my mother and would be honored if my children attend SIU someday. It is a wonderful place to learn, work, and grow as an individual. One of the best things about SIU is that it is a window to the world with all the different faculty, students and speakers who grace the campuses.

Eventually, I would like to give my talent and energy back to SIU. I believe in SIU and what it can do to make dreams happen.



Former U.S. Senator Paul Simon congratulates Shawwna Donovan Lee, right, and her parents, Bill and Ann Patterson, at Shawwna's 1997 graduation from the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts.

THANK YOU!

A special thanks goes out to Jerry Henry, the assistant editor of the *Mayport Saluki Tribune* at the military base in Mayport Florida. Mr. Henry is in the early stages of developing a new alumni chapter and has been assisting the association tremendously in trying to enhance membership in the Jacksonville area. We appreciate all of our alumni members and friends who make continual efforts to increase membership.

The Alumni Association also salutes Bob Weiss, director of the SIU School of Music. Dr. Weiss is enhancing alumni relationships in the School of Music by sponsoring student memberships for current graduates of the music program. We appreciate Dr. Weiss' support and encourage all students to maintain their ties to SIU.

25 Most Distinguished Seniors

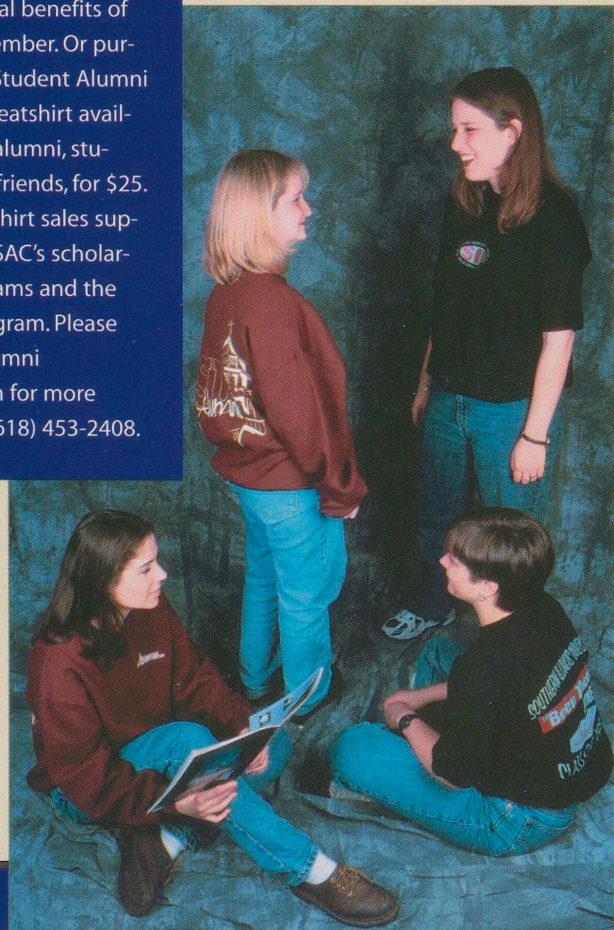
The SIU Alumni Association honored SIU's "25 Most Distinguished Seniors" this spring. The students received a certificate and first-year membership in the Alumni Association. We congratulate the following students on their academic achievements and contributions to campus life, and welcome them into the Alumni Association:

- Jessica Lynn Acton
- Tony Blood
- Erin R. Christianson
- David A. DeNormandie
- Amy M. Gonzenbach
- Ryan D. Hammer
- Steven Ikeda
- Jennifer Louise Kelley
- Julie A. Lampley
- Melissa Lundberg
- Anitra A. Martina
- Teresa J. Morrell
- Anne Nickel
- Robyn Obert
- Thomas Olson
- Lindsay L. Resmer
- Patrick Roach
- Cherese Ruffin
- Elizabeth Ann Scaglione
- Kelly Skye Smith
- Joshua A. Spencer
- C. Paul Techo
- Jeffrey John Warren
- Amber Wilkinson
- William Yadron, Jr.

Student Matters

Attention all college graduates! By joining the SIU Alumni Association for **only \$15**. You can enjoy the official "Class of '99" T-shirt and all the national and regional benefits of being a member. Or purchase the Student Alumni Council sweatshirt available to all alumni, students and friends, for \$25. The sweatshirt sales support all of SAC's scholarship programs and the Extern Program. Please call the Alumni Association for more details at (618) 453-2408.

Pictured below are four Student Alumni Council members modeling SIU sweatshirts and Class of '99 T-shirts. Standing (left to right) are Melissa Pearson and Aimee Utz. Seated are Jenni Wisniewski and Laura Weshinsky.



New SIU Alumni Association Life Members

The SIU Alumni Association extends its gratitude to the following alumni and friends who demonstrated their support of the association by purchasing or completing purchase of lifetime memberships between January 25, 1999, and April 6, 1999
 —Doris Rottschalk '69, President, SIU Alumni Association

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

1/25/99 thru 4/6/99

Dr. Reid S. Adkins
 Mrs. Janice K. Andrews
 Drs. Jo Ann E. and Peter H. Argersinger
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 Mr. Roger S. Bargmann
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 Mr. Hugh A. Blaney
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 Mr. Elmer R. Exconde
 Mr. Bruce E. Fager
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 Mr. Fred Harvell
 Mr. Joseph C. Hasenmayer
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 Mr. Loren S. Hize
 Mr. Jeffrey D. Hoffman
 Dr. George E. Hughes
 Mr. Robert E. Hummel
 Mr. Lawrence E. Hupe
 Ms. Erica L. Jakstas
 Mr. Scott H. Kane
 Dr. Sherry L. Knapp
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Kovic
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 Mr. Arnold P. Mumford, Jr.
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 Ms. Carla J. Randolph
 Mr. William M. Reed
 Mr. Jeffrey D. Reeves
 Drs. Robert L. and Silvana F. Richardson
 Mr. Gary L. Rose
 Mrs. Joanne M. Ruppel
 Mrs. Margaret C. Russell
 Mr. and Mrs. James E. Scales
 Mr. Greg J. Schou
 Mr. and Mrs. Bruce J. Shapin
 Mr. Howard B. Silver
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 Mr. and Mrs. Donald N. Sinnott
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 Mr. Clyde M. Smith
 Dr. Jin C. Soh
 Mr. and Mrs. Phillip K. Sylvester
 Mr. Dale E. Timmermann
 Mr. and Mrs. Christopher R. Tryba
 Mr. James F. Walborg
 Mr. William W. Walker, Jr.
 Mr. Don R. Walton
 Mr. George T. Weber
 Ms. Valerie S. Whitson-Johnson
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Wiesneth
 Mr. Alfred L. Williams
 Mr. Raymond W. Wilson
 Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wisely
 Mr. Don Yaworski
 Mr. Dan A. Yelch

More Membership Myths

Myth: In order to be a member of the SIU Alumni Association, I have to either attend or graduate from SIU.

Truth: In addition to alumni, association membership is open to all who are friends of the university, including current students. So if you are a big supporter of SIU and want to get involved in supporting alumni and student activities, please join us.

Obelisk Yearbooks available

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 7.25% sales tax.

1963	1
1964	1
1969	1
1970	17
1971	245
1972	101
1981	1
1982	1
1985	30
1986	113
1987	61

How can you assist us?

If you are an alum or friend of SIU who lives in southern Illinois, St. Louis, Indianapolis or Chicago, we welcome your suggestions on how to make our benefits program stronger. Also, if you have a business in any one of these areas, we would be glad to tell you how our partnership can benefit your business, the association and fellow alumni. Please contact Kesha Williams, assistant director of member services, at (618) 453-2408 or via email at [HYPERLINK mailto:alumni@siu.edu](mailto:alumni@siu.edu)

JULY

- 9 Second Annual Peoria Tri-County Chapter Golf Scramble**, Lick Creek Golf Course, Pekin, IL. For more information, call Remy Billups (630) 574-7774.
- 15-18 Black Alumni Reunion**, SIU Campus. For more information, call Jenna Smith, SIU Alumni Association, (618) 453-2408.
- 23 Tenth Annual Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble**, Arrowhead Golf Club, Wheaton, IL. For more information, call Remy Billups, (630) 574-7774.
- 24 Chicago Cubs vs. Colorado Rockies**, Denver, CO. For more information, call Remy Billups, (630) 574-7774.

AUGUST

- 6-8 Decatur Celebration**, Downtown Decatur, IL. Visit the Central Illinois Alumni Chapter's booth at the Celebration and enjoy foot-long Saluki dogs. This annual fundraising activity funds scholarships and local alumni activities. For more information, call Mark Sturgell, Central Illinois Alumni Chapter President, (217) 422-9266.
- 13-22 Illinois State Fair**, Springfield, IL. Visit the SIU tent to see exhibits of the latest happenings at the university.
- 28- Sept. 6 DuQuoin State Fair**, DuQuoin, IL. Visit the SIU dome September 6 to see exhibits of the latest happenings at the university.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Saluki Football vs. SE Missouri State**, Cape Girardeau, MO, 7 p.m.
- 3-4 Saluki Volleyball - UNLV Invitational**, Las Vegas, NV
- 7 Saluki Volleyball vs. Austin Peay**, Clarksville, TN, 7 p.m.

- 10 Saluki Volleyball vs. Creighton**, Omaha, NE, 7 p.m.
- 11 Saluki Volleyball vs. Drake**, Des Moines, IA, 7 p.m.
- 11 SIU Alumni Association Member Appreciation Day**. SIU Football vs. Murray State, 1:30 p.m. (Hall of Fame/Lettermen's Day) Pregame alumni tailgate, noon, east of McAndrew Stadium. Dues-paying members receive two free tickets, per household membership, to the game. For more information, call Greg Scott, (618) 453-2408.
- 17 Saluki Volleyball vs. Wichita State**, Davies Gym, 7 p.m.
- 18 Saluki Volleyball vs. Southwest Missouri State**, Davies Gym, 7 p.m.
- 18 Saluki Football vs. Southwest Texas State**, San Marcos, TX, 8 p.m.
- 19 Saluki Volleyball vs. Western Illinois**, Davies Gym, 2 p.m.
- 21 Saluki Volleyball vs. Evansville**, Davies Gym, 7 p.m.
- 25 Saluki Football vs. Northern Iowa**, Cedar Falls, IA, 6 p.m.
- 25 Saluki Volleyball vs. Chicago State**, Davies Gym, 7 p.m.
- 26 Central Illinois Golf Outing**, Decatur, IL. For more information, call Remy Billups, (630) 574-7774.

FUTURE DATES

SIU DAY at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, MO

The SIU Alumni Association will host its annual baseball outing on **October 2** in St. Louis. The St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Cubs will be featured.

Parents/Family Weekend, SIU Football vs. Youngstown State, 1:30 p.m., **October 9**

SIU Alumni Association Homecoming Celebration

Pregame tailgate, east of McAndrew Stadium.
Homecoming game, 1:30 p.m.
SIU vs. Illinois State on **October 23**

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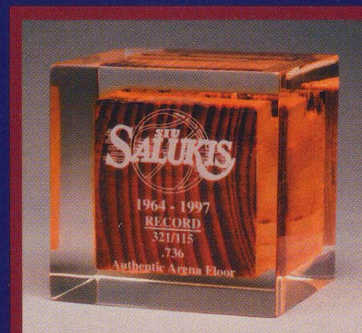
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Commitment to Excellence

Mary Jane Kolar got an early start on her journey toward becoming a nationally-recognized entrepreneur. Only 16 years old when she graduated from high school, Kolar began her education at SIU that very summer. She graduated in 1963 from the College of Liberal Arts as a Phi Beta Kappa and wasted no time getting her master's degree with highest honors the next year.

Kolar has received first and highest honors throughout her career, which has spanned nearly 40 years, beginning as a teacher in small southern Illinois public schools. She moved on to teach in Chicago and, in 1978, received the first "Educator of the Year" award given by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE). Subsequently, she served the association as education council member and chair, on the board of directors and as a foundation trustee, becoming a leader in the association management field. In 1990, Kolar received the ASAE "Key Award," her profession's highest honor.

As co-founder of the Alexandria Group, Inc., specialists who offer services to individual membership societies, trade associations and philanthropic organizations, Kolar uses her specialty in "turn-around management" to address some of the most difficult issues facing professionals in the field.

Included in a long list of professional honors and accomplishments are Kolar's tireless contributions to the not-for-profit community, where she has committed herself to volunteer work beyond her job and profession. A look at her personal and professional success can be glimpsed in a chapter of Simon and Schuster's March 1998 book titled "Find Your Calling, Love Your Life."

For her many contributions to education, her alma mater and community, along with her commitment to excellence, the SIU Alumni Association proudly salutes Mary Jane Kolar. ■



"Southern Illinois University provided me the underpinnings for a rich and fulfilling life. I particularly benefitted from the faith the faculty and administration had in me, especially Henry Dan Piper, then dean of the College of Liberal Arts; George Adams, chair of the history department; and Dr. William A. Pitkin, my graduate school adviser and wonderful mentor. Serving on the SIU Alumni Board and Presidential Search Committee in 1986-87 enabled me to make a contribution to my university. It is an institution that deserves our support."

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