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## The Wright Stuff

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# *A New Institute For The Future Of Chemistry*

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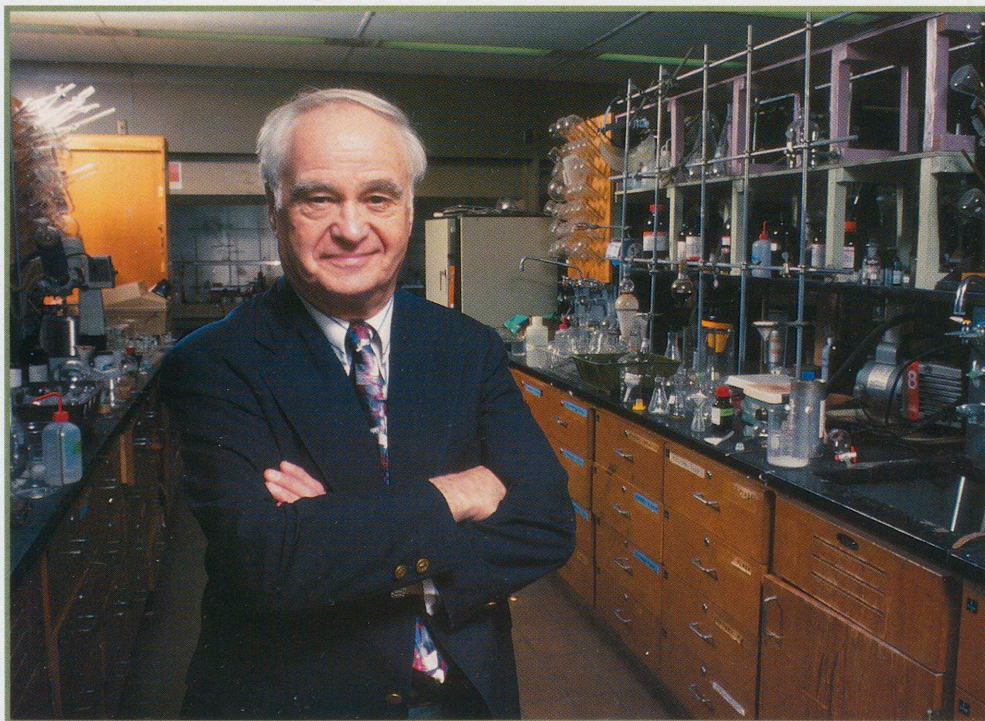
*I*n February, Southern Illinois University received the single largest cash gift in its history. Dr. Cal Y. Meyers, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, made the gift establishing the Meyers Institute for Interdisciplinary Research in Organic and Medicinal Chemistry.

Dr. Meyers began his career as a research chemist for Union Carbide in 1953. He came to SIU in 1964 as an associate professor in chemistry, became a full professor in 1968, and was a member of the chemistry department faculty until 1998. Although he retired from teaching at that time, Dr. Meyers continues to be very active in organic chemistry research.

The Meyers Institute for Interdisciplinary Research in Organic and Medicinal Chemistry will conduct research in the area of fundamental organic and medicinal chemistry and will provide research opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Institute personnel may also teach chemistry courses, and plans are underway for an annual symposium to be hosted by the Institute.

“It concerns me that we have not planned for our future. At some point we will say, ‘where are all our organic chemists?’” Meyers says. “This institute will conduct fundamental organic chemistry research that provides knowledge in the ways and means of molecules.”

Dr. Meyers’ generosity and devotion to chemistry will certainly benefit those students directly involved in the research, but equally important, the potential benefits to society through discoveries in organic and medicinal chemistry made possible by this gift are virtually unlimited.



Dr. Cal Y. Meyers pictured in his laboratory.

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### ON THE COVER:

Dana and Leroy Wright met and married at SIU, received degrees from the University, and then exploded into the business world. Dana is now an administrator for the St. Louis Red Cross, while Leroy is CEO of the largest wireless communications company in Missouri, TLC Next Generation. His vision and foundation were formed as a youngster, as he was raised by blind grandparents who instilled in him the quest to be the best at whatever he tackled.

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### A Man With A Plan



Although now CEO of the largest wireless communications business in Missouri, Leroy Wright points to early experiences to help explain his outstanding success and work ethic. Raised by grandparents, both blind, Wright learned during his childhood years in North St. Louis that hard work and a dream can turn into reality if you have a solid plan in life.

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### Through The Eyes Of Two Friends



A recent book by Carol Cross and Jean Ellen Reynolds, provides touching insight into a world torn by war almost six decades ago. The story centers on a long-distance pen pal relationship between an SIU alumna from Herrin, Ill., and a young girl from Holland. The correspondence, which would span decades, serves to renew one's faith in healing and love.

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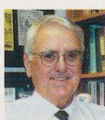
### Returning The Favor



Although James Rosser has been a university president for the last 20 years, he has not forgotten the people and events at SIU which helped make him a success. Now as a mentor and role model himself, he tries to return the favor to young adults he encounters each day.

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### A Strange Route To Cooperstown



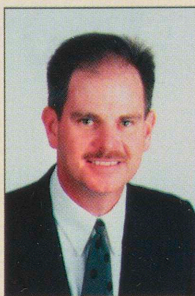
The diverse worlds of baseball and academia mixed quite well for Jerry Mileur, who enjoyed both worlds as chairman of the University of Massachusetts political science department, and as an owner of a minor league baseball team. Mileur eventually sold the franchise, but his records of ownership found their way into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

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### The Place To Be



For 23 years, University Drugs – or UD's as almost all called it – was the place to be in Carbondale. Countless SIU students ate meals, enjoyed fresh-squeezed drinks, and chatted with friends at the Illinois Avenue business. Owner Gene Crawshaw, and his wife, Cecile, take a nostalgic look back to when the cafeteria was "the place to be" in Carbondale.



by Gene Green

One of the interesting aspects of producing this magazine is discovering the various ways SIU influences people.

No two stories are exactly alike, yet most are linked in ways all alumni can relate. This issue of *Southern Alumni* illustrates that trait in various ways, and the main individuals featured all have unique stories to tell.

*Leroy Wright* exhibited great work ethic at SIU as both a student and an athlete. We learn, however, that this trait was evident as a young child. Raised by grandparents, both blind, Wright would rise in the wee hours of the morning to help

his grandfather sell brooms and dishcloths — before getting ready for school. Now president and CEO of the largest wireless communications company in Missouri, Wright never has wavered in his pursuit of excellence.

*Dr. James Rosser* fondly recalls many people who influenced him at SIU, and how that time in his life has served him well in 20 years as president of California State University, Los Angeles. A recent SIU Distinguished Alumni recipient, Rosser endowed a scholarship this winter to help future Salukis succeed in the University setting.

*Jerome Mileur* crossed the diverse paths of political science and baseball, enjoying two distinctly different careers. Now the chairman of the political science department at the University of Massachusetts, Mileur also was a highly successful owner of a minor league baseball franchise before selling the team in 1994. He provided a \$270,000 endowment for the Ward Morton/David Kenney Public Affairs Lecture Series at SIU, and is responsible for a scholarship at his alma mater.

All of these individuals have been extremely successful in strikingly different ways, yet all point to SIU as the stepping stone used in the process.

First the e-mails started to arrive. Then the phone calls. Finally the mail filtered in. Many readers were indeed impressed with the brilliant cover shot of Old Main, as well as the variety of campus photos in the special pull-out section of the fall magazine.

The important photographic contribution to *Southern Alumni* is often the work of



University Photo-communications photographers (from left) Jeff Garner, Bernie Weithorn, and Steve Buhman, are major contributors to the magazine. Weithorn can now, however, simply sit back and enjoy reading the publication — he recently retired from SIU after 30 years of service to the University.

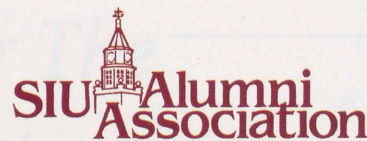
SIU Photocommunications. I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some names and faces to go with the beautiful pictures that appear in each issue.

Since my tenure as editor, Director Terry Svec and his staff have been accommodating and helpful in every request. Their professionalism and talent are instrumental in tailoring each issue in the fashion you have come to expect.

This issue features a small change few will notice, but one that I feel will more accurately describe your magazine.

In the past, issues have been labeled by the season the information inside reflects. However, I have often thought it was confusing to receive the “fall edition” in December, or the “winter edition” in March. From now on, *Southern Alumni's* date will reflect the actual month when you receive the publication.

Please sit back and enjoy the *March 2000* edition of your magazine!



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## He Wishes The "Grand Old Lady" Was Still At SIU

I always enjoy reading *Southern Alumni* magazine. I go through it page by page until I have read it all. However, sometimes the memories it brings back make me sad. The recent issue reminded me of what happened to the fabulous Old Main building.

As a history major, I spent many hours going to class there, and later as a graduate instructor, my office was in the "Grand Old Lady."

I wish she was still around – but at least I still have a brick!  
**Bill Spaulding '67**  
*Las Cruces, New Mexico*

## Student, Alumni Input Crucial To Solving Problems

My wife and I recently visited SIU and became aware of concerns of some students and faculty. The concerns centered on the President and the Board of Trustees' lack of leadership and vision. A student protest group was picketing outside the Student Union before a Board of Trustees meeting. The group informed us that the student population has fallen from 22,000 in 1991 to 19,000 today.

Students were also concerned that lower student populations would force SIU to "right size," resulting in larger classes and that the designation as a Carnegie II Research Institution might be in jeopardy.

At the Board of Trustees meeting on Oct. 14, 1999, one of the students was allowed to speak his concerns. Prior to the student's input, the issue of lower enrollment had been brought up. However, as of yet, no formal study has been undertaken in these eight years to clearly define why the loss of students. The only comment was perhaps most

were going to community colleges.

Eight years is enough time to understand this issue and begin to resolve the enrollment issue. The University appears to be having a dual problem – existing students are leaving and new students are not arriving. If SIUC loses its competitiveness, the student population will continue to decline and the greatness this University has achieved will only be a memory.

SIU should welcome student input to help solve these problems. There is no better education than problem solving, and students can be eminently qualified in providing positive options to help solve this problem.

One reason for the problem might be deferred maintenance. One only has to look at the Student Union to see it needs updating. The wall coverings, carpet and furniture are all showing age. First impressions are important to potential students and parents. They care about the condition and surroundings in which the student will live and attend classes. If the University looks seedy, the prospective and existing students will go elsewhere.

In the competitive world economy, if you stand on your laurels, your competition will eat your lunch!

Now is the time – while we are all remembering the vision of Delyte Morris – for my fellow alumni to get involved. Visit your University! It needs our input and help during this crisis.

**Terry Gannon '68**  
*St. Pete Beach, Fla.*

## Rediscovered Poem Expresses Feelings Of Old Main

I recently was cleaning out some things in my files, when I came across a poem written years ago by Rev. L. E. Mustain. This gentleman was not an SIU

graduate, but knew I was and that I had strong feelings for Old Main.

He has been dead now for almost 20 years, but I have always kept this poem. The recent cover photo in *Southern Alumni* made me think of the building, especially the unique front steps which showed the years of wear and tear.

I thought perhaps some others would enjoy Rev. Mustain's thoughts on Old Main from many years ago:

### IMPRESSIONS OF OLD MAIN

*Weathered pile of baked red earth,  
And hewed sandstone –  
Melancholy with age –  
Dozing through Indian summer.  
Windows,  
Cataract with grime,  
Foot-hollowed thresholds,  
Shadowy, vaulted corridors.  
Shabbiness,  
Unashamed,  
Snatching self-respect from  
memory;  
Senility blending into oblivion.*



Thanks for the photos and the memories they brought back.

**Theron Simmons Jr.**  
*'58, M.S. '59*  
*Oswego, Ill.*

## Alum Feels Memories Of SIU's "Grand Dame"

The fall issue of *Southern Alumni* magazine was especially interesting to me because of the cover picture and title "Remembering Old Main." As one who walked the halls and climbed the stairs of this "Grand Dame" of the SIU campus, this and previous arti-

cles and pictures have brought back many emotional memories.

I hope you continue the periodic coverage of this once historic structure. It not only brings back fond memories to some of us older alums, but also serves as a constant reminder to those who participated in that drastic act. Those involved stole from other alumni and the SIU campus when this wonderful piece of heritage was destroyed.

**James R. Jenkins M.S. '55**  
*Jinx, Miss.*

## Talented Speaker Left "Speechless"

As one who makes my living "speaking," I must admit I am now "speechless." I can't find appropriate words to express my sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation for the article, "A Merchant of Hope," Greg Scott wrote about me in the fall edition of *Southern Alumni*. It was not only flattering, but warm, well written, concise, and quite informative.

Thanks so much for your interest in me and my work and for your erudite approach to sharing my message. Continued success in all current and future endeavors!

**Crystal Kuykendall '70**  
*Potomac, Md.*

## Reid's Determination Remembered By Reader

The fall issue of *Southern Alumni* provided us with a good profile of Bob Reid '63. The story focused on the Pulliam Hall clock tower, but my thought stayed centered on Bob. With this story, I was reminded of his determination that I witnessed during a couple of summers at Little Grassy and Giant City.

I believe it was during both summer of 1958 and 1960

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when I worked on the kitchen crews at the Easter Seals Camp for Children at Giant City, and the Adult Cerebral Palsy Camp at Little Grassy Lake. Bob was also on the staff working with the campers. He won the hearts of those he worked alongside, as well as the ones he was there to help. His commitment to help others through various learning sessions and simple fun times was impressive.

I was not surprised to read about him continuing to serve on the SIU campus. Neither was I surprised to read of his persistence to get a lot of people involved to do good things for the University and everybody nearby.

The community of Kewanee, Ill., produced a fine person in the form of Bob Reid. SIU helped make him even better. **Gerald Clampet '63 Philadelphia, Penn.**

## In Touch Thanks To Magazine

Thank you, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the SIU Alumni Association, and the staff at *Southern Alumni* for the last issue of the magazine. The publication has great pictures of the campus, alumni and current students, administrators, and professors.

Each issue brings back memories of my five years as an undergraduate and graduate student. *Southern Alumni* always seems to preserve the past, capture contemporary SIU, and explore the future with an optimistic, practical, and well-reasoned choice of direction.

I am grateful to you for helping me keep in touch. Have a great year!  
**Tom M. Woods '88, M.S. '91 Champaign, Ill.**

## Georgia On His Mind

For four memorable weeks last summer, Ralph E. Becker '55 resided in another part of the world. He spent this unforgettable month counseling a small communications company in the Republic of Georgia, a former state of the Soviet Union that is emerging from 70 years of Communist rule.

As a volunteer executive with International Executive Search Corps (IESC), based in Stamford, Conn., Becker worked with Audience, Ltd., a company that operates an FM radio station and produces television programs for the government in Tbilisi, the capital city. He worked closely with owners of the emerging business, Koka Kandiasvili, 29, and his wife, Nona, 27, and their employee, Khatuna Chigogidze, who also served as his translator.

Becker's expertise from a 50-year career in broadcasting and consulting was put to good use in helping the company in its efforts to adapt to capitalism, improve its financial accountability, employee staffing, and sales and marketing techniques.

As he worked with the fledgling company and became familiar with his surroundings, Becker developed a deep regard for the country and its culture, becoming particularly close to the Kandiasvili family.

"I could not have asked for a better relationship. They invited me to their residence in the mountains near Tbilisi for a Sunday afternoon feast." He also spent time with Chigogidze's parents and

sisters at the country home of her aunt and uncle. She later visited Becker and his wife, Jane, at their Connecticut home.

Taking in all aspects of the city, Becker particularly enjoyed the classic Georgian restaurants, and the country's excellent wine and produce. "All of the produce grown in Georgia that I consumed was vastly superior to what is available to us in the U.S. This is because Georgian farmers do not use pesticides, additives or preservatives," he says, pointing out that Georgia is Greek for "land of farmers."

Becker explored the country's history and culture, enjoying Tbilisi's numerous sidewalk vendors, fountains, monu-

ments, ancient churches and cemeteries, where grave markers were often sculpted to depict the personality of the deceased.

He was impressed with the enormous faith exhibited by the Georgian people, which he says may explain their resiliency to a long history of civil unrest. According to Becker, the Georgians are a "kind, loving, understanding, genteel, and generous people."

He will continue to monitor the progress of Audience, Ltd., from his Connecticut office and would return to Tbilisi if needed.

In fact, he would be *more* than happy to do just that. ■



Standing in front of Audience, Ltd., are (from left) Ralph E. Becker, Khatuna Chigogidze, Nona and Koka Kandiasvili.

# Horton Named Interim President Of SIU

The Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees recently appointed Dr. Frank E. Horton as interim President of Southern Illinois University. Horton takes over the duties of departing SIU President Ted Sanders, who left Feb. 1 to become President of the Education Commission of the States.

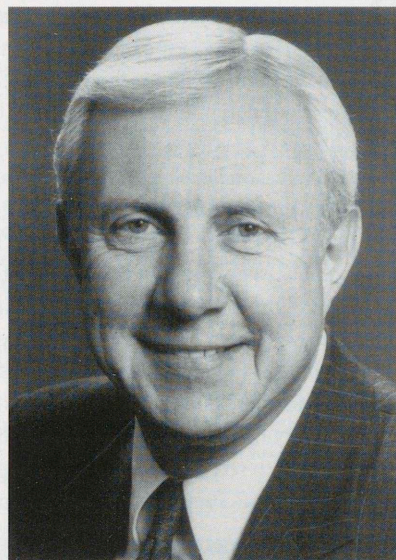
"The Board of Trustees is extremely pleased to have Frank Horton's leadership and experience during this time of transition," said A.D. VanMeter Jr., chair of the Board of Trustees. "Dr. Horton brings many strong qualifications to the position of interim President that make him a perfect fit for the job and will allow the University to continue moving forward while the search for a permanent President is completed."

A former Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research at SIU, Horton

most recently was President of the University of Toledo from 1989 until his retirement in December 1998. Horton was President of the University of Oklahoma from 1985-1988. He has also held academic and administrative positions at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the University of Iowa and Lake Forest College.

He is currently principal partner of Horton & Associates, an education consulting firm. Horton is a graduate of Western Illinois University (B.S.'63) and Northwestern University (M.S.'64, Ph.D.'68).

"I am pleased to have the opportunity to return to SIU, a place I have always held in high regard," said Horton. "I look forward to fulfilling the duties of interim president of this vibrant and multi-faceted institution."



Horton, 60, currently resides in Bayfield, Colo. He is married and the father of four daughters.

## Deitz Replaces Welch As Vice Chancellor For Student Affairs

Larry H. Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, will head student affairs at SIU. Interim Chancellor John S. Jackson announced the appointment in January.



Dietz succeeds Harvey Welch, Jr. as vice chancellor of student affairs. Welch retired from the University on Dec. 31.

"I am delighted to have attracted a candidate with Larry Dietz's very high caliber of experience and credentials to this vital position at our University," Jackson said. "It is an added bonus that Larry is a native of Jackson County and that he has an undergraduate degree from SIU."

Dietz, a native of De Soto, Ill., will begin work as SIU's vice chancellor for student affairs April 3. In addition to his duties as vice chancellor for student affairs, he will serve as a special assistant to the chancellor and a tenured associate professor of educational administration and higher education. Dr. Jean Paratore has been serving in an interim role until Dietz arrives at SIU.

Dietz is excited about his new position. "I have been impressed with the people at SIU. The students, faculty and administrators have all been supportive. I look forward to being part of the team."

Dietz moved into the top student affairs position at Kansas City after holding a variety of management positions. He served as assistant vice chancellor for student affairs there from 1985 to 1988 when he was promoted to associate chancellor. In 1995 his duties as associate chancellor were expanded to include enrollment management, and he began coordinating related marketing and communication activities with the university's communication group.

Before moving to Missouri, he served as associate director of financial aid at Iowa State University from 1972 to 1985. His credentials also include a master's degree in higher education and personnel (1974) and a doctoral degree in professional studies (1985), both from Iowa State.

Dietz has completed Harvard's Institute for Educational Management seminar and has participated in a Fulbright International Education Seminar for Administrators. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science at SIU in 1970.



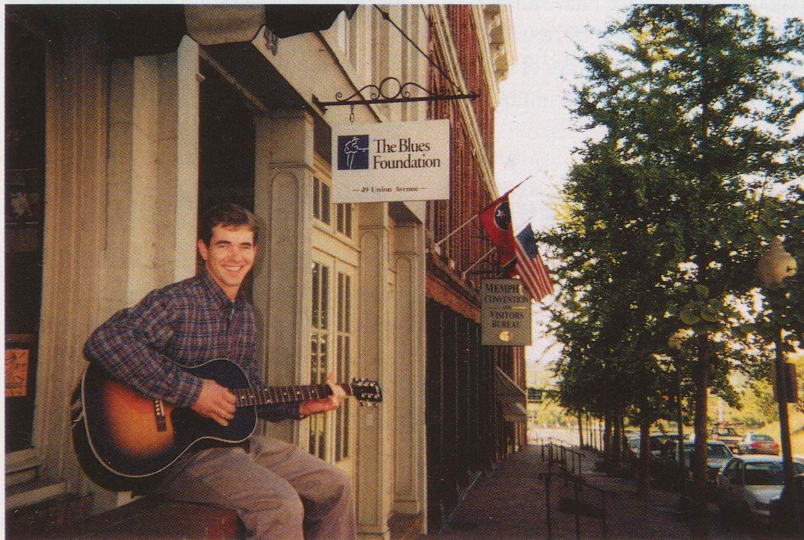
## SIU Student Goes To Memphis To Learn The Blues

by Paula Davenport

**B**lues music makes blue-eyed Bryan McKechan feel, *well*, downright happy! And recently, he was on cloud nine. A budding historian and aspiring blues guitarist, McKechan - a master's student at Southern Illinois University - interned at The Blues Foundation in Memphis, Tenn., the hotbed of all things bluesy.

McKechan says he fell under a blues spell a few years back. Like most white, middle-class college kids, he found the genre by way of a back door. While reading liner notes from favorite rock 'n' roll CDs, he discovered artists like the Beatles, Eric Clapton, and the Rolling Stones had been influenced by such blues greats as Robert Johnson and Muddy Waters. Besides the cultural impact the music has made, McKechan believes it has the potential to break down racial barriers.

"But in trying to do (blues) research from Southern Illinois, you're limited to recordings and other people's work, like Alan Lomax, William R. Ferris, and Robert Palmer, who've written



extensively on the blues. And you realize as soon as you get into their books, they were there," he says wistfully. "They were part of the blues culture and were documenting it."

Before he felt he could interpret blues history in an authentic way, he needed to add a stint as "bluesman" to his resume, he says. Good gig, if you can get it.

Old-timers could just tuck their guitars under their arms and hop a freight train to the next city. Then they'd head uptown, pick a few licks and pass the hat. McKechan did a '90s-style equivalent. He booted up his computer and scoured the Internet for blues sites, where he was quickly whisked away to The Blues Foundation's web page. There, he got an overview of the nearly 20-year-old, non-profit organization that promotes and preserves blues music worldwide.

The Blues Foundation is probably best known for bestowing W.C. Handy Blues Awards, sort of the blues equivalent to the Grammys. It also produces the world's most widely syndicated blues radio show, "Beale Street Caravan," heard weekly on more than 250 radio stations in such far-flung places as New Zealand and Japan.

In addition, the foundation annually inducts musicians into its Blues Hall of Fame, hosts "The International Blues Talent Competition" and conveys "Keeping the Blues Alive Awards" and a "Lifetime Achievement Award."

McKechan fired off a note volunteering to work part-time at the foundation in exchange for a blues immersion and three hours of classroom credit. And the foundation - which hosts one or two college interns a semester - snapped him up. That sent him scrambling for accommodations. Another Internet search turned up the \$12-a-night Memphis youth hostel where he bunks.

Then he negotiated a flexible work schedule at SIU - where he labors part time in exchange for a tuition waiver - freeing himself up to spend Thursdays and Fridays at the foundation, just a block from historic, melodic Beale Street and a four-hour drive from campus.

McKechan says the experience was everything he'd hoped for. He helped compile an extensive bibliography of reference books on blues men and women, served as an official foundation representative at the hoppin' King Biscuit Festival in Helena, Ark., (where during two days of torrential rains he camped with a thousand blues fans at the outdoor festival and handed out membership material), and he rated and catalogued recordings for "Beale Street Caravan."

Though his internship officially ended Dec. 17, McKechan is "cyber-commuting"

to Memphis. From SIU, he taps onto the foundation's web site to post lesson plans that use the blues as teaching tools in grades K-12.

McKechan, the son of Jack and Marilyn McKechan of Granite City, Ill., certainly made quite an impression as an intern.

Jan Reid, the foundation's marketing director, says the Southern product is "one of our favorite interns. He is really top notch. He's an impressive scholar, and he's had a great impact on the foundation.

"If he can find the grant dollars (after graduation), we've offered him a position as blues historian. We would love to put him on staff for a couple of years and let him pursue his research on the history of the blues." ■

## Hart Honored With St. Louis "Sports Heroes Of The Century"

Former Saluki football great Jim Hart '67 was recently named one of the top 100 St. Louis sports legends honored at the Firststar Century of St. Louis Sports Celebration, hosted by the St. Louis Sports Commission.

Hart, an SIU Sports Hall of Famer, gained national attention as a quarterback with the St. Louis Football Cardinals. The 18-year star ranks among the greatest NFL quarterbacks, as his 2,590 completions, 209 touchdowns, and 34,639 career yards placed him third all-time behind Fran Tarkenton and Johnny Unitas when he retired. He was the team MVP three times, and played in four NFL Pro-Bowls.

Bob Costas and Jack Buck emceed the event, highlighting the greatest players in St. Louis sports during the past century.

"I was extremely honored, and had a wonderful time," Hart said. "To be on stage with so many former teammates, friends, and sports legends was a special evening that I will always remember."

Among others joining Hart on the stage were Lou Brock, Don Coryell, Dan Dierdorf, Bob Forsch, Bob Gibson, Whitey Herzog, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Stan Musial, Ozzie Smith, and Kellen Winslow.

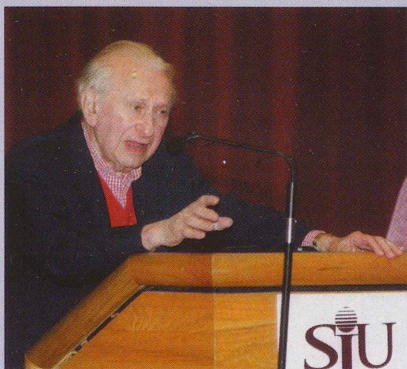
Hart and his wife, Mary, had a chance to catch up with old friends earlier in the day during rehearsal and at a private luncheon. Several close friends from Carbondale also joined them for the event, dinner, and the actual show.



From left, St. Louis Sports Legends Dan Dierdorf, Ozzie Smith, Jim Hart, Mel Gray, O. J. Anderson, and Terry Metcalf.

Photo courtesy of Maic Schreiber, St. Louis Sports Commission

## Terkel Speaks At SIU



Historian, radio personality, and author Studs Terkel recently gave a lively lecture to a standing-room-only gathering at SIU. The 87-year-old's appearance was part of the Virginia Marmaduke Lecture Series, and was co-sponsored by the Public Policy Institute.

## On The Side

### Allen Named Head Of Core Curriculum

History Professor James S. Allen is the new director of University Core Curriculum, replacing Ann-Janine Morey, who left SIU last summer. Allen will coordinate the University's foundation courses, which provide students with a solid grounding in the liberal arts and sciences and emphasize the development of analytic and imaginative skills.

"I want to see SIU's Core Curriculum nationally recognized for its quality, rigor, and innovation within the next 5-10 years," he said. "It is as important as the undergraduate major to our students because breadth as well as depth are needed for survival in society."

Allen came to the history department in 1991 following teaching positions at Tufts University, The University of California at San Diego, Phillips University, and the University of Pennsylvania.

### Perkins Inducted Into IATA Hall Of Fame

The Illinois Athletic Trainers Association recently inducted Sally Perkins into the IATA Hall of Fame. Perkins, a certified athletic trainer and employee at SIU for 23 years, is currently program director of athletic training at the University.

Perkins was awarded the Student Affairs Service Award in 1997 for recognition of outstanding contributions to the students at SIU, and has been the district representative to the IATA Board of Directors the past three years.

### Davey Named CASA Teacher of The Year

Jon Davey, a professor in architecture and interior design at Southern Illinois University, has been selected as the College of Applied Sciences and Arts' teacher of the year. A holder of a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees from SIU, he was recognized during ceremonies recently held at the SIU Student Center.

Davey also orchestrated the design of the new Morris Browsing Room dedicated recently at Morris Library and featured in the fall issue of *Southern Alumni*.

In addition to his teaching duties, Davey oversees the Kid Architecture program, held on campus each summer. Created by Davey in 1989, the program has introduced thousands of elementary and high school students to the world of building design.

As teacher of the year in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, Davey is eligible for the University's teacher of the year award, which will be given out this spring.

The college also recognized its departmental teachers of the year:

*Davey*, Applied Arts; *David W. Gilbert*, assistant professor, Applied Technology; *Sandy J. Maurizio*, assistant professor, Health Care Professions; *Elsie J. Martin*, visiting assistant professor, Information Management Systems; *Dave S. Worrells*, assistant professor, and *Jose R. Ruiz*, assistant professor, Aviation Management and Flight; and *R. Ed Brown*, assistant instructor, Aviation Technologies.

### Chancellor's Golf Scramble May 19

SIU's 2000 Chancellor's Golf Scramble will be held May 19 at the Crab Orchard Country Club in Carterville, Ill. Entry fee will cover greens fees, golf cart, lunch and on-course refreshments.

The entry deadline is May 12, with more information available by contacting the office of Dr. Seymour Bryson at 618-453-1186. Proceeds from this event will be used to provide scholarships at SIU.

# A Man

# With A Plan

by Gene Green

For Leroy Wright '92, success in the business world is simply the by-product of a childhood filled with love, respect - and early responsibility.

“**W**ake up Bud - time to get going,” Leroy Miller whispers. The sleepy eight-year-old boy stretches away a night’s rest, and slowly opens his eyes. He glances at his grandfather, and slides out of bed.

The scene could have been shared by countless other youngsters in North St. Louis during the summer of 1976, but one thing here is unique - it is 4:30 a.m., and Leroy Wright is about to start his day.

Wright and his grandfather soon prepare for their door-to-door sale of brooms and dishcloths - the elderly gentleman guided along city streets by the diligent youngster. Perhaps a strange sight to some, but not to Wright.

Miller has been blind since birth.

“I can remember my grandfather telling me: ‘Bud, look what I am able to do. We pay all of our bills, rely on no outside help, do just fine, and yet I’m blind. You have your entire life ahead of you and you have your eyesight.

“Just think what you can accomplish? You can do anything and you *will* be a success,” Wright remembers his grandfather asserting. “I always hear that message ringing in my ears.”

*Now fast forward to 2000...*

Wright, 31, is president and chief executive officer of TLC Next Generation, the largest wireless communications company in Missouri. The strides made as an adult in the business world have drawn major attention from trade journals, industry analysts, and *Forbes Magazine*. A business he literally built from scratch now generates over \$12 million dollars annual revenue.

He says it is *only* the beginning.

## Growing Up

When Leroy Wright came into the world on Dec. 22, 1968, his mother, Carolyn, was hardly prepared to be a parent. Only 13 at the time, she and her infant son remained in the home of her parents, Leroy and Doris Miller. Both blind, the Millers were more than able to create a stable environment for their new grandson.

“My mother was barely a teenager when I came along,” Wright recalls. “We were both with my grandparents until I was six years old - that is when my mother decided she was going to leave home, go out and start her own life. She asked me if I wanted to come with her, or stay where I was.”

It would be the first major decision of his life.

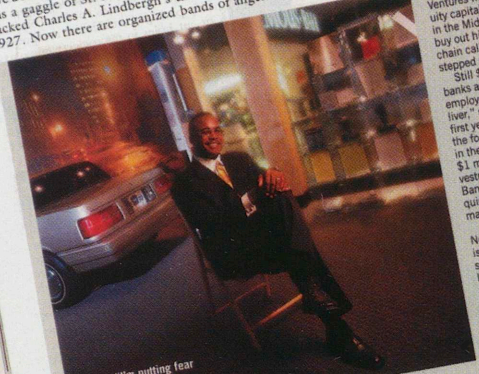
“Even at six, I could recognize the environment and structure that I had with my grandparents,” he said. “Had I decided to go with her, I would not have picked up entrepreneurial qualities from my grandfather and or learned things that define who I am today.”

Wright’s grandfather had been raised as a sharecropper in Mississippi, leaving for the Midwest in search of a better life for his family. He created his own business built around selling brooms and dishcloths, thus giving his young namesake his first taste of the entrepreneurial spirit.

“Every day of my childhood we were up before 5 a.m.,” Wright says. “If we weren’t getting ready to sell, we were tending to the garden, cutting grass, shoveling snow. My grandfather’s entire existence evolved around a great work ethic and a pride in taking care of his family.”

former heads of Ralston Purina, Boatmen's Bank and the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Entrepreneurs are also turning to individuals—who have a long, if spotty, history as investors of last resort. It was a gaggle of St. Louis businessmen, after all, who backed Charles A. Lindbergh's transatlantic flight in 1927. Now there are organized bands of angels. The

entrepreneurs, each of its 90 members—entrepreneurs, executives, lawyers, accountants, retirees—ponies up at least \$500 a quarter over three years. The ante has enabled Can-Do to invest \$470,000 in 13 startups. Two look promising: BioProfile is developing a noninvasive



Driven: "I'm putting fear into the hearts of my competition," says Wright.

## Leroy Wright's game plan

Clubby St. Louis has never been an easy place to launch a new business. Especially if you're black. The Old Courthouse, where Dred Scott sued in vain for his freedom in 1847, still stands. So does the post-Civil War legacy of racial segregation and a yawning gap in income and education between whites and blacks. That hasn't stopped some African-Americans from creating their own opportunities in St. Louis. Davis Steward, 48, built a couple of companies that handled freight invoices for railroad and transportation outfits, looking for over- and undercharges. His third startup, World Wide Technology, nearly went under in 1993, thanks to poor financial management. But last year WWT pulled in revenues of \$200 million selling and integrating computers and software for networks, e-commerce and telecommunications. He claims he's been profitable for the last five years.

Leroy Wright, 30, grew up in north St. Louis, one of the city's worst slums, and was raised by his grandparents, both blind. "I used to go door-to-door with my grandfather, selling brooms and washcloths," Wright recalls. "He'd say, 'Leroy, look what I'm doing and I'm blind. Just imagine what you can do.'" He went to Southern Illinois University on a football scholarship. After a couple of years at Southwestern Bell's wireless division, he became the top salesperson in the company's history. Wright wanted more. In 1996 he went off on his own as a retailer of wireless phone products and services. When banks refused him a loan, Wright hit up people he had done business with, raising \$125,000. "They were impressed with my salesmanship," he says. So was Byron Winton, a black investment banker from Chicago, who bought a phone from Wright. Winton had recently arrived to manage the \$20 million Civic

Ventures Investment Fund, providing equity capital to minority-owned businesses in the Midwest. When Wright decided to buy out his largest competitor, a 15-store chain called Next Generation, Winton stepped up with \$1 million. Still \$500,000 short, Wright tried the banks again—no luck—and his former employer. "No one thought that in its line," says Winton. "No matter that in its first year, Wright's company had become the fourth-largest seller of cellular phones in the area. Finally, a loan of more than \$1 million and a \$500,000 equity investment came from NationsBank (now Bank of America), which had just acquired Boatmen's Bank—one of the many lenders that had said no."

Today TLC ("the Leroy company") Next Generation International Holdings is the largest wireless retailer in the state of Missouri (1998 sales: \$7.8 million)—and has been profitable every year. Wright is expanding into San Diego, after making a big move into San Diego late last year. "I'm putting doubt and fear into the hearts of my competition," says Wright with a big smile. Some of the minority community were leaders up in the civil rights era, who grew up in the civil rights era, who carry a mantra in a time and place where it's no longer valid," says Winton, a die-hard capitalist. His toughest task: convincing the white business elite that Civic Ventures isn't a charitable for-profit investment fund. "This is for-profit investment based on economic self-interest."

Winton insists. The old guard is starting to take notice. Soon it will have a chance to show some support. Winton is in the midst of raising his second fund to invest in minority enterprises and urban revitalization projects. Example: redeveloping 1,500 acres in the inner city and high-use—residential, commercial and high-tech facilities. He hopes to raise \$100 million from corporate and institutional investors—up to 20% from St. Louis-based organizations. Time to put your money where your mouth is," he says. Wright puts a more positive spin on the things. "Anyone stepping up with the right plan can be successful," he says. "Maybe people who grew up in another era can't say that. But for me, Jim Crow is history."

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Wright's success is starting to be recognized on a national scale, including this piece in *Forbes Magazine* last year.

tion of being a solid student/athlete would be his ticket to a college degree. Various programs came calling, but Southern Illinois University was the right fit.

"I fell in love with SIU the first time I ever stepped on campus," he says. "It seemed like a real university, and remains one of the most beautiful campuses I have ever seen."

When former Saluki head coach Ray Dorr offered a scholarship, Wright accepted and started a new chapter in his life. His grandfather would die shortly after that key moment, but in a strange way it all seemed to fit.

"When I received the scholarship, my grandfather felt he had taken me as far as he could," he remembers. "He had taught me what the foundation of life is about. I was now in the position to do something no one in our family had ever done — get a college degree."

Miller's final message was simple: "I've done my part, Bud — the rest is up to you."

## You're A Saluki Now

Adjusting to life at SIU was not a real challenge for the determined Wright. "I arrived with a heavy charge. I could not degrade all that my grandparents had

worked for by not taking advantage of this opportunity.

"I picked my own major the first day I was ever on campus (speech communication), and told anyone who wanted to listen that I had a four-year window to graduate. As an athlete, plenty of people told me that would require too much of a load, but I methodically set out to take care of business."

His first roommate at SIU was fellow St. Louisan and quarterback standout Scott Gabbert. The recent Saluki Hall-of-Fame inductee knew immediately that his new roomie was something special.

"Leroy always seemed to be thinking one step ahead," Gabbert recalls. "Many guys couldn't see the big picture, but he was always thinking about his future. He was intense as a football player and competitor in the classroom. Somehow you just sensed he was going to accomplish whatever he attempted."

Wright, who feels life is defined by seizing opportunity when presented, captured his biggest prize a year later. He met his wife, Dana, at SIU in 1989, and they were married a year later.

Dana, who would earn two degrees from SIU herself and is now an administrator with the St. Louis Red Cross Central Service Center, was pregnant with their first child, Leroy II, in 1992. With his wife confined to bed rest during the latter part of the pregnancy, Wright made ends meet delivering pizzas for Pantera's, and finished school with a demanding 18-hour load.

"I took my last test at SIU on May 12, 1992, knew that I had aced it, and knew that I was done," he beams. "On May 13, our son was born. As I walked across campus later that day, I felt I could do anything!"

## Wright Takes St. Louis

Shortly after graduation, Wright went to work for Southwestern Bell in St. Louis. He had interviewed with the company while at SIU, and had scored high on all tests. His high score notwithstanding, the rookie account execu-

## Some Keys To Success

Wright points to various convictions that have helped shape his success in the business world – and in life. Some of the key factors are:

- “Don’t fret about making mistakes – just don’t make the same one twice. I’ve lost a few battles, but each time learned something that allowed me to come back and win the war.”
- “Self-pity and blame play no role in being successful.”
- “My family has a tremendous faith in God. By letting God guide me, I know I will take the right path in life. He has allowed me to get to this point at a young age, so I feel there is an even bigger mission ahead.”
- “I have a strong, educated woman as my partner in life, who has always believed in my dreams. Dana and I have a saying in our household that we live by: **‘I am because we are – because we are, therefore I am.’**”
- “You have to lead by example. I have to be able to point to success before my employees will believe that I can lead them to a goal.”
- “Do not set up obstacles for yourself because of your race, where you were raised, or how you struggled. You must rise above that and focus on a goal. I never tried to place blame on anyone or anything when something didn’t work out for me. Blame is for a higher order to sort out. All I can do is use the tools and assets I have in the best way I can.”
- “Understand self-reliance. I **never** saw my grandparents looking for any handouts, and we never relied on any social system. I really don’t give a great deal of thought to affirmative action policies – maybe they have helped me, maybe they haven’t. My basic philosophy is: **To be the best you compete against the best – regardless of race.**”
- “Nothing replaces experience. You have to live it before you learn it.”

tive stunned the company in 1994 by becoming its top salesperson.

“While everyone else was going after major accounts, I focused my efforts on middle market companies that were going untouched at the time,” he says. “I gave it 110 percent and things took off. One account had a goal of 35 phones in a month – I sold them over 300.

“I was 23-years-old and made over \$100,000 that first year. I worked doing the same thing the next two years — was even more successful each year — and left Southwestern Bell in 1995 as the top account executive in the company’s history.

“I suppose most people would have been delighted to stay in that capacity.”

Most people are not Leroy Wright.

“The easy thing would have been to stay right where I was, but I had no intention of entering corporate America, getting promoted along the way, and earning a gold watch at retirement. My plan was to *learn* the system and become a major player *in* the system.”

With this in mind, Wright was invigorated by the whole concept of wireless communications. “It was a fast-paced, growing industry less than five years old at the time. There weren’t many people out there who knew more about the business than I could quickly learn.”

In 1995 he set off on his own as a retailer of wireless phone products and services, starting Wright Cellular. The process was anything but effortless, as banks refused him loans and many questioned how the young entrepreneur could pull off such a venture. “Banks weren’t real excited about a 25-year-old with a dream,” he now laughs.

Wright eventually had to take all the money he had earned the past few years, *and* locate money from other investors. After this daunting task was accomplished, he was successful in buying out his largest competitor, a 15-store chain

Having a successful team in place not only produces winners on the athletic field, but in the business world as well. The “team” at TLC Next Generation is, from left: Darlene Davis – chief financial officer, Leroy Wright – chief executive officer, Tami Battle – vice president of sales, and Barry Sender – chief operating officer.



called Next Generation in 1997. "The acquisition took us from a company doing \$700,000 in revenue to one doing over \$4 million in revenue," he notes.

Byron Winton, a black investment banker from Chicago, had once bought a phone from Wright and was impressed with his ability. He stepped in with \$1 million, and Wright finally had impressed financial circles enough to secure a loan of more than \$1 million from NationsBank.

People who once shunned the young man with dreams, were now ready to do business with him.

Today, TLC Next Generation is the largest wireless retailer in Missouri, with current revenues in the \$12 million range. Wright, who has expanded his company to Kansas City and San Diego, wants to become a national communications player in the next two years and see revenue approach \$50 million.

"This is a global market. We have plans via e-commerce to benefit from customers all over the country. We started out with four employees that first year – now we have 150, and who knows what lies ahead."

One thing on the horizon is the day TLC Next Generation becomes a publicly traded company, something Wright expects to direct in about two years. "We would be the first African-American owned business in the Midwest region to go public, and this is consistent with our national plans.

"Actually I don't often talk about ultimate goals. Some still tend to not believe I can do some of the things I dream about, but I have a plan of action for every step I take. You must continually focus on a mission to accomplish something great."

## Coming Full Circle

With his business booming and the future bright, some earlier parts of Wright's life have come full circle. In addition to his wife, and children, Leroy II, and Malcolm, his mother is back in the picture.

"She lives with my grandmother (now 72) in a home I bought for them," Wright says flashing a brilliant smile. "Things are great with all of us, and she is taking care of my grandmother now. It is sometimes funny how things work out."

And things have worked out for Wright — in large part — because of some basic values.

"When I wrestled in high school, we used to wear T-shirts that said: "If it is to be, it is up to me," he says. "That says it all. Don't look for breaks in life, but instead make your own.

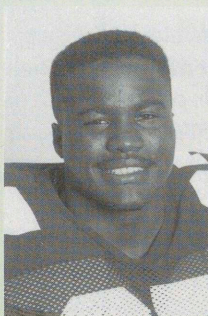
"My grandfather couldn't see, but it didn't stop him from providing for his family. He told me there would be plenty of people who would have more opportu-

nity, but the important thing would be to seize my opportunities when they arrived.

"You hear America labeled as a democracy, but I feel it really is a *meritocracy*. Things are based on merit in this society. Merit is a wonderful thing! It is color-blind, gender-blind, just simply blind to people who can execute the right plan of action."

Leroy Miller must be smiling. Something else blind continues to help his grandson enjoy incredible vision. ■

## Saluki Football Helped Build Wright's Character



Wright as a Saluki linebacker in 1991.

Long before Leroy Wright had CEO after his name, he was listed as a LB at Southern Illinois University. As a Saluki linebacker from 1988-91, the 5-10, 210-pound defender played with marked tenacity and absorbed teamwork concepts that would serve him well in the business world.

Wright soaked in knowledge from a variety of coaches, dealing with three different mentors during his days at Southern. "I was recruited by Ray Dorr, but never played for him," he says. "Rick Rhoades was the coach my first season, and then I played for Bob Smith the rest of the way. I tried to take a little bit from all of them."

Wright would find out coaches and CEOs have some marked similarities. "Both require team-building talents. The preparation, discipline, and cultural diversity I experienced on the SIU football team helped me grow as a person.

"I now have to teach my employees how to win. That is what coaches have to do, as well as spot certain weaknesses in opponents. I loved to look across the football field and see the other team pointing fingers at one another and arguing – if that happened, I knew we would beat them. The opponent that scared me was the one that calmly made adjustments and came out a little better prepared the next time. The same holds true in the business world."

Wright had his moments in the sun as a Saluki athlete, including a stunning 20-tackle performance as a freshman in a loss at Youngstown State. It was, however, a jarring hit he made in a game in 1991 that stands out in his memory.

"Northern Iowa came into Carbondale as one of the top teams in the nation, and few gave us much of a chance to win," he recalls. "We won the game 21-20, and I caused a fumble that led to a key touchdown. Ed Senter recovered the ball, Yonel Jourdain later scored, and we got off to a 5-0 start that season."

Southern would go 7-4 in 1991, producing one of the most exciting seasons in Saluki football history. Eight of the 11 games were decided by four points or less, including four by one point.

"In many ways, my football experience and days at SIU were the happiest of my life," Wright says. "I feel a tremendous commitment to give back to all the communities who have shaped me – St. Louis, North St. Louis, and SIU. People in those areas blessed me and made my success a reality." ■

– Gene Green

## 90-Year-Old Alumna Remembers College Days

by Selena Halter Hoover '32

When I graduated from Carbondale High School, I had no great ambition for life beyond my protected family existence. I was fairly proficient in typing, but never did well with shorthand.

It was 1928 and the Great Depression was beginning in full force. Secretarial jobs were scarce and clerking in the new F.W. Woolworth store did not appeal to me. So I enrolled in the Teacher's College for want of anything better to do. Along with many of my friends, I was destined to be a teacher.

The walk from my home at 211 W. Walnut Street was pleasant as I encountered many friends along the way. We had no car—few did. The cars parked along the streets belonged to out-of-town students.

The Old Main building housed many of my classes but also was the office of *The Egyptian*, the college newspaper. I was designated as the official typist, but also did proofreading and sometimes wrote a column. My friend Orville Alexander was editor-in-chief and Norman “Frenchie” Lovellette was another editor.

The Wheeler Library was strictly for study and Ms. Hart, the librarian, frowned on anything that resembled a giggle. My dear friend Jewell Ferrill seemed to think even my most solemn remarks were funny and we had to leave before a reprimand. She now lives in Palm Beach, Fla., and our telephone calls recall memories.

Between the Allyn “Training School” and the auditorium was the sidewalk that led to the “hard road,” the highway south. The traffic was light and we could safely cross over to the Greek Restaurant that belonged to Ted Licos and his wife Goldie. Here was a great meeting place between classes and for those more affluent, a good meal. Goldie knew everyone by name.

We were required to select a major and a minor sometime along the way. I chose English as my major and my minor was history-geography. The latter was due to my friends who had books to loan me in those subjects. It was a common practice.

My favorite subject of the minors was geology taught by Frank Colyer, or “Uncle Bud” as we called him privately. He was a dear, elderly man; hard of hearing and suspicious of the “promiscuous” talking that he rightly suspected went on. This reminds me of another instance with Jewell.

She was not a great student of Africa and when Professor Colyer called on her, she had not read the lesson. We were required to stand to answer and since her desk was next to mine, I felt she needed the right answer to “the plague of Africa,” (which was “white ants”). But my whispered answer was heard as “white rats,” to the amusement of the whole class and even Mr. Colyer.

The school year was divided into three terms and, as I remember, the tuition or registration fee was the sum of \$7 without books or supplies. Summer school was a separate term. Many students were teachers who had completed the two years in order to receive a limited license. I attended in order to continue and receive my education degree in both elementary and secondary teaching.

The school policy was in keeping with the Bible Belt philosophy. There were no school-sanctioned dances—even the gym classes taught folk dancing as folk exercises. The local Elk's Club had matinee dances as a courtesy, with no mention of the school.

We also had chapel regularly with reading and prayer. In addition to announcements, the orchestra led by David McIntosh made us familiar with classical music in a wonderful way. I can't think if chapel was compulsory or not, but everyone attended.

My student teaching supervisor (the yearbook calls critic) was Ruby Van Trump, who was my dear, dear friend. We remained in close touch for many years. After part of my

experience in the Allyn Building Training School, I spent time at my old grade school, Brush. There I was assigned to Maud Maynew, who was my second grade teacher years earlier. I loved both of those women, devotedly.


Shortly before graduation, dear Dean Wham encouraged me to fill out several applications for teaching positions. He dictated from my resume and I did the typing as he spoke. I was embarrassed as he emphasized my qualifications. I still think it was gross exaggeration.

But I was hired as a second grade teacher in Highland, Ill., and had two wonderful years there before marrying the man I had left behind in Carbondale. This was the end of my career until I was 49 years old and my two daughters were grown.

I have many wonderful memories of schools, marriage and motherhood. ■



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# War And Peace Through The Eyes Of Two Friends

Hanna  
De Bruijn

by Ann Ruger

Sixty years ago, more than two dozen German bombers flew across the border into the Netherlands and, in one afternoon, destroyed much of the country's infrastructure. Rotterdam, a thriving industrial city on the banks of the Rhine, was particularly hard hit.

For two and a half hours, beginning at noon on May 10, 1940, Nazi pilots systematically targeted major buildings, bridges, and transportation lines, including the harbor and its ships, and destroyed most of the power and water lines. By the time the bombing ceased, most of the city was leveled, and 25,000 people were dead.

Nine thousand miles away, on the Dutch-controlled island of Java, a young couple received the news of Holland's fall with horror and heart-wrenching fear.

Newlyweds Hanna and Aad Muijser had moved from Rotterdam only a few months earlier, leaving their families and friends behind so that Aad could work as a chemical engineer in a sugar factory. He had been a reservist in the Dutch army and had been afraid that if he stayed in the Netherlands during the Nazi buildup, he might eventually be conscripted into the German army as it made its way across Europe.

Now they listened in horror as reports of Rotterdam's destruction reached Java. Making matters worse, the conquering Germans had cut off all communication between the Netherlands and its colonies, leaving the young couple with no way of learning whether their families were even alive. Hanna and Aad, along with thousands of other Dutch citizens living abroad, felt terrified and utterly helpless.

Fortunately, Hanna had a friend in the United States. Seven years earlier, when she was 19, she had begun exchanging letters with Ruth Sullivan '28, a young teacher from Herrin, Ill. The two women had developed a strong friendship during their years as pen pals and already knew quite a bit about each other's families.

Since the United States had not yet entered the war, there were no restrictions on mail between Holland and the U.S., nor were Java-U.S. communications prohibited. In desperation, Hanna sought Ruth's help. On May 16, she wrote her pen pal the following letter:

*Dearest Ruth,*

*You have heard the terrible news. That our poor country ... had to fight against Germany and that they lost. Towns were bombed, soldiers were shot dead. Aad and I are in the Indies and we are impatient about the fate of our parents and other family. We hear naturally nothing about them. The*

Ruth Sullivan



communication between Holland and Dutch Indies has been broken. Are they dead or alive? We don't know.

O, Ruth, this is the most great sorrow we ever have in our life, and we could ever have. You are my friend Ruth. I know you will do what you can to help us. Send the letter soon and we only ask in it that you say how the parents do.

Your Hanna

Ruth was attending summer school at the University of Illinois when Hanna's letter finally reached her, more than two months later. Coincidentally, she received a letter on the same day from Hanna's parents, asking if she could get word to their daughter and son-in-law that they and Aad's parents had survived the Nazi attack.

Although telegrams were expensive, especially to a student whose entire summer budget was just \$100, Ruth immediately sent two wires. To the young couple in Java, she wrote: "FAMILIES SAFE." To the parents in Holland, she wrote: "HANNA KNOWS."

When the long-awaited message arrived in Java, after weeks of agonized waiting, a jubilant Hanna wrote her friend:

"An hour ago we received your telegram saying, "FAMILIES SAFE!" O, how we do thank you, that you were so kind, to write us this telegram. Never in our life we have been so glad as we are now. To hear that our parents are not dead, that they are safe!

When we began to correspond, dearest, we did not thought about these horrible things in Holland to be happened. And we did not know that we should become such good friends, and I did not know however that it should be you who would send us the news we're so glad to hear, as no other news ever before. Ruth, again we give you a big kiss for this."

This is but one of the fascinating and touching stories contained in the 45-year correspondence between Hanna and Ruth, two women separated by distance, language, and culture, but united by admiration and love.

When the two became pen pals in 1933, both were young women readying themselves for teaching careers. Ruth



Aad, Ruth and Hanna enjoy their time together.

had recently received a degree from Southern Illinois Normal University and had just begun teaching at Herrin High School. Hanna was still in school, preparing to be a physical education teacher. Over the next 45 years, until Hanna's death in 1978, the two exchanged more than 500 letters, spanning almost a half century between the Great Depression and the beginning of the technological revolution.

During all this time, they were only together once, in 1976 – and then only for three days – when Ruth finally accepted Hanna's oft-repeated invitation to visit. "I should like to see my paper friend changed into a living flesh and blood friend!" she had said.

Unfortunately, the letters Ruth wrote to Hanna over these years have been lost. But all of Hanna's were carefully and lovingly saved and are now available to readers in a book, *Kisses from Hanna*, published recently by two SIU alumnae. (See accompanying story.)

What the letters reveal is the life story of an amazing woman, filled with joyful enthusiasm as a teenager, who experienced horrendous personal tragedy in her late twenties and early thirties, and then managed, through courageous effort, to regain her love for life after the war.

Hanna's letters before 1940 overflowed with the exuberance of a happy young woman, surrounded by loving family and friends. The description she gave of herself in the first letter – "I am not a beauty for I am not slender. The one thing I am proud of is my hair for it has a natural curl." – is characteristic of the charm found throughout her writing.

For Ruth's birthday, she sent "... many joys in the next year of your life and since it is impossible that you find only joy, I wish you a very few misfortunes." She reported on the coming of spring: "Everywhere the flowers are growing inches in the very soft weather we had the last days. We are playing basketball and hockey in the open air, and we have a joyous feeling in our bodies."

And when she fell in love with the man she would eventually marry, she poured out her heart to her new friend. "I think any girl has a heap of love in her heart, and there must be an outlet for it, and it is such a sweet and safe feeling that you have anyone on whom you can stream out all the tenderness of your heart. I am not able to tell you how great my love for Aad is."

During the 45 years that the letters were written, Hanna's youthful enthusiasm mellowed, to be replaced finally by an acceptance of her own mortality. In 1968 she wrote, "We did see of course the men on the moon. It was 3 o'clock in the morning, we saw the first step. Sometimes with such new things, I feel myself very old. Do you have such feelings too?"

A few years later, she reported to her friend, "I can feel I am not 30 and not 40 and not 50 any longer. When I am tired now after playing tennis or after a long walk of 3 or 4 hours, it lasts much longer to recuperate."

And finally, in one of her last letters to her friend in Herrin, she said, "I am not afraid of death. I hope it comes soon. Thank you for all the friendship that I received so many years. It was one of the most important things of my life, dear Ruth."

In addition to this moving picture of a spirited woman and her loving friend, the letters also provide a rare glimpse into the lives of a nation living through

war. In the 1930s, Hanna's concerns about impending conflict in Europe escalated, along with those of her fellow Hollanders, as Hitler's power grew.

*"I don't know exactly how it is to you in America," she said to her friend, "but in Europe we all go with an anxious heart into the year 1937 for everywhere the countries do not trust each other. Weaponed to the teeth they watch each other to trample down each other at the most little thing. Weaponed peace, a horrible thing!"*

Two years later, the situation was even more grim. "I fear that a war can't be very long away," she wrote, "and the only thing I hope is that Holland will not be in it. It is not a pretty time here, and it is not to be proud to be a European."

Her hopes were destroyed the following year when Holland fell to the Germans – and her letters from Java reflected the bitterness surely shared by most of the Dutch people:

*"Oh Ruth, how could Hitler do it to take us! A peace loved country and ruin it all. We learned a difficult lesson from our country men in Holland and this is: Don't be weak or indulgent or friendly to such neighbors as the Nazis and their friends, for you can't hold with them your freedom and prosperity."*

But Hanna's worst nightmare was still to come. After three years of waiting in Java, corresponding with family only through letters that Ruth sent on to them, Hanna and Aad watched in horror as their temporary homeland in the Dutch East Indies was overrun by the Japanese. The young husband and wife would spend the next three and a half years in prisoner of war camps, she in Java and he in Singapore, constantly hungry, treated inhumanly by cruel guards, and – worst of all – not knowing if the other was alive or dead.

Poor Ruth – and all of Hanna and Aad's families, too – could do nothing but wait in agony, month after long month, for news of their loved ones. Finally, on August 14, 1945, five days before Hanna's 31st birthday, the joyful

news came that the Japanese had surrendered! A few weeks later, Ruth received word from Hanna's mother, now a widow, that Hanna had survived, as had Aad, and that the two were desperately trying to reach each other.

More than three months after V-J Day, Ruth received the following message from Hanna, written on a tiny piece of yellow wrapping paper, hand-sewn for closing, and stamped with a "Prisoner of War" mark:

*"I am just evacuated from Middle Java to Batavia. I haven't anything in the world but my body and two frocks. Aad ... is in Singapore, and I have not any hope that we will see each other soon again. My father dead. My mother lonely in Holland, and I here. When I had*

al pain that would take years to heal, they were strong people with deep reserves of strength. Within five years of their release from prison, they had two healthy children, a good income from Aad's teaching, and a house of their own.

And Hanna seems to have recovered from the despair she felt during and immediately after the war. "Now I have learned that troubles and sorrow come that you can't do nothing against it and that you can learn much through it," she wrote to Ruth in 1950. "In these 10 years we have lost everything we had except our life and each other's love, and we have learned that we lost but a little."

Hanna's letters to her friend in southern Illinois, over the course of their long and loving friendship, are



Ruth and Hanna had plenty to smile about when they finally met after 44 years.

*known this five or six years ago, I should have said, 'I can't stand it! It will be my death,' but it shows how much a human being can stand! I see the future as so desolate, so difficult."*

Miraculously, Hanna and Aad found each other at last, returned to Holland, and began rebuilding their lives and their country. Although both had suffered excruciating physical and emotion-

packed with many of the conflicting emotions that characterize human life: curiosity and understanding, love and hate, trust and fear, generosity and need, hope and despair, exuberance and exhaustion. But the overarching message is a positive one.

The reader comes to the last page of this remarkable story with renewed faith in the healing power of love. ■

# Kisses from Hanna...

## How the book came to be

**T**wenty years ago, Carterville, Ill., school principal Jean Ellen Reynolds '66, M.S.Ed.'70, Ph.D.'78 heard Ruth Sullivan talk about her long friendship with Hanna Muijser – and the letters the two had exchanged over almost half a century. She remembers still how moved she was by the presentation.

"The story was so beautiful," she recalls, "and everyone in the audience was crying by the time she finished telling it."

She went immediately to her friend, social studies teacher Carol Cross '54, M.A.'76, and suggested that she invite Sullivan to the school to share her story with students. Cross, too, was enthralled by what she heard, and she and Reynolds became convinced that the story should be available to a wider audience. For several years, they tried to persuade Sullivan to write a book about her relationship with Hanna and to publish the letters she had received from her Dutch friend.

She still had them all, bundled chronologically by year and then by decade, stored in a suit box under her bed. She also had photos of her visit to the Netherlands in 1976 when the two women finally met, as well as pictures of Hanna and her family that she'd received over the course of their long friendship.

"We just felt this story had to be told," recalls

Cross. "So many young people today don't know much at all about World War II, and Hanna's letters provide a fascinating glimpse into that period. They also tell so much about friendship and loyalty and caring. It's really an amazing story."

Sullivan resisted Cross and Reynolds' repeated requests, however, insisting that she wasn't up to such an undertaking. Finally, in desperation, she turned the suit box full of letters over to them. "Here," she said, "**you** take the letters. **You** write it!"

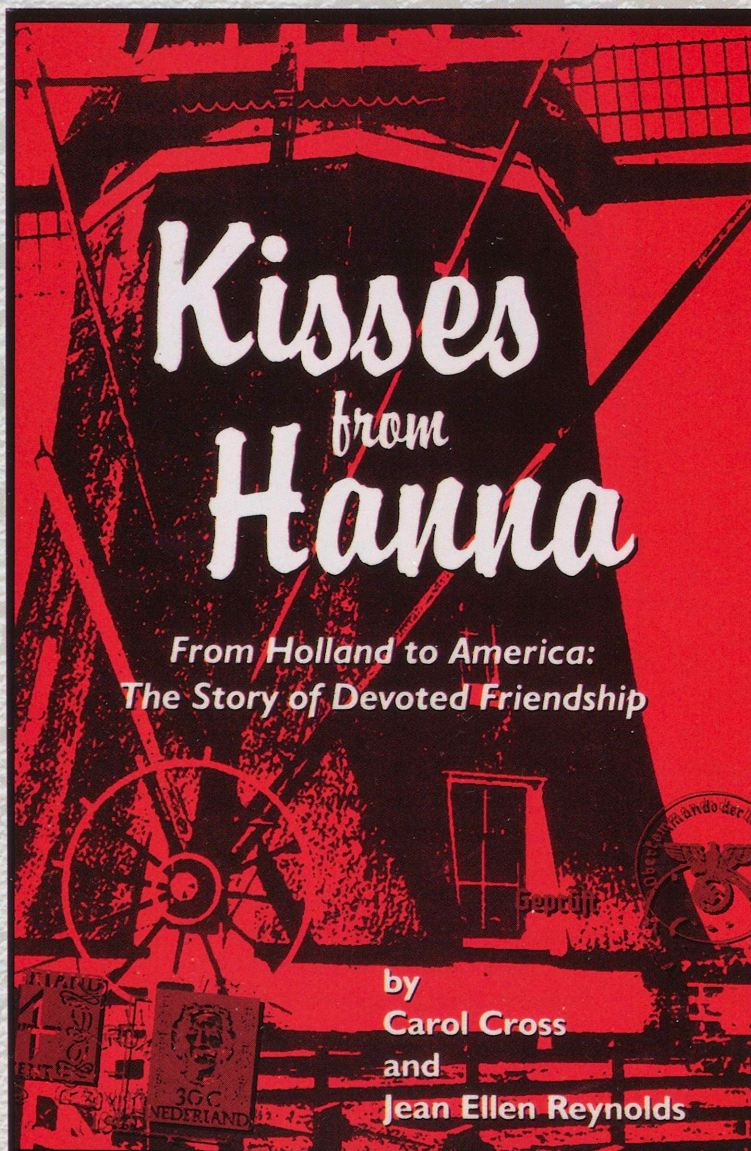
"I was so excited," remembers Reynolds. "I said to Carol, 'Look, here's our book!' Of course, we had no idea then what was in store for us. It would take more than ten years of hard work before we'd finish."

Their first job – which they did over seven long summers – was to transcribe the handwritten letters, trying to make sense of the tiny, faint handwriting (some of the letters, by this time, were almost 70 years old), Hanna's less-than-perfect English, and the complicated

spellings of Dutch words. When they'd finished all 250 letters, they faced what turned out to be an equally daunting task – obtaining permission from Hanna's family to publish them.

Cross and Reynolds knew from Sullivan that Hanna's husband Aad was still alive and living in the Netherlands. They wrote to him several times, explaining their project and asking his permission to use the letters. But he never wrote back. Perhaps he had moved and wasn't receiving their letters. Or perhaps he didn't want his wife's letters published.

In desperation, Cross decided to see if she could find the family while she and her husband were in Europe for a wedding in 1995. She started in Delft, because she knew from the letters that Hanna and Aad's son Hans had received his doctorate in physics at the university there. Perhaps he was on the faculty and still living in the city.



Luckily, Cross found only one “Hans Muijser” among the 89,000 residents in the city’s phone book. She remembers how nervous she was as she placed a call to him.

“What if seven years of effort had been fruitless? What if Hans, his father Aad, and his sister Ineke absolutely refused to permit Hanna’s letters from being used? We would still have the story, but it would have to be told in third person and would lose most of the poignancy of Hanna’s personality that comes through so clearly in her correspondence.”

But her concerns were unfounded. Hans was enthusiastic about the book, immediately agreeing that his mother’s letters should be published and offering to spend an evening with her, sharing stories and pictures of the family.

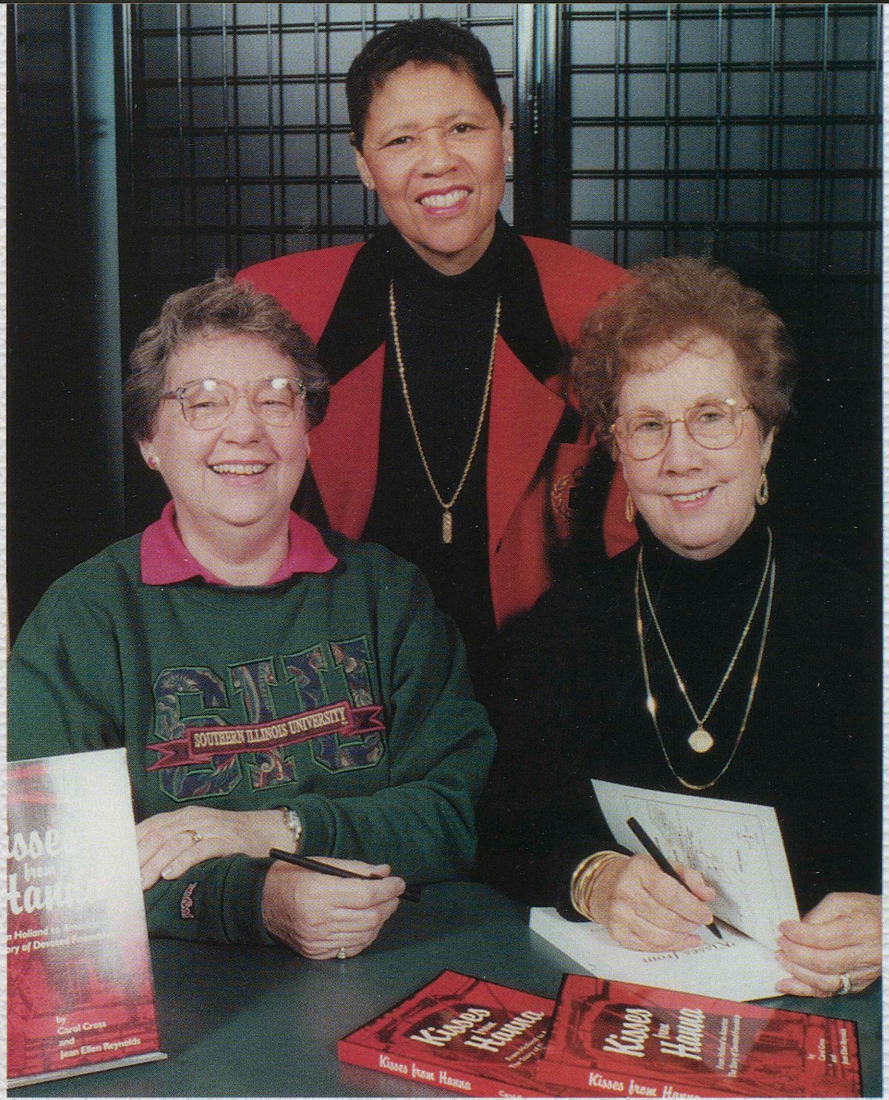
He helped Cross get in touch with Aad who had moved several times in the last few years and not received the letters. And he even called Sullivan in Herrin to reassure her that the family felt honored to have Hanna’s letters and the story of her remarkable life preserved in a book.

Cross was elated by this development. “Flying home the next morning,” she remembers, “my greatest fear was that we might crash before I had time to tell Jean Ellen that I had found the family.”

The two authors, both retired now from their careers in education, spent the next several months researching and writing an accompanying text to provide a context for the events that Hanna describes. They engaged an editor, Molly Norwood ’61, who also helped them with layout, cover design and finding a publisher.

“We couldn’t have done it without her,” says Reynolds. “She helped us in so many ways and really became a partner with us on the whole project.”

Since the release of *Kisses from Hanna* in 1997, Cross and Reynolds have spoken before many groups, including radio and TV audiences, about this remarkable story. They’ve been to Rotary Clubs, church groups, book signings and classrooms, telling of the long friendship between Ruth and Hanna



Carol Cross, Molly Norwood, and Jean Ellen Reynolds enjoy a light moment at a recent book signing. In addition to their own degrees from SIU, all three women have strong family connections with the University. Cross’ husband Bud ’53, M.S. ’65 retired from the College of Engineering in 1991. Norwood’s husband Bill ’59 serves on the University’s Board of Trustees. And Reynolds’ daughter, Sheri Hunter ’76, ’88, M.S.Ed. ’88 is a member of the Alumni Board.

and reading from the letters. Both have been particularly touched by the response they get from young people, many of whom have little idea of what happens to ordinary people when their countries engage in war.

“How grateful we are to Ruth for preserving these... personal glimpses into the lives of these families,” Cross and Reynolds say in their introduction to *Kisses from Hanna*. “We feel we have come to know them so well and have had the added privilege of getting to know some of the remaining family members personally 50 years later. They have communicated with us on telephone satellite connections and computer e-mail, concepts not even dreamed of at the time

these young women began writing.

“These recent contacts have proven that international friendships are still very basic to peace, and the better we know and understand each other, the less chance we will have of putting others through the turmoil these friends endured.”

*Kisses from Hanna* is available nationwide at Barnes and Noble bookstores for \$14.95, and may also be purchased at the University Bookstore on the SIU campus. It can also be purchased online through Amazon.com. Cross and Reynolds can be reached by mail at 1204 Brentwood Drive, Carterville, IL 62918, by phone at 618-985-2138, or by e-mail at [bcross5353@aol.com](mailto:bcross5353@aol.com). Their web site may be viewed at <http://www.kissesfromhanna.com>.

# Returning the Favor



James Rosser was given the honor of waving the checkered flag at the finish of the 1997 Sunrayce in Colorado Springs, Colo., in which California State University, Los Angeles finished first. CSULA students designed, built, and raced an electric solar car that set a new speed record in the national competition, defeating the likes of Stanford-UC Berkeley, MIT, Purdue, Texas A&M, and Yale.



*As a young adult, James Rosser benefited from mentors and role models who supported his educational endeavors. Today, as a university president, he is returning the favor.*

by Greg Scott

**D**uring James Rosser's days as a student at Southern Illinois University, a professor taught him to remember that one can "walk with kings and never lose the common touch."

Friends and colleagues say Rosser has never forgotten this lesson. As opposed to being lauded for his personal accomplishments, he would rather pay tribute to people who supported him in pursuit of his professional goals.

After being informed that he was a 1999 recipient of the SIU Distinguished Alumni Award — the most prestigious honor presented by the SIU Alumni Association — Rosser was asked to share his most memorable experiences at Southern. He responded by mentioning several University leaders, professors, and staff with whom he had positive interaction.

Now in his 20th year as president of California State University, Los Angeles, Rosser's career appears to personify the values and beliefs of the individuals who paved the way for him. While reflecting on his success, Rosser pays homage to former SIU Athletic Director Donald N. Boydston, "whose values inspired me to do my best"; President Delyte and Dorothy Morris, for "creating an environment that enabled African-Americans to dare to dream and excel during an unusual time in the nation's history"; Chancellor Robert and Clarice MacVicar, "without whose continued support and guidance my career could never have been as meaningful and



During a distinguished career in higher education, Rosser says he is guided by the principle: "Excellence is color-blind. I believe everyone should have the right to succeed."

rewarding"; and Maurice and Sylvia Ogur, members of the University community, "who provided essential guidance, support, and inspiration."

These individuals, Rosser says, prepared him for life after SIU.

"It's a rare and unique opportunity to be acknowledged by an institution that prepared me for challenges and opportunities I've had as a professional," he says. "During a crucial time in this country, these people really understood the responsibilities that each of us has to one another.

"They sought to make sure that a great many of us left this institution equipped with enough values, self-esteem, and work ethic that allowed us to

be successful. SIU prepared me in ways that even to this day I'm beginning to fully understand and appreciate."

Seymour Bryson, a longtime close friend, says it's not unusual for Rosser to credit others for his success. "Jim is a humble person who is sentimental about people who helped him along the way. He is aware that no man is an island, and lives his life that way," Bryson says. "Like many of us, he is appreciative of the support system that aided his success. People reached out and Jim was receptive to their advice and guidance."

Reflecting on 20 years as president of CSULA, Rosser says he continues to benefit from his experiences at SIU. Like Boydston,



### **"You've Done Well Son ..."**

Rosser is greeted by Kermit J. Jeffers '48, M.S.Ed '49, one of his former teachers in East St. Louis, and his wife Mildred Brown Jeffers '44, during Homecoming festivities last fall. The SIU Alumni Association presented Rosser with the SIU Distinguished Alumni award, while Jeffers, a member of SIU's Class of 1949, was being inducted into the SIU Alumni Association's Half Century Club.

the Morrisises, and other leaders from SIU's past, Rosser is guided by the principle: "Excellence is color blind. I believe everyone should have the right to succeed."

CSULA is the beneficiary of Rosser's experiences.

One of the most culturally diverse universities in the country, over 80 percent of CSULA's more than 20,000 students are from minority groups. The university has been ranked among the top ten minority baccalaureate degree producers in the nation, based on 15 years of ratings by the journal *Black Issues in Higher Education*. It is one of the largest educators of teachers in California and is the state's largest preparer of bilingual teachers. Its School of Health and Human Services has one of the top 25 nursing programs in the country, and its School of Business and Economics was just ranked in the nation's 100 best undergraduate business schools by *U.S. News and World Report*.

While *U.S. News and World Report* has ranked the school's engineering and technology program in the nation's top 20, CSULA is first among California public universities in the proportion of engineering degrees awarded to Black and Hispanic students.

Billie Jean King, a tennis legend and California State University, Los Angeles alumna, met with Rosser at a recent fundraiser that King sponsored to raise scholarship funds for student-athletes.

"Our success essentially sends the same kind of message that SIU was demonstrating during the Morris era. Students of color can achieve at the highest level," Rosser says. "It is just a question of commitment, dedication, and available and adequate resources."

"Many universities in the country still struggle with changing demographics and how it relates to what America should continue to be. Delyte Morris internationalized SIU in a fashion that was unprecedented in comparison to other universities," he says. "By virtue of that, a great many of us were exposed to people from other cultures at a time that was rather unique in American higher education. The lessons I learned at SIU continue to serve me well."

Rosser serves the Los Angeles community through various outreach projects. He has served on the executive board of the Boy Scouts of America since 1979 and was the first African-American in the nation appointed president of a local BSA council. He also has been active in the United Way and American Red Cross. He regularly visits public schools throughout the metropolitan area, encouraging youngsters to maintain their commitment to education and prepare early for college.

"Jim came from humble beginnings and, like many of us, couldn't have been successful on his own," Bryson says.

"Role modeling and mentoring are two concepts he believes in. As a result, he has dedicated his life to helping others."

Rosser learned the importance of role models firsthand during his childhood. He was born the youngest of eight children, growing up in the rough neighborhoods of East St. Louis, Ill. However, Rosser's humble beginnings didn't keep him from being successful.

"I never believed there were things I couldn't do. East St. Louis was a tough place, but I got a lot of support from my parents, teachers, and neighbors," he says.

Rosser says it wasn't unusual for people to run him and other youngsters off the street corners to keep them out of trouble. These people, he says, just wanted kids in the community to have a better life than they had. A neighborhood dry cleaning store owner offered to clean Rosser's clothes for free as long as he stayed in school.



After graduating at the top of his senior class in high school, he was offered basketball scholarships at several Division I universities before accepting an offer to attend Langston University in Oklahoma. After his freshman year, he transferred to SIU and competed on the Saluki basketball team for two years.

"We got an opportunity to get to know quality, highly professional individuals on a much more personal level. It was really great to see faculty members in the department of microbiology attend basketball games," Rosser says. "They weren't necessarily basketball fans. It was their way of showing their support for someone they thought had potential and could achieve at a high level."

An honor student throughout his scholastic career, Rosser was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, an all-black fraternity that had the highest grade point average among fraternities on campus. The fraternity won the University's scholarship award for 16 consecutive quarters.

Rosser earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in microbiology, in 1962 and 1963. After graduating from Southern, he was hired as the first black researcher at the prestigious Eli Lilly Company in Indianapolis in 1963. He returned to SIU in 1966 to begin working toward a doctorate degree in health education, which he received in 1969. He later served as a special assistant to Chancellor Robert W. MacVicar, working to devise a strategy that would further enhance the experiences of African-American students at SIU. As a result, he founded and became the first director of SIU's Black American Studies Program, which celebrated its 30th anniversary last year.

He left Southern again in 1970, and continued to blaze trails. He was the senior associate vice chancellor at the University of Kansas from 1970-1974, becoming the first African-American to hold such a position at that school. He later became vice chancellor for the State of New Jersey Department of Higher Education from 1974-1979. Upon accepting his position at CSULA in 1979, he was the youngest person to be hired as a president in that state's system.

Bryson, SIU's associate chancellor in affirmative action, says Rosser possesses

qualities that often lead to success. "What separates Jim from other people is his work ethic. No one will outwork him," Bryson says. "He is competitive in a friendly way, and bright, intelligent, and well-prepared."

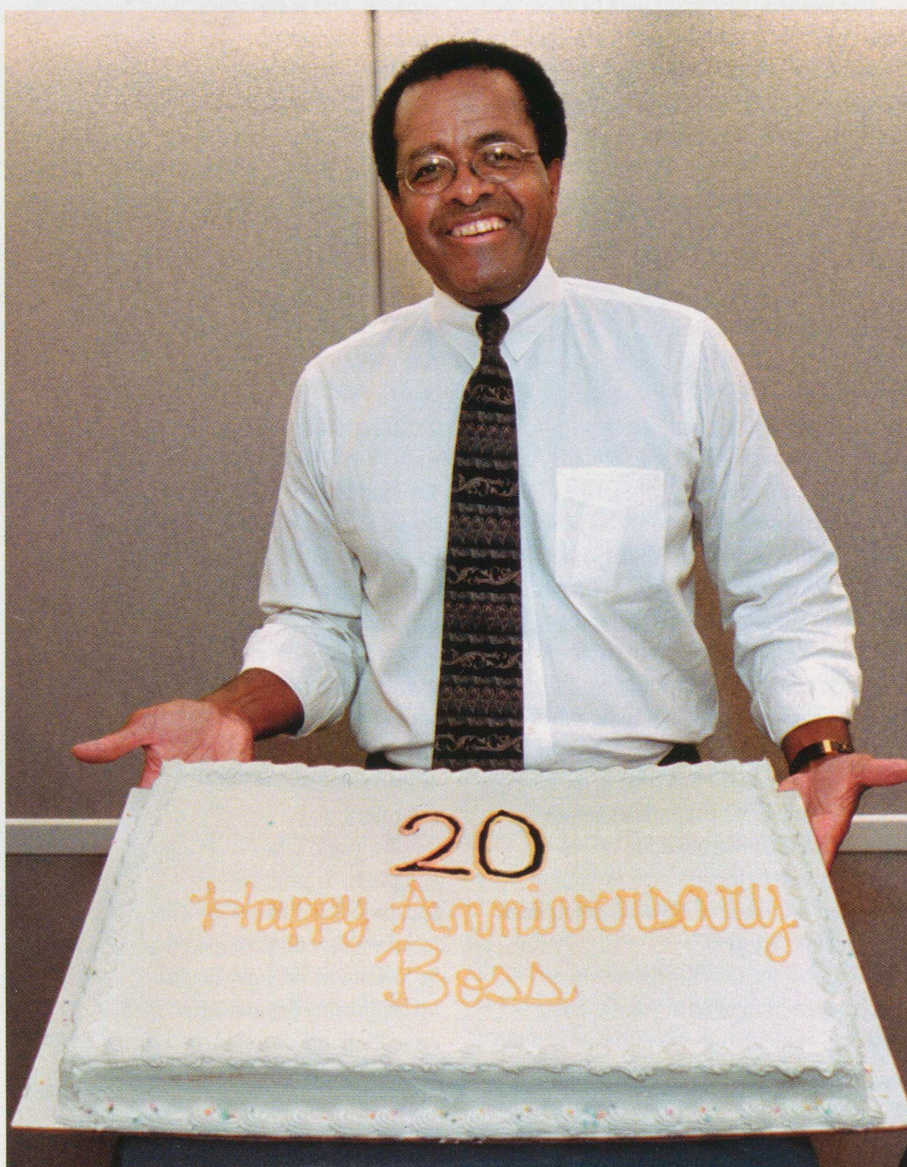
In retrospect, Rosser even appreciates adverse circumstances that served as learning experiences. While SIU was a trendsetter in establishing a comfortable educational environment for minorities, a few faculty members still harbored pre-conceived notions. As an undergraduate, Rosser recalls a faculty member telling him that he couldn't get an 'A' in the course because African-Americans were intellectually inferior. Although Rosser earned the highest grade on the midterm and final examinations, the instructor

didn't waiver in his judgement. But Rosser managed to turn this negative incident into a motivational force.

"There were people here like Maurice Ogur, Donald Boydston, and Randall Nelson (professor of government) who told me not to let that interfere with what I wanted to accomplish. They said to learn from that experience and as I went forward, to make sure that things like that didn't happen again," he says. "They believed in me and by virtue of that, I believed in myself."

"SIU created the opportunity I currently enjoy as a university administrator. I just hope that I will reflect the best of what this University represents and has imbedded in me in terms of my values." ■

To celebrate the start of his third decade as president of California State University, Los Angeles, administrators and staff surprised Rosser with a 20th anniversary party.





# Former Athletic Director And Teammates Remember Rosser's Focus As Student-Athlete

by Greg Scott

Donald N. Boydston admits that he wasn't sure how Jim Rosser would fare as a member of the Saluki basketball team. However, when he initially met the 18-year-old youngster, Boydston knew that athletic ability wasn't the only attribute that made him special.

Although Rosser was a starter on the basketball team at Langston University in Oklahoma, he wanted to pursue his goals elsewhere. SIU drew his interest because of the opportunities it presented to minorities. He decided to meet Boydston, SIU's athletic director at the time.

"He needed (financial) help because we didn't offer full scholarships to athletes. We did have several tuition awards," Boydston says. "I made sure he got one and put him on the student work program as soon as I could."

But Boydston's willingness to help wasn't driven by Rosser's athletic skills.

"The first time I saw him he spoke with poise and made a nice appearance," Boydston says. "I was impressed with the way he came into my office and presented himself. I knew he had an outstanding academic record and was devoted to education. He became a star in microbiology and graduated with honors.

"I was supposed to give scholarships based on athletic ability. I didn't know how good a player Jim would be for SIU, but I felt free in supporting his academic goals."

Rosser derived motivation from Boydston's emphasis on students' well-being as opposed to their athletic skills. Later in his career, Rosser again enlisted Boydston's support – this time in garnering his doctorate. "I tell people that he was the only person that recruited me twice," Boydston said in jest.

Rosser appreciated Boydston's emphasis on academic prowess.

"Winning for Don Boydston was as much a reflection of what your abilities were as a student as it was in terms of what

your abilities were athletically," he says. "That's why under his tutelage a large number of us went on to get our Ph.D. and other professional degrees. He encouraged and literally demanded that we adhere to a higher commitment of academic achievement. To this day, I have an extraordinarily high regard for him and his wife, JoAnn."

Rosser's respect for the Boydstons urged him to recently contribute \$10,000 to the University, which will be used to endow a scholarship in the former athletic director's name. Boydston has mutual feelings for his understudy.

"I would be proud to consider him my own son. He has born out everything I expected and is certainly one of our distinguished alumni," says Boydston, who is retired in Naples, Fla., and keeps in touch with Rosser. "The University didn't spend a dollar any better than the one they spent in contributing to his graduate assistantship. He was focused on getting it and did an outstanding job."

Former teammate Harold Bardo says Rosser's determination in the classroom carried over to the basketball court.

"It hurt him to lose. He made such an effort to be competitive and wanted to win," Bardo says. "If he didn't think others were putting forth that same effort, it bothered him and he would let you know in no uncertain terms."

Bardo says Rosser looked out for his teammates. One of few basketball players with an automobile, Rosser offered rides to several of his teammates during semester breaks.

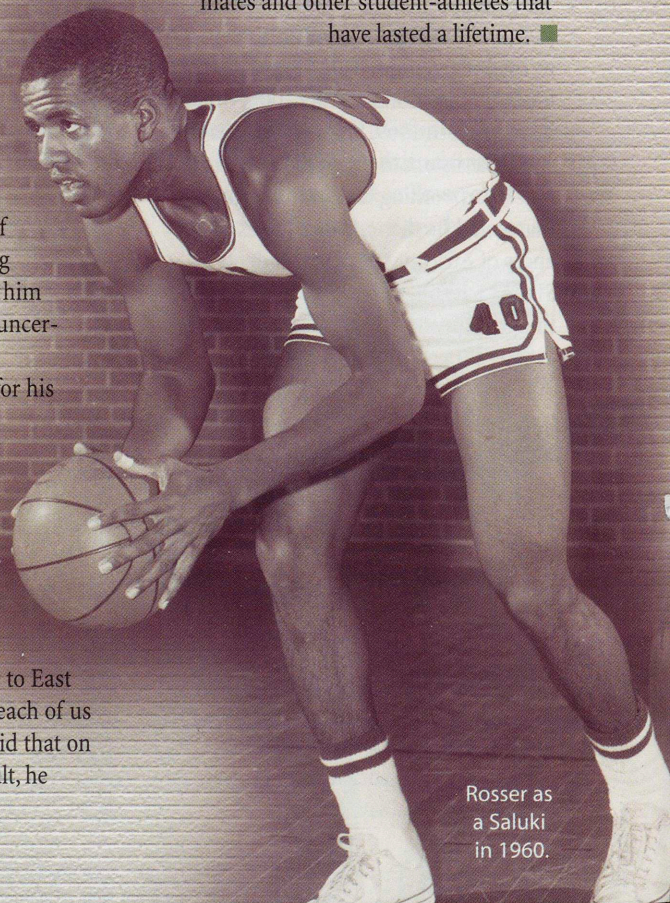
"He would take Chico Vaughn to Tamms, me to Sparta, another friend of his to Jacksonville, and then drive home to East St. Louis. The next day he picked each of us up for practice," Bardo says. "He did that on more than one occasion. As a result, he

wasn't spending much time at home. If he is your friend, you don't have to worry."

Although it's been approximately 40 years since they played for the Salukis, Bardo says Rosser's competitive edge hasn't waned. When Bardo and Seymour Bryson, SIU's all-time rebounding leader, visit him in California, Rosser isn't afraid to challenge his close friends to a round of golf.

"As soon as we get off the plane, he wants us on the golf course. I don't know if that's competitiveness or just taking advantage of a situation," Bardo jokes. "He is rested and knows we are tired. But it evens out eventually," Bryson adds. "Although we live in the Midwest and he gets to play in Los Angeles year round, Jim doesn't think we should be given any strokes."

Reflecting on his career, Rosser says people like Boydston, Bardo, and Bryson have made his success more meaningful and rewarding. "I'm thankful for the relationships, both personal and professional, that developed with my basketball teammates and other student-athletes that have lasted a lifetime. ■



Rosser as a Saluki in 1960.

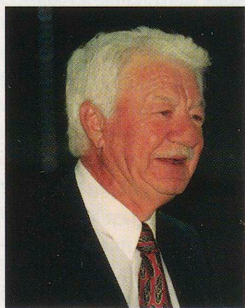
# Five Inducted as SIU Distinguished Alumni

James Fornear and Kathleen Fralish, two SIU graduates who have devoted their professional careers to helping others, along with Mark Victor Hansen, a best-selling author, and Joan Higginbotham, a member of the NASA Astronaut Corps, joined James Rosser as recipients of the SIU Distinguished Alumni award at a ceremony last fall.

Photos and biographical sketches of each award recipient are featured on the SIU Distinguished Alumni wall, located on the lower level of the SIU Recreation Center. The career accomplishments of 20 alumni are now showcased on the wall, which was established in 1997.

A seven-member committee selects the SIU Distinguished Alumni on an annual basis for the honor they have brought to the University through outstanding performance in their career, field or profession. Also, nominations are based on exemplary history of service to SIUC, which has benefited the University, and enhanced educational opportunities for students.

Here is a closer look at this year's other SIU Distinguished Alumni.



**James Fornear** was a youth foundation and Job Corps Center director before starting his Louisville, Kentucky-

based rehabilitation company, Res-Care, Inc. (signifying respect and care), in 1974. Fornear built Res-Care into a multimillion dollar corporation recognized by *Forbes* and *Business Week* magazines.

Fornear, who received his bachelor's and master's from SIU in 1960, credits his lifelong mission: "... to do the best you

can for everyone," to his roots in Sesser, Ill. He was inspired by the work of mentors William H. Freeberg and Guy A. Renzaglia while pursuing his degrees at SIU. A teacher, coach, and guidance director, Fornear's work with people with disabilities began at Touch of Nature Center.

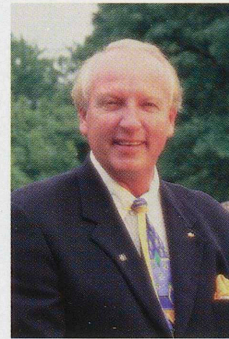


**Kathleen Fralish**, who received her doctorate from SIU in 1977, is the founder and president of the Center for Comprehensive Services (CCS),

a company that provides rehabilitation and support for people who have experienced acquired brain and spinal cord injuries. Located in Carbondale, and serving a national market, CCS has grown from its beginning in 1977 to a nationally known and respected program providing services to more than 250 people each year in 12 residential environments.

Fralish is known for promoting standards of care and functional treatment approaches for people with disabilities. As president of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) and chair of the Brain Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group, she has brought together teachers, researchers, and service providers. Her book, *Innovations in Brain Injury Rehabilitation*, is a standard for practical approaches to treatment.

**Mark Victor Hansen**, a 1970 SIU graduate, and his partner, co-author Jack Canfield, are the masterminds behind the popular *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book series that heralds positive thinking and examples of personal courage



and success. 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. The series sold more than 30 million copies in its first six years. Of all the books purchased by American readers, one of every seven is from the *Chicken Soup* series.



**Joan Higginbotham**, a native of Chicago, was selected as an astronaut candidate by the National Aeronautics and Space

Administration, and reported to the Houston, Texas-based Johnson Space Center in 1996. Having completed two years of training and evaluation, she is qualified for flight assignment as a mission specialist. She is currently assigned to the Kennedy Space Center Operations Support Branch in Florida, where she is testing space station hardware for launch readiness.

Within two weeks after graduating from Southern, Higginbotham began her career in 1987 at the Kennedy Space Center as a payload electrical engineer in the Electrical and Telecommunications Division. She has led orbiter experiments for the Space Shuttle Columbia and Space Shuttle Atlantis. ■

## Saluki Baseball Looks For Breakthrough Season

**W**ith the return of six starters and the addition of 17 newcomers, Saluki baseball coach Dan Callahan believes all the pieces are in place to return the SIU baseball team back to the top of the Missouri Valley Conference and erase the memories of an up-and-down 1999.

"Starting out 20-4 and being nationally-ranked for the first time since 1990 was a thrill last season, but then things unraveled on us," said Callahan. "I feel our depth, both by position and on the mound, will allow us to be a much-improved team."

Various positions feature talented returnees, with plenty of newcomers on hand to bolster the attack. A positional look at the 2000 Dawgs is as follows:

**Catcher:** Returning starter *Kyle Kohlberg* is joined by recent Triton College transfer *Andy Cenkush* in a battle for the starting nod behind the plate. Defensively, Kohlberg has the edge. Last season, he gunned down 11

potential base stealers, committed only three errors in 311 total chances, and hit .267 in 36 starts.

Cenkush might be one of the Salukis' top offensive threats. In 1999, he ranked fifth in the NJCAA with 91 RBI, and ninth with 20 home runs. Competing for the third slot are freshmen *Dusty Feldmann* and *David Isaccson*.

**Infield:** Returning at first base is senior *Jeff Houston*. Last season Houston made 48 starts, batting .288 with three homers and 36 RBIs. Houston also possesses the ability to fill in at third base. *Anthony Jones*, who was a medical red-shirt in 1999, could also vie for time at first.

Second base is in the able hands of two-year starter *Steve Ruggeri*, if he is healthy.

Ruggeri missed the entire fall practice following off-season elbow surgery. He is SIU's top returning offensive player after batting .347, belting four homers, driving in 22 runs and swiping 15 bases.

Providing some middle infield depth is junior college transfer *Roman Schooley*, who could fill the role if needed. Schooley hit .390 with 13 home runs and 65 RBIs in two years at Kirkwood Community College.

Freshman all-stater *Greg Andrews* will add depth at second, while the shortstop slot features a battle between sophomore *Luke Nelson* and last year's starter *Joe Meeks*.

Nelson was SIU's jack-of-all-trades in 1999, making starts at first base, designated hitter, left field, shortstop and 17 relief appearances on the hill.

Returning at third base will

be sophomore *Jeff Stanek*, coming off a successful freshman campaign. Stanek led the Salukis with eight home runs while batting .320 and driving in 41 runs.

**Outfield:** The outfield will take a different look this season with the graduation of all-time career hits leader *Joe Schley* and the loss of second-team MVC selection *Marty Worsley*. Schley is competing in the Philadelphia Phillies' organization, while Worsley decided to forgo his senior season to pursue a professional modeling career.

The lone returning starter is senior *Scott Boyd*. The switch-hitter led the Salukis in RBIs with 53, while batting .270 with nine doubles and eight stolen bases in 1999. Vying for the spot vacated by Schley in center is freshman *Jason Rainey*. Like the record-setting Schley, Rainey rewrote his high school record book, shattering the career marks in career average (.463), RBIs (109), stolen bases (57), triples (16), hits (159), home runs (13) and runs scored (117).

Junior college transfer *Dustin Downs* will add a powerful left-handed bat to the lineup either in left field or as a designated hitter. In his two years at Lincoln Land Community College, Downs cracked 18 homers, 38 doubles, drove in 97 runs and batted .394. Last season he ranked seventh in NJCAA II with 14 home runs. In right field, junior *Steve Mazzola* and freshman *Sal Frisella* will fight for playing time.

**Pitching Staff:** The Saluki rotation will have to retool in 2000 after losing five out of the six pitchers who accounted for 53 of SIU's 54 starts. Included in that loss is all-MVC and current Detroit Tigers' farmhand, *Jason Frasor*.

Sophomores *Jake Alley* and *Jason Westemeir* compete for the role of staff ace. Alley will look to make the transition from being the staff's closer to the starting rotation after earn-

ing all-MVC honorable mention as a freshman. Last season, Alley posted seven saves and a 3.64 ERA in a team leading 26 appearances.

Westemeir, a former 1997 Atlanta Braves draft pick, is a NCAA Division I transfer from 1999 College World Series participant Cal State-Fullerton.

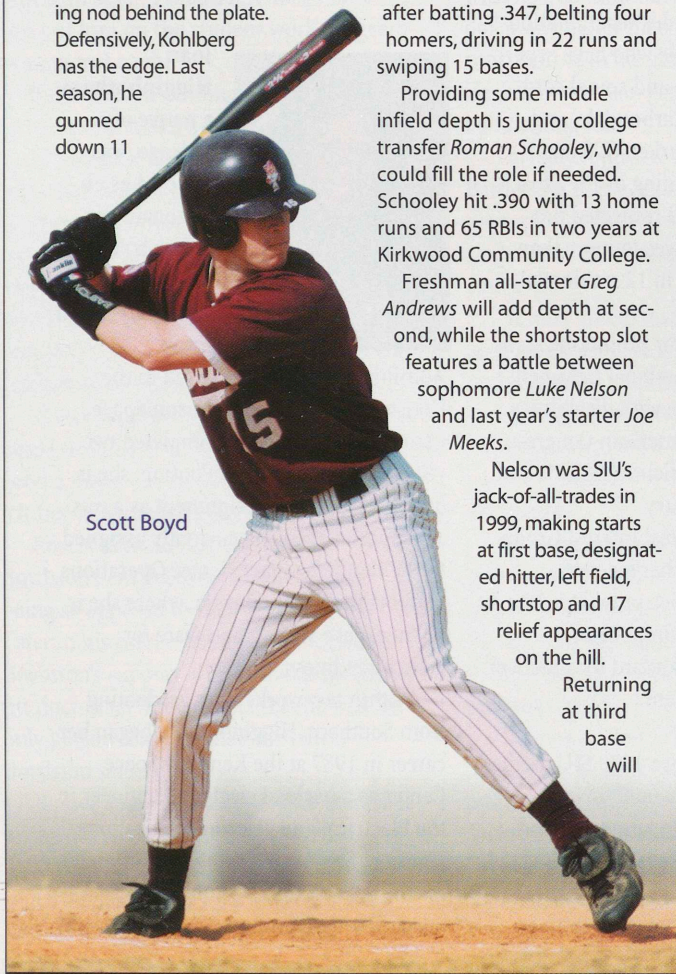
Lefty transfers *Josh Latimer* and *Brendon Fort* look to crack SIU's starting rotation. Latimer, who missed most of the 1999 season with an injury while at the University of Nebraska, is fully recovered and seeks to return to form he had as an NJCAA All-American and a Chicago Cubs draft pick in 1997. Fort was the staff ace on the NJCAA II World Series champion, Kishwaukee Community College, going 13-2. *Victor Hockett*, who transferred from Mineral Area College, could also slide into the four-man starting rotation.

When the Salukis go to the bullpen they will look to Hockett, sophomore *Pat Hon*, as well as juniors *Charlie Reed* and *Billy Hardin*. Shawnee C.C. transfer *Chad McCann* should give SIU a little versatility from the left side.

Additionally, SIU will have to figure out a way to work Luke Nelson on the mound without losing his effectiveness at shortstop. Nelson was 3-0 with a 4.37 ERA in 17 relief appearances as a freshman.

The role of closer will depend on the health of junior *Jim Pecoraro*, the MVC's "Freshman of the Year" in 1997. Pecoraro was sidelined after five appearances last season due to injury and missed the entire fall with pneumonia. If he is not ready to go, Joliet Junior College transfer *Scott Lucht* will look to fill the void. He earned NJCAA All-American honors and broke the school record with 17 career saves.

Adding support to the Salukis bullpen will be sophomore *Dan Seman* as well as freshmen *Ryan Aird* and *Jerel Deitering*.



Scott Boyd

## Softball Has A Mission Under New Coach Kerri Blaylock

Under first-year head coach Kerri Blaylock, the SIU softball team breaks into the millennium with its sights set on accomplishing one mission – a MVC championship.

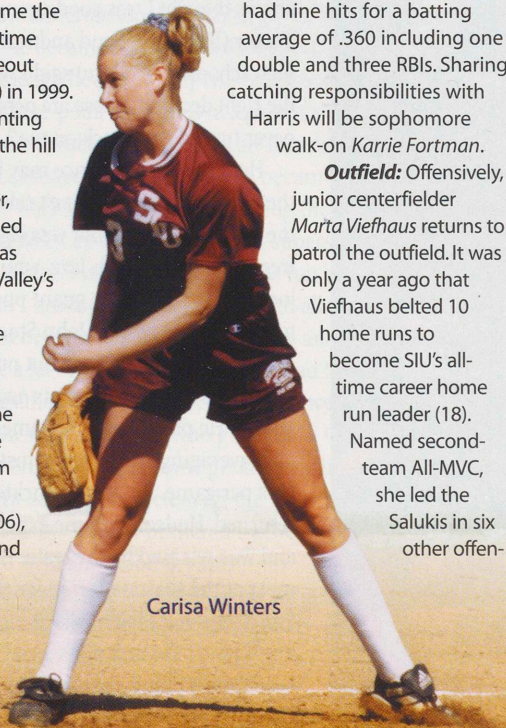
With the return of 11 letter winners, five starters, and all three pitchers from a squad that finished 38-20 overall, 12-4 in the MVC, a year ago, there is no reason to believe they can't produce.

Blaylock, who took over the head coaching post when Kay Brechtelsbauer retired, is impressed with her first team.

"I am excited about this group of players and our schedule this year," said Blaylock. "The team has worked extremely hard in the off-season and now we will continue our quest for the league title."

The Salukis feature this look by position:

**Pitching:** In spite of the abundance of talent and depth the Salukis will pose this season, the strength of the team figures to be its pitching as seniors *Carisa Winters* and *Tracy Remspecher*, and junior *Erin Stremsterfer* return. Winters, a two-time first-team All-MVC choice, is the Dawgs "strikeout queen" as she became the school's all-time career strikeout leader (629) in 1999. Complementing Winters on the hill will be Stremsterfer, who emerged last season as one of the Valley's top double threats. She also had an impressive outing at the plate as she led the team in batting average (.306), triples (3), and



Carisa Winters

hits (49) while finishing second in both home runs (8) and runs scored (29). Remspecher started in eight games last season registering a 5-0 mark with 23 strikeouts in 31.2 innings of work.

New addition *Katie Kloess* should also help a staff that finished atop the MVC in ERA (1.35) for the third straight season.

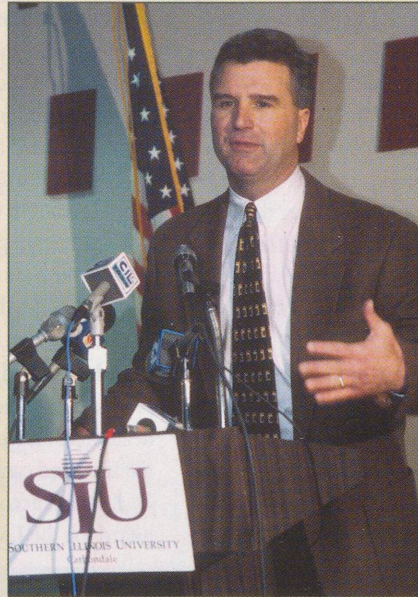
**Infield:** Returning to provide support defensively are seniors *Jamie Campbell* and *Lori Greiner*, the Salukis' middle infielders, and junior *Julie Meier*. Campbell (SS) batted .203 last season with one triple, one home run, and 12 RBIs while Greiner (2B) led in doubles (9), was second in RBIs (28), and third in home runs (7). Freshman *Brittney Weihler* will also be among the infield mix and will challenge Campbell for the shortstop spot.

At first base, SIU will possess a new look as juniors *Netty Hallahan* and *Chiara Calvetti* will battle for starting duties.

**Catcher:** Seeing time at catcher this season is sophomore *Andrea Harris*. Despite undergoing off-season shoulder surgery, Harris made an impressive recovery this fall. In 25 plate appearances, Harris had nine hits for a batting average of .360 including one double and three RBIs. Sharing catching responsibilities with Harris will be sophomore walk-on *Karrie Fortman*.

**Outfield:** Offensively, junior centerfielder *Marta Viefhaus* returns to patrol the outfield. It was only a year ago that Viefhaus belted 10 home runs to become SIU's all-time career home run leader (18). Named second-team All-MVC, she led the Salukis in six other offen-

## "Field Of 64" Campaign Allows SIU To Boost Weber's Salary



It didn't take Bruce Weber long to make an impact on the SIU basketball program. In his first season, he surprised most observers by leading the team to a 15-12 record. This year's squad produced more wins than any Saluki team since the 1994-95 season.

Coupled with his "team player" mentality and popularity in the community, it became apparent to those close to athletics

that this was someone who could bring the SIU program back to the NCAA Tournament and national prominence.

With these factors in mind, SIU recently announced that Weber's salary would be boosted thanks to a successful campaign undertaken by the SIU Foundation – the University's private fundraising arm.

With an eye on future NCAA tournaments, SIU launched the "Field of 64," a campaign that has raised Weber's salary to \$200,000 annually and allows for up to \$40,000 in additional compensation from his camps, television appearances and other activities.

Other incentives in Weber's new contract range from a bonus of \$5,000 a year for finishing the season as Missouri Valley Conference champions or co-champions to an additional \$50,000 a year for reaching the NCAA's Final Four.

At the same time, SIU announced a restructuring of the salaries of women's basketball coach Julie Beck and women's golf coach Diane Daugherty.

Weber says he is pleased with the new arrangement. "It is an honor that they would choose to reward me in this way," Weber said, "I'm pleased with the commitment to the basketball program and the other athletics programs at SIU. I hope it is the start of something that can benefit everyone in the athletics department."

Weber was hired by SIU in 1998 and is the Salukis' 10th men's basketball coach. He served as an assistant at Purdue University for 18 years under Gene Keady.

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sive categories which included runs scored (30), doubles (9), RBIs (30), total bases (87), sacrifice flies (5), and stolen bases (12).

Joining Viefhaus in the outfield will be junior *Amanda Rexroat* and sophomore

*Jessica Laughry*.

Rounding out this year's squad is junior transfer *Jenny Guenther* and freshman *Kendra Moore*. Guenther and Moore will also see ample playing time in the outfield.

## Troy Hudson: A Man On A Mission

by Greg Scott

When it comes to honing his basketball skills, Troy Hudson doesn't mind going beyond the call of duty. While playing for the Salukis, it wasn't unusual for him to stay on the SIU Arena floor well beyond former head coach Rich Herrin's three-hour practice. Long after teammates and coaches had returned to the comfort of their homes, a tireless Hudson continued working individually to prepare himself for the competition.

From his days as a prep star at Carbondale High School to playing for the Salukis for two seasons, Hudson appeared to be on a mission. He had always dreamed

of playing professional basketball. And he knew that there was only one way this dream would become reality, which was his sole inspiration for working long after Herrin whistled the end of practice.

"It has always been my mind set that when I'm not in the gym, there is someone else in the gym getting better than me. That is motivation for me to stay in the gym until I get things right," Hudson says.

"As far as I'm concerned, there is no reason why I shouldn't spend extra hours practicing. I try to stay in the gym until I'm dead tired. I leave it to my body. When I get too tired and can't do any more, I go home."

Mission accomplished. Hudson, a guard for the Los Angeles Clippers of the

National Basketball Association (NBA), is playing out a dream he's had since his youth. He started 30 of the Clippers' first 39 games this season, averaging just under 10 points a game and 4.5 assists.

Equally gratifying for Hudson is that his success comes after many observers criticized his decision to forego his senior season at SIU to play professional basketball. While fans and scouts may have doubted his abilities, there was one person who never lost faith – Troy Hudson.

"Hard work makes anything possible and gives you the ability to overcome anything people say. I've felt that way my entire life," he says. "I learned growing up in a small town and not being in the basketball limelight of a large city like Chicago or St. Louis, that I needed to put forth an extra effort to make it."

In addition to hard work, Hudson is thankful for relatives and friends who supported his decision to enter the professional ranks early.

"When I left SIU, people were doubting my decision. But my family and friends never doubted me," he says. "My mother, grandmother, uncle, and entire family always thought I was good enough. Rashad Tucker (Hudson's friend and teammate in high school and college) said I was making the right decision. These are people who never turned their back on me."

Hudson's perseverance may have been the biggest factor. He wasn't selected in the 1997 NBA Draft, but was signed as a free agent by the Utah Jazz, who were looking for help at the guard position due to an injury to all-star John Stockton. Hudson made his NBA debut on October 31, 1997, scoring four points against the Lakers. He played in eight games for the Jazz, averaging 1.5 points in just 2.9 minutes per game. But when Stockton returned, Hudson became expendable and was released by the team. He spent most of the season playing for the Yakima Sun Kings and Sioux Falls Skyforce in the Continental Basketball Association (CBA), averaging 9 points in 22 games.



Photo by Andrew Bernstein, NBA.

He began the 1998-99 season with Skyforce, averaging 12.5 points, 4.6 assists, and 3.1 rebounds in 37 games, including 27 starts. The Clippers signed Hudson to the first of two 10-day contracts in March of 1999. After an impressive showing, Hudson was signed for the remainder of the season. He started the team's final six games, averaging 15.2 points, 9.3 assists and 5.0 rebounds during that span. He scored a career-high 20 points twice during the season and posted double-figure assists three times. The Clippers rewarded Hudson with a multi-year contract.

"The NBA life is great and I'm in Los Angeles which makes it even better," Hudson says. "It's like a show and you're on center stage. We get to mingle with celebrities and receive passes to concerts and various activities around the city.

"But there is still a lot of pressure. I'm not a superstar with an established position. Every night I have to give it my all."

Although he has seen his share of time in the starting lineup, Hudson's minutes tend to fluctuate. The coaching staff is attempting to find the right combination of players to complement the talents of rookie sensation Lamar Odom.

"Sometimes I start and play quite a bit, but other times I don't get too many minutes. But that's because we're struggling and coach is trying different combinations. We have to find a solution to our problems," Hudson says. "It may hurt me at times because I'm such a competitor and try to do what it takes to win. Sometimes you tend to try and do too much because you're not sure how much you're going to play.

"The NBA is an 82-game season and you have to adjust physically and mentally because you're playing against the best players in the world. It just takes a lot of hard work and sticking with it."

Although it appears that he is a long way from home, Hudson has evidence that it's a small world. One of his teammates is Tyrone Nesby, a fellow southern Illinoisan from Cairo.

"I've known Tyrone since we started playing competitive basketball against each other in junior high. We also played in the CBA together," he says. "Tyrone is a great guy. It's great to play every day and see a familiar face from back home."

Hudson has fond memories of his old stomping grounds. He initially enrolled at Missouri before transferring to SIU after one semester in Columbia. He became one of the nation's premier three-point field goal shooters, and although he played only two seasons at SIU, he left the University with records in three-point field goals in a game (11), a season (134), and career (227). He also finished as SIU's 17th all-time leading scorer with 1,164 points.

Another Hudson distinction is he became SIU's all-time leading two-year scorer with 1,164 points, surpassing the two-season totals of Freddie McSwain (1,083) and Saluki and NBA superstar Walt Frazier (884).

"To an extent, I really miss SIU. It was fun being around the coaches and players, and I had a great relationship with all of them," Hudson says. "I enjoyed just being in the classroom setting and walking around campus. There were a lot of good times and some bad times primarily because we lost more games than we would have liked. But overall, I had a great time at SIU."

And now that youngster who grew up in Carbondale with a dream to play in the NBA is having some great times in the City of Angels. Although the Clippers have to compete with the Los Angeles Lakers for fans in the city, Hudson says he isn't bothered by the city's fascination with superstars Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant.

"It really doesn't upset me because we get our fair share," he says. "Everywhere I go in Los Angeles people are saying they're rooting for the Clippers. I guess they like rooting for the underdog." That role fits Troy Hudson just fine. ■

## Chris Carr Earns Roster Spot On Chicago Bulls



Carr

**M**uch like Troy Hudson made an impression on the Los Angeles Clippers after signing two 10-day contracts, former Saluki star Chris Carr earned a position on the Chicago Bulls roster in similar fashion.

Carr, the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year in 1994-95, signed two 10-day contracts with the NBA team in January. He averaged 9.6

points, 2.4 rebounds, and shot 48 percent from the field in his first 10 games with the Bulls. As a result of his performance, the Bulls signed him to a contract for the remainder of the season. In a solid five-game stretch prior to signing the contract, the 25-year-old Carr averaged 13.4 points.

The 6-6, 220-pound guard was waived by the Golden State Warriors earlier in the season, playing in just seven games.

After foregoing his senior season at SIU to enter the NBA Draft, Carr was selected in the second round by the Phoenix Suns. He has also played for the Minnesota Timberwolves and New Jersey Nets. His strongest showing came during the 1997-98 season with the Wolves, when he averaged 9.9 points and 3.0 rebounds per game.

Carr, who helped lead SIU to a 69-26 record and three NCAA Tournament berths from 1993-1995, scored 1,251 career points which ranks 16th on the school's all-time list. He is one of only three juniors in school history to reach the 1,000-point mark.

## Where Are They Now?



Timmons

**W**hile Troy Hudson and Chris Carr have continued their professional careers in the NBA, some other former Salukis are receiving paychecks for their basketball exploits all over the world.

One of these players is Ashraf Amaya, who also served stints in the NBA with the Vancouver Grizzlies and Washington Bullets. SIU's second all-time leading scorer with 1,864 points, Amaya is reportedly playing well for a professional basketball team in Greece. The Missouri Valley Conference's "Player of the Year" in 1992, Amaya starred on Southern's teams from 1990-93. He grabbed 1,137 rebounds as a Saluki, which is second in school history behind Seymour Bryson's 1,244.

*The following is a list of other former Salukis and the country in which they play professional basketball:*

Player	Years at SIU	Country
John Dadzie	1995-1996	Korea
Marcelo Da Silva	1991-1994	Brazil
Kai Nurnberger	1985-1989	Germany
Mirko Pavlovic	1991-1994	Yugoslavia
Aminu Timberlake	1995-1996	Korea
Marcus Timmons	1992-1995	Australia
Rashad Tucker	1996-1998	Greece



# *Jerry Mileur's*

## **Strange Route To The Hall Of Fame**

*by Marianne Lawrence*

*Jerry Mileur is the  
first Saluki to get  
his name in the  
Baseball Hall of  
Fame – yet he never  
played more than  
sandlot baseball.*

**T**he unconventional route to the Cooperstown, N.Y., shrine began in 1982, when Mileur '55 Ph.D. '71 (chair of the political science department at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst) bought a minor league baseball franchise with a couple of friends.

He knew a lot about baseball, but he had no idea how much more he would learn. And he certainly didn't think it would find him sharing space with the likes of Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth and his personal favorite, Enos Slaughter.

Team ownership was a wonderful and profitable adventure for the baseball-loving professor. When he sold the franchise 13 years later, he knew his ownership had spanned a period of great change in the minor leagues.

During this period, minor league teams were transformed from small-scale, narrowly defined operations into high-powered and successful business enterprises. Mileur likens it to "mom and pop groceries changing into super Wal Marts."

Mileur was doing research for a project at the Hall of Fame Library when he began talking to Timothy Wiles, director of research, about donating his papers. His keen sense of history was telling him they might be of value.

The talks were productive and late last summer Mileur unloaded 13 boxes containing financial and operating records to the library in Cooperstown. There was no special ceremony. "Actually, I had to carry the boxes in myself," he said. "The financial records will present a good picture of how minor league baseball developed during the last two decades," he says.

Minutes from the Double A Eastern League board, which he served as director, and other professional baseball meetings, are included along with records of political action initiatives, lawsuits, and documentation of the Eastern League tour of the former Soviet Union in 1989. "We were there when the Berlin Wall came down, and of course we took a mea-

sure of credit for that – something that historians have yet to appreciate," says the wry professor.

Wiles says Mileur's papers are the first of their kind in the hall's archives.

"Nothing like this has come our way before and we think researchers are likely to find them useful." His name will be permanently attached to them and "The Jerome M. Mileur Papers" will be listed in the catalog of the library and eventually will appear on its Internet list of holdings.

"Buying the team was purely a lark," Mileur recalls. "Some friends and I were having a few beers at a political dinner and decided to make an offer on a team that was for sale in nearby Holyoke, Mass." To their surprise, the offer was accepted and they were suddenly the new owners of the Holyoke Millers. "Then we began to learn what it was we had bought," he laughed.

In the early years of team ownership, Mileur had a hand in virtually all operational aspects of the franchise – from the financial details of players' contracts to running concessions and employing ushers. "I learned things I never expected," says Mileur. "For example, did you know there are five different types of grasses needed in the infield to keep it green yearlong?"

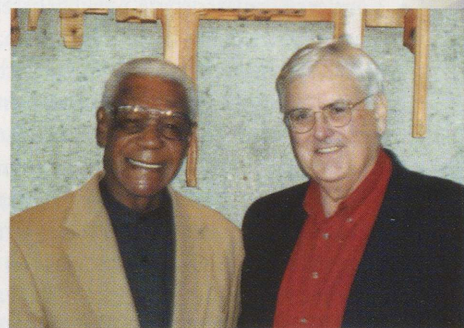
The Holyoke team soon moved to Nashua, N.H., where, according to Mileur, it did well for a while, but attendance soon fell off and the operation was struggling. In 1987 the team moved to Harrisburg, Pa., where the new Senators got an "enormous" reception and things began to jell.

Harrisburg was a town just waiting for a baseball team to support, and the community came out in force to root for their new team. Because of the distance between Amherst and Harrisburg, Mileur hired someone to manage the day-to-day operation for him, but was still able to see about 20 home games a season and also caught road games the Senators played in towns near Amherst.

It wasn't long before Mileur realized that he would have to make a choice. As the minor league scenario changed with respect to marketing and business,

## With Some Favorites ...

Mileur's involvement with the Jackie Robinson Initiative has allowed him to meet some of his favorite players. He is pictured, from top to bottom, with former Brooklyn Dodger great Don Newcombe, Negro League great Buck O'Neil, Hall of Fame slugger Orlando Cepeda, and Hall of Fame hurler Bob Feller.





Mileur knew he would have to choose between moving to Harrisburg and meeting the demands of ownership or staying with academia. "I went with what I knew best," says Mileur.

When he sold the Senators in 1994, the stands were filled and the Senators were on their way to dominating the Eastern League. They have won the championship title for the past four years. "They only won it twice when I owned them," Mileur laments.

After the sale was completed, Mileur didn't waste time moving into his next adventure in baseball (and politics). The

project he had been researching at the Hall of Fame Library was his brainchild to develop a course on race relations. Inspired by a book written by Bob Gibson, one of his favorite St. Louis Cardinals, he began to envision Gibson's accounts of black-white relations among the teams as a springboard for the course.

His idea was well-received by fellow faculty, and their combined enthusiasm for the project quickly exploded into the Jackie Robinson Initiative – a two-semester super course designed to dovetail with the 50th anniversary of Robinson's historic entry into the major leagues.

The 1996-97 initiative included special and symposia exhibits off-campus and an exhibit of Robinson-inspired art. Guest speakers for the classes included Hall of Famer Bob Feller, former Negro League star and Chicago Cubs coach Buck O'Neil, Robinson's former teammate Don Newcombe, and Branch Rickey III, president of the Pacific Coast League and grandson of the man who brought Robinson up to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The course examined baseball and America before and during Robinson's playing career and after his retirement, weaving in a history of the Negro leagues and the political and social issues that influenced baseball and American culture. Mileur called it "a history of Black Americans through the lens of baseball."

Jerry Mileur's love for baseball developed as he was growing up in Murphysboro, Ill. It came from his parents and more particularly his grandfather, who had played for an amateur team called the Shamrocks in the St. Louis area. "I don't remember much about what position or where he played, only that he was known to be a good hitter and he was a great fan," says Mileur. "He took me to major league games and to my one and only World Series game."

A devout St. Louis Cardinal fan, Mileur makes an annual trek to the Florida spring training camps with a group of friends that includes fellow alumni Harlon Seats '55 and Roland Bancher M.S. '64. A letter Mileur recently wrote to a friend, extending him an invitation to join the group, offers a glimpse of his enthusiasm and unbridled passion for the game. The letter begins:

*"Dear Mike, This is **not** political science. This is **not** politics. This **is** baseball. This **is** America!"*

The letter outlined flight and motel options, then further instructed: "We have a rental car and can meet and deliver you, but please understand that there are no pickups or deliveries between noon and 6 p.m. because we will be at the baseball game. There are no exceptions to this rule!" The letter was signed, "Play ball!" ■

## Lecture Series Allowing Mileur To Give Back To His Alma Mater

As owner of the Harrisburg Senators baseball team, Jerry Mileur stepped up to the plate and hit a home run for his alma mater.

After the profitable sale of his team, which he owned for 13 years, Mileur gave SIU more than a quarter of a million dollars to create a lecture series honoring his two favorite professors. The *Ward Morton and David Kenney Public Affairs Lecture Series* was launched in April 1995 with a \$270,000 endowment. U.S. Sen. Dale Bumpers, who was Morton's student at the University of Arkansas, was the first speaker.

The series, which is now under the direction of the Public Policy Institute and the Department of Political Science, provides an academic speaker for one semester and an active political leader for another semester each year.

Last year James Fallows, President Jimmy Carter's speechwriter, and former Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar were on campus for the series. Other visitors have included Donald Fowler, Democratic National chairman; Brocton Lockwood, who was a key figure in Chicago's "Operation Greylord" investigation into judicial corruption in the 1980s; and Linda Chavez, President Ronald Reagan's civil rights commissioner.

Mileur earned his bachelor's degree in speech in 1955 and his doctorate in political science in 1971. Kenney was his undergraduate advisor and would later serve on Mileur's doctoral committee, which Morton headed.

"I have enormous respect and regard for both of them," Mileur says of his former professors. "They were important to me in my years at Southern and I wanted to do something as a thank you to them and something that would be lasting."

"Jerry is not only a baseball fan, but also a scholar of the game," says Kenney of his former student. "He's been quite prominent in political science at the University of Massachusetts. He is a sound academic person."

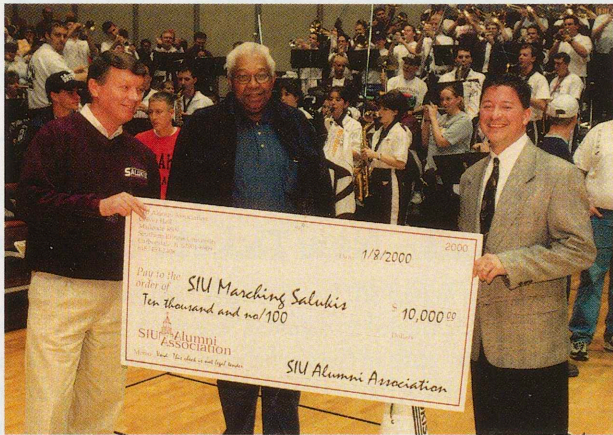
Kenney, a well-known conservationist and environmentalist, retired in 1985 after serving SIU as director of the Public Affairs Research Bureau, acting dean, assistant dean and assistant to the dean of the Graduate School. He also served as director of the Illinois Department of Conservation and as the state's first director of the Department of Historic Preservation. He is presently working on an oral history of people who have retired from the University.

Morton, a specialist in the fields of Latin American politics and political theory, retired in 1975 after 25 years at SIU. He served as mentor and advisor to several prominent public figures. ■

## Alumni Member Appreciation Basketball Games

The SIU Alumni Association hosted its 10th annual Alumni Member Appreciation men's and women's basketball games in January. Game tickets were distributed to a record number 800 members and guests. Activities at the games included a Chili Supper and a drawing at halftime for a trip to the MVC women's and men's tournaments. The winners were Phil Beers of Springfield (women's game) and Jeff Muzzarelli of Murphysboro (men's game).

The Alumni Association and Jackson County Chapter hosted 340 alumni members and guests at a Chili Supper on the south concourse of the SIU Arena. Pictured clockwise from left are: Ginny Tholen, Bob Noel, Sue Craig, John Clark, and Ray Tholen.



## An Alumni Association Salute To The Marching Salukis!!!

The SIU Marching Salukis were presented with a \$10,000 check at halftime of the Alumni Member Appreciation Games. The SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors approved the gift, which will be used to provide scholarships to band members. These students represent SIU at numerous functions and as a result, spend many hours in practice, which prohibits them from accepting student employment. Pictured are Ed Buerger, executive director, and Richard Reynolds, president of the Alumni Association, presenting the check to Thomas Bough, director of the Marching Salukis.

## 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 SIUC who have demonstrated their commitment to alumni by their service. The current president or current board members may not receive the recognition while serving on the board.

A five-member committee studies the information given for all nominations and determines the recipient.

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

## SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors Ballot

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

Only the votes of dues-paying members are valid in this election. Ballots must reach the alumni association offices no later than noon on **April 14, 2000.**

### Directors for Re-election (four year term)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dawn Boma '76, Harrisburg, Ill.         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Julius Johnson '57, Washington, D.C.    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Liz Sexson '60, Burr Ridge, Ill.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Len Surina '60, O'Fallon, Ill.          |
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### Election for Directors-at-large (four year term)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Leroy Wright '92, Florissant, Mo. |

### Please return your ballot to:

SIU Alumni Association • Attn: Board of Directors Election  
Colyer Hall • Southern Illinois University • Carbondale, IL 62901-6809

## Chicago

Over 200 alumni and friends attended a reception prior to the SIU-University of Illinois-Chicago basketball game in December.



The Alumni Association hosted the group at Moretti's Restaurant in Chicago. Approximately 300 Saluki fans watched SIU stage a second-half rally to defeat UTC. Pictured left to right are Alumni

Association President Richard Reynolds, Executive Director Ed Buerger, and Bruce Weber, SIU head basketball coach. ■

## St. Louis

The SIU Alumni Association hosted pregame and halftime receptions for fans attending the SIU vs. St. Louis University basketball game in January. Over 300 alumni and guests gathered at the 14th and Clark Street Bar & Grill in Kiel Center. Although the Salukis lost to St. Louis, a proud corps of Saluki supporters were on hand to root them on. ■

## Peoria



Sixteen alumni and guests attended a Member Appreciation Night in October. The Peoria Tri-County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted the event at Kouri's Pub in Pekin, Ill. ■

## Association Families Eligible For Pulliam Scholarship

The SIU Alumni Association's Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarship Fund awards four annual scholarships valued at \$1,000 each. Applications are available from the Alumni Association and must be postmarked by May 28 to be considered.

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

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

For an application and more information, contact the SIU Alumni Association, Colyer Hall, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. 62901-6809, or call (618) 453-2408. ■

## Alumni Invited To Learn About The Rocky Mountains

Anyone interested in learning about the ecology, geology and history of the northern Rocky Mountains should consider attending the "Beartooth Experience" at Red Lodge, Montana, from Aug. 14-21. SIU professors Marvin Kauffman and Philip Robertson will lead the discussions and field excursions to study the Beartooth Mountains and adjacent Bighorn Basin.

The "Beartooth Experience" is a learning/vacation in one of the most beautiful areas of the country. Enrollment is limited, with tuition including all accommodations and meals. The cost is \$600 per adult and \$300 per child under 12.

"I've been involved with these programs for 22 years, and they are great fun," Robertson said. "Anyone who is curious about the natural world would benefit immensely."

To get more information, or receive a brochure on this opportunity, contact Robertson at the SIU Department of Plant Biology, mail code 6509, SIU, Carbondale, Ill., 62901. He can be reached via phone at (618)453-3236 or by e-mail at [probertson@plant.siu.edu](mailto:probertson@plant.siu.edu). ■

## Annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field Sept. 23 – New Ticket Policy Set

The 23rd Annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field and The Cubby Bear is scheduled for Saturday, September 23. This is the only Saturday game in Chicago between the Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals during the 2000 baseball season. As always, the festivities will get underway at The Cubby Bear Lounge, across from the ballpark, at 12:00 p.m. Game time is 3:05 p.m.

Due to the overwhelming popularity and demand for tickets for SIU Day — and in order to better serve our Association members — please note the following policy changes for purchasing tickets for this event.

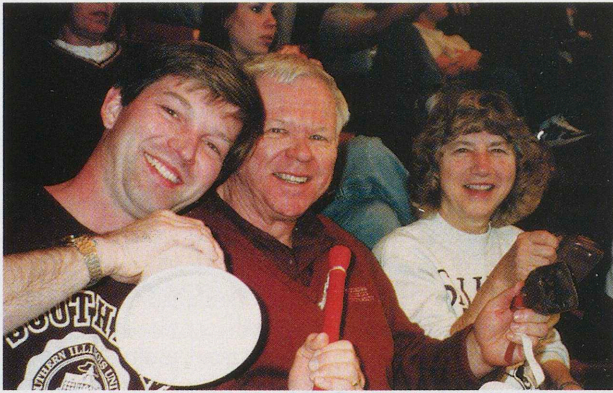
- Tickets will go on sale to Alumni Association members only at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 17.
- Tickets will be available to non-members beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 1.
- Check your address label on this mailing for your status.
- If you are currently not a member, you can join the Association and purchase tickets beginning on April 17.
- Members can purchase up to eight tickets and non-members can purchase a maximum of three tickets.
- Tickets will not be held for those wishing to pay by mail. Reservations must be made with full payment only.
- Tickets may be purchased by SIU alumni, employees and students only.

Tickets can be purchased from the SIU Alumni Office in Oak Brook (630) 574-7774, or the main office in Carbondale at (618) 453-2408.

Price for Association members is \$18 and \$28 for non-members. Price includes a ticket for the game and a complimentary beverage ticket good for the pregame reception only. A buffet at The Cubby Bear is available for an additional \$8 per person. ■

## Normal

Forty alumni and guests attended a pregame celebration at the Best Western Hotel in Normal in January. The group then made the short trip to Redbird Arena, where the Salukis held off a late



Illinois State rally to win their first game of the new year. Pictured left to right are: Dave Campbell from Chatham, Ill., and Garrett and Jan Johnson from Petersburg, Ill. ■

## Jackson County

The Jackson County Alumni Chapter hosted its annual awards banquet this fall at the SIU Student Center. The chapter presented six scholarships to local students and presented the Service to Southern Illinois Award to Dr. Gordon W. White. The \$1,500 scholarship recipients were Natasha Marie Doerr, Nicholas J. Dolce II, Annie Kyong-Ah Shim, Patricia Lynn Vaught, and Matthew Waldron. Erin E. Huffman was the recipient of the \$2,000 scholarship. ■

## Obelisk Leadership Awards Dinner



SIU hosted its second annual Obelisk Leadership Awards Dinner last fall at the Hyatt Regency in Oak Brook, raising \$11,000 for the Chicagoland Scholarship Fund. The Kenneth N. Pontikes Award for Excellence in Philanthropy was presented, along with awards to those who have made significant contributions in four areas of endeavor: Arts & Communication; Business & Professional; Education & Community Service and Science & Medicine. Pictured above from left: Master of Ceremonies John Williams with award winners Andrea N. Murphy (arts & communication) and husband Robert Murphy, M.D. (science and medicine); Roland Burriss (education & community service); along with Linda and J. Daniel Snyder, recipients of the Kenneth N. Pontikes Award for Excellence in Philanthropy and Service. ■

## Admissions Corner

by Becky Burns



**H**appy New Year Alumni! With the new millennium, SIU has a myriad of plans that are to be implemented. We are seeing a new gathering of administrators and with this come fresh ideas and new initiatives.

In the last issue of the *Southern Alumni*, a copy of SIU's undergraduate admission application was inserted into each issue. New Student Admissions has published this application in an effort to assist you with relaying

to prospective students the application for admission. I encourage each of you to find that prospective student and have them complete the application.

Completion of this application gets the ball rolling for the student so that SIU can remain in contact with them to make their transition from either high school or community college as smooth as possible. Also remember that students can apply on line to <http://www.siuc.edu>, or obtain more information about SIU at <http://salukinet.siu.edu/moreinfo>.

Many of you are faithful volunteers at the various activities that New Student Admissions plans throughout the year. New Student Admissions has several events coming up. On Saturday, April 1, New Student Admissions is hosting an Off-Campus Preview in Schaumburg, Ill. Then on Sunday, April 2, an Off-Campus Preview will be held in Chicago, Ill.

Students from northern Illinois will be invited to attend the event in an effort to learn more about the SIU campus and to also meet with representatives from the various departments across campus. This is a great chance for the students to gain useful information and facts about SIU.

On Saturday, April 8, New Student Admissions is hosting an open house on the SIU campus. On this day we will invite students throughout Illinois and the region to come and see just how beautiful our campus is. Activities for the day include a tour of campus, tour of various academic units, an opportunity to dine in a residence hall, a tour of the residence hall facilities, and a general information fair.

From May 19-21, New Student Admissions and the academic units on campus will be packing their bags and heading to Downers Grove and Chicago, Ill. On these three days faculty will be in the northern Illinois area to advise incoming students for the fall 2000 semester.

Volunteers are needed at each event. They will be asked to do various jobs such as: assisting with check-in, getting students to their appropriate appointment, and simply making the students time comfortable while they wait. Volunteers attending any of the above events do not have to forego their entire day to assist with recruitment, and are only needed to assist for the amount of time that is convenient.

If you can assist for one hour that is fine; if you can assist for four hours, great. As an admission counselor and alumni recruiter, I have found that students and their families are excited to talk to the alumni who volunteer at these events. The families feel more at ease talking to alumni and they like seeing that SIU is a school they will be proud to send their son or daughter.

If you are interested in attending any of the above events, need additional information on how to participate, or want to find out how alumni can or should be used in admission efforts, contact me at (618) 536-4405 or via e-mail at [burns@siu.edu](mailto:burns@siu.edu). ■

## The Place To Be

*For almost a quarter of a century, UDs was the place to be in Carbondale. Popular from the start, teachers, students, and townspeople intermingled as one in the busy Illinois Avenue establishment.*

by Marianne Lawrence

**I**t was called University Drugs – but was even better known as UDs.

The popular gathering place evolved from a little drugstore with a soda fountain and sandwich shop to a cafeteria where SIU students, faculty and residents of Carbondale met and ate for 23 years.

Bob Pulliam '48, M.A.'50 remembers UDs when it was still that little drugstore. In the late 1940s he had come back to Carbondale to resume an education interrupted by war. "They had the best limeade in town. They used fresh-squeezed limes and it was delicious," says Pulliam.

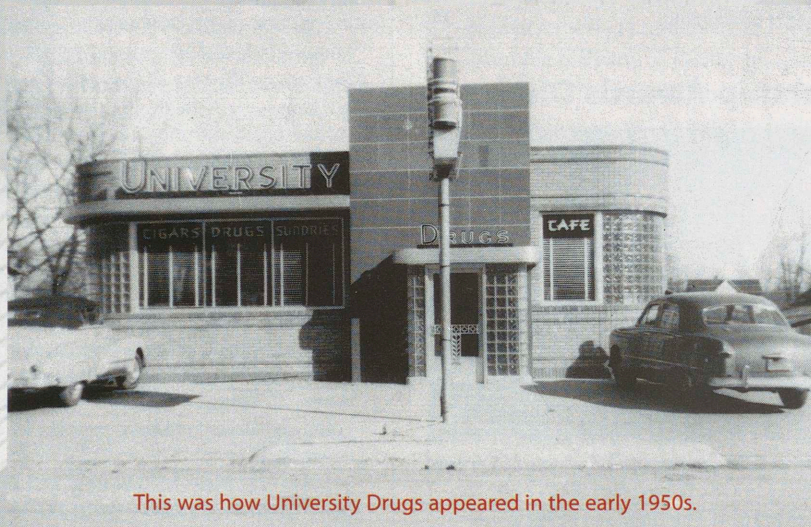
When Gene Crawshaw and the late Martin Chaney built their business at 901 Illinois Avenue in 1947, there were no eating facilities available at the University and the student population was rapidly growing.

"They (the students) were beating the doors down the night before we opened," Crawshaw recalls. "We were so darn busy. It was impossible to have enough waitresses, so I came up with the idea of a cafeteria. Over a holiday break a few years later we went to St. Louis and bought the proper equipment."

The building that housed the combination drugstore and sandwich shop was expanded to accommodate the cafeteria.

Soon the drugstore was moved out. Possibly the liveliest place in town, UDs was an instant hit. It had all the ingredients for a typical campus hangout – inexpensive yet good food, a jukebox, pinball machines, and ample atmosphere where friends could meet friends. At full capacity, UDs could seat around 300.

"I remember they'd come in a line at noon, sometimes out the front door, and would have a hamburger, french fries and a coke for 52 cents," says Cecile Crawshaw, who worked at the cafeteria with her husband after their two sons were older. "On Sundays everybody came from church to have dinner and we'd put white tablecloths on the tables."



This was how University Drugs appeared in the early 1950s.

UDs was a great place to get a home-cooked meal, but over the years, it became much more. It was home for around 30 boys, most of them athletes, who lived in a dormitory upstairs. According to Crawshaw, during the unrest and disturbances that began in the late 1960s and culminated with the University's closing

in 1970, the student residents protected his property. "Surprisingly enough, not one window was broken at our place. My boys stood guard."

Ed Buerger, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association, was a senior in 1970. "When they destroyed the streets there were certain businesses the students did not touch," he recalls.

Crawshaw knows for sure that Dave Mullane '66 and a few other students who lived upstairs protected UDs that night. "No one wanted to tangle with Dave," he stresses.

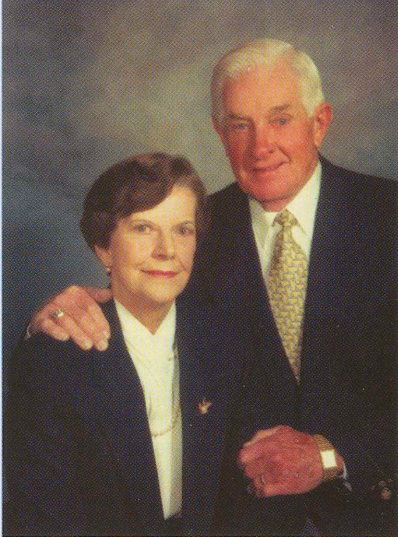
The Crawshaws have a soft spot in their hearts for Mullane, who got together a busload of students and went to

Barnes Hospital and donated blood for the couple's young son when he was diagnosed with leukemia.

Nearly everyone who shared their memories of UDs with the *Southern Alumni* recalled two things: the pictures that lined the walls and the guy who was always there – Gene Crawshaw.

Rip Stokes, who for many years ran the photo service at SIU, played a key role in providing the photos of athletes, homecoming royalty and other campus events that recorded SIU history and became the cafeteria's distinguishing décor.

Stokes remembers that "Gene was always behind the counter serving the



Cecile and Gene Crawshaw have many fond memories of their UD's days.

food and his wife, Cecile (who was cashier), was right beside him all those years. Gene was 90 percent working owner." Stokes also remembers Crawshaw as being a "heck of an athlete." He played football for Carbondale High School and later at the University.

Fred Huff, ex '62, SIU Sports Information Director, remembers that a mid-morning coffee break at UD's was traditional for the University's coaching staff. "You could almost set your watch by them," he recalls. "They would leave their offices at the Men's Gym about 9:30 or 10 each morning. It was only about a block to UD's."

Crawshaw knew his customers. He took a special interest in many of the student-athletes whose pictures hung in the cafeteria and who lived in the dorm above UD's. He is also proud to have known every president of the University, including Delyte and

Dorothy Morris, who used to come for evening meals.

He fondly remembers the SIU coaches who were regulars: Abe Martin, Lew Hartzog, Carmen Piccone, Dick LeFevre, Bill Meade, and Bill Brown, just to name a few. Meade, a retired gymnastics coach, would traditionally buy breakfast for his team on days they would leave for out-of-town meets. "That way I'd know they'd be there on time," he recalls.

Crawshaw had a loyal following of employees. Julia Mae Thompson was one of two cooks who was there at the beginning and stayed until they closed the doors in 1970. Thompson, who still lives in Carbondale, says, "UD's was a nice place to work – otherwise I wouldn't have stayed so long." She was known for her pies and Crawshaw calls her a "top-notch cook."

After years of hard work, often seven days a week, Crawshaw decided to retire. "I had about 25 years of hitting it – and I mean hard. My health was good and I just decided that it was time to do something else," he said.

His retirement lasted about three months before he began selling cars for a new auto dealer in the area. He spent another 20 years in that profession before retiring to play golf and enjoy life. He still owns and manages the building that housed UD's.

Gene and Cecile Crawshaw are deeply rooted in the Carbondale and SIU com-

## They Remember The Days At UD's ...

"If you weren't able to get over there, it was like forgetting to brush your teeth. It was something you had to do to feel right." – Fred Huff ex '62, SIU Sports Information Director.

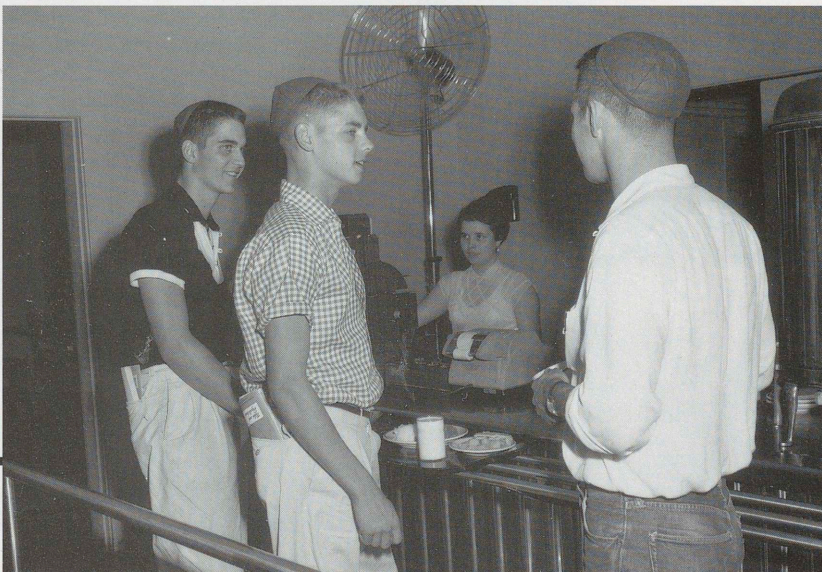
"It was just like family – and the pies were delicious!" – Bill Meade, retired SIU gymnastics coach.

"I went there frequently for lunch. It was a good place to meet someone and do a little business over coffee." – Bob Odaniell '51, former SIU Alumni Association Director.

"I remember going in there one night after class. I sat in the front where a radio was on and listened with a bunch of guys when (then) Cassius Clay knocked out Sonny Liston in his first fight. We listened to that magic punch that nobody ever saw, right there at UD's." – Ed Buerger '70, SIU Alumni Association Director.

"It was a popular place to see somebody or be seen. Of course, anything Gene Paul had anything to do with was spotless, well-organized, and no nonsense." – Jackson Drake '50, M.S. '51, Scottsdale, retired law professor.

"I remember the cherry cokes and eating there Sunday evenings when I was working on my master's degree." – Richard Reynolds, '56, M.A. '57, President, SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors.



munity. The University purchased his boyhood home, located where the Student Center is now, when it began expanding. He received his degree from SIU in 1943 and Cecile, who grew up in West Frankfort, Ill., graduated in 1944.

After all those years of preparing food, does he still cook?

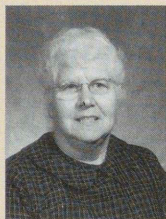
"Sure," Cecile says, "but mostly just in the summer." ■

Students are shown eating at UD's in 1955, sporting the green beanies the freshmen wore during that era.

## 1930s

**Mary L. Kieffer**

**Langendorfer '37, '66** lives near the Shawnee National



Forest and Garden of the Gods in Junction, Ill. She spends her time researching

the history of antiques and collecting and dressing "abused dolls." Mrs. Langendorfer received a teaching certificate from Southern Illinois Normal University in 1937 and returned to get her bachelor's degree in education in 1966. She retired as an elementary school teacher in 1981 after teaching in southern Illinois and north-west Iowa. Mrs. Langendorfer writes that she would enjoy hearing from anyone who lived at 906 Lake St. in Carbondale in 1936 and especially from the Hall sisters, Lottie, Pricilla, Grace or Carrie Elizabeth.

## 1950s

**Roberta Atkins Daschner**

**'52** and her husband, Del, of Jackson's Gap, Ala., have retired, but write that they are as busy as they were with full-time jobs. The couple do volunteer work for Camp ASCCA (Alabama Special Camp for Children and Adults), a camp for people with physical or mental handicaps. Their daughter, Barbara Simpson, is director of nurses there.

**William R. '56 and Edith**

**Lynch Clarida '56** are enjoying golf, swimming and sunshine in Mount Dora, Fla., where they have retired. Mr. Clarida was superintendent of the Herrin, Ill., Unit School District for 22 years and also served as executive director of the John A. Logan College Foundation in Carterville, Ill. The couple have two sons, Richard, a professor at Columbia University, and

Robert, an attorney in Manhattan. The couple have two grandchildren.

**William J. Bach '58, M.S.**

**'59, Ph.D. '69** retired as superintendent of the Caesar Rodney School District in Dover, Del. His wife, **Kay Ottesen Bach '59, M.S. '69** retired as an English specialist from the New Castle Vocational School District in Wilmington, Del.

**Neil Brown '59** retired from State Farm Insurance Companies, where he was vice president in charge of real estate investments nationwide and president and director of AmberJack, Ltd., State Farm's real estate subsidiary. He and his wife, **Sandra Conery Brown '61**, live in Bloomington, Ill.

## 1960s

**Jimmie Lee Cole '61** lives in Jacksonville, Fla., and has retired as director of the Baptist Home for Children there. He is now manager of the Men's Shop at the Ritz-Carlton and was chosen to appear in a training videotape for the hotel.

**Linda L. Brooks '62** has started her own home business in health education design, development and training, focusing on at-risk youth and families. She previously designed training programs for incarcerated youth for the state of New Mexico. Brooks and her husband, David, live in Stanley, N.M.

**Gary R. Pope '64** was reappointed presiding judge of the Mohave County Court system. Pope, who is serving his 22nd year as a judge, lives in Kingman, Ariz. He graduated in the charter class of Arizona State University

## Alums Team Up

**Bill Meyers '68** and **Mykalai Kontilai '91** are working together to provide instructional programming to schools nationwide through public television stations. Kontilai's three-year-old company, headquartered in San Diego, Calif., is the exclusive distributor for a catalog of more than 10,000 instructional television titles. The company's toll-free number is 1-800-962-0003. Meyers is vice president for the company's new division, headquartered in Columbia, S.C. He was formerly with the National Educational Television Association in Columbia. ■

College of Law in 1970.

**Tso-Hwa Lee M.A. '65, Ph.D.**

**'73**, professor emeritus at California State University, has recovered from his second open-heart surgery and writes that he is thankful to again be driving on the freeway. He sends his regards to SIU professor emeritus David Christensen who is "my adviser forever." Lee and his wife, Cheryl, live in Yorba Linda, Calif.

**David Mihalic '68** is superintendent of Yosemite National Park in California. He was formerly superintendent of Glacier National Park in Montana and Mammoth Cave National Park. Mihalic is the recipient of numerous awards including the

Hastings Foundation's Superintendents Annual Leadership Award, the Garrison Gold Award for Interpretive Excellence, and the prestigious Director's Award for Superintendent of the Year.

**John Moffatt M.A. '68, Ph.D.**

**'74** has retired after 25 years of teaching criminology, juvenile delinquency and corrections at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Before Moffatt began his academic career at UWSP, he was a special agent with military intelligence for the U.S. Army in Iceland. Moffatt's wife, Nancy, is pastor at St. James United Methodist Church in Appleton, Wis., and their son, John, is a junior at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn.

## 1970s

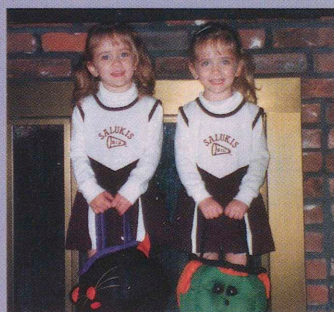
**Marsha Kleinert Bertrand**

**'70** has published a new book, "FRAUD: How to Protect Yourself from Schemes, Scams, and Swindles." Her first book, "A Woman's Guide to Savvy Investing," was published by AMACOM Books in 1997. She resides in Orlando, Fla.

**Alan Ladwig '70, M.S. '76**

has been appointed assistant to the chairman of space.com. He is living at Falls Church, Va., and can be reached at aladwig@space.com. Space.com is a site on the World Wide Web dedicated to space and all space-related subjects.

**James Seitz Ph.D. '71** has written his seventh book since retiring in 1985. "Substance for the Soul" is listed on the Internet at www.bright.net. The book is a compilation of 19 short stories. Seitz is retired from Edison State College, Piqua, Ohio.



## Trick-Or-Treat - Saluki Style

**Ray Serati '59**, was a proud grandfather indeed last Halloween, when three-year-old twin granddaughters Megan (right) and Lindsey Fassero showed up Trick-or-Treating dressed as Saluki cheerleaders. The twins, daughters of Cindee and Finn Fassero, are also nieces of Boston Red Sox hurler Jeff Fassero. Serati, an SIU journalism graduate, is currently spokesman for Public Utilities in Springfield, Ill. ■

**Daniel R. Martin '72** is the new president of the international division of Dick Corporation, a Pittsburgh, Pa., construction company. Martin is currently overseeing the company's project to build an infrastructure for a new fresh water supply in Puerto Rico.

**David Dost '73** of Island Lake, Ill., received his Ph.D. in educational administration and counseling from Nova College in Calgary, Canada, and is on the staff of School District #59 in Arlington Heights, Ill.

**William J. Robbins '73** is special education director for South Lemhi District School in Leadore, Idaho, where he lives and ranches. He received his master's degree in 1985 from Northern Illinois University.

**Margaret Genisio Ph.D. '74** has received an Endowment for Excellence Professorship to benefit her

research and professional development at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh.

Genisio's work brings literacy programs to at-risk families in often overlooked populations. A Barbara Bush



Foundation for Family Literacy grant recipient, Genisio has established reading programs at a women and children's shelter in Oshkosh and at the Oshkosh Correctional Institute for incarcerated fathers and their children.

**Jerry Hardaway '74** was promoted to national scouting coordinator for the Arizona Cardinals, where he has worked for the past 13 seasons. He lives in Cary, N.C.

### Bower Honored By Air Force Reserve

Major General William Moorman, left, Judge Advocate General, United States Air Force, presents Lt. Col. Glen L. Bower '71 with his Certificate of Retirement. Lt. Col. Bower, who retired after 28 years of service as a commissioned officer in the United States Air Force Reserve, also received the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, with Oak Leaf Cluster, at ceremonies in Washington, D.C. Bower is currently director of the Illinois Department of Revenue. He served as State's Attorney of Effingham County, Ill., from 1976 to 1979 and as a member of the Illinois House of Representatives from 1979 to 1983. From 1990 to 1997, he served as chairman of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board by appointment of President George Bush. After graduating from SIU as a President's Scholar in 1971, he received his J.D. with Honors in 1974 from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law.



**Alice Levin Perry '74** is a private tutor for children with special problems and high school dropouts. She recently married and is living in Chicago.

**Vernon L. Samuelson '74** has relocated to San Diego, Calif. He is working at NCR on databases.

**David S. Biernbaum '77, M.A. '80** is chief operating officer at Ultradata Systems, Inc., a St. Louis-based leader in handheld information systems and global positioning satellite



technology. Biernbaum is also president of his own consumer products consulting firm specializing in business strategies for manufacturers and mass markets retailers. He lives in suburban St. Louis with his wife, Lora, and two teenagers.

### 1980s

**Judith Chen Davis M.A. '80**, right, received the Academic Excellence Award for Adjunct Faculty during Homecoming at Campbellsville University,



Campbellsville, Ky., from Dorane Howard, at left. Davis and her husband, Roger, operate a private music studio in their home in Campbellsville. They have two daughters, Eden, a freshman at the University of Kentucky, and Elise, a sophomore in high school.

**Michael R. Norland M.S. '82** is a soil scientist for the National Park Service at Everglades National Park, South Florida Natural Resources Center. He was one of 17 alumni from Luther College,

Decorah, Iowa, to receive the 1999 Distinguished Service Award. Norland, who graduated from Luther College in 1979, resides in Homestead, Fla.

**Bob Beck '83** is news director of Wyoming Public Radio, "1999 Wyoming Associated Press News Station of the Year." Beck also teaches broadcast journalism at the University of Wyoming. His students produced a documentary television show on the Matthew Shepard murder, which received a regional Emmy.

**Keith McKay '84** is president and owner of Closet Dimensions in the San Francisco Bay area. The company, which employs 35 people, designs, manufactures, and installs custom closet organizer systems, garage cabinets and home office furniture.

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer **James T. Driggers '85** participated in a six-month deployment on the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, homeported in Norfolk, Va. His ship helped conduct the NATO bombing and air strike missions against military and strategic installations in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The ship also participated in Operation Southern Watch in the Arabian Gulf. Driggers has been in the Navy since 1972.

**Joan Kluwe '85, M.S. '87** is working on her Ph.D. at the University of Idaho in the College of Forestry, Wildlife, and Range Sciences. She received a Fulbright Scholarship to pursue her dissertation research in Finland and is working in Rovaniemi, just south of the Arctic Circle, at the Finnish Forest Research Institute. Her address in Finland is Metla Research Station, Etelaranta 55, FIN-96300 Rovaniemi Finland.

**Steve J. Falat '87** has been sales manager for Zimmer Radio Group of Southern Illinois for the past three years and is a personality known as "The Radio Outlaw" on one of the group's six radio stations.





Falat is president of the Saluki Booster Club and serves as the public address

announcer at the SIU football and basketball games. Last year he was master of ceremonies for the WSIU radio and television fundraiser, "Fantasy Auction." Falat lives in Murphysboro with his wife of 14 years, Jolene, who is a branch manager for Union Planters Bank. They have three daughters.

**Lawrence A. Aulich '88** is product manager for Mueller Company in Decatur, Ill. He and his wife, Tammy, moved to Decatur from Columbus, OH.

**Jodi A. Hill '89, M.A. '91** is a senior manager in the tax and legal services group for the St. Louis offices of PricewaterhouseCoopers, a professional services organization.



An employee since 1991, Hill specializes in income tax compliance and consulting

for corporations, partnerships and individuals. She is a Certified Public Accountant and lives in Manchester, Mo.

## 1990s

**Rich Huss '90** is manager of information technology for Ivy Tech State College-Central Indiana in Indianapolis. Huss oversees the college's help desk, software and hardware networking, and computer operating systems. He also helps students get online and assists in using technology in teaching.

**Ed Pierce '90** is involved in several theatrical activities in Chicago. He was featured in a commercial for Lakewood



Homes and was also accepted as a member of the Frump Tucker Theatre Company,

which produces two or three shows a year. He reprised his role of "Alec Smarty" in a revival of the Defiant Theatre's "Action Movie: The Play—The Director's Cut" at the American Theatre Company in Chicago.

**Jeff Ball '91** was named "Illinois' Young Engineer of the Year" by the National Society of Professional Engineers. Ball has been with Hanson Engineers Inc., Springfield, Ill., since 1991, where he is project manager in the transportation department.

**Tricia A. Kujawa-Kirsch '91, M.S. '99** has taken a school counseling position at New Berlin, Ill., Junior/Senior High School, where she will also serve as softball coach. She formerly taught at Jacksonville, Ill., High School.

**Shirley R. Mize '91, M.S. '94** retired from SIU in 1998 where she worked as executive assistant in the Office of Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity. She is teaching career education courses at John A. Logan Community College, is board secretary of the SIUC Emeritus Association, and is enjoying gardening, travel and her granddaughter.

**Timothy S. Brannan '92, M.S. '94** and **Natalie E. Brannan '92** announce the birth of their son, Liam Weston Brannan ('22) on Oct. 28, 1999. The family lives in Mount Prospect, Ill., where Tim is a professor at the University of Illinois-Chicago and Natalie is a computer programmer for William M. Mercer Co.

**Michele J. Verebelyi '92** received her master's degree in organizational development from Loyola University, Chicago, and is working for Perrone-Ambrose Associates,

Inc., as an organizational development consultant.

**Brian Engelland Ph.D. '93** was named "Teacher of the Year" at the 1999 Society for Marketing Advances Conference. He is currently at Mississippi State University. Dr. Gordon C. Bruner, director, Office of Scale Research, SIU Department of Marketing, notes that **John Drea Ph.D. '94**, currently at Western Illinois University, won the same award the year before. "Not only are these former students staying active in their research, but their teaching is attracting national attention," says Dr. Bruner.

**Karrisa Redeker '93** is teaching 4th grade and coaching high school girls basketball for the United School District in Tolono, Ill. She lives in Savoy, Ill.

**Christopher Doussard '95** has joined Murphy Company Mechanical Contractors and Engineers, St. Louis, as a project manager.



The company serves constructors and engineers for the

mechanical and industrial construction markets and has offices and fabrication facilities in Denver, Colo.

**Timothy Moore '95** is a certified biomedical equipment technician for St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, Wis. His areas of specialization include sleep lab, hemodialysis, emergency medical transportation services and occupational therapy.

**Nikki L. Bracken '96** is youth and family program director for the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago. She recently was awarded a National Administrators Credential from the National Child Care Association.

Navy Chief Petty Officer **Lance P. Jewett '96** participated in a six-month deployment

in the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the fast attack submarine USS Albuquerque. His ship took part in the NATO bombing and air strike missions in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for Operation Allied Force.

**Melonie Elizabeth Blair '97** received her master's degree in social work from Washington University in St. Louis. She specialized in gerontology and health.

**Joanne Detore-Nakamura Ph.D. '98** was chosen to participate in the 1999-2000 Educational Leadership Enhancement Grant Program, designed to provide leadership development to women and minorities. She is former chair of the communications department at Brevard Community College in Melbourne, Fla., where she is a tenured, associate professor of communications and literature. She resides in Melbourne with her husband, Eric, and their daughter, Emily.

**Michael A. Slough '98** is training manager for the Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center out of San Diego. He works in the Philadelphia office and has been a curriculum developer since leaving the Navy in 1993.

**Timothy Imhoff '99** has been certified by the American Quality Society as a Certified Quality Auditor (CQA). The CQA program is designed to certify, through examination, those who understand the standards and principles of auditing techniques to determine quality systems adequacy. Imhoff works for the Marine Corps and lives in Jacksonville, N.C.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Paula Miller '99** has received the Navy Good Conduct Medal, which recognizes honest and faithful service during a three-year period. Miller, who has been in the Navy since 1984, is assigned at Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.

## Alumni Deaths Winter 99-00

**ATWOOD**, John Edward, '57  
12/4/99, Desert Hot Springs, Calif.

**BAUDER**, Harry E., '35  
10/11/99, Peoria, Ill.

**BEAGLEY**, Nancy Freeman, '44  
11/8/99, Carbondale, Ill.

**BIETTO**, Frank J., '50, '51  
12/15/99, Phoenix, Ariz.

**BOOTH**, Lee, '49; **M.S.Ed.** '52  
12/22/99, Herrin, Ill.

**BREWER**, Anna Mary, '61  
12/31/99, Makanda, Ill.

**BRICKER**, Eugene M., ex '31  
1/01/00, St. Louis, Mo.

**BROWNING**, Nancy C., ex '59  
1/02/00, Benton, Ill.

**BURKE**, Carlene J., ex '52  
12/29/99, McLeansboro, Ill.

**CHILDERS**, Wilma Arlene  
'57; **M.S.Ed.** '58,  
10/27/99, West Frankfort, Ill.

**CLARK**, Dorothy Lyons, '45  
5/30/99, Sparta, Ill.

**CLARK**, Maurice P., '38; **M.S.Ed.** '53  
11/9/99, Metropolis, Ill.

**CLEMENTS**, Doreen E., '80  
11/14/99, Carbondale, Ill.

**COFFMAN**, Elizabeth, '27; '49  
12/21/99, Anna, Ill.

**COURTER**, Kenneth W., '71  
6/1/99, Arlington Heights, Ill.

**CRAIN**, Jr., Roy, ex '50  
11/15/99, Centralia, Ill.

**DREW**, Raymond A., '59; **M.S.Ed.**  
'71, 12/22/99, Lewisburg, Pa.

**EBBS**, Frank, '35  
12/22/99, Carbondale, Ill.

**EGELSTON**, Richard V. "Dick," '66  
12/6/99, Carterville, Ill.

**ELLIS**, John K., '44  
1/08/00, Carbondale, Ill.

**EICKELMAN**, Olga Amelia, '35  
10/6/99, Crystal Lake, Ill.

**EICKELMAN**, Ruby I., ex '60  
12/31/99, Christopher, Ill.

**ENGLAND**, Morrison C., '38  
12/9/99, St. Louis, Mo.

**GAAL**, John R., '53  
12/12/99, Frankfort Height, Ill.

**GALESKI**, Harriet Carolyn, '56  
11/21/99, Chester, Ill.

**HAWKINS**, Clifford M., '66  
11/22/99, Harrisburg, Ill.

**HESTAND**, Wayne S., ex '36  
11/16/99, Marion, Ill.

**HICKS**, R. Lowell, '34  
10/16/99, Franklin, Ind.

**HOLDNER**, Lolita T., '63; '72  
12/28/99, Carterville, Ill.

**HUTCHINS**, Edgar E., '54  
11/6/99, Mahomet, Ill.

**JENKINS**, Nina, ex '50  
12/14/99, Goreville, Ill.

**KRUPP**, Edgar William, '71  
11/21/99, Nashville, Ill.

**LACH**, Michael John, '80  
11/22/99, Carbondale, Ill.

**LAYER**, Jo S., '44  
1/03/00, Carbondale, Ill.

**LOCKARD**, Melvin C., ex '24  
11/22/99, Mattoon, Ill.

**LOVE**, James Erickson, **M.S.Ed.** '56  
12/31/99, Western Springs, Ill.

**MANISCALCO**, Nicholas, '66  
11/6/99, Chicago, Ill.

**MANN**, Virgil Carl, ex '38  
12/29/99, Carterville, Ill.

**MANSELL**, Lou R., ex '36  
11/28/99, Centralia, Ill.

**MARTIN**, E. Craig, '89  
12/11/99, Carbondale, Ill.

**McFARLIN**, Kenneth R., '94  
12/18/99, Anna, Ill.

**McGREGOR**, Lavern Lingle, '27  
10/22/99, Anna, Ill.

**MEYERS**, Chad, '98  
11/21/99, Elgin, Ill.

**MIGNONE**, Anthony, ex '58  
11/5/99, Marion, Ill.

**MILLER**, Audrey, '66  
9/20/99, Marion, Ill.

**MILLER**, Gerald, ex '42  
12/19/99, Murphysboro, Ill.

**MILLER**, Margie, '66  
11/2/99, Zeigler, Ill.

**MIZRAHI**, Abshalom "Abe," '59  
12/23/99, Flossmoor, Ill.

**MOMBERGER**, Sarah A., ex '47  
1/12/00, Percy, Ill.

**MORELAND**, Lyle, ex '40  
10/19/99, McLeansboro, Ill.

**MORRIS**, Carl E. '52  
10/30/99, Carbondale, Ill.

**ODUM**, David L., '63  
11/30/99, Murphysboro, Ill.

**OLSON**, Gary Furste, '72  
11/2/99, Oak Park, Ill.

**PASKO**, Gloria Kay, '56  
12/7/99, Buckner, Ill.

**REISINGER**, Rose E., '71  
12/17/99, Cairo, Ill.

**RITTER**, Geraldine J., '34  
1/07/00, Du Quoin, Ill.

**ROBINSON**, John F., '63  
11/25/99, Lenox, S.D.

**SHARKNAS**, Jenevie Lyerly, '58  
12/30/99, Burton, Mich.

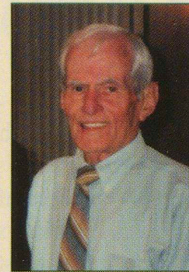
**SMITH**, Barry E., '74  
10/3/99, Chester, Ill.

**SULLIVAN**, Ruth Marie, '28, '36  
12/6/99, Herrin, Ill.

**THOMPSON**, Greggory, '97  
1/01/00, West Palm Beach, Fla.

**TROVILLION**, Edward B. "Ned,"  
**M.S.Ed.** '56, 10/19/99, Vienna, Ill.

## Former Alumni Association Staff Member Ed McDevitt Dies



**E**d McDevitt, a former staff member at the SIU Alumni Association, passed away in late January at the age of 79. A native of Benton, Ill., McDevitt served in the Army during World War II, and then graduated from SIU in 1948. While at Southern, he was actively involved in campus activities and was president of the Newman Club.

McDevitt was a former staff member of the SIU Alumni Association and the SIU Foundation. He retired in 1985.

McDevitt, who lived in Marion, Ill., with his wife, Betty, loved nature and spending time on the family farm. Because of this love, the family suggests planting a tree or other living plant for their enjoyment in his memory.

## Former Alumni Association Board Member Fred Meyer Dies

**F**red Meyer, a member of the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1974-82, passed away in January at the age of 82. The 1940 SIU graduate resided in Olympia Fields, Ill.

Meyer received the Alumni Achievement Award for Service in 1984.

**TURNER**, Herschel Glenn, '72  
12/17/99, Chester, Ill.

**VARNER**, Donita Randolph, '93  
11/14/99, Phoenix, Ariz.

**VELK**, Frank A., '73; **M.S.Ed.** '73  
7/29/98, Naperville, Ill.

**WHITMAN**, Bob A., '83  
11/12/99, Chicago, Ill.

**WILSON**, Lularose, '59  
10/21/99, Pinckneyville, Ill.

**WRIGHT**, Jan Spackman, '75  
11/22/99, Raleigh, N.C.

## Faculty & Staff

**BROOKS, Jr.**, Leroy  
Emeritus Civil Service  
11/28/99, Carbondale, Ill.

**CRAIN**, Christine  
Emerita Civil Service,  
Housekeeping  
12/2/99, Carbondale, Ill.

**FEIRICH**, Charles R., ex '56  
Emeritus Civil Service  
12/2/99, Carbondale, Ill.

**FORD**, James L.C.  
Emeritus Professor, Journalism  
12/13/99, Carbondale, Ill.

**FRALEY**, Sue Janice, '80; '84  
Emerita Civil Service  
University News Service  
7/21/99, Carbondale, Ill.

**FRANK**, Ruth Ann, '97  
Pharmacy Supervisor,  
Student Health Programs,  
12/15/99,  
Carbondale, Ill.

**FRANZ**, Robert Eric, **M.S.Ed.** '53  
Served as athletic director  
early in his career, 7/24/99,  
Crystal Lake, Ill.

**GREEN**, Erma M. "Sis"  
Civil Service, Housing  
1/06/00, Murphysboro, Ill.

**GREEN**, Karen Elizabeth, '83  
Civil Service, Accountant II  
12/19/99, Marion, Ill.

**MILLER**, Alice E., **Ph.D.** '80  
Former faculty member, Health  
Education, 10/12/99,  
Menands, N.Y.

**PASSMORE**, Paul  
Emeritus Civil Service  
11/20/99, Murphysboro, Ill.

**PRESLEY**, Priscilla H., '66; **M.S.Ed.**  
'72, **Ph.D.** '81,  
Coordinator for the College of  
Education; former professor of  
Special Education, 12/12/99,  
Carbondale, Ill.

**REINHARDT**, Ernest  
Emeritus Civil Service  
Physical Plant  
12/24/99, Carbondale, Ill.

**SCHILPP**, Madelon Golden, '72  
Former lecturer in the School of  
Journalism, 12/13/99, Carbondale, Ill.

**STAGNER**, Cathleen Lucille, '87  
Emerita Civil Service  
Secretary, School of Technology  
10/8/99, Murphysboro, Ill.

**WHITE**, Geraldine Faye  
Emerita Civil Service  
Financial Aid Officer  
12/29/99, Carbondale, Ill.

# A Man Of Song...

When Thomas Hischak received his master's degree in fine arts from SIU in 1978, he probably didn't imagine himself writing encyclopedias. However, the theater professor and playwright at State University of New York-Cortland recently had his second song encyclopedia published and is

hoping it will be an award-winner like the first.

While teaching theater and play writing, Hischak discovered few resources to document musical history. "It's amazing how little serious scholarship there is in musical theater. There are lots of film fans, but not a lot of film scholars."

He ventured forth to fill that void with his first book, *Word Crazy: Broadway Lyricists from Cohan to Sondheim* (published in 1991), which examines, among other things, how lyrics came to include character and plot development in American musical theater.

His most recent work, *The American Musical Film Song Encyclopedia*, was published this year by Greenwood Publishing Group. The encyclopedia lists 1,800 songs written for screen musicals from 1927 to the present. The text contains extensive information about each song, including the songwriter, original performers, discussion of the song's type, structure, lyric quality and importance, its appearance in later films and stage musicals, notable recordings, and subsequent revivals of interest.

Over a two-year period, Hischak watched hundreds of movies and lots of "late, late, late shows" to gather details for the book.

*The American Musical Theater Song Encyclopedia* was released by Greenwood in 1995 and was named an "Outstanding Academic Book of 1995" by *Choice Magazine*, a journal of the American Library Association. The encyclopedia documents stage songs from 1866 to the present.

Hischak is currently working on the *Chronicle of American Theatre* for Oxford Press, due out in 2001. He has taken over writing responsibilities for the fourth volume of the series, which will cover New York theater from the 1969-70 to the 1999-2000 season.

Since 1983, Hischak has taught, directed and written at SUNY. He is the author of 15 published plays that are performed across the country as well as in Great Britain, Australia and Canada. The SIU alum lives in Cortland with his wife and two children.

- Marianne Lawrence



# A Woman Of Dance...

In 1980, Patty Wilcox completed her master's degree in education and dance, left her brand new Mazda parked in her parents' garage, packed up a U-Haul and headed for Broadway. She was certain she would return *just* as soon as she could get her dance career going in New York.

Fast forward to 1999, as she returned to Carbondale *last* summer with her husband and two young sons to visit family and, believe it or not, finally retrieve her car. "It's a great car and just like new," she laughs.

The rare trip home this summer also allowed Wilcox to visit some old haunts on the SIU campus. She and her sister, SIU tennis coach Judy Auld '72, were even able to find the time to take in the production of "Meet Me in St. Louis" at McLeod Theater where Wilcox had performed as a student.

Wilcox's career has taken her across the country and around the world as a dancer, teacher, choreographer and director. She continues to teach at "Steps on Broadway," the dance school that sustained her during the early years in New York. While she taught at the school, she auditioned... and auditioned... and auditioned, until finally, when a show director took her class, she got a break and a dancing role in "West Side Story."

This was a lucky break for more than one reason. While touring with that show she met and married her husband, John Schiappa, a fellow performer who is in the current Broadway hit "Jekyll and Hyde" and occasionally appears on the popular television soap "As the World Turns."

Juggling career and family is an important role for Wilcox. She and John share parenting responsibilities for Jake, 5, and Shaw, 3. "As a freelancer, I can not always take work," says Wilcox, when she talks about how the couple balances childcare and careers. "If John is between shows, then I might work more and vice versa."

Her big break into choreography came in 1988 after a show she was work-

ing in closed. That show's director gave her the opportunity to work as a choreographer on a new one called "Blues in the Night." The musical played on Broadway and then toured London, in Asia and South America.

"This show is close to my heart because I was associated with it for so many years as both choreographer and director," says Wilcox.

Another fork in the road resulted in her choice to begin directing rather than dancing. It was a tough decision for the energetic dancer. "I got an offer to direct a show the same day I learned I had made the tryouts for 'Cats' and had to make a choice," Wilcox recalls. "I was in my 30s

and knew I couldn't dance forever. The directing offered me some future security."

Wilcox loves to create shows and is currently working on one that combines music and dance from the 30s and 40s with the "new swing." Her upcoming schedule includes a trip to Japan to direct a show based on the work of Sinatra, and to Latin America to teach masters classes for dancers and musical theater students. She recently helped design a home computer game by choreographing dancers with sensor lights attached to their joints. "It's fun to learn a whole new medium," she says.

Almost as much fun as returning to Carbondale to check on her old car!

— Marianne Lawrence



# HEY GRADUATING SENIORS...

It's almost graduation time and in May you will officially become one of the 185,000 alumni representing the entire world. The SIU Alumni Association would like to congratulate you on your huge accomplishment, and invite you to join the Alumni Association for **only \$15**. By joining the Alumni Association you will receive the official **SIU CLASS of 2000 T-shirt** (shown below) and discounts on car rentals, hotels, restaurants, alumni tours, alumni events, discounts at the University and Saluki Bookstore, and lastly you will receive the *Southern Alumni* magazine on a quarterly basis.

**How can I apply for a membership?** There is an application attached on back of the wrapping that is provided around this issue for graduating seniors.



## Class of 2000

Student Alumni Council members Melissa Pearson (left) and Kari Harwood model the SIU class of 2000 T-shirt.

## Check Out Our New Discount Benefit Partners...

**Jim Pearl Inc.**, Carbondale Ill. – Call the offices at (618) 457-3391 and find out how alumni members can save when purchasing a car.

**Fernwood Gardens** – Located in Cobden 4.5 miles south of Alto Pass on Route. 127 Fernwood Gardens is now offering all SIU Alumni members a 10 percent discount on all plants, herbs, fertilizer, etc.

If there are any other establishments that want to share their SALUKI PRIDE with other alumni by offering a discount at your place of business, please contact the Alumni office. All of our discount benefit partners help strengthen and add value to the association. The SIU Alumni Association appreciates your continued relationship, loyalty, and support of the University.

## 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. Please contact Kesha Williams, assistant director of member services, at (618) 453-2408 or via email at alumni@siu.edu.

## 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.

### Obelisk Yearbooks Available:

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1949	.....1
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1985	.....28
1986	.....110
1987	.....56

## 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 Oct. 1, 1999, and Jan. 30, 2000.

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

October 1, 1999-  
January 30, 2000

Mr. William B. Agee  
Mr. Jeffrey J. Albin  
Mr. Melvin Albrecht  
Mr. Jerry R. Anderson  
Ms. Lisa G. Anderson  
Mr. Richard A. Auchter  
Mr. Hubert H. Avent  
Mr. and Mrs. Steven J. Beatty  
Ms. Barbara A. Boedges  
Mr. Mark H. Bradley  
Mr. David Brandolino  
Mrs. Michelle E. Bretscher  
Mr. and Mrs. Barry Brown  
Mr. Michael T. Bruns  
Mr. Henry Bruse  
Ms. Kathryn G. Bubash  
Mr. and Mrs. Mark E. Bullock  
Mr. Lynn E. Burris  
Mr. Elbert Carroll  
Mr. and Mrs. David E. Cavender  
Mr. Christopher R. Chilton  
Ms. Jane M. Claus  
Mrs. Deborah S. Ciolino  
Mr. R. Michael Collard  
Ms. Christine C. Comer-Stannard  
Ms. Janis D. Copeland  
Mr. Edward T. Crowley  
Mr. Mason S. Curran, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Czmyrid  
Dr. Jesse Dancer  
Mr. James R. Day  
Capt. Ricky L. Day  
Mr. Kenneth W. Detloff  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Diederich  
Mrs. Ann E. Dillard  
Mrs. Kathy J. Doerr  
Mr. Richard I. Downs  
Mr. Daniel Eberhart  
Ms. Shannon D. Emmons  
Mr. Daniel M. Evetts  
Ms. Daisy L. Fair-Cox  
Mr. and Mrs. Brett Feurer  
Mr. Paris L. Frazier, III  
Mrs. Beverly M. Fritz  
Ms. Anna L. Geske

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Gogoel  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Goshorn  
Capt. Richard V. Gragg  
Mr. and Mrs. Alan I. Gray  
Mr. Larry L. Green  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary D. Grimm  
Ms. Laura Hannigan  
Mr. William M. Harris  
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hawkins  
Mr. Thomas C. Head  
Lt. Col. Joseph L. Heimann  
Mr. Jeffrey M. Heimert  
Mr. Richard F. Henley  
Dr. Sarah C. Heyer  
Mr. Peter M. Hoffmann  
Dr. Dorothy E. Holmes  
Mrs. Lou A. Huff  
Mr. L. R. Hughes  
Mr. Steven J. Jackson  
Mr. Peter D. Jankovic  
Mr. Glenn S. Januski  
Mr. Robert Jenkins  
Mrs. Susan S. Jenkins  
Mr. and Mrs. David L. Johnson  
Mr. William A. Johnson  
Mr. Mark W. Jones  
Mr. Ronald E. Kern  
Ms. Mary A. Kimmel  
Mr. Kimbal R. Koerner  
Mr. Gregory M. Kozy  
Mr. Kwangee Lee  
Mr. Peter B. LeVon  
Mr. Timothy J. Lindgren  
Ms. Sara B. Lipe  
Mr. Kevin M. Loughlin  
Mr. Jeffrey K. Lovelace  
Mr. Thomas J. McClellan  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. McCoppin  
Mrs. Thelma J. Malone  
Mr. James G. Martin  
Ms. Cynthia A. Massie  
Mr. Neil L. Maxwell  
Mr. and Mrs. William E. Mehrtens  
Mr. Edward A. Miller  
Ms. Faith Y. Miller  
Mr. Frederick P. Miller  
Mr. Jeffrey L. Miller  
Ms. Sarah E. Miller  
Mr. Bradley Mosher

Mr. Craig M. Mundle  
Ms. Fredericka Nash  
Mr. Michael E. Norman  
Mr. Darvess J. Paul  
Ms. Jill S. Pearce-Bell  
Mr. and Mrs. Jan C. Podrebarac  
Mr. Boyd Poirier  
Mr. Mark Poland  
Mr. Frank A. Pratt  
Mr. William Reidy  
Mr. John N. Rekas  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Richie  
Mr. Timothy G. Riordan  
Ms. Pamela Robison  
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rousseau  
Mr. James P. Rung  
Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sanders  
Mr. Joel A. Schunk  
Dr. Terry L. Scritchlow  
Ms. Barbara J. Schwartz  
Mr. Douglas K. Sedgwick  
Ms. Andrea R. Shamoian  
Ms. Alesia K. Shaw  
Mr. Gerald M. Shkolnik  
Mr. and Mrs. Todd D. Sigler  
Mr. Gary L. Silkaitis  
Mr. Thomas R. Skonie  
Mrs. Judith A. Smallwood-Bush  
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Smith  
Mr. Fred G. Sovereign  
Dr. James W. Sucharski  
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Mr. and Mrs. Chris B. Tidwell  
Mr. John D. Togtman  
Ms. Connie S. Torrance  
Mr. Robert W. Triplett  
Mr. Matthew Turcol  
Mr. and Mrs. Clement E. Vericker  
Ms. Jo L. Whiston  
Mr. Bruce A. Woerner  
Ms. Sherry K. Zack

**Congratulations to our NEW LIFE MEMBERS. Welcome to the SIU Alumni Association; you're with us for a lifetime!**

## More Membership Myths

**Myth:** If I attend or get invited to an alumni chapter or social event I am an automatic member of the association

**Truth:** All alumni are invited and welcome to attend all organized association and chapter events. However if an alumni is not a current cardholder and has not paid membership dues they are not considered a member. Being a current member allows you to attend events at a discounted price.

**Myth:** Donating to the Annual Fund automatically makes me an alumni association member.

**Truth:** Giving money to the Annual Fund directly benefits the University and is an important way for alumni to show their support. But your Annual Fund contribution does not make you an association member nor does it support the activities of the association. If you are unsure of your status please contact us.

**How does membership in the association help build the Saluki Pride?**

The SIU Alumni Association keeps you contact with all your alumni and informs you of what is going on with the university. Through various social and service events it give you an opportunity to net work and meet other SIU Alum who have graduated from this great institution.

# SIU Alumni Merchandise & Apparel



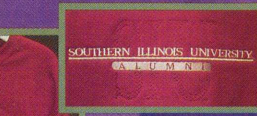
**Jansport-Southern SIU Saluki T-Shirt**  
100%-Oxford, Maroon, White  
Sizes: M, L, XL ..... \$14.95  
XXL ..... \$16.95



**Jansport-SIU/Southern Illinois University T-Shirt**-100%-Oxford & White  
Sizes: M, L, XL ..... \$14.95  
XXL ..... \$16.95

**Jansport-Southern Illinois Long Sleeve T-Shirt**-100%-Oxford & White  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL ..... \$25.95  
XXL ..... \$27.95

**SIU Wool Cap**-Maroon-Adjustable ..... \$16.95  
**SIU Low Profile Brushed Twill Cap**-Gray w/Maroon bill-Adjustable ..... \$15.95



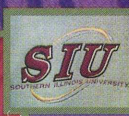
**Jansport-SIU (Embroidered) Alumni Sweatshirt**-80/20-Maroon  
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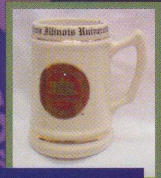
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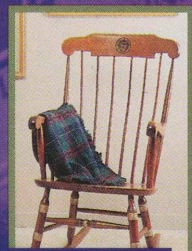
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- 1 **Saluki Baseball vs. Evansville (DH)**, Abe Martin Field, 12 p.m.
- 1 **Saluki Men's Tennis vs. Illinois-Chicago**, University Courts, TBA
- 1 **Saluki Track and Field vs. Purdue/Missouri/UNI**, McAndrew Stadium, TBA
- 1-4 Saluki Men's Golf at ASU Indian Classic, Jonesboro, Ark., TBA
- 1 Saluki Softball at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 12 p.m.
- 2 **Saluki Baseball vs. Evansville**, Abe Martin Field, 1 p.m.
- 2 Saluki Women's Tennis at Tennessee-Martin, Martin, Tenn., 2 p.m.
- 2 Saluki Softball at Bradley (DH), Peoria, Ill., 12 p.m.
- 5 **Saluki Baseball vs. SE Missouri State**, Abe Martin Field, 3 p.m.
- 5 Saluki Softball at SE Missouri (DH), Cape Girardeau, Mo., 4 p.m.
- 7 *Journeys: Explorations in New Works*, Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 7 Saluki Women's Tennis at Indiana State, Terre Haute, Ind., 2 p.m.
- 7 **Saluki Men's Tennis vs. Illinois State**, University Courts, TBA
- 8 Saluki Track and Field at All-Sport Relays, Cape Girardeau, Mo., TBA
- 8-9 Saluki Women's Golf at Indiana Invitational, Bloomington, Ind., TBA
- 8 Saluki Women's Tennis at Illinois State, Normal, Ill., 10 a.m.
- 8 *Journeys: Explorations in New Works*, Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 8 Saluki Baseball at Austin Peay, Clarksville, Tenn., 2 p.m.
- 8 *The Tamburitzans*, Shryock Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- 8 **Saluki Softball vs. SW Missouri (DH)**, IAW Field, 12 p.m.
- 9 **Saluki Men's Tennis vs. Ind. State and Bradley**, University Courts, 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- 9 **Saluki Softball vs. Wichita State (DH)**, IAW Field, 12 p.m.
- 9 **Saluki Baseball vs. Austin Peay**, Abe Martin Field, 2 p.m.
- 9 Saluki Women's Tennis at Bradley, Peoria, Ill., 10 a.m.
- 9 *Journeys: Explorations in New Works*, Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theatre, 2 p.m.
- 11 **Saluki Baseball vs. UT-Martin**, Abe Martin Field, 3 p.m.
- 11 **Alumni Member Night with the Southern Illinois Symphony – Carbondale, Ill.** School of Music Faculty Soloists and Solo Competition Winners accompanied by organist Marianne Webb.
- 12 *Caution: Men At Work-TAP*, Shryock Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- 12-15 Saluki Track and Field at Sea Ray Invitational, Knoxville, Tenn., TBA
- 12 Saluki Softball at Western Kentucky (DH), Bowling Green, Ky., 3 p.m.
- 14 Saluki Baseball at SW Missouri, Springfield, Mo., 7 p.m.
- 14 Saluki Men's Tennis at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, TBA
- 14-16 Saluki Men's Golf at Ball State Classic, Yorktown, Ind., TBA
- 14 **Saluki Women's Tennis vs. Northern Iowa**, University Courts, 3 p.m.
- 14 *Journeys: Explorations in New Works*, Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 15 *Journeys: Explorations in New Works*, Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 15 Saluki Baseball at SW Missouri (DH), Springfield, Mo., 3 p.m.
- 15 Saluki Men's Tennis at Drake, Des Moines, Iowa, TBA
- 15 **Saluki Women's Tennis vs. Drake**, University Courts, 10 a.m.
- 15 **Alumni Appreciation Softball Game – Carbondale, Ill. SIU vs. Illinois State (DH) IAW Field, 12 p.m.**
- 16 **Saluki Women's Tennis vs. Creighton**, University Courts, 9 a.m.
- 16 *Journeys: Explorations in New Works*, Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theatre, 2 p.m.
- 16 Saluki Baseball at SW Missouri, Springfield, Mo., 1 p.m.
- 16 **Chicago Chamber Orchestra Alumni Reception – Chicago, Ill.** For more information, contact Remy Billups at (630) 574-7774.
- 16 Saluki Men's Tennis at Creighton, Omaha, Neb., TBA
- 16 **Saluki Softball vs. Indiana State (DH)**, IAW Field, 12 p.m.
- 17 Saluki Men's Golf at Ohio Collegiate Classic, Arcanum, Ohio, TBA
- 18 Saluki Softball at St. Louis (DH), St. Louis, Mo., 5 p.m.
- 19 Saluki Baseball at SE Missouri State, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 3 p.m.
- 20 *The Universal Ballet of Korea*, Shryock Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- 20 **Saluki Softball vs. Evansville (DH)**, IAW Field, 2:30 p.m.
- 20-22 Saluki Men's Golf at Eagle Classic, Morehead, Ky., TBA
- 21-22 Saluki Track and Field at Bank of Fayetteville Invite, Fayetteville, Ark., TBA
- 21 **Saluki Baseball vs. Indiana State**, Abe Martin Field, 1 p.m.
- 22 **Saluki Men's Tennis vs. Wichita State**, University Courts, TBA
- 22 **Alumni Appreciation Baseball Game – Carbondale, Ill. SIU vs. Indiana State (DH), Abe Martin Field, 12 p.m.**
- 22 Saluki Women's Tennis at Wichita State, Wichita, Kan., 10:30 a.m.
- 22 Saluki Women's Tennis at SW Missouri, Springfield, Mo., 10:30 a.m.
- 23 **Saluki Men's Tennis vs. SW Missouri**, University Courts, TBA
- 23 **Saluki Baseball vs. Indiana State**, Abe Martin Field, 1 p.m.
- 24 **Saluki Softball vs. Illinois (DH)**, IAW Field, 3 p.m.
- 24 Saluki Women's Golf begins play in the MVC Championships, Evansville, Ind., TBA
- 26 **Saluki Baseball vs. Murray State**, Abe Martin Field, 3 p.m.
- 26-29 Saluki Track and Field at Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa, TBA
- 26 Saluki Softball at Missouri, Edwardsville, Ill., 4 p.m.
- 28 *As You Like It*, McLeod Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 28 *Irish Festival of Music & Dance*, Shryock Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- 28-30 Saluki Men and Women's Tennis at MVC Championships, Omaha, Neb., TBA
- 29 *Trinity Irish Dance*, Shryock Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- 29 **Saluki Baseball vs. Bradley (DH)**, Abe Martin Field, 12 p.m.
- 29 Saluki Track and Field at Murray State Twilight, Murray, Ky., TBA
- 29 Saluki Softball at Creighton (DH), Omaha, Neb., 12 p.m.
- 29 **Saluki Baseball vs. Bradley (DH)**, Abe Martin Field, 12 p.m.
- 30 Saluki Softball at Drake (DH), Des Moines, Iowa, 12 p.m.
- 30 March of Dimes Walk America – Chicago, Ill.
- 28 Saluki Men's Golf begins play in the MVC Championships, Waterloo, Ill., TBA

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- 3 Saluki Baseball at University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill., 6:35 p.m.
- 5 Saluki Baseball at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 7 p.m.
- 5 *As You Like It*, McLeod Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 5-7 Saluki Softball at MVC Tournament, Peoria, Ill., TBA
- 6 Saluki Track and Field at University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., TBA
- 6 *As You Like It*, McLeod Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 6 Saluki Baseball at Northern Iowa (DH), Cedar Falls, Iowa, 4 p.m.
- 7 *As You Like It*, McLeod Theatre, 2 p.m.
- 7 Saluki Baseball at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 1 p.m.
- 12 **Saluki Baseball vs. Creighton**, Abe Martin Field, 3 p.m.
- 13 **Saluki Baseball vs. Creighton (DH)**, Abe Martin Field, 12 p.m.
- 14 **Saluki Baseball vs. Creighton**, Abe Martin Field, 1 p.m.
- 17-20 Saluki Baseball at MVC Tournament, Wichita, Kan., TBA
- 17-20 Saluki Track and Field at MVC Championship, Wichita, Kan., TBA
- 25-28 Saluki Baseball NCAA Regionals, TBA

## FUTURE DATES

- July (TBA) **Peoria Tri/County Golf Scramble – Peoria, Ill.**
- July 28 **Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble – Wheaton, Ill.**
- Sept. 16 SIU Day at Busch Stadium – St. Louis, Mo.
- Sept. 23 SIU Day at Wrigley Field & Cubby Bear – Chicago, Ill.



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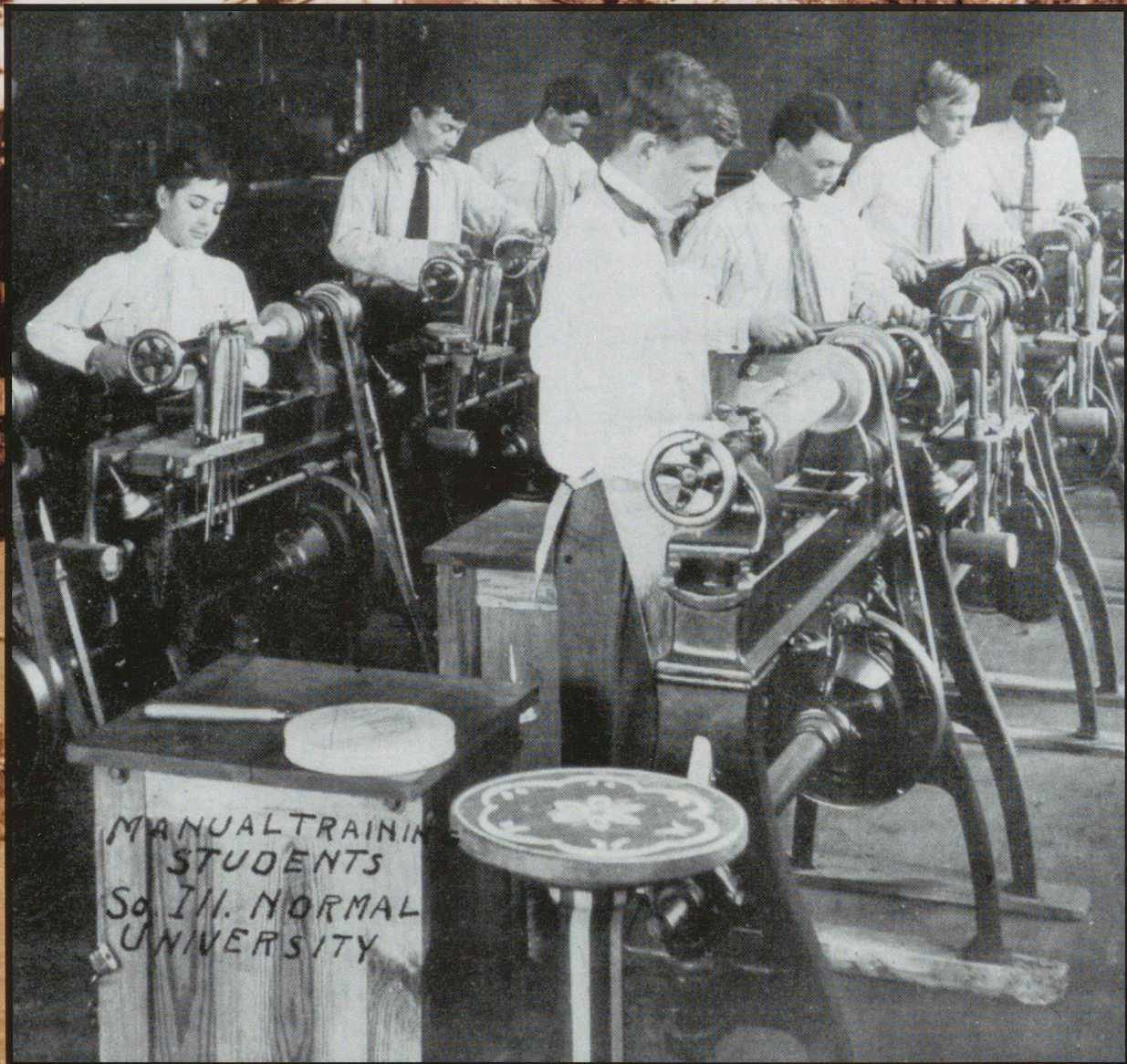
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# A Passion For Event Marketing

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Michelle Suarez didn't know what to expect when she left Chicago's south side to attend SIU in 1981. But she is forever grateful for her days as a student on campus. During this time, Suarez discovered career aspirations which led to her becoming an integral member of the SIU Arena and Shryock Auditorium staffs.

Suarez remembers working as a student usher at an Arena concert. A journalism major with a specialization in advertising, she was intrigued by some surveys that were taken at the event. Scott Moller, the Arena Promotions Director at the time, informed her of a promotions assistant position in the Arena promotions department, and she was hired in January 1985. After graduating in August, Suarez decided that she was in southern Illinois to stay. She was rehired at the SIU Arena in the capacity of event coordinator.

Some 14 years later, Suarez enjoys a unique dual role, serving as deputy director at the SIU Arena and publicist for Shryock Auditorium. She coordinates marketing campaigns for various programs and is a member of the event management team for both facilities. Whether she is promoting the circus, ice



shows, or concerts at the Arena, or publicizing musicals and plays at Shryock, Suarez stays busy.

"I enjoy all aspects of promoting a show," Suarez says. "The big payoff is when you see these absolutely ecstatic people on the night of a show. They are so pleased to see Elton John or Aerosmith (at the Arena) or Annie or Grease (at Shryock Auditorium). Having the opportunity to see the excited fans at our events is the biggest reward for me."

Suarez has been co-chair for the Tres Hombres/Busch Light Ladies Golf Scramble to benefit Saluki Women's Golf. Last year, the event raised \$37,000 for the program. She has also

been a mentor for students in the College of Business and is acting as a facilitator for the University's Early Warning System. She lives in Carbondale, with her husband Gary, and their two children, Elaina, 6, and Andrew, 3.

For her devotion to promoting a myriad of events to the SIUC and Carbondale communities, and commitment to her alma mater, the SIU Alumni Association proudly salutes Michelle Suarez.

*"When I was a student worker at the Arena, I discovered that event marketing was what I wanted to do. In turn, I've been lucky enough to work with some quality and enthusiastic students, who are now alumni working in the industry. As an alum, I appreciate the fact that we have SIU alumni everywhere. The networking possibilities are endless, and it gives me a chance to help current SIU student workers make job contacts. I want to support students, much like Doc Dougherty, Gary Drake (SIU Arena Director), and Scott Moller did for me. I was fortunate to receive an opportunity to work at SIU... this is one of the ways in which I can return the favor."*


## **Michelle Suarez '85**

Deputy Director, SIU Arena

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