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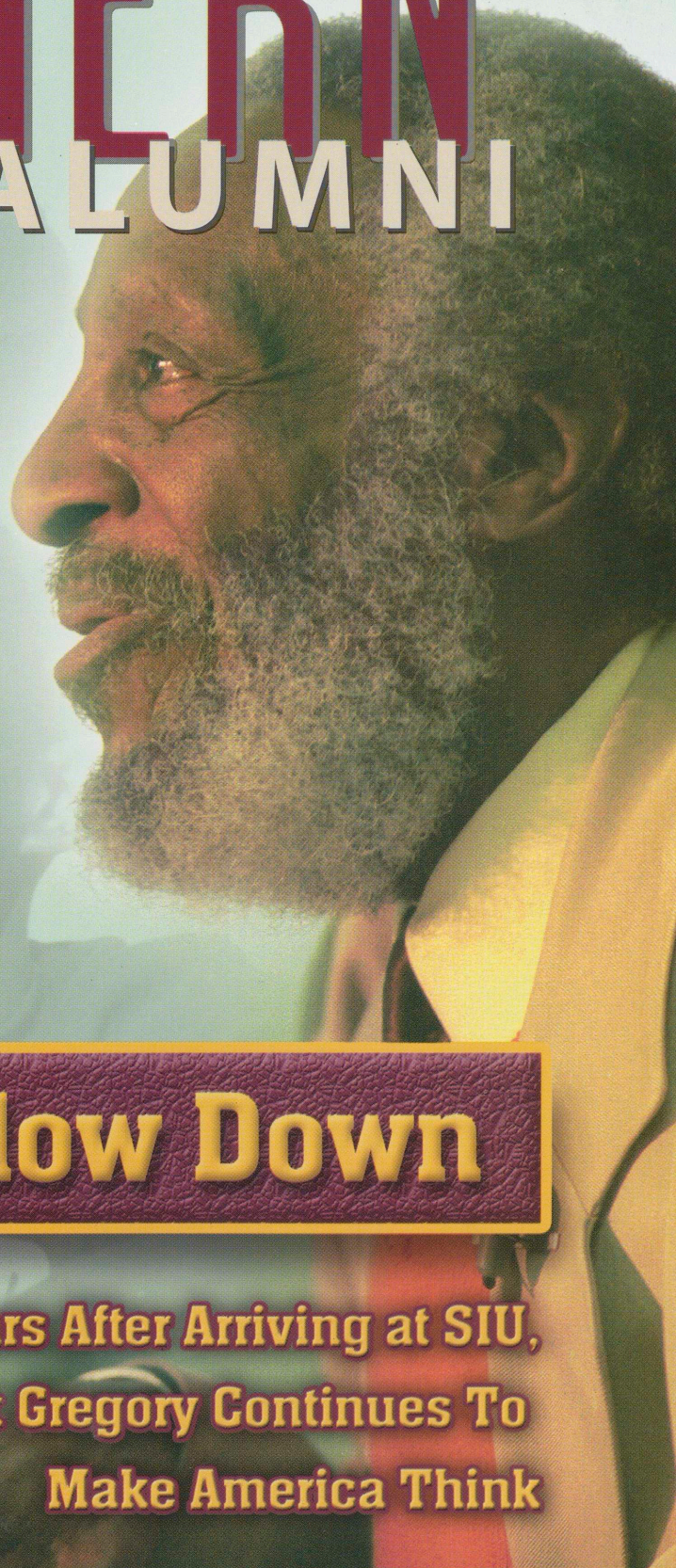
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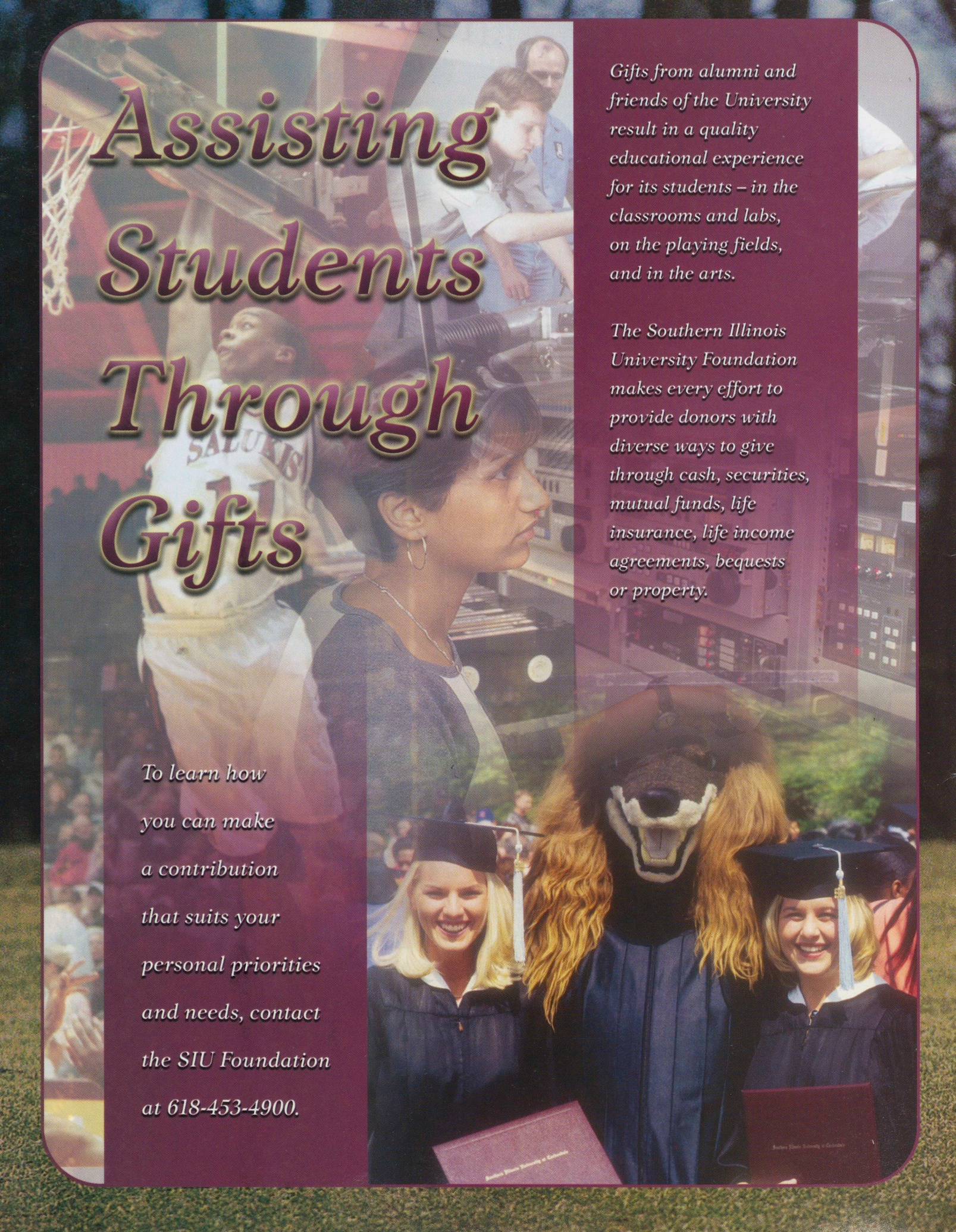
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No Time To Slow Down

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Dick Gregory Continues To
Make America Think**

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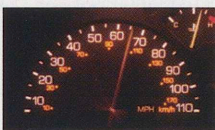
No Time To Slow Down



As SIU alum Dick Gregory nears his seventh decade, his frantic pace shows no signs of slowing down. This nationally known activist, comedian, and nutritionist recently returned to campus, and illustrated to all that he still has a burning passion to speak out on issues that make America think.

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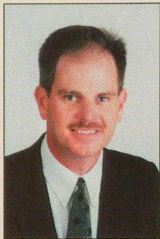
New head football coach Jerry Kill wakes up every morning with insight and optimism about his abilities on the sidelines. With only one losing season as a player, assistant coach, and head coach at five institutions, he is determined to turn around a stagnant Saluki football program.

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Learning Of Africa



SIUC students have recently been able to study a range of cultural connections through Nancy Dawson's African Cultural Continuities course. By delving into the cultural connections between ethnic groups in Africa, students have the chance to experience a hands-on look at this area of the world.



by Gene Green

Making assumptions about anyone is a risky proposition, and when the person is Dick Gregory, it can be a true mistake.

The SIU product has made a name for himself during the last 40 years as an activist, comedian, nutritionist, and crusader for various causes. In any of these areas, you don't have to agree with everything he says – in fact, he doesn't expect you to – but he does want to make you think.

An African-American never bashful in championing civil rights issues, Gregory may surprise you when he describes racism at the University in the 1950s – then praises the nurturing and interaction he received from white SIU leaders like Leland “Doc” Lingle and former University president Delyte Morris. “Doc Lingle,” he says with a gleam in his eyes, “was like another Daddy to me.”

Just as these men helped mold Gregory, he has in turn shaped countless others who have crossed paths with him. When he recently returned to campus, Gregory was flanked by two such men – Bruce Chrisman, an assistant to the Associate Dean in SIUC's College of Engineering, and George O'Hare, a nationally-known speaker to business, industry, and education.

“I heard Dick Gregory on the college lecture circuit in the late 60s and early 70s, but it didn't have much of an impact,” Chrisman remembers. “He was funny – but also angry then. In 1974, my fiancée (now my wife) and I went to see him at another lecture. He had lost that anger *and* changed spiritually.

“Gregory said the body is the temple of the spirit, and we take better care of our automobiles than our own bodies. He asked if we pour sugar into our gas tanks – the next day I became a vegetarian. I now feel better than I did in college.

“You can't help but come out a better person spiritually if you're around him.” He's the first person I call for spiritual advice and he's always been right on.”

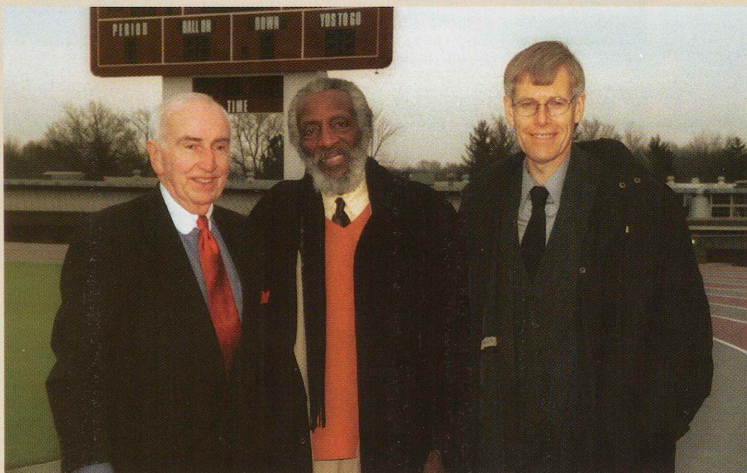
O'Hare is 73 years old, but views Gregory as a father.

“Dick Gregory has been my mentor and teacher for 36 years. He has given me mental dialysis, changed me both spiritually and physically, and put humor in my life,” O'Hare says.

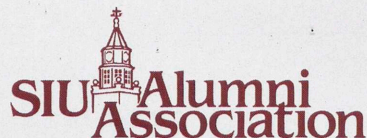
“I've worked with many civil rights leaders as a volunteer, but none of them hold a candle to Dick because of his humor and satire. If I were able to change the world, I would clone him and put him on every campus in the country.

“I would put him in a class on how to be a successful African-American in America 101. The second class would be how to be a successful white American 101. That is really what it's all about – teaching us how we can all be together. He is the only person I know who can accomplish that. Dick makes you think, and that's the wonderful thing about him.”

Enjoy our profile of this unique man in this issue of your magazine. Agree with it, question it, or ponder it. As long as it makes you think, Dick Gregory has succeeded once again.



O'Hare, Gregory, and Chrisman (L-R) pose on the track at McAndrew Stadium.



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SIU Foundation President Finds December Magazine A Treat

What a treat! I must enthusiastically commend the SIU Alumni Association for a job extremely well done with its latest issue of *Southern Alumni*.

The cover story featuring Dennis Franz, with its spectacular layout and design, reaches to the absolute height of excellent journalism. Editor Gene Green and writer Greg Scott, along with all involved, are to be congratulated on a job well-done.

The layout of the Honor Roll of Donors was attractive and sensitive to the serious nature of giving and philanthropy to SIU. The alumni news and activity sections were well-balanced with university news and features. All of this was presented in a fashion that makes *this* Saluki proud to display this publication above all others in my household.

I can remember as an SIU Alumni Board member over 15 years ago struggling with decisions about SIU's Alumni publication. The Association had to reach as many Saluki loyalists as possible and at the same time serve, in an interesting way, its main audience of Alumni members. It also had to serve as a positive and informative source of communication for the university. All of this had to be done without breaking a delicate and limited budget. It was a tough decision.

Ed Buerger, SIU Alumni Association's executive director, along with a very dedicated staff, took the challenge, met it, and exceeded any expectation any of us could have had. As a Saluki or Saluki friend, we have a *real* asset with *Southern Alumni* – what a treat!

Jim Gildersleeve '72
President, SIU Foundation
Hudson, Ill.

Teacher Impresses Students With Franz Photo

As a teacher in 2001, it has become quite difficult to impress my high school seniors, but I have finally done it! When I show them the enclosed photograph of myself with Dennis Franz – and tell them that I attended college with him – they are dazzled.



Thanks for the great article about Dennis in the last *Southern Alumni* magazine. I continue to follow his career, never miss an episode of *NYPD Blue*, and am proud to call him a fellow alum.

Sheri Hunter '76, M.S. '88
Marion, Ill.

Editor's note: Hunter, shown here with Franz during one of his visits in the mid 1980s, teaches at Carterville High School and is a member of the SIU Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

Franz Feature Appreciated By Law Enforcement Alumna

Rarely do I ever read magazine cover stories with such great interest and enthusiasm as I did the December issue of *Southern Alumni*. Your profile on Dennis Franz captured my attention for many reasons.

My first degree at SIUC was

in Law Enforcement in 1975. Many of my classmates were very similar to Franz: dedicated, patriotic, compassionate and grateful to have returned home from Vietnam. Today, these individuals remain dedicated and continue to serve their country through law enforcement, corrections and criminal justice. The in-depth look at Franz helped to bridge the understanding of a completely different career as that of acting to law enforcement with SIUC as the foundation of learning. Enlightening, to say the least!

As a 1977 graduate in Administration of Justice and 1976 graduate of SIU-TC in Correctional Counseling, I've followed Franz' acting career since the *Hill Street Blues* days. It reminded me on a regular basis what my fellow classmates endure daily. His chosen character continues to portray the challenges and feelings of the many men and women in this field. Thank you for bringing about a greater understanding and respect for this profession, Dennis!

Today, I work with the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum located in Miami, Fla. The heart and soul of this facility is the white marble memorial engraved with more than 6,400 officers' names who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Last month, your article appeared only one week after I finally had enough courage to try to find the names of fellow Saluki classmates on those walls.

While I was relieved that I did not locate any names of my classmates, my heart goes out to the family survivors of the thousands of men and women whose names and ranking can be seen on these walls along with the letters, flowers and personal items from loved ones left behind. The impact of this memorial is remarkable and unforgettable. I see it often in the eyes of those who have visited this site.

Somehow your article captured the same remarkable essence that makes Dennis Franz

the four-time Emmy Award winner he has become.

Peggy Calhoun '76, '77
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Franz Article Lifts SIUC's Image

I would like to publicly acknowledge a member of the SIUC staff for doing a great service to all of us in the University community. He gave our image the needed boost about which we have all been talking. Greg Scott, with the SIU Alumni Association, was the author of the recent *Southern Alumni* cover story on Dennis Franz – a four-time Emmy Award winner for his role on the hit TV series *NYPD Blue* – and an alumnus of SIUC.

Scott worked tenaciously to schedule the interview with Franz, and the issue went to more than 160,000 alumni who are undoubtedly busting with pride for their alma mater after reading his story. Thank you, Greg, for reminding us that we have a great University and produce great graduates who perform at the top of their field.

Julia Wetstein '85, M.B.A. '91
Assistant Dean for
External Affairs
College of Agriculture
SIUC

A Little Prep Pride

Although I enjoyed the article about Dennis Franz in the December issue of *Southern Alumni*, I was disappointed you did not name his high school.

Jim Pokin '72
Downers Grove, Ill.

Editor's note: While the "NYPD Blue" star did not discuss his high school days during our recent conversation, Pokin proudly points out that he and the former Dennis Schlacta are products of Proviso East High School.

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Article On Student Investors Appreciated

The recent article in *Southern Alumni* concerning the Saluki Student Investment Fund at SIU was nicely done. We really enjoyed the photo showing the students involved. Our *Southern Alumni* now represents a "touch of class" for the University.

Omar Winter '58
Carol (Keeney) Winter '57
La Jolla, Calif.

Editor's Note: *The Winters donated the lead gift to the Fund under way. Following their \$25,000 donation, the SIU*

Foundation joined the effort last May by allowing students to invest \$200,000 from its endowment fund.

Campus Issues Still Interest This Alum

Thank you for the December 2000 issue of *Southern Alumni*. I am grateful for receiving it and take interest in some of the University and city issues that are being debated. Some of these same concerns were evident when I was a student.

I recall participating in University activities while a student at SIU, and some of these issues continue to generate enthusiasm throughout the region. Reminiscing about past events and activities at

SIUC, combined with the current issues on campus, is something I enjoy reading about when *Southern Alumni* arrives at my door.

I wish the SIU Alumni Association and SIU a great year!
Tom Woods '88, M.S. '91
Champaign, Ill.

Education At SIU Still Paying Off For Alumna

I recently received the latest issue of *Southern Alumni*, and again found it a pleasure to reminisce over my time in southern Illinois, and particularly at SIU. I hold both a bachelor's and master's degree from SIU, and have found my career considerably enhanced by my

education there – to the point that I recognize a strong advantage of many of my peers in the field of rehabilitation. The Rehabilitation Counseling Program at the University is thought to be one of the best in the nation, and the respect I have gained from that program is much appreciated.

I am now a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice in Lubbock, Texas, and also provide consulting services nationally as a rehabilitation specialist. In this role I provide expert testimony and additional recommendations in areas of vocation, disability, and physical medicine.

As a nationally certified rehabilitation counselor and certified case manager, I continue to appreciate my background at SIU. Thanks so much.

Kihm Jones '83, M.S. '89
Lubbock, Texas

Open-Minded Approach At SIU Still Appreciated

I write this letter to compliment your December 2000 issue of *Southern Alumni*. The publication features excellent layouts and is fun to read.

I am a 1971 SIU graduate with a degree in Design. Fond memories still linger regarding my days in the geodesic dome classrooms on campus. My experiences ranged from thought provoking lectures on our "spaceship earth" by Buckminster Fuller, to being introduced to one of the first CAD drawing classes in the United States from a Boeing engineer instructor who was involved in the space program. At the time, who would have thought any of this would have helped in a life ahead of me.

After graduation, I moved back to Chicago and fumbled into a temporary job designing tradeshow exhibits. For \$125 a week, I figured this would do until I found a real job. Thirty years later, I am still in the tradeshow business and loving every minute.

I moved quickly from designing exhibits, to engineering exhibits, to managing as divisional president of the world's largest exhibit company –

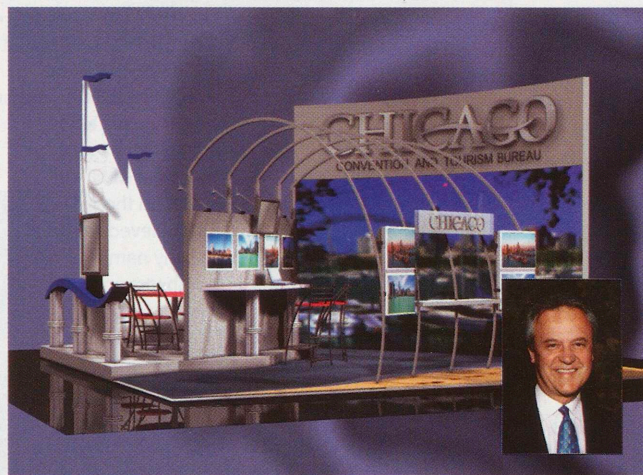
Exhibitgroup/Giltspur Inc. Later, I became president of the Exhibit Designers and Producers Association, where I am presently developing standards for building exhibits with Underwriters Laboratories. I am also developing a two-year degree in exhibit design at the University of Nevada-

tries. An independent study in 1997 ranked tradeshow as number one in a business-to-business final decision to buy. The powerful impression that face-to-face contact has in the eyes of the potential buyer runs second to all other marketing channels.

Many say the Internet will take the place of tradeshow. I strongly disagree. The Internet will only enhance the value of tradeshow, allowing potential buyers to really do their homework and better evaluate their buying needs before stepping foot on a tradeshow floor.

Tradeshow management is often called the invisible industry, and it is my goal to make it better known as an understood segment of any integrated marketing strategy.

I owe much of my success to my design education



at SIU, where open-minded thinking was encouraged. My "dome" experiences have served me well.

Thank you SIU!
Larry Kulchawik '71
General Manager
Derse Exhibits, Chicago, Ill.

Las Vegas that will start in August 2001. Training is our future.

The Meeting and Travel industry contributes \$84 billion to our economy – an industry that ranks 22nd in contribution to the gross national product – larger than the printing and agriculture indus-

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Thank you SIU!
Larry Kulchawik '71
General Manager
Derse Exhibits, Chicago, Ill.

Symphony Orchestra Grabs Top Honors

The Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra, based at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, recently won top honors in a statewide awards program sponsored by the Illinois Council of Orchestras.

The Community Volunteer Orchestra of the Year award was presented to the orchestra's music director, Edward M. Benyas, in Chicago on Jan. 19. Benyas, an associate professor in SIUC's School of Music, has led the orchestra since 1994. He says the award is an indication of the hard work on the part of many people.

"Our musicians put in a lot of time and effort to make the orchestra what it is," says Benyas. "I also want to thank our patrons and other members of the community who work so hard to provide the financial stability and support for the orchestra."

The Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra is a



Edward M. Benyas, an associate professor in Southern Illinois University Carbondale's School of Music, directs the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra. The Illinois Council of Orchestras recently named the orchestra, based at SIUC, Community Volunteer Orchestra of the Year.

regional community orchestra. It provides an opportunity for players to learn—and for the audience to hear—music of the baroque, classical, romantic and modern eras. Members include SIUC students and faculty as well as the community.

The orchestra performs concerts at SIUC's Shryock Auditorium and in various communities throughout the

region. It also accompanies faculty and student solo performances as well as the SIUC Choral Union and the Marjorie Lawrence Opera. In

addition, the orchestra provides the opportunity for faculty and students to conduct and perform original compositions. ■

Simon Meets With President Bush



Former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute at SIUC, attended a meeting Jan. 22 convened by President George W. Bush at the White House. Also attending were Vice President Dick Cheney; former Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio); Robert Strauss, former national Democratic Party

chairman; Jody Powell, who served as press secretary to President Carter; former U.S. Rep. William Gray (D-Pa.), who is now chairman and chief executive officer of the United Negro College Fund; and Richard Moe, who was a top aide to former Vice President Mondale.

After the meeting, Simon issued the following statement: "Six of us met with the president and the vice president for more than an hour. We discussed how President Bush can work with people of both political parties. The conversation was candid and, I hope, helpful to him and the country." ■

On The Side

Off-Campus Enrollment Up 12 Percent This Spring

Spring semester enrollment at SIUC's off-campus programs, primarily offered at military bases across the country, increased by 12 percent (169 students) and stands at 2,710, including 30 students taking classes at SIUC's campus in Nakajo, Japan.

Meanwhile, SIUC's total enrollment dipped by 26 students to 21,545, a decrease of one-tenth of 1 percent.

"I think there are many positive figures and some points of concern in this report," says SIUC Interim Chancellor John S. Jackson. "Our off-campus programs are growing, and the fact that we are down 26 students overall is negligible. I'm also pleased to note on-campus increases in international students (up 75 students) and graduate students (up 129).

"However, being down 274 undergraduate students on campus (14,306) is a genuine concern, and recruitment and retention for the fall of 2001 will continue to be high priorities."

Jackson says one aspect of the University's success is a likely cause for the overall decline. "For fall semester ceremonies, 501 more students applied for graduation than did in December 1999," he states. "We want our students to finish and move on with their plans, but it does affect our numbers when so many leave at once."

Larry H. Dietz, SIUC's vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management, says, "We have been working diligently to make improvements in our recruiting, scholarship leveraging, and retention programs.

"The full impact probably won't be noticed for another year as new systems are still being put into place. However, given our large fall semester graduation rate and all the hard work our staff and faculty are putting forth to assist with recruitment and retention efforts, we are optimistic about achieving our future." ■

SIUC Student-Produced News Program Wins Top National Award

For the second year in a row, a TV news program created by a gifted college crew at Southern Illinois University Carbondale has seized the top national prize in its category in the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences' college awards competition.

The academy, best known for its Emmy awards, sponsors the film and video competition for student producers from around the country. SIUC's winning entry, "alt.news," took first prize in the news, sports and magazine show division, one of seven contest categories.

Rustsburg, Va.), *Michael A. Cioni* (senior in radio-television from Elmhurst, Ill.), *Jody Paul Leggio* (junior in radio-television from Shirley, New York), and *Ian P. Vertovec* (senior in radio-television from Elmhurst, Ill.).

"alt.news" is seen once a month as part of "Studio A" productions, a series of student-produced entertainment programs that air at 11 p.m. Sundays on WSIU-TV (Channel 8) and WUSI-TV (Channel 16). The winning segment will air in the spring.

Industry professionals judge the competition and tend to spread the glory from one year to the next, experts note. So, for

SIUC to land two consecutive first prizes means this year's entry had to bowl the judges over, says Douglas W. Smart, the program's faculty adviser and an assistant professor of radio-television at SIUC.

He says the SIUC crew is second to none.

"They pick their ideas for stories and have a really good sense of the unusual, the off-beat and the whimsical," he notes. "They work on their own as an autonomous unit, have terrific work habits, are all self-starters, and show a lot of initiative."

The highlight of the competition is a gala awards ceremony which takes place each March in Los Angeles. One student executive producer of each first-place entry receives a free trip to the event, where industry professionals screen winners' works.

Audiences at previous celebrations have included such notables as Brandon Tartikoff, Garry Marshall, James Earl Jones, Edward Asner, Roger Ebert, Florence Henderson, Jane Alexander and Robert Stack.

Five SIUC students work as executive producers on "alt.news" and will share \$2,000 in prize money and a \$2,000 Eastman Kodak grant for film stock. Students must hold every major crew position for their productions to be contest eligible. ■



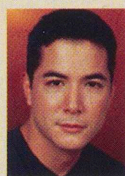
Students earning the national honor were, from left, Alana Berry, Ian Vertovec, Michael Cioni, Jody Leggio, and Otto Arsenault.

The episode takes viewers to an underground rave party, a motorcars rally, a paintball "war field" and alongside a daring volunteer whose odyssey, cleaning the muddy Mississippi, is yielding such bounty as waterlogged refrigerators and old cars.

The winning SIUC team members are *Otto T. Arsenault* (freshman in cinema and photography from Chicago, Ill.), *Alana K. Berry* (master's student in mass communication and media arts specializing in professional media practice from

On The Side

SIUC Grad Has Short Stint As A "Survivor"



Murphysboro, Ill., native Kelly "Kel" Gleason, a 1992 SIUC radio-television graduate, recently braved northern Australia for the second installment of the CBS hit reality series "Survivor." His stint in the Outback, however, was brief.

Gleason, 32, was one of 16 chosen from a reported 50,000 contestants vying for the \$1 million first-place prize. Now a U.S. Army intelligence officer stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, his fellow participants voted him off the show after the second episode.

The short stint on the program still brought Gleason – and SIUC – plenty of national exposure. He was pictured on an issue of *People Magazine* and was interviewed by Bryant Gumbel on the "CBS Early Show" the morning after his departure was telecast. That was followed by a humorous stint with David Letterman on "The Late Show With David Letterman."

The basic concept of the program revolves around 16 strangers stranded in the Australian Outback. They must work together to survive, while eliminating each other one by one every three days. The lone survivor will walk away with \$1 million. CBS will air 14 episodes as the individuals try to outwit, outlast, and outplay each other.

After an estimated 50 million viewers watched the final installment of "Survivor" last year, there was great anticipation when "Survivor II" first appeared on Jan. 28.

According to a CBS spokesman, Gleason acknowledged that his military background might have been an obstacle as he tried to adjust to the group dynamics of his non-military tribemates. After he was voted out, he confessed, "I knew from day one it was going to be hard for me to fit in. I tried, I really did."

Gleason came to SIUC in 1988, majored in radio-television, and later enlisted in the Army ROTC. In 1996, the Army sent him on a three-year stint in Germany. He was also assigned to Bosnia for a period during the U.S. peacekeeping mission.

A Tribute To "Bucky" Fuller

"R. Buckminster Fuller: THE HISTORY (and Mystery) OF THE UNIVERSE," a one-man play depicting the life, work, and writings of the former SIU design professor, is being presented at the Mercury Theater (3745 N. Southport) in Chicago through the Memorial Day holiday in May. Performances take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.; and Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets to the production are priced at \$29.50 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday evenings; \$36.50 Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday matinees. Discounts are available for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the Mercury Theater box office, by calling the Mercury Theater at (773) 325-1700, at all Ticketmaster locations and by calling Ticketmaster at (312) 902-1500. Tickets also are available for on-line purchase at www.foghouse.com. For lower-priced group discounts call (773) 325-1700.

Written and directed by D.W. Jacobs, from the life, work, and writings of R. Buckminster Fuller and starring Ron Campbell, the play depicts Fuller, affectionately called "Bucky" by friends and family, as the genius he was, whose life exemplified American ingenuity. The production earned rave reviews in Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco, before premiering in Chicago in February.

Serati Appointed Deputy Press Secretary To Gov. Ryan

Ray Serati '59, who for more than three decades was a reporter at the Illinois Statehouse, has been named deputy press secretary to Illinois Gov. George Ryan. He had recently been a media spokesman for City Water, Light and Power.

Serati, a Springfield, Ill., resident, is a lifetime member of the SIU Alumni Association and a current member of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors.

"Ray came to mind because of his years of great experience at the Capitol," says Dennis Culloton, Ryan's Chicago-based press secretary. "We approached him about the job, and he was eager to take on the challenge."

Serati, 63, was at *United Press International* for three years and then worked for 33 years at *Copley News Service* and *The State Journal-Register*.

"I still really enjoy working, and Springfield has a great press corps – it's always good working with them," Serati says. He started covering Ryan when the governor was a state representative from Kankakee, noting, "I've known him ever since, and we've always had a good working relationship. I'm looking forward to a new challenge."

Morris Library To Receive Facelift

Morris Library will receive a facelift this semester as workers improve lighting and facilities in the Undergraduate Library located on the first floor of the seven-story structure.

"We will improve the lighting, install a more efficient air conditioning system and update the circulation desk area," says Susan Logue, associate dean for Library Support Services. "We think students, faculty and staff will be pleased with the results, and we hope they will be patient during the construction and painting process."

Work should be finished before finals week, Logue says. In the interim, computer work stations in the Undergraduate Library will be relocated and the circulation desk will move into the hallway near the bust of Abraham Lincoln.

Construction crews will also move forward with the last phase of asbestos abatement work on the first floor as part of the \$900,000 project.

Graduate Student Is SIUC's First-Ever Holmes Scholar

Keli N. Ross, a graduate student in education at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, has been chosen to participate in a national initiative that assists aspiring minority teachers.

Directed by The Holmes Partnership, the venture plugs talented minority graduate students, dubbed Holmes Scholars, into a network of mentors — who provide professional development and future job referrals.

Ross, from Chicago, is the first Holmes Scholar chosen at SIUC. "Keli is a stand-out who has the potential to be a leader in teacher education," said Billy G. Dixon, chairperson of the SIUC Department of Curriculum and Instruction. She is working on her master's degree from SIUC's College of Education, specializing in mathematics education.

As part of her formal training at the University, she is working as a teaching fellow, which places her alongside a veteran, fourth-grade public school teacher at Carbondale's Thomas Elementary School this year.

The Holmes Scholars Network is the only program systematically developing a diverse teacher education professorate. Since 1991, more than 75 of its alumni have secured tenure-track positions at universities throughout the nation.



No Time To Slow Down

As an SIU undergraduate, Dick Gregory strived to desegregate the Carbondale community and improve campus life for minorities. Nearly 50 years later, his sacrifice and commitment to help others continue in full swing.

SIU has been a part of Gregory's life for more than 45 years. From left, he is shown in 1953 as a star Saluki track performer, in 1961 as the opening act at Shryock Auditorium for music legend Dizzy Gillespie, and returning earlier this year to the McAndrew Stadium track.

by Greg Scott

People who have followed Dick Gregory's extraordinary career know that his exploits have taken him all over the world. The comedian, civil rights activist, nutritionist, and author is an agent of change who has devoted his life to calling attention to societal problems.

After leaving Southern, he kept Americans laughing in the early 1960s as a successful standup comedian. But when the Civil Rights Movement hit its stride, leaders of the movement, including Dr. Martin Luther King, asked Gregory to assist in their mission. Although he was making up to \$10,000 a night as a well-known comedian in various nightclubs, Gregory felt the Civil Rights Movement was more important.

"When America goes to war, they don't worry about your career or how it will affect your family. That is the same attitude I take for the liberation of black

folks," he says. "Looking back on it today, I thank God that I'm a part of that.

"African-Americans have made more progress in a 30-year period than any other individuals in the history of this planet. This happened despite the fact that black folks and white folks keep lying to one another. You can walk through this country for the next 10 years and never hear the word 'racism'. How can people not talk about the No. 1 thing that's about to bring this country to its knees?"

Gregory participated in most of the marches, demonstrations, and rallies of the Civil Rights Era. Like King and his other contemporaries, including Malcolm X, Medgar Evers, President John F. Kennedy, and Robert Kennedy, he is committed to enhancing the lives of those around him.

"It changed my life because, all of a sudden, I'm thrown into the forefront with people like Martin Luther King, Andrew Young, Rosa Parks, and Medgar Evers," he says. "All of a sudden, I'm seeing and marching with people who I would normally just be hearing about. We're marching and holding hands, not knowing if we're going to live or die. My life has never been the same since."

For nearly four decades, Gregory has been a crusader for civil and human rights, speaking candidly about serious

issues such as racism and violence. Although he is one of few leaders left from the Civil Rights Movement, his quest continues. But this mission doesn't come without a few sacrifices.

Whether he's giving speeches on college campuses, or participating in demonstrations, Gregory spends most of his time on the road. "Every day I'm doing something and have to be somewhere. My whole life is just waiting to get from one spot to another," he says.

He has a home in Plymouth, Mass., where Lillian, his wife of 42 years lives, and he keeps an apartment in Washington. But more times than not, he lives out of suitcases in hotels. These days, he's also staying busy promoting his new book, *Callus On My Soul*, a memoir which candidly depicts the many causes he has fought for, extraordinary people who have impacted his life, and his perspective on many events in modern American history. An author of 15 books, Gregory's latest work is a best-seller. While each of his endeavors mean more time away from home, this is something to which the Gregorlys are accustomed.

"We talk probably seven or eight times a day, and we do manage to see each other," says Lillian, who schedules many of her husband's commitments. "It's funny. When we first got married, he was

Part of Gregory's duties in the 1950s was selling programs at SIU football games. Here he finds a paying customer in former president Delyte Morris.



gone a lot, trying to make it in show business. Then he became committed to the Civil Rights Movement. That has just been a way of life, and it's worked well for us."

Once he became involved in the Civil Rights Movement, Gregory risked his life a countless number of times. He and King, along with other Civil Rights leaders, were often jailed together during the 1960s while demonstrating for racial equality. But Gregory wasn't the only one in his family to make a sacrifice for the movement.

It wasn't unusual for Lillian and some of the couple's younger children to be placed behind bars as well. Gregory recalls one particular incident in 1969, when his family was protesting the school conditions in Chicago.

"Lillian and our two oldest daughters were arrested, too," he says. "Lillian was in jail as much as I was."

But Lillian Gregory says once she saw how important the movement was to her husband, as well as to the advancement of African-Americans in this country, the entire family was more than willing to make the commitment.

"There were times, of course, our children wished that he were home more. But we all learned to deal with it because it was for a wonderful cause," she says. "When our daughters were arrested in Chicago, one was three years old, and the other was five. That was a very interesting experience.

"We talked about it. They were small but later understood what it was all about. Over the years, they joined him in many different activities. When our children look back on it now, they are really proud that they did it."

The 68-year-old Gregory had to be equally proud in January, when he returned to a place where many observers believe his activism started: SIU. Gregory, who attended Southern from 1952-1953, and in 1956 after a two-year stint in the Army, has returned to his alma mater before. In 1987, the University presented him with the Doctorate of Humane



Almost 45 years later, Gregory looks over some old Saluki photographs with current SIU President Dr. James Walker.

Letters, and just last fall, the former track and cross country star was inducted into the SIU Sports Hall of Fame.

He acknowledged that both honors were special moments in his life. But knowing Gregory, he was equally honored in January when he met some of SIU's African-American leaders, including SIU President James Walker, and Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry – along with his college roommate, Harvey Welch (*now retired*), who was the first black vice president ever hired by the University. The University's reigning homecoming queen is African-American (an honor that black women couldn't receive when Gregory first arrived on campus in 1952). He also is pleased to know that SIU consistently ranks in the top 10 among the country's predominantly white institutions in the number of baccalaureate degrees awarded to African-American students.

"There are few schools in this country, including the Harvards and Yales, that have the record of diversity that SIU has. SIU was the first major university in America to hire a black athletic director (Gale Sayers) and black vice president (Harvey Welch)," Gregory says.

"That comes from a seed that was planted by the black women and men who were at SIU in the 1950s. We decided to leave something back here by using this institution for something besides just getting a degree. The black folks organized to start changing this city and school – and to make SIU a better place. To be able to come back here where it happened is a wonderful feeling."

SIU's present stance regarding African-American leaders and students is a testament to the efforts of people like Gregory in the 1950s. Once he arrived on campus in 1952, Gregory came to the conclusion that SIU was one of the most racist institutions that black students could attend.

In *Callus On My Soul*, Gregory expands on these feelings: *I couldn't understand how the university could consider me a star athlete, then treat me so inhumanely when the press was not around. Back in St. Louis, I believed that poverty was the worst disease on earth. At Southern, I soon realized that racism was the number-one killer. Racism permeated every fiber of the university's social, political, and economic fabric. As far as the school system was concerned, I only existed on the track field. Off the field, I was just another nigger.*



After serving as captain of the SIU track team and setting a school record in the half-mile run, Dick Gregory became the first minority to receive the school's "Outstanding Athlete of the Year" award in 1953.

He qualifies these feelings saying that there were schools more racist, such as many southern institutions that didn't allow blacks to enroll at all. But Gregory points out that while blacks were allowed to attend SIU, the system discriminated against them. For instance, black fraternities and sororities weren't allowed on campus, and black women were not permitted to live in dormitories.

This started to change when black students began an organized effort to improve campus life for minorities. "A black woman couldn't even run for Homecoming queen. So we negotiated and said, 'This year, we will pick a black maiden of honor.' That's how we started breaking it down - little by little," he says.

While the black students were battling for equality on campus, the environment never became too hostile. "We were very comfortable and never felt threatened at SIU," he says.

A threat, sparked by Gregory and other black students, led to another campus barrier being broken down in 1953. In SIU's history, a black student-athlete had never received the "Outstanding Athlete of the Year" award. The black student-athletes decided that it was time to make a stand.

"We went to the athletic director and said 'If a Negro didn't win Outstanding Athlete of the Year this time, we're going to quit.' He said, 'I don't care.'" Gregory says. "So we called the athletic director at Eastern Michigan and asked if we could go there. He said yes.

"We then told our athletic director that we weren't going to quit ... we would just go to another school in our conference. That's when they decided to make a change."

Gregory was chosen as SIU's first black "Outstanding Athlete of the Year" in 1953, the same season he had lettered in cross country, served as captain of the track team, and became the fastest half-miler in school history with a mark of 1:57.4. He would later lower his own record in the 880-yard run to 1:54.1.

Despite his athletic prowess, Gregory was surprised at receiving the highest honor awarded to student-athletes at the institution. "I never really looked at myself as an athlete. To me, an athlete was a person who could do a whole lot of things," he says. "I had never played football, basketball or baseball."

Gregory, who returned to Southern in 1956 after serving a stint in the Army, successfully united black and white students to pass a referendum funding the

construction of what is now the SIU Student Center. Perhaps displaying some of the comedic wit he became known for, Gregory says: "Maybe 200 years from now they will name that school after me."

His efforts to unite blacks and whites went beyond campus. At the time, segregation and discrimination against blacks was widespread in Carbondale. Gregory recalls that University Drugstore was the only desegregated downtown facility in which blacks were allowed.

He recalls one particular incident after his team had won the conference meet. Gregory had led the team's efforts, scoring points in the mile, half mile, and two-mile runs, along with anchoring the mile relay. He estimates that his points alone would have given the team a conference championship. But soon his victory would turn to bitterness.

"That same day we go downtown, and my white teammates were standing in restaurants and bars, having a good time. I wasn't allowed in, and I really got aggravated," he says. "Everybody got a sweater and ring for winning the conference championship, but yet they could go some place that I couldn't go to."

Gregory protested by throwing a brick through a window of one of the establishments. This was the beginning of his efforts to desegregate other Carbondale businesses. As a young student at Southern in the 1950s, he took a date to a movie at the Varsity Theater. When he was asked to sit in the balcony and refused, he was kicked out of the theater. But the persistent Gregory kept returning to the Varsity, with other black students, who also refused to sit in the balcony, which, in effect, eventually ended segregated seating at Carbondale's only theater. In H.B. Koplowitz's classic history of the Strip, *Carbondale After Dark*, he credits Gregory with "perhaps the first documented instance of civil protest in Carbondale."

"Once people figured out where we were going, unbeknownst to us, I'm sure there were leaders in the background

moving things forward. Carbondale survives on the money from that campus," Gregory says. "Little by little by little, we integrated the movie and the restaurants. After things started to happen, the rest of it was like a domino effect."

In the new millennium, family and friends who are close to Gregory say he hasn't slowed down a bit. Showing every bit the same inspiration he had while breaking down barriers in Carbondale, he still stands up for various social causes. Gregory follows in the mold of Dr. Martin Luther King, protesting societal issues through a non-violent approach. He has fasted more than 100 times, the first being in 1967 when he protested the killing in the Vietnam War. He consumed only distilled water for 40 days.

Gregory uses fasting, prayer, and other non-violent means to improve the lives of people around him. These are important facets of his approach.

"Fasting and prayer are the most powerful weapons in the non-violent arsenal," he says. "You don't fast and pray to make bad people into good people or change the hearts and minds of others. Instead, it creates a positive force for all the other forces to come and join. And from that, nothing can stop you."

In *Callus On My Soul*, Gregory says: *The long fast puts the entire body through a cleansing. That also includes toxic accumulations in the brain. And as the brain is cleansed, the mind is released. During a long fast you will notice a heightening of ethical and spiritual awareness.*

Gregory has fasted for several social causes. He has fasted, while in jail, to demonstrate support of Native American fishing rights, and in 1969, he fasted for 45 days in the Cook County Jail after protesting segregation in the Chicago Public School. In 1970, he consumed only water for 81 days to call attention to drug addiction in America. He has fasted against nuclear power, and during the Iran hostage crisis in 1980, he went to the country to fast and pray for a non-violent ending to the crisis. He con-

sumed only water for 100 days. When he left Iran, he weighed 82 pounds.

He has even utilized his running abilities to bring attention to societal problems. Gregory once ran across country, from Los Angeles to New York, to dramatize world and domestic hunger. He averaged 50 miles per day during the 71-day event.

While in Carbondale, he announced that he is set to start a fast and prayer vigil to protest police brutality. He vowed to not eat solid food or have sex until a federal law is in place requiring everyone who carries a legal gun to have a license. In this case, if a cop engaged in brutality, their gun license could be revoked.

"I remember once in Massachusetts, I was stopped twice for moving violations within an 18-month period. If you get three in 18 months, they take your license," he says. "I was the best driver on the planet, because I had something to lose.

"If we get this law passed, cops will have something to lose, and this whole thing will change. I'm willing to make the sacrifice. I don't know how long this fast will last, but however long it takes, I'll be there."

Lillian Gregory says her husband has an inner drive to help others. "I think there is a certain spirit within him, and he's concerned about people and causes," she says. "Being a black man, he saw injus-

tices and knew he was in a position to do a lot of things. That encouraged him to get involved and turn his attention to it."

In an interview with *The Washington Post*, actor Ossie Davis, who has known Gregory for nearly 40 years, said his friend is driven by protesting issues. "Some people are energized by being in opposition, by having an enemy," he says. "I think Dick is one of those people. They see things that need to be done, and they can't live with themselves if they don't go do it."

This inspiration, perhaps, derives from Gregory's childhood. He was born on Columbus Day in 1932, in a St. Louis ghetto during the Depression, one of six children to a single mother who supported the family cleaning white people's houses. Gregory grew up in what he calls a "rigidly segregated" city.

"A lot of cities had segregation where blacks sit upstairs in the movies and whites sit downstairs," he says. "St. Louis was a very unique city. Blacks went to black movies, restaurants and schools; whites went to white movies, restaurants and schools. The fire stations were even segregated. Black firemen worked at a black fire station, white firemen worked at the white fire station.

"That was the atmosphere I grew up in. I had never really been around white folks

It was a warm moment recently, when Gregory and former college roommate Harvey Welch greeted one another. "We participated in some fraternity activities together, he supported us during basketball season, and we did the same for him during track season," the recently retired SIUC Vice Chancellor remembers. "But the most important thing about Dick is that he had the courage to stand up for what he believed in. He influenced all of us."



until I went to SIU. I had working relationships shining white folks shoes or mowing lawns. But I never really had a personal relationship with a white person.”

The segregation pattern carried over to the athletic arena. Gregory, who attended Sumner High School, was a standout performer on the track team. He says there were just three black schools in the city and 20 white schools. Blacks weren’t allowed to compete against white athletes. Therefore, to form a full schedule, Sumner had to travel out of the city.

“We only had two other black schools we could play. How are you going to get a season out of that?” Gregory says. “The Missouri law permitted us to go across the country to play other high schools. We would go as far away as Washington, D.C., and West Virginia, and compete against the black school in Kansas City and schools in Illinois. We had experiences that you only get in college.

“Our high school band was going all over the country for band competition because we couldn’t participate with white bands. And the state paid for it.”

In 1951, Gregory recorded the fastest mile time in the country, but was denied the state championship because he competed in the black track meet. The students in each of the three black schools called for a boycott, which received some favorable results.

“We pulled everybody out when school started. They immediately integrated cross country,” he says. “The state integrated each of its sports due to our boycott. That was the first time I ran against white people.”

Gregory, who has appeared in television shows and films, may have begun his acting career while performing on the track team. At the time, Gregory says, blacks were trained to believe that genetically they could only run the dashes. Therefore, he, being a long-distance runner, didn’t have anyone to practice against.

“I was sort of like the freak because no one could seriously challenge me in the mile,” he says. “Therefore, when I ran

the mile, I would trip and fall, and let my opponent get 50 to 100 yards ahead of me. Then I would go get them and the crowd would just go crazy.

“All of my races ended up being show business. Everybody who came to the race knew I was going to grandstand.”

It was Gregory’s high school coach, Dr. Warren St. James, an SIU alumnus himself, who encouraged his star performer to attend Southern. He received more than 100 track scholarship offers from various universities, but St. James told him Southern had a little something extra to offer.

“He said, ‘God, man there’s a good coach down there, and that’s where you need to go,’” Gregory says. “To this day, the greatest one decision ever made in my life is when he sent me to SIU where I could be with (Coach) Doc Lingle. And I also became close to (President) Delyte Morris.”

While serving in the Army, he won two talent shows as a comic. He returned to SIU, only to leave in 1956 before his scheduled graduation. But his success as a comedian in the Army led to his first big break.

After developing his skills at black nightclubs in Chicago, Gregory became one of the first black comedians to perform in white nightclubs. He hit it big in the business.

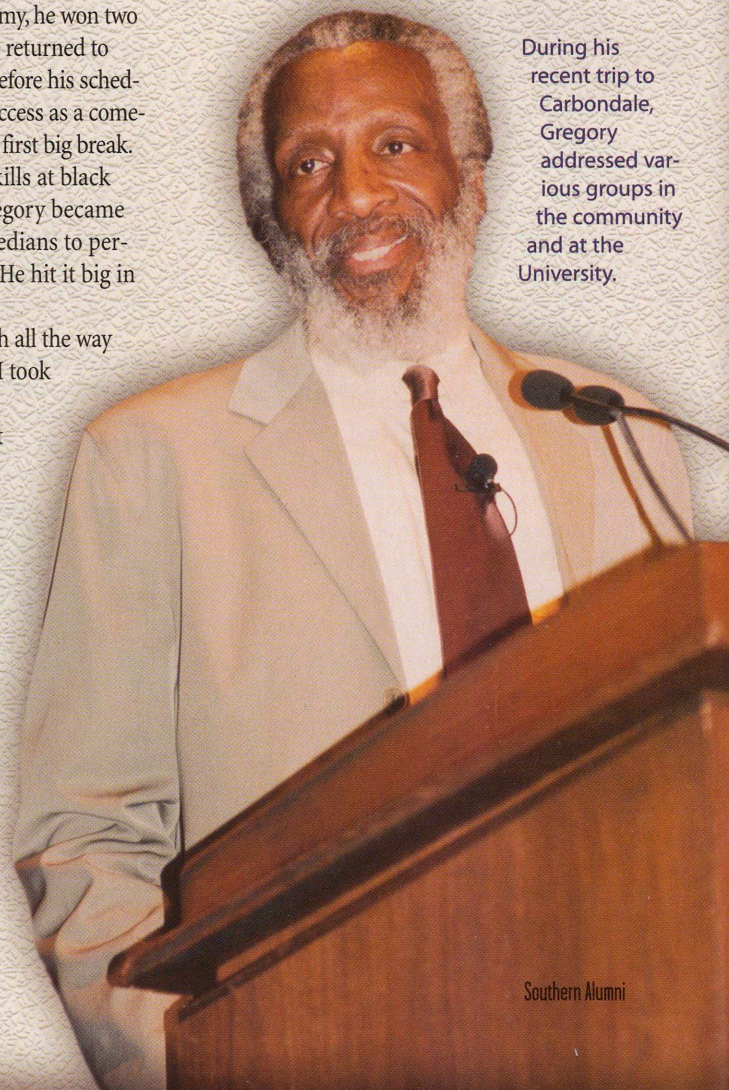
“I helped America laugh all the way through the 60s,” he says. “I took the whole racist issue in America and just twisted it (into comedy). When I did the Jack Parr show, my salary jumped to \$5,000 a week. And for concerts, I’d make \$5,000-10,000 a night. This happened overnight.”

Along with his career as a comedian and commitment to the Civil Rights Movement, Gregory is also known for his belief in health food and

nutrition theories. He has touted his own diet and health potion, Formula Four X.

Since his days at Sumner High School, not much has slowed Dick Gregory down. Today, he faces another stiff challenge. He was diagnosed with lymphoma in 1999, a form of cancer. He combats the disease with alternative remedies such as herbs, and walks eight miles every morning. “The last time they checked, my cancer is 80 percent gone,” he says.

In January, while participating in a photo shoot at McAndrew Stadium—a spot on campus holding many memories for him—Gregory reiterated his determination: “When I’m 75, I’m going to walk from Los Angeles to New York. Then, when I turn 100, I will walk from Los Angeles to New York and back to Los Angeles.” Even in the face of adversity, Dick Gregory is hard to slow down. ■



During his recent trip to Carbondale, Gregory addressed various groups in the community and at the University.

SIU Leaders & Experiences Helped Shape Dick Gregory

by Greg Scott

Although Dick Gregory worked diligently in leading efforts to desegregate the Carbondale community and University campus, he is quick to acknowledge the positive relationships he formed at SIU, which led to the success he has enjoyed.

Growing up in segregated St. Louis, Gregory says he didn't have many interactions with white people, unless he was doing work for them. But this changed at SIU, where he became a friend with white classmates, teammates, teachers, and University leaders. While he felt the University and its system were racist, Gregory recalls positive relationships on campus. He says the track team enjoyed a positive camaraderie.

"As a member of the track team, I wasn't considered the 'black guy' on the team, and the white athletes weren't the 'white guys' on the team," Gregory says. "We were teammates."

Gregory says this paved the way for his future.

"I came to SIU as a poor old country boy from St. Louis who knew nothing about a white society," he says. "When I lay down at night and reflect, I know my life wouldn't have been the same without SIU. I learned so much about America."

"I'm Dick Gregory on an international level because of SIU. It gave me the balance I never had before. Today, I sit with powerful and influential people all over the world. SIU prepared me for that."

Gregory is especially thankful for relationships he formed with those in a leadership capacity.

He specifically points out a father-son relationship he had with SIU track and field coach Leland "Doc" Lingle, and the friendship he formed with President Delyte Morris and his wife, Dorothy.

"Coach Lingle would take a deep breath, put his hand on

your shoulder, and talk to you like a father. He said there was more to life than running," Gregory says. "He told me to take speech and business classes. He's the one who taught me to prepare myself for life after college and to not just be an athlete."

Dorothy Ittner of Carbondale, Lingle's daughter, says her father's care for Gregory went far beyond athletics. "Dick found in Dad, and other faculty and students at SIU, that people accepted him as an equal," she says. "Daddy was color blind, and he cared about Dick as a person more than a runner. Dick recalls that Dad called him 'son' and meant it."

Perhaps Lingle, who died in 1964, saw special leadership skills in this young pupil. Ittner, who met Gregory while her father was recruiting him, says this quality was evident through his success in track. "Dick was a fine runner, and he enjoyed letting folks know it. But he didn't gloat," Ittner says. "He worked to get the rest of the team upbeat and inspired. He was a motivator."

In his book, *Callus On My Soul*, Gregory expands on his relationship with Lingle, saying: *College was strange and wonderful, and God immediately sent me another daddy. Coach Leland Lingle was the head coach of the track team, and he began grooming me for stardom. He was not just interested in me as his star athlete. He had genuine concern for me as a human being. We just talked about life and the problems that one might be confronted with as an adult.*

He talked to me about courage and character that one must have to overcome obstacles that will come your way. Coach Lingle told me why it was important not to waste my life being just an athlete. Now that I look back on my relationship with Coach Lingle and all the controversy that goes on with coaches and students today, I can honestly say that he never ripped me off. If anything, he made me a better man, and I wish that every college campus in America had a Coach Lingle to whisper life's little lessons in the students' ears.

Another highlight of Gregory's time at Southern was

his close ties to the Morris family. As a student worker in the president's house on campus, the entire family became fond of Gregory, including the Morris children, Peter and Michael.

"Our sons loved for Dick to come by because he would entertain them," Dorothy Morris says. "They often made too much noise in the kitchen because he told them stories that would make them laugh."

The Morris sons, who were in grade school when Gregory worked for their parents, have kept in touch with their friend. Peter Morris, a computer science professor at Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, W.Va., has entertained Gregory in his hometown. Michael Morris is a professor at Clemson University.

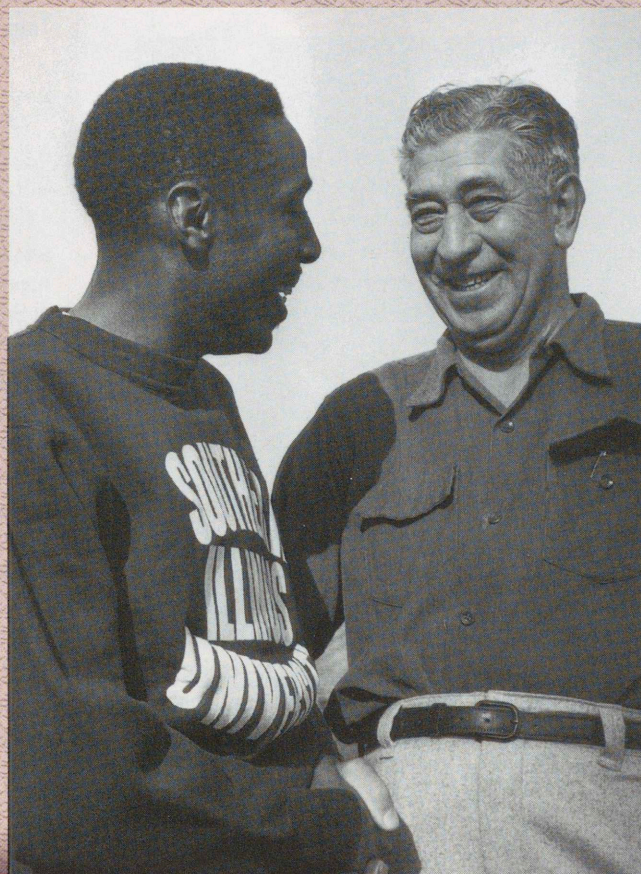
Dorothy Morris says her husband strived to improve campus and community life for African-Americans. "When we arrived in Carbondale, Blacks didn't live in Carbondale and they couldn't eat in any of the restaurants. Of course, that created a problem for athletics," she says.

"My husband wanted to help and promote people of color, particularly the Blacks. I think that's part of the reason he became so interested (in Dick Gregory)."

Gregory has fond memories of his time with the Morrises.

"I could go to their house unannounced, open the refrigerator and get what I wanted. I would sit and talk to their children. It was just a great relationship," he says.

"It had nothing to do with being an athlete because no other athlete had those privileges. It was special for a Negro, from a rigidly segregated background, to form a friendship with people that powerful. That is when I developed the type of personality that allows me to go around the world today and sit with heads of states. The few little (negative) incidents that occurred while I was on campus didn't unbalance the beauty of SIU." ■



Being nurtured at SIU by Doc Lingle, said Gregory, was "a gift from God."



Simply The Best

National recognition concerning

SIUC Automotive Technology

leaves no doubt that the

program is in a class by itself.

by Brooke Johnson

For most students who will graduate from SIUC this spring, the months ahead will be a somewhat stressful and uncertain period. The primary concern may center on the much-dreaded job search awaiting them.

One group of hard-working students, however, can sit back and let employers come to them. Thanks to the respected reputation of the SIUC Automotive Technology program and the recognition received over the last decade, these graduates ooze optimism.

Employers have good reason to be interested in SIUC students. In 1999, the Automotive Technology program was named "Best in the Nation" by the Alliance of Automotive Manufacturers

and the Association for Careers of Technical Education.

According to Jack Greer, Chairman of the SIUC Automotive Technology Department, SIUC stands out from other schools as a result of dedicated faculty, students, and alumni. "We are the largest university in the United States to house an automotive program," Greer says. "The support of our University enables us to employ more faculty and better serve our students."

The award marked the third time in the last decade the program was recognized by the association; they received the top ranking for the first time in 1991 and an honorable mention in 1998. A school can only be eligible to receive the award once every six years, limiting the number of times it can win.

As the recipient of the 1999 top ranking, Automotive Technology was awarded \$10,000 in equipment and \$10,000 for scholarships. In addition, travel accommodations were provided for department representatives to accept the award at the opening ceremonies of the ACTE conference in Orlando, Fla.

The Alliance of Automotive Manufacturers, which includes DaimlerChrysler, General Motors, Ford Motor Company, and the Association for Careers of Technical Education, work together to pick the nation's outstanding automotive program each year. In order to be considered, a University must be certified by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation and submit a formal application to the vocational education office of their state.

The winner of each state division is then advanced to the national competition, where a committee from the manufacturers and one from the Association for Careers of Technical Education choose the national winner.

Each school's program is judged in a number of different categories, including equipment, student placement, quality of facilities, general curriculum, program promotion, and faculty credentials.

Not only can the program employ a greater number of faculty, but they are able to offer instructors who are highly trained and skilled in their fields. "Our faculty has a chance to specialize in one area – we don't teach bumper to bumper," Greer says. "Each faculty member has at least one area of expertise."

The Automotive Technology faculty are all certified in their specialized areas by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

In addition to talented faculty, the program is also fortunate to enjoy successful and dedicated alumni. According to Greer, there is a special link between SIUC and automotive alumni. "They love the program and like to give back to the school," he says. "That helps support our program."

One generous donation to the program was recently made by Chris Micha '83 and Rich Pershell '74 of Detroit. The two SIUC grads are both employed by DaimlerChrysler and saw the need for the automotive department to have a vehicle to use for recruiting and travel purposes. Although the department houses a number of other vehicles, none of them are authorized to be used off campus grounds. Therefore, Micha and Pershell each donated money for the purchase of a new Dodge Durango, to be used primarily for meetings, functions and labs.

Micha stresses that they were only able to make the donation thanks to corporate help. Because DaimlerChrysler matched their donations two to one, the alums were able to purchase a nicer vehicle than would have otherwise been possible. "I'm really pleased we were able to do it," says Micha. "It's great that there

are alumni that believe in the program enough to make this happen."

The Automotive Technology program also receives a great deal of support from the auto industry itself. "Last year, we received \$500,000 worth of donations in scholarships, cash, automobiles and equipment," Greer says. "That brings a depth to our program that some of the other programs just don't have." Even items as basic as car service manuals can be expensive and would not be affordable without the help of donations, he adds.

Greer is quick to point out that the success of the Automotive Technology department has been a continuous process that was started some 50 years ago, when L.D. Willey began as chairman of the program.

"I'm opening some doors that the first chair created for us back in the 50s and 60s," says Greer. "Over the years, Willey built a relationship with the automobile corporations. The chair before me (Jim White) and I have taken advantage of that," he says.

Having a good relationship with the automotive industry is still a vital part of running a successful program, according

to Greer. "We stay tuned into the industry and follow it closely," he says. "If you put out a product and nobody buys it, you'll go out of business after awhile, so we try to put out what they want."

In an effort to do just this, the program set up an advisory committee made up of mid to upper-level management people working in the automotive industry to help guide the program and inform instructors of what they are looking for in graduates. "They tell us what they want, and if we produce it, they'll hire them," Greer says.

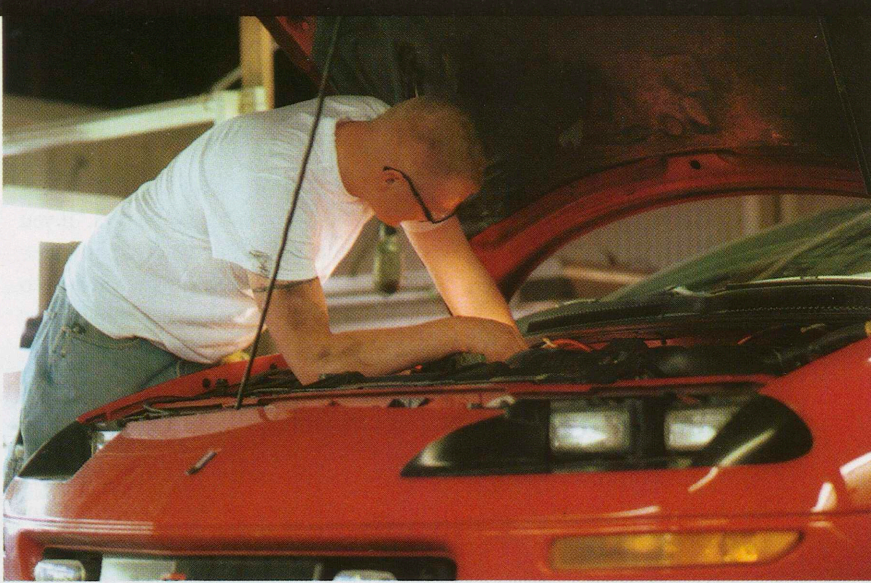
Bill Szelag '74 of Detroit serves as co-chairman of the advisory committee and says his relationship with the SIUC Automotive Program helps him establish a link with students. Each year the committee meets with students to discuss the SIUC program and answer questions about the automobile industry.

"We try to update them on the latest technologies and answer any questions they might have about their future careers," Szelag says. "First and foremost, we really try to listen to the students."

Szelag is currently employed by General Motors, where he acts both as



Jack Greer, Chairman of the SIUC Automotive Technology Department, lauds the support the University receives from the auto industry itself, noting this relationship is vital for the program's success.



Tim McNelly, a junior in Automotive Technology from Mundelein, Ill., checks out a vehicle at the Auto Tech facility.

Manager of Regional Service Engineering and Manager of Onstar Technical Assistance. Over the years, he has been consistently impressed with the quality of the SIUC graduates he has encountered. "Whenever we interview SIU students, they always show a great deal of professionalism and a wide knowledge of the field," he says.

SIUC graduates have always enjoyed good placement in the automotive industry, according to Greer. "A solid 100 percent of our students who look for employment in the industry find employment," he says. In fact, the department has a number of students scheduled to graduate this May who have already accepted positions with major corporations. Students who actively seek employment in the automotive industry will probably have at least two or three job offers.

Micha agrees, saying, "I was definitely given interviews because I attended SIUC." He adds that because the program is nationally ranked and is recognized by the Big 3 manufacturers, SIUC is well-known in the automotive industry. "That got my foot in the door, and then I had to prove myself," Micha says. He is currently employed by DaimlerChrysler in Detroit as a Manager of Advanced Service Diagnostics.

Working closely with automotive engineers, Micha develops the diagnostic software onboard vehicle computer systems. Because the Automotive Technology department is so well

respected, Micha adds, "there is a tremendous need in the industry for students coming out of the SIUC program."

In addition to supporting SIUC through donations, both Micha and Szelag have been instrumental in the development of an SIU Alumni Association chapter in Detroit. "We've had an unofficial chapter for years, but now we'd like to make it official," Micha says.

Because Detroit is the major automobile-manufacturing site in the nation, many of the chapter's members are graduates of the Automotive Technology program. However, the two Saluki products are quick to point out that the alumni group welcomes *everyone*. "We all have a common tie with each other," says Szelag.

While attending SIUC, many students take advantage of the opportunity to become involved in the industry through summer internship programs. According to Greer, many corporations recruit students for internships in Detroit or Los Angeles, the two major automobile manufacturing sites in the U.S. "It's a way for the employer to see students before they graduate, cultivate relationships with them and maybe even hire them later on," he says.

All the major corporations, including Ford, GM, DaimlerChrysler, American Honda, Toyota, and Nissan, offer SIUC students internships. The department even has an agreement with the General Services Administration of the federal government, which handles fleet management for vehicles used by the Secret

Service and FBI, to supply students for cooperatives, which often lead to employment opportunities later.

According to Greer, there are more automotive internships available than there are students to fill them. "Most companies set aside a certain number of slots each year for SIUC students," he says. "It gives the student a chance to look at the company and the company a chance to look at the student."

The Automotive Technology department also offers externship opportunities to its students, which are coordinated through the SIU Alumni Association. The externships take place over spring break and enable students to spend a week applying the skills they have learned in the classroom in an actual work environment. "The externship is really like a mini-internship for the students," Greer says.

Students in the Automotive Technology program may enjoy even greater benefits in the future if the University is able to fulfill plans to build a new Transportation Education Center. The Center would house the Automotive Technology and Aviation departments together in a single building, giving both programs a number of added advantages.

"Bringing all the transportation programs together can only make them stronger," says Greer.

The new transportation center would be a welcome development for most Automotive Technology students and faculty, because they are currently housed in what was first constructed in 1938 as a temporary World War II munitions office. Until a new facility is built, the program will probably not have enough room to accommodate all its applicants.

"Right now, we're full to capacity," says Greer. "It's not fair to faculty or students to have such full classes." Greer is careful to stress, however, that the success of the program speaks for itself. "Facilities don't make a program, it's your students and staff that make a program."

The new Transportation Education Center will hopefully be constructed within the next five years, provided funding can be obtained. The project

was third on the list of prioritized campus improvements this year, and Automotive Technology faculty and students remain hopeful that it will reach the top of the list next year.

Currently, the renovation of Morris Library and the digitalization of the Communications Building also rank as top priorities on the University list. "You just have to wait your turn," Greer says.

No matter where the Automotive Technology facility is located, the faculty and students are sure to remain dedicated to the program. A love for the automotive field is a characteristic that everyone involved with the department shares.

"That is a trait that runs through all of our successful grads – they still like to hang pictures of cars up on the walls of the cubicles where they work, even

though they may be working in mid to upper-level management," Greer says.

He adds this is a major part of what has made the SIUC Automotive Technology program and its graduates so successful.

"It's great that you can have a love like that and work in a career that's directly related to it. Not everyone can say that." ■

Drag Racer Helps Recruit New Auto Tech Students

by Bonnie Marx

Stroll through the grounds of the Automotive Technology program at SIUC and you'll see a fleet of about 85 of the newest model cars. Major automakers donate vehicles to the program every year to train students in the latest technologies.

But a car that belongs to the student Automotive Technology Organization (ATO) often attracts the attention of prospective students away from the flashy newbies. It's a bonafide muscle car that rolled off the assembly line before today's students were even born – one that students' baby-boomer parents would have gladly sacrificed their eyeteeth for back in their high school days: a 1966 Chevy II Nova.

And it's turning out to be a powerful recruitment tool for the SIUC program.

It's the ATO's drag racer. Club members and a faculty adviser keep it in top condition year-round, and for three months of the year (August through October) put it through the paces every Saturday night at the I-57 Raceway in neighboring Franklin County.

The car is no slouch on the local circuit. It zooms from 0-60 mph in 2.4 seconds; it can get to 100 mph in 6.9 seconds on its 14-inch tires. It has taken a lot of automotive know-how and elbow grease to make the car a competitive racer. The ATO paid \$300 for the engineless, stripped-to-

the-bare-metal, rusting shell in the mid-1980s.

They paid a local farmer \$5 each for a pair of front fenders an automotive instructor spotted on an abandoned Nova in one of the farmer's fields. Other parts had to be purchased.

In the beginning, ATO members raised the money to rebuild the car through such measures as car washes, T-shirt sales and payment for recycling aluminum cans. In the last few years, a few of the program's alumni have chipped in to provide parts and money for the racing car and its upkeep.

It isn't cheap. High performance anything is more expensive than regular. A 1/8-mile drag race consumes a half-gallon of \$4.25-per-gallon racing fuel. The racer only gets 4 miles per gallon. That's something to think about the next time prices at the gas pump seem to be getting out of hand.

Freshman and sophomore students make up the pit crew at the drag races. Junior and senior students are eligible to drive.

It's not all fun and games though, says Jack S. Greer, chair of Automotive Technology at SIUC's College of Applied Sciences and Arts. "We teach performance, economy, emissions – this gives it another facet." And Greer emphasizes that it is a "safe car. If somebody messes up, it means they'll go real slow."

Safety features include a tube chassis like those used on NASCAR racers and roll bars. Even the helmet the drivers wear has a fan in it to provide



Members of the Automotive Technology Organization at SIUC work year-round to keep the group's drag racer in peak condition. Shane Hester (left) a junior from Quincy, Ill., and John C. Kosinski, a senior from LaGrange Park, Ill., check out the rear wheel housing on the "Dawg Gone" 1966 Chevy II Nova.

relief from the stifling temperatures of a southern Illinois summer and the smoke and heat of a drag race.

Around 170 students study automotive technology at SIUC in the program that last year won the Award of Excellence from the American Automobile Manufacturers Association's Industry Planning Council.

Greer says the program's popularity forced registration for fall semester to close six months before the semester began. They've also had to institute a selective admissions program.

The ATO, one of only three university programs affiliated with the St. Louis chapter of the Society for Automotive Engineers (SAE), numbers about 25 members. They get to

attend SAE meetings and visit prospective employers in such automotive Meccas as Detroit.

Whatever is happening at Automotive Technology seems to be working. The average starting salary for new graduates is \$40,000 to \$45,000, and they're in demand constantly throughout the giant automotive industry.

For most graduates of the program, Greer says, "the only time they touch a car is when they're driving to work. But they still have to know how everything works."

And it all starts with the thrill of being under the hood of a car and the roar of a finely tuned engine. "Anyone in this program is a gearhead at heart," Greer says. ■



The Disease Detectives

by Marianne Lawrence

There are always a few offices at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta that contain suitcases packed and ready to go anywhere in the world. Most likely, these suitcases belong to members of the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS).

Four Southern Illinois University Carbondale alumni are members of this elite corps, CDC's rapid response to natural disasters, infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health emergencies.

EIS officers, dubbed the "disease detectives," were on the scene at well-publicized medical emergencies such as the Ebola virus outbreak in Africa, the recent West Nile virus cases in the eastern U.S., and the respiratory illness in Pennsylvania that would become known as Legionnaire's Disease. However, much of its front-line work in epidemiology is done quietly in the CDC offices in Atlanta, in U.S. state departments, and countries all over the world.

As EIS celebrates its 50th year, more than 2,000 officers have responded to requests for help across the globe. Between 60-80 people are chosen from a field of health professionals for each class in the two-year post-graduate program of service and on-the-job training.

Officers are then assigned to one of the 10 centers at CDC to best utilize their skills and expertise. They wear the same uniform worn by the U.S. Surgeon General and are members of the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

Whether working in a state department in the U.S., in the heat and dust of Bangladesh, or in the Kremlin's arctic deep freeze, these Southern grads have some tales to tell.

KIERAN FOGARTY

When the call came from Idaho reporting an unusual number of appendectomies among young high school females, Kieran Fogarty was ready to go. "We spent three weeks working 15-hour days, collecting samples, doing interviews, and putting together behavior surveys to help the state solve the problem," says Fogarty. "This happens daily here. There's something going on literally every single day," he emphasizes.

Fogarty's 1989 undergraduate degree was in administration of justice, where he

first got involved developing investigation methods through the influence of Dr. Robert Lorinkas. But after getting hooked on an epidemiology course, he earned his master's degree in health education in 1993 before heading for the University of Arkansas to obtain his doctorate.

It was Rob Lyerla Ph.D. '94, an EIS alumnus working at CDC, who encouraged his friend from SIUC to apply for the program. The two had been camp counselors at Touch of Nature and class-

Sarvela, professor and director of the Center for Rural Health and Social Services Development, serves on several advisory boards at the CDC, for which Fogarty recommended him. Sarvela's former student is glad the professor's expertise is "only a phone call away."

Spending three months in Bangladesh as a member of the World Health Organization's Stop Transmission of Polio (STOP) team had a definite impact on Fogarty's life. "Walking through those vil-



Kieran Fogarty administers polio vaccine to a child in Bangladesh. Fogarty represented the CDC in the World Health Organization's campaign to eradicate polio in the world.

mates in the SIUC epidemiology class taught by Paul Sarvela.

Lyerla told his friend, "This is really a good thing – you ought to think about doing this." Fogarty applied and was accepted into the program, graduating two years after Lyerla. Sarvela calls Fogarty an excellent example of an SIUC success story. "Nothing was given to Kieran. He grew up in Chicago, worked his way through college as a carpenter, and understood the value of a good education."

lages, I realized how lucky I was to be born in the United States," he says.

"I feel good about his role in pushing toward accomplishing this global goal. To think that no child will ever have polio again... to eradicate polio in the world will be just a stunning achievement."

Fogarty marvels at the opportunities he's had to work with prominent scientists and health-care professionals from all over the world. "You realize you are just really fortunate to be in a position to do this type of work."

A staff epidemiologist in the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, Fogarty's current work evaluates the effectiveness of HIV prevention programs by working with community-based groups, funded sites, and coordinating with many other health agencies.

"Every meeting we have with this project sets national policy," he says, then adds, "What's good about working for the CDC is that you realize you're not a big deal – the work is."

ROB LYERLA

An outbreak of between 200,000 and 300,000 cases of diphtheria in the former Soviet Union kept Rob Lyerla pretty busy for one year of his EIS training. Chosen because of the Russian language skills he acquired at SIUC, Lyerla worked with Soviet epidemiologists to get the epidemic under control.

"With the fall of the Soviet Union, people were crossing borders, moving around, and immunizations had fallen by the wayside. If diphtheria ever got started in this country, we might have the same problems," he says. "Most adults aren't protected anymore."

The epidemic was overwhelming, and Lyerla returned several times for six-to



Four Southern Illinois University alumni meet in front of CDC headquarters in Atlanta. From left are Kieran Fogarty, Karen Riedesel Biernath, Jeffrey Lybarger, and Rob Lyerla.

eight-week periods. "Every time I see pictures of the Red Square, I think, my God, I was standing there. I kept pinching myself, thinking, 'What am I doing here?'"

Lyerla, whose international experiences have taken him to Denmark, Spain, and Romania, talks about what he calls the "pinch me effect" of his job. "It sometimes seems weird to be in this group of people you read about in the newspapers." Like Fogarty, he's in awe of some of the people he has met. "There was a woman in my EIS class who was

responsible for creating a program for all the prosthetic replacements in Bosnia for the World Health Organization," he exclaims.

Back home in Atlanta during the 1996 Olympics, he was assigned to a team monitoring injuries or any illnesses that looked infectious, when an unusual number of heat stroke victims began to turn up in the equine area. Putting up tents quickly solved the problem, Lyerla explains. "They built this beautiful horse park for the equine events, but didn't bother to put up tents. People were walking around in the sun and passing out."

Lyerla is assigned to the National Center for Infectious Diseases in the Hepatitis Branch where he works with high-risk adult populations. During the occasional outbreaks of hepatitis, Lyerla supervises controlling the illness by immunization, screening and education.

Lyerla, who was named "Outstanding Young Scientist of the Year-1999" by the U.S. Public Health Service, gives a lot of credit for his success to two women at SIUC. "Dr. Patty Elmore was my dissertation chair. I look back and think if I make any difference in the world, she's got to take some of the credit. And Sarah Heyer, my Russian instructor, taught me a lot about cultures. She challenged all my ideas about different cultures."



Lyerla, back center, is photographed with a team assigned to monitor for injuries or infectious diseases during the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

He fondly remembers his years at SIUC, where he worked in the Student Health Center after receiving his doctorate in statistics and measurement. "I was working there when I learned about EIS, applied, and got in. I was the first statistician to enter the program in 20 years," he says. Lyerla's parents live in Alto Pass, Ill., which he calls home.

There's no question that Lyerla loves his job. "I think we have a chance to really make a difference in people's lives," he says. "Not only do we develop policy, but any given day anybody in the country can call and say, 'I think I have hepatitis,' and we can talk them through it and make them feel better about what they know."

JEFFREY LYBARGER

When headline news broke about the discovery of Soviet "spy dust" at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow in the mid 1980s, Jeffrey Lybarger was probably already there, representing the CDC on an investigative team from the U.S.

The powdery trace material placed around the embassy by the Russians had workers there worried. "We were there for about a week, educating people on the embassy medical staff in the U.S. and other Western embassies located in Moscow. There was never any real toxicity, but embassy employees were concerned about the chemical's effect. The Russians were actually just checking on their own people," he explains.

Lybarger's focus has been primarily on environmental issues in his long career with CDC. After earning his bachelor's degree in microbiology at SIUC, he graduated from SIU School of Medicine in 1976, and in 1988 received a master's degree in environmental health at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

His EIS training in 1981 and 1982 took him to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, where he worked with a variety of problems like hospital infections and food poisoning outbreaks. However, most of his time was spent with the school asbestos inspection program.

"This was back when asbestos in schools became a significant public health problem. I helped the state establish guidelines to deal with the asbestos removal and also set up a medical program to evaluate people who were inspecting the schools and removing the asbestos.

The past 11 years, Lybarger has been director of the Division of Health Studies at the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and is currently coordinating the medical screening and testing program in Libby, Mont. More than 6,000 residents of the area are being screened for exposure to asbestos from a vermiculite mining process. The project offers residents tests to check for any lung abnormalities. The considerable local press and funding controversies have been a challenge for the seasoned epidemiologist.

Lybarger has also monitored the completion of studies that have determined the effects of dust and ash on people working in the area of Mount St. Helen's. He also worked in his hometown of Granite City, Ill., conducting studies of lead poisoning in the community.

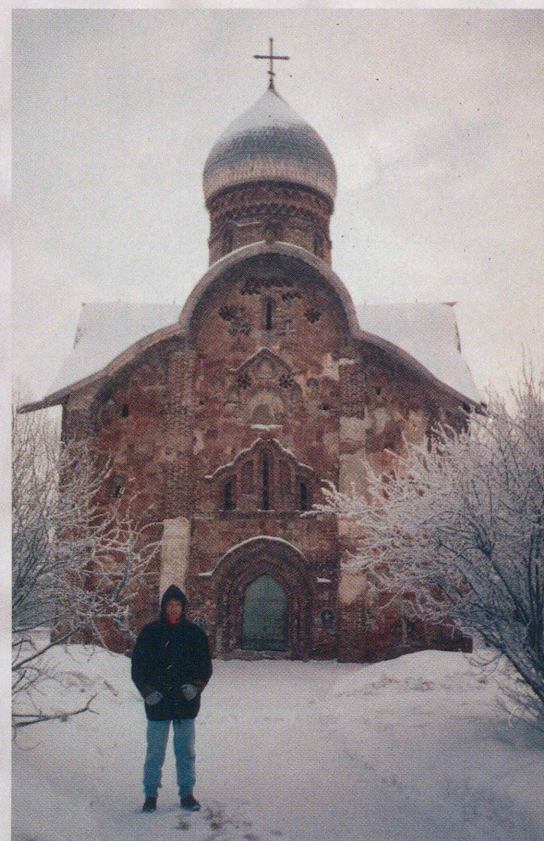
KRISTA RIEDESEL BIERNATH

Following a life-long interest in children, Krista Riedesel Biernath is a member of the EIS class of 2002.

The 1993 graduate of SIU School of Medicine works in the Violence Division of the Center for Injury Prevention and Control, where her work focuses on child abuse prevention and how family violence affects children and their later development.

A native of Peoria, Ill., Biernath did her pediatric residency in Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron, Ohio, before beginning a three-year fellowship in developmental pediatrics at Emory University. While at Emory, she began working with the CDC, which sparked her interest in public health.

Biernath is among the growing number of women in the EIS corps. She explains that "most people think EIS work is in infectious diseases – HIV, TB,



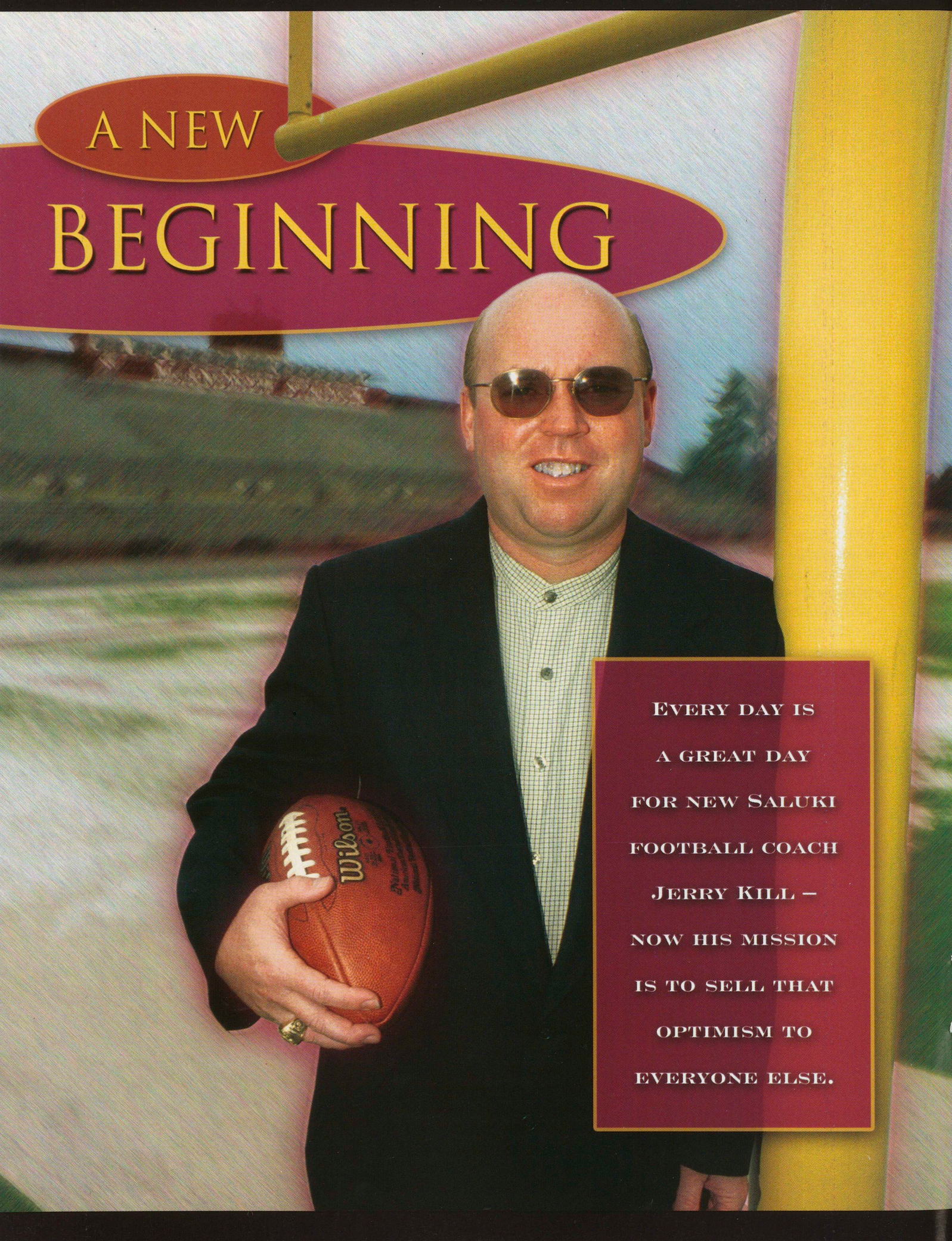
Lyerla bundles up against the cold on one of several trips he made to the former Soviet Union to help get diphtheria epidemic under control.

special pathogens. Chronic disease, nutrition, and injury prevention is a big and growing area. Not only do you want to take care of the individual patients, but also the community," she says.

The Peoria, Ill., native likes the idea that her work can be either center or state-based and on the cutting edge of public health. Thus far, she has served as a lead investigator for a project in Virginia looking at intimate partner homicides and suicides.

She studied trends and data in collaboration with the medical examiner's and state epidemiology offices there and eventually reported the preliminary findings to her CDC colleagues – a highlight of her career.

With more than a year to go in her EIS training, Biernath is excited about two upcoming projects. One will explore how a child treatment surveillance system in North Carolina could work on a national level, and the other, called a Columbine "copy cat" project, would examine data on similar events happening on the Columbine High School shooting anniversary. ■



A NEW
BEGINNING

EVERY DAY IS
A GREAT DAY
FOR NEW SALUKI
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JERRY KILL –
NOW HIS MISSION
IS TO SELL THAT
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BY GENE GREEN

Jerry Kill is an optimist by nature, a combination salesman, recruiter, and motivator. While realizing these traits will be needed to revive a moribund

Southern Illinois University football program, the new Saluki head coach is also a realist regarding some immediate challenges ahead.

"Having been in coaching for many years, I go into this position with eyes wide open," the 39-year-old Kill says. "I've been through major rebuilding processes before as a head coach – and the places we turned around didn't have nearly the potential or resources SIU has. I *will* show everyone that I have a plan to make it happen."

Kill, who played linebacker in college, has experienced only one losing season (5-6 in his first year at Emporia State) as a player, assistant coach and head coach at five different institutions.

The obstacles ahead for him, however, have been well-publicized. Since winning the 1983 I-AA National Championship, the Salukis have had only two winning seasons in the past 17 years. The coaches who followed SIU Hall of Famer Rey Dempsey are forever linked – well-intentioned individuals who, for various reasons, failed to revive the program.

The onus can't be placed on any one coach. Ray Dorr, Rick Rhoades, Bob Smith, Shawn Watson, and Jan Quarless produced a *combined* record of 63-124. That 34 percent winning percentage – and its frustrations – were shared by all.

While some obstacles of commitment and support have improved, a stigma remains: *Who* will turn football around at SIU?

"I can't speak to what happened before, as I have great respect for the previous coaches," Kill says. "But I have even greater respect for the direction new campus leaders like President James Walker and Athletics Director Paul Kowalczyk are taking this University."

Recently, Kill took a break from his whirlwind start at SIUC to chat about his approach to coaching and his vision for the future of Saluki Football.

Q: **SA:** What do you bring to the table that previous football coaches could not?

A: **JK:** My main advantage is experience gained from a progression of duties. I've been a high school head coach, an offensive and defensive coordinator at the collegiate level, a head coach at two different institutions, and have administrative experience as an athletics director. The last two head coaches at SIU had never been in the role as a collegiate head coach before. Whether it is division I, II, or III, having the experience shouldering the responsibilities as a head coach is invaluable.

SA: Paul Kowalczyk was no doubt impressed with how you turned around two other struggling football programs. Do you feel that experience was key in your selection?

JK: Without question. We've already been through all the things that SIU is experiencing now. The problems here are strikingly similar to what we faced at Saginaw Valley State and Emporia State, and we will approach rebuilding Saluki Football with the same line of attack that has worked before. I'd love to tell you that I'm some kind of a savior, and that SIU is going to win the Gateway Conference in 2001, but that isn't rational. You have to build a base, stay with a plan, and make progress each and every year.

SA: What are some of the immediate hurdles you see on the horizon?

JK: Because of when we were hired, our staff was just starting the recruiting process at a time when normally we would be finishing it up. Academically, we also found we inherited some problems. Those are two things we could not control when we took over the program, but we will certainly control them from this point forward.

SA: You often mention "we" when referring to any coaching situation. You have been blessed with a loyal group of assistants over the years. Did you get the staff you wanted to join you here at SIU?

JK: Putting together a good coaching staff was the first order of business. When I left Emporia State, I invited everyone to go with me, and all came along. I was gratified by that loyalty – in fact, the only one who stayed is the assistant who was named head coach. You can't be successful if you replace assistant coaches every year – and I know that was a challenge faced by my predecessor. For the most part, this group of assistants has been with me for quite a while. We all get along and like one another. Heck, until we all get our families here, we are living together in two apartments – four coaches in each place – and actually like being around one another in those close surroundings!

SA: Before becoming a head coach, you were a coordinator at Pittsburg State University, one of the winningest programs in college football. How did that experience shape your coaching philosophy?

JK: At Pittsburg State, I worked for two of the top coaches in football. I played for Dennis Franchione (recently named head coach at Alabama) at Southwestern College and then joined him at PSU as an assistant coach in 1987. I later left to coach Webb City (Mo.) High School, where we went 25-1 in two years and won a state title. I then returned to Pittsburg State to coach under Chuck Broyles in 1990.

Franchione and Broyles are two of the great minds in college football. Fran has turned around programs wherever he has been, and Chuck is the winningest active coach in the NCAA II (103-18-2, good for a .846 winning percentage in 10 seasons). One thing I learned from Chuck is the importance of having a good staff that gets along. In the last 10 years at PSU, only me and one other guy have left Chuck's staff – that's it! It is almost amazing when you think about it. Revolving doors of assistant coaches just doesn't work.

SA: What is your coaching philosophy?

JK: Most athletes classify me as fair,

firm, and friendly. Although I *am* a disciplinarian, most also will describe me as a player's coach. I have the ability to get on a kid, but then be the first person to give him a hug when he does well. I think the main thing about me is I truly enjoy the process of coaching young men, putting them together from all walks of life, and making them come together as a team.

SA: You say you are a disciplinarian. What are some of your rules?

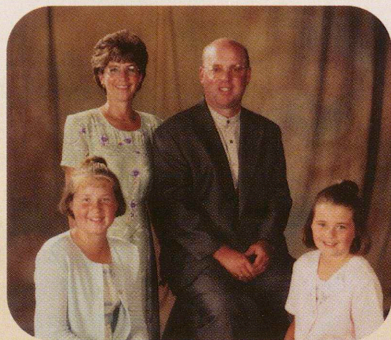
JK: It really is kind of simple when handled properly. I'm not a big screaming and yelling guy, but I certainly have disciplined teams. Each player will have a policy manual given to them (he tosses

one on his desk) that outlines exactly what I expect out of him.

SA: What are some of the main rules in that manual?

JK: Our immediate goals are to follow the seven following rules: *Be on time; be first-class in the community; learn and understand what it takes to be a team; no criticism of others will be tolerated; practice and play hard; be well-conditioned and strong; and although we inherit a team with an overall grade-point-average of 2.1, our immediate goal is to raise that collectively to 2.4.* If we don't get these things accomplished, we have no chance on the field.

SPECIAL FAMILY BACKING HAS ALLOWED KILL TO SUCCEED



While the late recruiting start faced at SIU in December may rank as one of his biggest challenges, the self-effacing Jerry Kill is quick to note a more amazing achievement.

"If you see my wife (Rebecca), you know I'm a great recruiter," he says with a smile. "When a little, bald, fat guy like me can marry a woman like that, it is obvious I can recruit."

While that comment is made with tongue in cheek, a true story in that area perhaps provides a true measure of Kill's confidence.

"When I was in school at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan., Rebecca's brother was my roommate. One time he and I went to Liberal (Kan.) High School to watch a football game, and then went to his family's house for dinner.

"Rebecca was a couple of years younger than I was, and we were all sitting there at the table – her parents, brothers and sisters *and* her boyfriend at the time. All of a sudden I did something that raised a few eyebrows.

"She was just sitting there, *so pretty*, that I said out loud to her brother: 'You know what Doug? I'm going to marry her someday!'"

He says the comment was "just for fun," despite the dazed looks received from the two sweethearts. Fun or not, Rebecca became his wife five years later.

Fast forward to 2001 – Kill says he remains blessed to have two beautiful children (Krystal-13 and Tasha-12) and a wife who understands what the coaching profession is all about. When the two were first married, Kill was making \$250 a month and wondering how to pay his bills. Now armed with a five-year contract nearing six figures per year, he is the first to admit that they have "come a long way together to get to where we are."

His family will join him in Carbondale this summer when the school year is finished, and until then he will stay busy and have them in his thoughts throughout each day.

"We've been through moves like this before, but it never gets any easier," Kill says with a forced smile. "About the only thing that has helped on *my* end is I've been so busy since I took this job that sometimes I don't know what day it is. I'm thankful they understand and know that we are all in this together.

"And there is another thing I'm thankful for as well," he adds with a wide grin while pointing to a picture of his daughters. "Thank God the kids take after their mother!"

– Gene Green

SA: How do you enforce policies when they are abused?

JK: All consequences are spelled out in the manual, so there are various punishments. For instance, if you are late for anything or don't make it to a class, the *entire* team is brought in on Saturday mornings for a practice we call "The Breakfast Club." Now, no one wants to be out there on a Saturday morning! If it happens to someone a second time, the offending player simply sits on a mat in the middle of the field and watches all of his *teammates* run during the whole practice.

We will tell the team exactly who was late or missed a class – we will tell them this is why we are all here on this beautiful Saturday morning – and then we will simply go to work. I don't worry about a third offense, as it just doesn't happen. The team ends up policing its own after a couple of "Breakfast Club" meetings. You have to always remember a basic fact: Kids want discipline.

SA: What excites you about the University?

JK: My culture is a great fit with this culture. I'm a small-town guy, and southern Illinois is a good place to raise my kids. Plus, I feel the potential at SIU is limitless. Some people see problems – I see a place with 22,000 students, ranking in the top 10 percent nationally in graduating minorities, setting amidst one of the most beautiful campuses I've ever seen! The academic support at SIU is impressive, the leadership is in place for years to come, and the area is more than ready for a winner. When you have that many positives in place, it is hard not to be excited.

SA: How will you handle any adversity and disappointment?

JK: I've been through some things before that I will fall back on should there be some tough situations. Trust me, the early times at Emporia State were not pleasant. I was happy at Saginaw Valley State, but left to go to Emporia for personal reasons. My father had been diagnosed with liver cancer, and taking that position put me only a little over an hour away from him and my Mom.



The new Saluki Football staff is, front row (L-R) Tom Matukewicz, Eric Klein, Matt Limegrover, and Jerry Kill. Second row, Rob Reeves, Ray Karvis, and Pat Poore. Third row, Tracy Claeys, Brian Anderson, and Jay Sawvel.

But Dad died only two days after I arrived at Emporia State, and later one of our players was murdered. When we finally got ready to actually begin spring ball, only 30 players were on the field. As you can imagine, it was a tough way to start.

We also had no offices to speak of when I arrived, and had to raise more than \$200,000 to build football offices and a weight room. This fund-raising group at Emporia State was called "The Difference Makers" and I would like to get something like that going at SIU.

That whole situation was terribly challenging, but we got it straightened out, and we'll figure this one out here as well."

SA: Have you been in contact with any former Saluki lettermen?

JK: I've almost been stunned by the response I've received in that area. One of the first things I did when I got the job was write a letter to all the former lettermen introducing myself and telling them they were still important to this program. The cards, letters, and calls have been coming in ever since, wishing me well and showing interest in the Salukis.

They seem genuinely surprised that I contacted them. I plan to send them something out of this office every couple of months so they stay connected and know what is going on with the football program. We plan to have a barbecue and scrimmage at the end of spring

practice that they will be invited back for, as I want to strengthen that bond.

At the other places I've coached, the lettermen were loyal as can be, because *we stayed in touch with them!* I've always felt it isn't the big things you do that keeps your former athletes involved, but the little things they end up appreciating the most.

SA: Are you hopeful everyone eligible from last year's team will be out this spring?

JK: Without a doubt. I told the players the first time I met them that some of them had track records and some did not, and that I could care less about that stuff

– they all start out with a clean slate.

SA: How will you gauge success here?

JK: By showing progressive improvement. By rebuilding from the ground up, we might go 0-11 this first year – I sure hope that isn't the case – but regardless, we will stick to our plan because we know from past experiences that it works. Heck, we might hit rock bottom before we start back to the top, but we will be better from that point forward. If I thought we were going to be 3-8 every season, I would not have taken this position.

SA: Does the talk of a new stadium someday give you something to look forward to?

JK: It does, but I really don't dwell on that at all. I can sit here and gripe about the things we don't have yet, or I can concentrate on what we do have. Our coaching staff will work hard to keep the players in that frame of mind.

SA: You appear to take pleasure in dealing with the public.

JK: I really enjoy people. I love to speak to groups whenever I can, and will enjoy promoting our University any chance I get. People will see that I'm an honest guy and a positive person.

I'm not just here to coach a little football – I'm here to rebuild the program *and* win. ■

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT JERRY KILL...

"I was looking for someone with head coaching experience, who also had the public relations skills needed to do the job in this day and age. It was clear to me that he has these characteristics and more. Jerry is not pretentious and will be a great addition to Saluki Athletics."

— **Paul Kowalczyk, SIUC Athletics Director**

"Jerry has a sincere way of dealing with people. Student-athletes and others can sense his genuine concern for them, and this allows him to utilize an honest and open style. He will get after his players and will challenge them to perform to the best of their abilities – not just on the football field, but in the classroom and in the community as well."

— **Kent Weiser, Emporia State Athletics Director**

"Jerry treats his players as if they are his own children and sticks with them to make them better on and off the field."

— **Bob Becker, retired Saginaw Valley State Athletics Director**

"No one will outwork Jerry – you can be sure of that. He has the ability to put everything he has into the job and is well-organized and detailed in that process. He was my offensive coordinator when we won the NCAA II National Championship, so I have great respect for his thoughts and knowledge as a coach. But you also have a good person joining you at SIU – he'll do a great job."

— **Chuck Broyles, Pittsburg State Athletics Director and Head Football Coach**

Saluki Baseball Looks For Pitchers To Respond In Important MVC Action

Saluki Baseball returns five position players who started games last season, and features a revamped look on the mound in 2001. SIUC hopes this allows the Dawgs to better last year's 26-30 (15-17 conference) performance.



Dan Callahan

"The big key for us in Missouri Valley Conference play will be how well some of our pitchers make the adjustment to moving up in the rotation," SIUC Head Coach Dan Callahan says. "It's quite obvious that we're going to miss guys like *Jake Alley*, *Brendon Fort*, and *Charlie Reed* (a trio lost to academic problems), but at the same time it gives some other guys an opportunity."

Junior *Jason Westemeir* (injured in 2000), and seniors *Victor Hockett* (1-2 in 6 starts, 33 innings), *Josh Latimer* (3-7 in 11 starts, 56.2 innings), and *Billy Hardin* (2-4 record in 16 appearances, 44 innings), along with sophomore *Ryan Aird* (0-1 in 17 appearances, 30 innings) are the top returnees on the hill. They will be joined by senior *Chad McCann* and a trio of talented freshmen, *Jerel Dietering* (Auburn, Wash.), *Bill Clayton* (Chatham, Ill.), and *Josh Joiner* (Jonesboro, Ill.).

Scott Lucht, 2-0 with a 2.00 ERA in 2000, is expected to provide stability as the Saluki closer. *Luke Nelson*, a closer in 2000 (5-1 in 14 appearances, five saves, 3.27 ERA, 22 strikeouts, 22 innings), will not be able to pitch due to off-season arm surgery.

One of the team strengths should be the outfield. In right field, sophomore *Sal Frisella* returns as the anchor. Frisella, who hit .307 as a freshman, is a preseason Missouri Valley Conference selection in 2001.

Sophomore returnee *Jason Rainey* will vie for time in left, while sophomore transfer *Cory Newman* (Illinois Valley

C.C.) will be one of the top options in center field. Junior transfers *Justin Maurath* (Mesa C.C.) and *Dustin Downs* (Lincoln Land C.C.), along with senior *Steve Mazzola* and freshmen *Tom Cigno* (St. Louis, Mo.), and *Nick Baughman* (Bloomington, Ill.) will provide depth.

The infield will have a new look, even though Nelson and *Jeff Stanek* are returning starters from last year. Nelson, who started 52 games in 2000, will move to third base from shortstop. Stanek, who started 31 games, will move to first base from third.

The middle infield will be filled with newcomers. Junior transfers *Ryan Murray* (San Joaquin Delta College) and *John Clem* (Danville Area C.C.) will have

the best opportunity to claim the short-stop slot, while second base could be a platoon situation between junior transfer *Dane Kerley* (Shawnee C.C.) and freshman *Greg Andrews* (Peoria, Ill.). Senior *Roman Schooley*, the top returning hitter at .343, will be used primarily as a designated hitter.

The catching duties are manned by junior transfer *Scott Hankey* (Treasure Valley C.C.), who is backed up by sophomore transfer *Joe Brilliant* (Yavapai College), and freshman *Roy Carter* (Tarpon Springs, Fla.).

SIUC was set to open conference action March 16-18 vs. defending league champion Wichita State University. ■

Saluki Women Swimmers/Divers Win MVC Title; SIUC Men Second

The Saluki women's swimming and diving team won its fourth straight MVC championship Feb. 17, easily knocking off second-place Evansville 914-752. On the men's side, it came down to the last leg of the final relay event before Southwest Missouri State won its second consecutive title by edging SIUC 916-911.

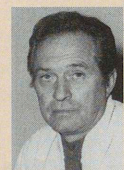
First-year Saluki women's head coach *Jeff Goelz* was thrilled with the weekend. "These girls did everything asked of them. It was a total team effort with plenty of records set." Overall, the Saluki women set five new records, while the SIUC men broke four marks.

Brooke Radostits led the women's attack by winning the 100 and 200 backstrokes, including a time of 2:01.70 in the 200 that qualified her for the B-cut in the NCAA Championships. The team and league record performance made her the first time female Saluki swimmer to qualify in over 10 years.

Goelz was named the Valley's women's coach of the year, while SIUC's *Donny Torres* garnered league coaching honors for his work with the divers.

Final team standings: *Women* - **SIUC 914**, Evansville 752, SW Missouri 571, Illinois State 549.50, Northern Iowa 277.50, Bradley 111. *Men* - SW Missouri 916, **SIUC 911**, Evansville 664, Northern Iowa 355, Bradley 204. ■

Gymnastic Coaching Great Vogel Dies



Former Saluki coach Herb Vogel, often called the "Father of Women's Collegiate Gymnastics," passed away Jan. 10 in Carbondale. The 69-year-old founded the first competitive program in the country at SIU in 1963, and provided the first opportunity for women to compete in national gymnastic competition.

An All-American gymnast while enrolled at Indiana University, Vogel started the program at SIU and coached it until its termination in 1986. During his celebrated career at the University, he logged a 311-79 record as the coach, coached 40 All-Americans, 21 international gymnasts, 10 international medal winners, 16 national champions, 10 SIUC Hall of Fame inductees, and was inducted into both the Saluki Athletics Hall of Fame and the U.S. Gymnastics Hall of Fame. ■

SIUC Softball Set For Return To The Top

With the return of seven starters and the addition of six newcomers, second-year head coach *Kerri Blaylock* believes the pieces are in place to return



Kerri Blaylock

Saluki Softball back to the top of the Missouri Valley Conference.

And after an impressive 40-plus win season for the first time since 1997 and a pitching staff that led the Valley in

ERA for the fourth consecutive year, excitement is running high for this year's conference action.

Finishing the 2000 season with an overall record of 41-22 (9-9 in the MVC), the Salukis have plenty to be optimistic about regarding the Valley race. Despite

the loss of SIUC's all-time career strikeout queen and league strikeout leader, *Carisa Winters*, senior *Erin Stremsterfer* returns to the hill as the Salukis' ace this season.

Stremsterfer, a two-time first-team all-MVC pick, fanned 166 batters last season en route to a 15-7 record that included four shutouts and four saves. At the plate she hit a team-leading .281 while ranking first in six other offensive categories.

Also on the hill will be sophomore *Katie Kloess*, who hurled her way to an impressive rookie debut. Kloess went 8-2 in 14 starts last season while posting a team best 0.57 ERA. Freshman *Mary Jaszczak* (Joliet, Ill.) gives Blaylock some added depth in the bullpen.

"I think Stremsterfer is ready to step up and provide senior leadership to a good staff," says Blaylock. "I look for

Kloess to be her steady self, and with the addition of a pitcher with the caliber of Jaszczak, I hope the staff will be a Valley leader again this year."

The Saluki infield may have you seeing double. Freshmen *Adie* and *Haley Viefhaus* (Eureka, Mo.) bring a vast array of talent and versatility to this year's team. The Viefhaus twins join their big sister, *Marta*, on this year's squad.

While Haley will most likely be Blaylock's first choice at shortstop, Adie will battle with junior *Karrie Fortman* for starting duties behind the plate. Adding depth to the catcher position will be junior *Andrea Harris*, who is coming off a shoulder injury which limited her to just six games last season.

Second base will also be up for grabs, as four players vie for starting responsibilities.

The senior pair of *Netty Hallahan* and *Chiara Calvetti* will go head-to-head at first again this season, while senior *Amanda Rexroat* and sophomore *Tahira Saafir* battle for the nod. Rounding out the infield is senior *Julie Meier* who returns to occupy the hot corner in her final season as a Saluki.

In the outfield, SIUC's career home run leader, senior center fielder *Marta Viefhaus* (21), returns to lead the contingent. Juniors *Jenny Guenther*, *Jessica Laughry* and sophomore *Kendra Moore* also return in the outfield.

Newcomers *Elissa Hopkins* (John A. Logan) and *Tara Glasco* (Johnston City, Ill.) close out this year's cast of outfielders.

"This year we actually have depth in the outfield, which is something we have lacked in the past," says Blaylock. "We have six solid players who have the capability to step in and play at any time."

The Salukis were scheduled to open MVC action March 17-18 hosting Drake.

Saluki Football Adds 20 To 2001 Recruiting Class

SIUC head football coach *Jerry Kill* has announced that 20 recruits have signed national letters of intent to become Salukis in the fall of 2001.

"I feel that in a short time we put together the start of a solid recruiting class," said Kill. "We addressed some issues such as speed, strength, and size and I feel that with the players we've gotten so far, we are off to a good start."

Among the newcomers are a pair of quarterbacks in *Stanley Bryant* (Naples, Fla.) and *Joel Sambursky* (Liberty, Mo.). Bryant, a 6'0" 190-pounder out of Naples High School, was Southwest Florida's 5A Player-of-the-Year as he passed for 1,594 yards (82-for-163) with 17 touchdowns and four interceptions. In addition, he turned down offers from both Army and Navy to sign with SIUC.

The 2001 Saluki recruiting class is as follows:

Tony Anastasio, 6-1, 280, OL, Butler JC, El Dorado, Kan.
Matt Anderson, 6-3, 290, OL, Butler JC, El Dorado, Kan.
Brandon Barker, 6-2, 175, FS, Clinton H.S., Clinton, Okla.
Billy Beard, 6-3, 260, DL, Webster Groves H.S., St. Louis, Mo.
Brad Brachear, 5-10, 172, CB, Harrisburg H.S., Harrisburg, Ill.
Stanley Bryant, 6-0, 190, QB, Naples H.S., Naples, Fla.
Billy Chase, 6-4, 210, WR, transfer from Washington State
Loren Flaharty, 6-3, 320, OL, Derby H.S., Wichita, Kan.
Mike Fritzler, 6-2, 285, OL, Butler JC, El Dorado, Kan.
Justin George, 6-0, 185, RB/SS, Kennedy Christian H.S., Stoneboro, Pa.
Jason Hollingshed, 6-1, 185, WR, St. Martin DePorres H.S., Detroit, Mich.
Antione Jackson, 5-9, 175, RB/DB, Rockwood Summit H.S., St. Louis, Mo.
Thomas Laing, 6-0, 210, SS, North Miami Beach H.S., Opa-Loca, Fla.
Matt Miller, 6-4, 265, OL, Kickapoo H.S., Springfield, Mo.
Alexis Moreland, 6-1, 190, FS, Sarasota Riverview H.S., Sarasota
Joel Sambursky, 6-1, 180, QB, Liberty H.S., Liberty, Mo.
Brandon Walker, 5-11, 280, DL, Fort Scott JC, Fort Scott, Kan.
Glenn Walker, 5-8, 175, RB, St. Martin DePorres H.S., Detroit, Mich.
Deshon Weaver, 6-1, 220, LB, transfer from Washington State
Andrew Wynn, 6-4, 265, OL/DL, Salem H.S., Salem, Mo.

See tennis, golf, track, baseball, and softball schedules in Calendar of Events on page 43.

Remembering Bill O'Brien

Bill O'Brien wore his military service on his sleeve, with discipline and attention to detail.

Growing up in Ziegler, Ill., he got a taste of coal mine work during the summers of his high school years. His football officiating drew a following, as local football fans and athletes watched this attention to detail and hard work take him from high school football fields across the region to college matches and eventually to the National

Football League and Super Bowl X.

He also drew a following in the classroom at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where he taught and chaired in the department of recreation, winning honors and recognition for his teaching, research and service just as he did for his charitable work, athletic pursuits and other interests.

O'Brien, known and widely respected throughout southern Illinois, died Dec. 1,

2000, at the age of 77. He had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease. He will be sorely missed.

O'Brien retired from SIUC in 1983 as chairman of the Recreation Department after devoting 35 years to the University, where he also served as head football coach from 1952 to 1954. In 1983, he retired as a colonel from the Marines, having served in both World War II and the Korean conflict; he remained in the reserves while working at SIUC.

Although he was the recipient of countless professional awards, highlights no doubt included being named the Teacher of the Year by the College of Education in 1974, being the first recipient of the Lyndell Sturgis Service Award in 1980, and being elected to the SIU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989. As a professional referee, O'Brien worked in the 1976 Super Bowl X, as well as Pro Bowls in 1974, 1982, and 1983, and served as a member of the officiating crew for the first NFL game in London, England, in 1983.

Here are some thoughts on O'Brien from individuals who knew him well:

"He was a true southern Illinoisan who grew up the hard way, the way a lot of us did." – friend and former SIU photographer Robert "Rip" Stokes

The word that comes to mind when I think of Bill is loyalty. He was loyal to everything that was important in his life. He loved his hometown of Ziegler, was loyal to the University, and was unwilling to bend regarding anything he believed in. If Bill said he was your friend – he was truly your friend." – SIU Sports Information Director Fred Huff

"He was a good adviser. You knew he cared for you and he made you stay on track. In his opinion, students were the most important part of his job. He was proud to be an American, was proud to be from southern Illinois and was happy for others who were successful – he made you know that." – former SIUC Chancellor Don



Beggs (now president of Wichita State University), who had O'Brien as his undergraduate academic adviser for four years

"He was a versatile person – a star athlete who coached, taught, was in the service, stayed in the reserves, and was active in so many activities. He and his wife did a lot of things behind the scenes that most people would not know about."

– Carbondale Mayor Neil Dillard

"The O'Briens weren't afraid to compliment, and Bill wasn't afraid to criticize."

There were times I could use a dose of humility, and Bill was good about providing it, especially if I got on those referees too much. He worked hard and had a passion for the many things that he did and appreciated people who had a passion and a zeal for doing the right thing."

– Zimmer Radio Sports Director Mike Reis, who says one of his prized possessions is an "autographed football Bill gave me many years ago." He also has been impressed with LaVerne O'Brien's work

for the Southern Illinois Alzheimer's Association. "Bill and LaVerne," Reis stresses, "were quite a team."

Memorials may be made in O'Brien's memory to the Southern Illinois Alzheimer's Association, St. Francis Xavier Church, or the William E. O'Brien Recreation Scholarship through the SIU Foundation.

– Thanks to Southern Illinoisan reporter Tracy James for some of the information used in this story. ■

A Moving Tribute To A Special Man

Of the many remarks made about Bill O'Brien at his funeral, one of the most touching tributes came from Ken Martin, son of former Saluki coaching legend Glenn "Abe" Martin. Here are excerpts from that eulogy:

"I'm honored to have this opportunity to celebrate Bill O'Brien's life. I knew Bill well, having had great personal admiration and respect for him going back as far as my memory will take me. But I am here today representing the family of Glenn "Abe" Martin.

I was five years old when Bill arrived on campus as a freshman in 1941. I have no firsthand recollection of his success as a star running back on Dad's 1941 football team, but I grew up knowing he made a huge, positive, life-long impression on Dad during his brief first stay at Southern.

Dad had many stories to tell as I grew up, but none left a more lasting impression on me – or seemingly on my Dad – than the one relating to Bill's decision to join the Marine Corps at that first season's end, shortly after Pearl Harbor.

Bill told Dad of his decision, but quickly followed with a promise that he would be back to pick up where he left off. To evidence this commitment, Bill said he had hidden his football shoes in the Men's Gym and that he would someday refill those shoes. He did indeed return to his commitment at Southern, and his interaction with Dad continued thereafter for more than a half century.

*Dad was forever careful not to outwardly favor one person over another. But I want all of you to know – especially his wife, LaVerne – that among all those he came to know in his 91 years, the family believes Dad held **no one in higher esteem than he did Bill O'Brien.**"*

Remarks by Ken Martin
Dec. 5, 2000

O'Brien And Hart Crossed Paths In The NFL

During much of the time that Bill O'Brien served as an official in the National Football League, SIU Hall of Famer Jim Hart was the star quarterback of the St. Louis Cardinals. This meant, of course, that the two SIU products would cross paths occasionally on the playing field.

According to Hart, that produced some interesting moments.

"Bill, with his proud Marine background, was a real stickler for rules and regulations," Hart recently recalled with a wide smile. "That meant he *basically* would not acknowledge me when we were both in the NFL. If he did say something, it would be in a way where no one else would even know."

Hart recalls one time O'Brien, looking straight ahead while standing next to him on the field, whispered "*LaVerne says hello and wishes you well, but that comes from her, as you know I can't say that.*"

Hart wasn't above trying to have some fun with his old friend. "When he was field judge, he would have to be near the sidelines. I'd sometimes walk up behind him and stand so close he could feel my breath on his neck. The most I'd ever get out of him would be a quick, 'I know you're back there, Hart!'"

Sometimes, however, the spirit of competition took over.

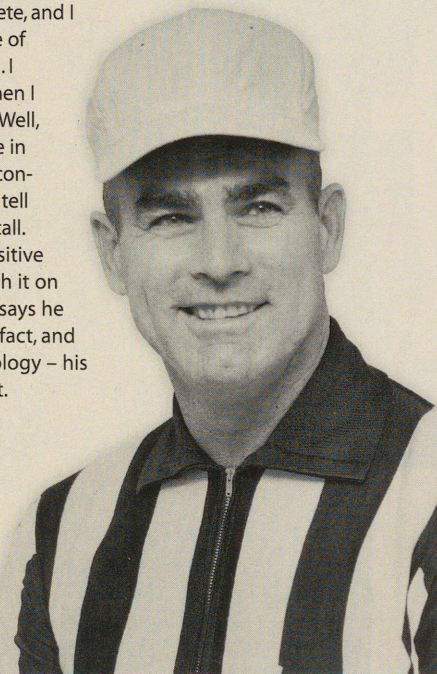
"We were playing in Oakland in 1972, and I threw the ball into the endzone for an apparent touchdown.

The official ruled it incomplete, and I go sprinting in from the line of scrimmage to argue the call. I got about halfway there, when I realized the official was Bill. Well, I can't just stop in mid-stride in front of 60,000 people, so I continue into the endzone and tell him I thought it was a bad call.

O'Brien said he was "positive I made the right call – watch it on film and you'll agree." Hart says he watched the play after the fact, and had to send O'Brien an apology – his old friend had been correct.

"One thing I will always remember about Bill is this – if he gave you his word on something, you could take it to the bank."

— Gene Green



LEARNING OF AFRICA

by Marianne Lawrence

Two African-American students were in Nancy Dawson's office at SIUC in 1997 checking out a picture on the professor's bulletin board. The photo showed students Dawson had taken to study in Tanzania, Central Africa.

Eventually one of the students commented on the photo, which contained few African-Americans. "Where's the Black students? Why don't you take us? We are the ones that need to learn about Africa!"

This became Dawson's inspiration to develop the African Cultural Continuities course, which delves into the cultural connections between ethnic groups on the African continent and within the African Diaspora, which contains people like the Jamaican Maroons, the Garifuna of Central America, the Gullah in South Carolina, and the Quilombos located in Brazil. "There are people of African descent all over the world," says Dawson.

By the summer of 2000, she had taken nearly 50 of SIUC's African-American students to meet their descen-

dants and learn the customs and history of their ancestral homeland. The class, which offers between three and six hours of credit, resides in the Black American Studies program and has included travel to Ghana in West Africa, and Belize in Central America. A trip to Brazil is scheduled for summer of 2001.

Ghana was chosen because of its major role in the transatlantic slave trade. Visits to Elmina and Cape Coast evoked deep emotions for the students.

Henrietta Battle '97, a graduate student in rehabilitation counseling, recounts her experience at the Elmina Slave Castle, where slaves were held before being sent through "the door of no return" and onto slave ships to the Americas.

"During the tour males and females were separated and taken into dungeons for a special simulated exercise. The Ghanaian women lined the walls as the African-American women stood in a circle holding candles. We each called our ancestors by name. Silence fell over the dark and damp room . . . there were sounds of sobbing. I could feel the enslaved African's trauma. I could imagine being taken from my village and separated from my family."

Battle, who was given the name Akosawa (which means Monday) by her hosts, makes an annual pilgrimage to visit her "family" in Ghana. "We are so blessed here in the U.S.," she says. "We take so much for granted." Most students who experience the course echo this sentiment.

Tarachel Benjamin, a 2000 graduate student in business education, reflects: "The trip for me was an opportunity to stop and look at all the blessings that have been bestowed upon my life and ultimately see how I can be a blessing to others."



Former Saluki basketball standout Melaniece Bardley enjoyed working with the children of Ghana. She was there with the African Cultural Continuities Study Abroad Program.

Several students seized opportunities to share their expertise with the people of Ghana. Christopher Rutledge, a construction management major, helped build a processing center for cassava plants, which are used as a food staple in the small village of Sanka. He also participated in a census project for the village.

Melaniece Bardley '00, using an undergraduate research activity award from the Chancellor's Office, had the opportunity to work with families, teachers, and school officials. Several students majoring in health education were able to meet with health-care officials and tour facilities. Nicole Davis '99 was grateful for the chance to interact with people in her field of study. "We were able to share medical supplies and various items that were of need within their health-care facilities," she explains.

A special ceremony took place in Sanka on July 9, 1999, when Dawson was



Nancy Dawson, professor in the Black American Studies Program, and Henrietta Battle, a student, participate in a special celebration in Ghana.

crowned as a Queenmother of Sanka Village and given her African name, Nana Efua Sanka I (which means born on Friday). Dawson plays a continuing role in the governance and well being of the village. She is developing an educational sponsorship program for children in the village and a processing center for the economic development of women.

Dawson removes as many obstacles as she can to enable students to make the trip. Details such as passports, visas, and financial aid are covered in the preliminary informational meetings. In addition, photographs from previous trips are passed through the group and myriad questions are answered.

The protocol workshop gets down to the business of developing a bond among the travellers and sensitizing them to the food, cultural taboos, customs and regulations of the country. Dawson frequently takes the group to Giant City State Park to simulate "roughing it."

She is blunt about the difficulties students might encounter. Rough driving conditions, regular electricity and water shortages, and other travel delays are common, explains Dawson. "Most American temperaments are not conducive to these daily occurrences in West African life." She urges students not to overpack, not to overbuy and to "go with the flow."

The trip to Belize is scheduled from May 14 through June 3 with a longer excursion planned to Brazil for the

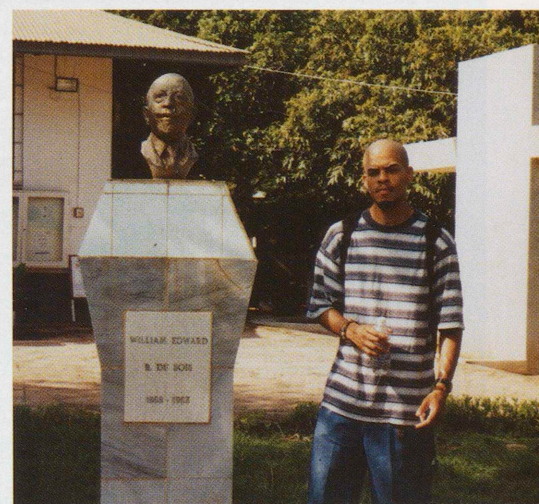
month of July. The classes are limited to 10 students. Of the two trips, Dawson explains the Brazil trip will be the most challenging because of distance, number of African cultures there, and the language barrier. "It is a test trip," she says.

Dawson does a good job convincing her students that study abroad programs help develop leadership skills necessary for career advancement. "Skills such as tolerance, patience, independence, and critical thinking are essential for careers in today's global economy." She adds, "It's important that people travel at a young age so they can incorporate the experiences into their lives."

Dawson's article, "The Obstacles, Challenges, and Benefits, Associated with Bringing Study Abroad Experiences to African American College Students: An International Educator's Perspective" was published in *African Issues*, a publication of the African Studies Association. In it she includes a list she often shares with her students.

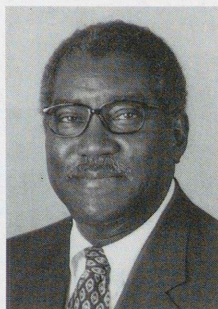
If you study abroad...

1. You will be more competitive in the job market.
2. You will have a greater understanding of other cultures.
3. You will share the knowledge you have gained with friends and family.
4. You will acquire foreign language skills.
5. You will share your knowledge with the people you will meet.
6. You will develop friendships that will last a lifetime.
7. You will enhance your leadership skills.
8. You will become more independent and patient.
9. You will gain a deeper understanding of self.
10. You will become a world citizen.



Christopher Rutledge stands near a bust of William Edward B. DuBois, co-founder of the NAACP and civil rights activist.

SIU President James E. Walker To Speak At Black Alumni Group Reunion In July



With a theme of "Connections: Building on Our Legacy; Meeting Global Challenges," SIU President James E. Walker will be among those participating in the black alumni reunion activities this summer. The Black Alumni Group reunion, held every two years, will be held on campus Thursday, July 19, through Sunday, July 22.

The reunion is organized by the Black Alumni Group, a constituent society of the SIU Alumni Association.

The 2001 reunion will focus on legacy talents and creative abilities. Displays promoting African-American heritage will be set up throughout the weekend. Alumni and their children are encouraged to demonstrate their creativity and participate in a performing arts showcase, global exposition, and an international fashion show.

During the last reunion in 1999, nearly 500 alumni returned to campus. This year's calendar of events begins with registration and a mixer at the Holiday Inn, reunion headquarters. A picnic and banquet are being planned, along with golf, tennis,

and other recreational sports. Activities also include tours of campus and a business meeting and brunch.

President Walker, who will be the keynote speaker at the banquet, was appointed SIU's president by the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees on Oct. 1. He has spent two decades in higher education administration, coming to SIU from Middle Tennessee State, where he had been president since 1991.

Prior to becoming president at MTSU, Walker was Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Northern Colorado. He began his career in higher education as an assistant professor at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

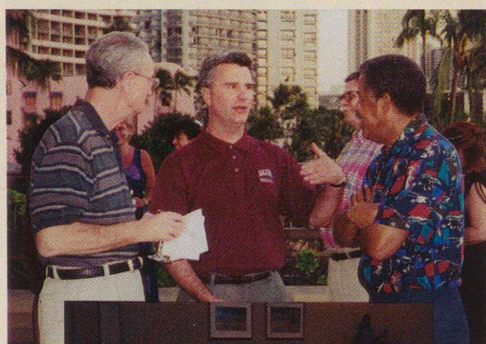
A graduate of Pennsylvania State University's doctoral program in education, Walker earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Alabama State University and a Masters in Special Education from Atlanta University.

All black alumni should receive a brochure containing additional information. If you do not receive a brochure or if you have any additional questions, call Tuesday Ashner, assistant director of the SIU Alumni Association, at (618) 453-2408. ■

Alumni Enjoy Hoops In Hawaii

Thirty SIU Alumni Association members traveled to paradise just prior to Christmas to support the Saluki men's basketball team at the Yahoo Sports Invitational Tournament Dec. 17-24 in Hawaii. The trip was hosted by the SIU Alumni Association, and included three Saluki basketball games, a team banquet, and an opportunity to tour the islands.

Other alumni visiting or residing in Hawaii joined the group at the tournament and attended events throughout the week, making the support group nearly 50 people strong. ■



Saluki head coach Bruce Weber, center, chats in Hawaii with Mike Lawrence (L), and Bill Norwood (R).



Chicago Salukis Back The Dawgs

One hundred and fifty alumni and friends attended a pre-game reception in December prior to watching the SIU men's basketball team play the University of Illinois-Chicago at Allstate Arena. SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk and Saluki Head Coach Bruce Weber addressed an enthusiastic group of Saluki fans. Alumni stayed on hand to root on the Dawgs.

Unfortunately, SIU came up a little short in its effort to extinguish the Flames. ■

SIU Alumni Member Night Dinner And Christmas Program

The SIU Alumni Association hosted an Alumni Member Night dinner and Christmas program on campus in December. One hundred and twenty alumni members enjoyed a flank steak dinner in the Old Main Room of the Student Center.

Following dinner, members watched a rendition of the Charles Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol*, in Shryock Auditorium. The Association served as corporate sponsor for the program, and members were given a \$5 discount on tickets. Over 200 members purchased tickets from the Association and were a part of a sold-out production at Shryock Auditorium. ■

SIU Alumni Member Chili Supper



Enjoying the basketball event, from left, are Robert Reid, Ed Buerger, and Michelle Suarez.

The Jackson County Chapter and the SIU Alumni Association hosted 260 alumni members and guests at a chili supper on the south concourse of the SIU Arena in January. The event was part of the Association's Alumni Member Appreciation activities, which included a Saluki basketball doubleheader.

Association members were also eligible to receive two free tickets to watch the SIU women's and men's teams play.

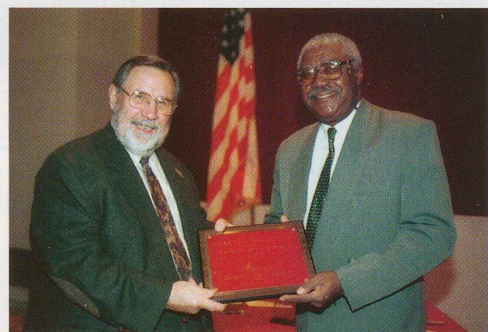


Alumni members and guests enjoyed a bowl of chili, salad, beverage, and dessert. In addition, the basketball teams treated Association members with two important Missouri Valley Conference victories. The Saluki women ended a six-game losing streak with a victory over Illinois State, while the SIU men held off the Drake Bulldogs in the nightcap. ■

Gymnastics Reunion Planned

An SIU Men's Gymnastics Reunion is being planned for July 27-29, 2001. A planning committee is looking for updated addresses and people interested in attending the reunion. To receive information regarding the reunion, contact Tuesday Ashner at the SIU Alumni Association Office, at (618) 453-2408. ■

Jackson County Alumni Chapter



More than 100 alumni living in Jackson County gathered to honor its scholarship recipients and

Service to Southern Illinois Award winner at the SIU Student Center Ballrooms in November. This year's scholarship recipients were: Kelly Belcher, Alex Berezow, Britney Nicole Hall, Kristine Jacobson, Joshua W. Steffen, and Gaetana Trapani. Cassandra Shewmaker was the recipient of the Jackson County Family YMCA scholarship. Former SIU vice chancellor Harvey Welch Jr. (above right) received the Service to Southern Illinois Award from master of ceremonies Marvin Kleinau. ■

Class Of 1951 Reunion Is Planned

Alumni from the Class of 1951 are encouraged to begin making plans to attend the 50th Reunion of this group. The reunion will be held in conjunction with the SIU Homecoming Weekend, with events planned for Friday, Oct. 5, and Saturday, Oct. 6.

For more information on this gathering, call the SIU Alumni Association at 618-453-2408, or e-mail the office at sialumni.com.

Livestock Judging Team Awards Available To Alumni

Alumni who were part of the SIUC Animal Industries Livestock Judging Teams over the years are invited to contact Julia Wetstein, Assistant Dean for External Affairs at the College of Agriculture, to obtain trophies and plaques the department still has from these endeavors.

The awards, judged in categories of poultry, beef, swine, livestock, dairy, block and bridle, etc., date from the early 1970s through 1986.

"SIUC no longer has the judging teams, and we will not be keeping the trophies much longer," Wetstein says. "If you know you were a member of one of these teams, and would like to have the trophy or plaque, please contact us and we would be happy to give it to you."

A full list of awards, by category and year, are available by contacting Wetstein at 618-453-2469, writing her at Mailcode 4416, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901-4416, or through e-mail at jwetste@siu.edu. ■

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 16, 2001.**

Directors for Election (four year term)

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Peoria Alumni Meet

Forty-two alumni and friends attended a pregame reception and barbecue in January at the Hotel Pere Marquette in Peoria. Following the gathering, the group watched the Salukis battle Bradley at the Peoria Civic Center. An inspired SIU squad led Bradley into the waning moments of the game, but Bradley rallied to garner the victory. ■

Southern Grads Enjoy St. Louis Symphony

More than 60 St. Louis-area alumni enjoyed an evening with the St. Louis Symphony and special guest Doc Severinsen at Powell Symphony Hall in January. A reception prior to the performance was hosted in the Whitaker Room of the Hall, where guests enjoyed a selection of gourmet desserts and coffee. ■

Central Florida Dawgs Meet



Sixty alumni and friends attended a pre-game picnic in Orlando, Fla. and then watched the Salukis open their 2001 baseball season against the University of Central Florida. The game

featured plenty of Salukis in the stands, as over 100 alumni, friends, and players' families enjoyed a gorgeous day at Jay Bergman Field.

The Central Florida contingent is a supportive and enthusiastic group moving forward with plans to develop a chapter in this area. They held their third core group meeting immediately following the game to formulate plans for election of officers, discussion of goals and objectives, and planning for their next event. ■

Association Families Eligible For Scholarship

The SIU Alumni Association's Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarship Fund awards four annual scholarships valued at \$1,000 each. Applications 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, Student Center, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. 62901-6809, call (618) 453-2408. ■

Mark Your Calendar for These Association Events

Saturday, March 31, 2001, Detroit, Mich. — WHIRLEYBALL! (8 p.m. – 11 p.m.) A combination of basketball, hockey, jai-alai and polo all while riding in bumper cars. Price is \$30 per person, \$15 for kids under 12. Package includes super sub sandwich buffet, salad, chips and pretzels, with draft beer, wine, soft drinks, lemonade and fruit punch.

Saturday, May 12, 2001, St. Louis, Mo. — 17th Annual SIU Alumni Day at Busch Stadium. Pre-game reception at 11 a.m. in centerfield concourse party area. Game time is 1:10 p.m. (subject to change). Prices for game ticket and pre-game reception, call us for information. Prices are still to be determined.

Saturday, June 9, 2001, Denver, Colo. — SIU Day at Coors Field. Colorado Rockies vs. St. Louis Cardinals. Pregame details to be announced. Game time is 6:05 p.m. (Game time is subject to change.)

Saturday, June 23, 2001, Pekin, Ill. — Fourth Annual Peoria Tri-County Alumni Chapter Golf Scramble. Lick Creek Golf Course in Pekin. \$60 per person or \$240 per foursome. Hole sponsorships and prize donations are welcome. We will put you with other golfers if you don't have four players. Tee times to be announced. Barbecue to follow golf.

Saturday, June 30, 2001, Geneva, Ill. — SIU Day at the Kane County Cougars baseball game vs. the Peoria Chiefs (Chicago Cubs farm team). Cookout and ballgame at Elfstrom Stadium hosted by the DuPage/Will County SIU Alumni Chapter. Pre-game details to be announced. Game time is 6:00 p.m. Fireworks to follow the game.

Saturday, August 25, 2001, Chicago, Ill. — 24th Annual SIU Alumni Day at Wrigley Field and The Cubby Bear. Pre-game reception at 10 a.m. at the Cubby Bear Lounge. Game time is 12:05 p.m. (subject to change). Prices for game ticket and one (1) Cubby Bear beverage: \$20 members, \$30 non-members, buffet \$8 extra.

To register for any of the above events RSVP by:

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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 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. ■

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SIU Grads Are A Graphic Success

by Marianne Lawrence

Craig Leinicke got his degree in commercial graphics in 1974 and five years later opened his own business, which today is one of St. Louis' largest graphic design companies.

"I never had a five-year plan because my entire life's goals went rocketing by me in about three years," says the president of Leinicke Design Group, Inc.

Immediately after graduation, Leinicke began his first job in St. Louis with Ron Katz and Associates, now called RK Communications. As it turned out the best thing about landing this job for Leinicke was working with Connie Braundmeier, a 1975 journalism/English graduate of SIU-Edwardsville. He was the art director and she a writer.

Even before they were married, Connie encouraged Craig to create his own business. But first he first moved on to another St. Louis Company, where he worked closely with its owner and in the process learned how to run a business. He adds, "I also learned a lot about how not to run a business."

On Nov. 1, 1979, at age 24, Leinicke Design opened its doors. Connie has played a key role in the business, serving as office and production manager, writer, and, not the least, mother of the three Leinicke girls, Christina Marie, 15, Carey Marie, 13, and Catherine Marie, 11.

"We have always worked well together," Connie explains. "When we went into this business we agreed that he would always be the boss at work, but at home we'd be equal. And it's worked."

For 13 years, while the couple's daughters were young, Connie worked at home, but now spends most of her day at the business. The couple's life is incredibly busy between their growing business and school and sports activities of their daughters. Craig no longer has as much

time for his car restoration hobby, and Connie "just doesn't sleep."

Neither does Craig have time to do one of his favorite things – return at Homecoming to play his trumpet in the alumni band. He remembers Mike Hanes as being a "super guy."

Another SIU alumni and key employee for Leinicke is his creative director Bob Gauen '81. "Bob started working for me in 1982. I didn't know him before, he just walked in the door and became my second employee," says Leinicke.

After 10 years Gauen left to start his own business, but in the fall of 1999 Leinicke was able to talk him into coming back "I needed his talent and ability to manage people," says Leinicke.

When Bob Gauen Graphic Design, Inc., became part of the Leinicke Group,

it set in motion the company's further expansion — the acquisition of a 30-year-old Hazelwood, Mo., firm, Garrett Graphics in January of 2000. Suddenly the business had doubled in size.

"We needed to have a larger size group to survive and compete for the big jobs," Leinicke says. "So far it has worked out just as I planned." The cornerstones of this business are "on time, on target, and on budget. If you meet those three criteria on every job, you will never lose a customer, he says.

Leinicke and Gauen give a lot of credit to their alma mater and the graphic design program they were part of, which no longer exists. "As SIU graduates we are well-suited and well-prepared to conduct business in the outside world," says Leinicke. ■



Craig Leinicke, left, owns Leinicke Design Group, Inc., a successful St. Louis graphic design studio. He takes a moment to confer with Bob Gauen, his creative director and fellow Saluki.



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1950s

Carrol G. Fletcher ex'50

has retired from Thiokol Inc. as director of finance and administration at the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant. He is doing volunteer work for FBC Marshall, East Texas Baptist University, Harrison County Historical Museum, and Rotary International. Fletcher lives in Marshall, Texas, with his wife, Gracie.

Harold W. Allen '57 has retired after 50 years as a Baptist minister. His wife, Nancy, has also retired after 20 years as a high school teacher. They live near their sons in Nashville, Tenn.

Margaret Ruth Bridges Evans '57, M.S. '63 has retired after 43 years of teaching. She and her husband, Willie J. Evans, reside in Gary, Ind.

Charles B. Rusiewski '57, M.S. '67 will retire after 44 years at Nashville, Ill., Community High School, where he taught and served as the school's library media center director. He and his wife, Barbara K., live in Nashville.

1960s

John J. Zakarian '61 is editorial page editor of *The Courier* in Hartford, Conn. Zakarian serves on the newspaper's senior management group and writes many of the newspaper's major editorials. He has been with *The Courier* for 23 years, formerly working for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *Boston Herald-Traveler*, and the Lindsay-Schaub chain of newspapers in the Midwest. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University and is past president of the National Conference of Editorial Writers.

Carol Wehrheim '62 has been named 2001 Educator of the Year by the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators. The award is given annually for outstanding ministry in Christian education. Wehrheim lives in Princeton, N.J.

James Petty '63 has been named director of student services for the Art Institute of Atlanta. Petty's 20 years of experience in higher education includes



dean of students and vice president of student affairs at Clarke College in Dubuque,

Iowa, MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill., Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa, and Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. He received his master's degree in higher education administration from the University of Illinois and did additional studies at Michigan State University and Loyola University in Chicago.

Linda M. Mottin '64 and her husband, David, both work from their home as consultants. Linda is involved in home building and real estate work and consults in other areas. David is involved in school security design and county and state government entities.

Dennis W. Missavage '68 is listed in the 6th edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. This honor is reserved for teachers selected by one or more of their former students who have appeared on the National Dean's List. Missavage is a physics instructor at Chattahoochee Technical College in Marietta, Ga. He lives in Atlanta.

Tim M. Kohl '69 has been promoted to chief financial officer for Knight Transportation Inc. He is relocating from Charlotte, N.C., to Phoenix, Ariz. He and his wife, Jackie, live in Scottsdale.

1970s

Terry Parke '70 is president of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL). Parke, of Schaumburg, has served in the Illinois House of Representatives since 1984. He has been active in NCOIL since 1986, serving in several leadership positions.

Judge **Julio M. Fuentes '71** has been confirmed as the first Hispanic to sit on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. After earning his degree from SIUC, Judge Fuentes got his law degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and master's degrees in Latin-American affairs from New York University and in liberal arts from Rutgers University. He practiced law in Jersey City for three years before being appointed to the Newark Municipal Court in 1978. He lives in North Caldwell, N.J.

Larry D. Marrs '73, M.S. '76 farms in Paris, Ill. He and his wife, Bonnie, a computer manager for Thiel Accounting Co., have two sons. Thad is a freshman at SIUC, and Blake is a freshman at Paris High School.

Frances K. Campbell '74 has completed her master of science degree in curriculum and instruction with a specialization in reading. She lives in



Coulterville, Ill.

Paul M. Sawtell '74, M.S. '76 is president of Dominion Title Corporation in Great Falls, Va. He has two children, Jordan, 21, and Kirsten, 17. Karen Troutman Sawtell died in 1988. He later married Connie Jacob.

Ronald G. Sears M.S. '75 is newly appointed director of international operations at CCIM Institute, a 12,000-member international commercial real estate association headquartered in Chicago. Sears has also held management positions with the National PTA, American Public Works Association, University of Connecticut, and University of Illinois. He lives in Carol Stream, Ill.

Thomas Logan Minton '76 of Granada Hills, Calif., recently co-produced and co-wrote a 72-minute animated feature called *Tweety's High-Flying*

Adventure. He is a producer/writer for Warner Brothers. Minton's wife, Rosa M. Perez-Minton, died in August of 2000. They had been married 17 years and had three sons.

Ben D. Poirier '76 operates Poirier Associates, an engineering and architectural services group, with his brother, **Boyd Poirier '84**. They have been working closely with the aviation and automotive departments to develop preliminary planning of SIUC's new transportation education center at the Southern Illinois Airport.

Bradley W. Small '76, president and chief executive officer at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Nashville, Ill.,



has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of St.

Louis. Small is also a member of the Illinois Bankers Association, Community Bankers Association, Illinois State Bar Association and American Bar Association. He received his law degree from Saint Louis University Law School.

Brad Choate '79, M.S. '83 has been named one of Minnesota's 100 Most Influential Health Care Leaders by the *Minnesota Physician*, an independent medical business newspaper. Choate, a native of Marion, Ill., is president and CEO of the Minnesota Medical Foundation, a fundraising organization affiliated with the University of Minnesota Medical Schools and School of Public Health.

Ray Valek '79 is account director for Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide in Chicago. He was previously employed by the University of Chicago Hospitals. Valek has won six Gold Quill Awards from the International Association of Business Communicators and has been active in passing a tax

referendum for his daughter's school. He, his wife, Jeanette Quirk, and daughters, Genevieve and Rebecca, live in LaGrange, Ill.

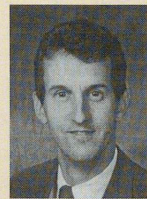
1980s

Three SIUC graduates have been elected by their peers as Fellows of the American Psychological Association (APA) for 2001. APA fellows are selected for exceptional and outstanding contributions to the research, teaching, or practice of psychology. **Michael T. Brown M.A. '81, Ph.D. '85** is associate professor of counseling/clinical/school psychology at the University of California-Santa Barbara. He lives in Santa Barbara. **James M. Croteau M.A. '81, Ph.D. '86** is associate professor of counselor educa-

tion and counseling psychology at Western Michigan University and lives in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Robin A. Buhrke Ph.D. '82 is staff psychologist in Counseling and Psychological Services at Duke University. She lives in Durham, N.C.

Tom Meyer '80, who has worked as a territory manager at Campbell Soup Co. for 18



years, received three Merit Awards from the company. He works a rural territory in central and northern Missouri. Meyer lives in Columbia, Mo., with his wife, Teresa, and three children, Laura, Allison, and Stephanie.

Edward J. Zalisko '80, M.A.

'82 a biology professor at Blackburn College, has been selected as "2000 Illinois Professor of the Year." He was chosen from among 17 nominees. The award, given by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, salutes those who excel as teachers and influence the lives and careers of their students. As part of the application process for the national recognition, Zalisko wrote an essay in which he acknowledged his appreciation of the undergraduate research opportunities he enjoyed while working with Dr. Ronald A Brandon, SIU Professor Emeritus of Zoology.

Forrest Fairall '81 has become a partner in Durst Brokerage Incorporated, a sales and marketing agency in the Chicago area. He also is chairman of the annual Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble.

John J. Jibben '81 is a former Saluki Patrol member and is interested in contacting others who were members between 1977 and 1982. During his career in law enforcement, he served as patrol sergeant, investigator, polygraph examiner and instructor, and as a human rights officer with the Missouri Department of Labor Commission on Human Rights. He and his wife, Sheila, live in Dexter, Mo.

Jon L. and Carolyn K. Ogden Ogle live in Lindenhurst, Ill., with their son, Jim, 9. Jon '81, M.S. '84 has worked for Abbott Laboratories since graduation. The couple lived in North Carolina for 10 years, before returning to Illinois in 1996. Carolyn '83 worked in electron microscopy at East Carolina University Medical School in Greenville, N.C., until Jim was born.

George Sehi '81, Ph.D. '90, dean of Engineering and Industrial Technologies at Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio, has been elected

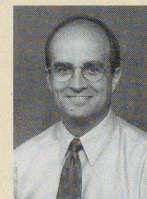
to serve on the accreditation commission board of the National Association for



Industrial Technology. Sehi, who has served as dean since 1983, was recipient of the American Society for Engineering Education's Frederick J. Berger National Award, one of the most prestigious awards that engineering technology educators can receive. During his tenure as dean, the engineering technology enrollment has doubled at Sinclair College. Sehi lives in West Chester, Ohio.

Pete Witkewicz '81 has been appointed vice president and controller for the annuities operation of Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. He was previously with Cova Life Insurance in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Capitol Life Insurance in Denver, and American General Life, Houston, Texas. He lives in Naperville, Ill.

Donald S. Torry '83, M.S. '85, Ph.D. '89 has joined the faculty of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield as associate professor of medical microbiology and immunology and of obstetrics and gynecology. He



had been affiliated with the University of Tennessee since 1993. He is treasurer and president-elect of the American Society for the Immunology of Reproduction, and serves on the editorial board for the *American Journal for Reproductive Immunology*. Torry and his wife, Lisa, have 5 children, Kyle, Danielle, Kayla, Madison, and Alexander.

Barry E. Cupp '84, M.A. '85 has been promoted to general manager of six stores for Mid West Cash/Pay Day Cash in Carterville, Ill.

Award-Winning Journalism Alumna Dies



Ingrid Camille Tarver Kindred '70, an award-winning reporter for nearly three decades at the *Birmingham News*, recently passed away following a lengthy illness. The Birmingham, Ala., native received various professional honors over the years from Associated Press, the Alabama Press

Association, and also garnered many civic awards.

The 51-year-old Kindred was one of the founders of the Birmingham Association of Black Journalists, and was named one of the Outstanding Young Women in America in 1977 and 1981. While at SIU, she worked for the *Daily Egyptian*.

"She was a wonderful person who loved her days at SIU," recalled friend **Richard D. Winn, Sr. '71**, now senior pastor at Warren Memorial United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Ga. "And her accomplishments in journalism were countless."

Birmingham News Assistant Editor Sherrel Steward agreed. "She knew everyone in Birmingham – and their relatives – and knew how to find them," he said. "She was a walking history book."

In a letter-to-the-editor following her death, fellow SIUC alum **Donald Watkins '70** shared some memories of Kindred: "We grew close during the long train rides from Birmingham to Carbondale, where we both were students at SIU. Her family valued hard work and educational excellence. She embodied both values – she never lost her focus.

"Upon graduation from SIU in 1970, we went our separate ways for a while. Ingrid started a career at *The News*, and I went to law school in Tuscaloosa. We followed each other's careers with much interest, and her rise through the ranks of professional journalism was amazing, but expected. She was the consummate professional."

Quincy O. Scott Jr. '85, SIU School of Medicine faculty, has been appointed to the American Academy of Family Physician's Accreditation Review Committee on Education for the Physician Assistant. Scott is associate professor of family and community medicine for SIU School of Medicine in Carbondale. He earned his medical degree from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his family practice residency at SIU's Carbondale family practice center.

Kyu Ho Youm Ph.D. '85, professor of journalism and law in the Cronkite School of Journalism and Telecommunication at Arizona State University, received best research paper award during a convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. He was interviewed last fall by KBS-TV in Seoul, Korea, about U.S. media law.

Linda C. Dulle '86 has been promoted to director of interior design at Henderson Group in St.



Louis, where she has worked for the past 11 years. The company specializes in land planning and building design for corporate office, manufacturing, and warehouse facilities.

Joel Lovelace '86, M.S. '88 writes to say his wife, Beth Arthur, won election as Arlington County Sheriff in Virginia, a post she had been appointed to when her boss became executive director of the National Sheriff's Association. Lovelace, who works for the U.S. Department of Labor, played "Mr. Mom" for six months, saying "single parenthood is tough." The family lives in Falls Church, Va.

Richard Gehrig Snyder '89 will retire in May after 21 years in the Navy. He is now serving in Pensacola, Fla., and writes that he will soon be married.

1990s

Marla J. Langenhorst '91 has been appointed manager



of employee benefits for Ameren Corporation in St. Louis. Langenhorst joined the company in 1981. She lives in Germantown, Ill., with her husband and two children.

Boyd Manne '92 coached Parkway West High School to a 9-3 record in 2000 and a spot in the Missouri High School State Quarterfinals. Manne, who was in his first season as head coach, took over a 2-8 team, but quickly turned things around. "We asked a lot



of the kids in a short period of time," he says. "I was really pleased with their effort and can't say enough about the work they put in." Manne, previously the assistant coach at Parkway West, Lafayette, and Marquette high schools in the St. Louis area, lettered in baseball at SIUC. He was a member of the 1990 Baseball Salukis that logged a 49-14 record, won the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, and advanced to the NCAA West-I Regional at Stanford University.

Laura Mueller '92 has been named assistant vice president of marketing for the Illinois/Wisconsin Region of TCF National Bank. She will focus on advertising, merchandising and promotions, corporate growth strategies, and internal and external communications. She lives in Darien, Ill.

Shannon Powell '92 and her husband, Michael Gargiulo, announce the birth of their son, Andrew Michael, who was born on Aug. 20, 2000. Shannon

is a producer for Fox News Channel in Washington, D.C.

Daniel E. Meldazis '94 has been elected to the board of directors of NBANC Inc. He is a senior manager for Focal Communications Corp. and lives in Bridgeview, Ill.

Chris Gerrib '95 is director of information technologies at Republic Bank of Chicago, headquartered in Darien, Ill., where he is responsible for all computer and communication technology for the bank. Prior to joining the bank, he worked five years at Information Technologies International. Gerrib lives in Villa Park, Ill.

Frederick M. Chandler '96 is a business education teacher for the Cahokia Unit School District in Cahokia, Ill. He is an active member of the East St. Louis Nu Chi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Shawna Donovan Lee '97 is the downstate director of communications for Illinois Lieutenant Governor Corinne Wood. Lee, who joined Lt. Gov. Wood's team last May, lives in Springfield.

Brian Rohrman '97 is production manager for Nasuti & Hinkle, a Silver Spring, Md., advertising agency. Rohrman will oversee the agency's print production and internal traffic functions. He lives in Davidsonville, Md.

Dannae Delgado Stempniak '97 (cum laude), J.D. '00 (magna cum laude)

has joined the law firm of Suelthaus & Walsh, where she



concentrates her practice in the areas of corporate law, employee benefits, municipal and real estate law. She lives in Clayton, Mo., and is active in the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis Project Angel Tree holiday gift program.

Wan-Yu Kao M.A. '99 has been selected as "Year 2000's Stars Teacher" at James Ward School in Chicago. She demon-



strates a lesson for the Chicago public school's upcoming video, "Student Success Through Creative Instruction: Test Readiness - HOTS Graphic Organizers." The lesson helps students apply what they have learned to situations outside the classroom.

High Flying Career

CMsGt Lewis F. Fountain, USAF Ret., flew the equivalent of 16 round trips to the moon during his 39-year career with the Air Force.

The Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm veteran spent more than 15,000 hours in the cockpit of a C-141 Starlifter, a giant cargo carrier, which set a military record. He spent another thousand hours flying C-47s in Europe and C-7s in Vietnam.



The Maple Shade, N.J., resident retired from active duty in 1973, but continued flying in the Air Force Reserves until 1992. In addition to his flying career, Fountain also taught at vocational-technical schools near Maple Shade.

Fountain '77 obtained his degree in the military program while serving at McGuire AFB and hopes someday to see the SIUC campus. He has a son, Steven Mark, a pre-med student in Tampa, Fla., and daughter, Linda Stickel, who lives in Lehigh Valley, Pa. He also has three grandchildren. ■

APRIL

- 1 Saluki Men's Tennis at St. Louis University, 3:30 p.m.
- 1 Saluki Baseball at Indiana State, 1 p.m.
- 3 **Saluki Softball vs. Wichita State**, IAW Field, Noon
- 3 Saluki Women's Tennis at University of Evansville, 3 p.m.
- 4 **Saluki Baseball vs. SE Missouri State**, Abe Martin Field, 3 p.m.
- 4 **Saluki Softball vs. University of Evansville**, IAW Field, 3 p.m.
- 5 *Journeys: Explorations in New Works*, Christian H. Moe Lab Theater, 8 p.m.
- 6 Saluki Baseball at Creighton University, 2 p.m.
- 6 *Journeys: Explorations in New Works*, Christian H. Moe Lab Theater, 8 p.m.
- 6-7 Saluki Track and Field at All Sport Relays, Cape Girardeau, Mo.
- 6-7 Saluki Track and Field at Texas Relays, Austin, Texas
- 7 Saluki Men's Tennis at Wichita State, TBA
- 7 Saluki Baseball at Creighton University (DH), Noon
- 7 *Journeys: Explorations in New Works*, Christian H. Moe Lab Theater, 8 p.m.
- 7 **Saluki Women's Tennis vs. Wichita State**, home, TBA
- 7 Saluki Softball at Illinois State (DH), Noon
- 7-8 Saluki Women's Golf at IU Women's Invitational Tournament
- 8 Saluki Men's Tennis vs. SW Missouri, TBA
- 8 Saluki Baseball at Creighton University, 1 p.m.
- 8 **Saluki Women's Tennis vs. SW Missouri**, home, TBA
- 8 Saluki Softball at Illinois State, Noon
- 10 *Volgograd Philharmonic with Southern Illinois Youth & Symphony Orchestras*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 **Saluki Softball vs. Western Kentucky (DH)**, IAW Field, 2:30 p.m.
- 11-14 Saluki Track and Field at Sea Ray Relays, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 12 Saluki Men's Tennis at University of Louisville, 6 p.m.
- 13 Saluki Men's Tennis at Indiana State, 2 p.m.
- 13 **Saluki Baseball vs. Illinois State (Fish Fry Evening)**, Abe Martin Field, 1 p.m.
- 13 **Saluki Women's Tennis vs. Indiana State**, home, TBA
- 13 **Saluki Softball vs. SW Missouri**, IAW Field, 3 p.m.
- 14 Saluki Men's Tennis at Illinois State, TBA
- 14 **Saluki Baseball vs. Illinois State (DH)**, Abe Martin Field, Noon
- 14 **Saluki Women's Tennis vs. Illinois State**, home, TBA
- 14 **Saluki Softball vs. SW Missouri (DH)**, IAW Field, Noon
- 15 **Saluki Baseball vs. Illinois State**, Abe Martin Field, 1 p.m.
- 15 Saluki Men's Tennis at Bradley, TBA
- 15 **Saluki Women's Tennis vs. Bradley**, home, TBA
- 16 Saluki Softball at SE Missouri (DH), 4 p.m.
- 18 Saluki Baseball at SE Missouri, 3 p.m.
- 18 Saluki Softball at University of Evansville, 5 p.m.
- 20 **Saluki Baseball vs. SW Missouri State**, Abe Martin Field, 3 p.m.
- 20 **Saluki Men's Tennis vs. Northern Iowa**, home, TBA
- 20 Saluki Women's Tennis at Northern Iowa, TBA
- 21 *The Magic of The Spencers*, Shryock Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- 21 **Saluki Baseball vs. SW Missouri State (DH)**, Abe Martin Field, Noon
- 21 **Saluki Men's Tennis vs. Drake**, home, TBA
- 21 Saluki Track and Field at University of Arkansas, TBA
- 21 Saluki Women's Tennis at Drake, 10:30 a.m.

- 21 Saluki Softball at Indiana State (DH), Noon
- 22 **Saluki Men's Tennis vs. Creighton University**, home, TBA
- 22 **Saluki Baseball vs. SW Missouri State**, Abe Martin Field, 1 p.m.
- 22 Saluki Women's Tennis at Creighton University, 9 a.m.
- 22 Saluki Softball at Indiana State, Noon
- 23-25 Saluki Women's Golf begins play in the MVC Championship
- 25 **Saluki Baseball vs. Murray State**, Abe Martin Field, 3 p.m.
- 27 Saluki Baseball at University of Evansville, 3 p.m.
- 27 *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde*, McLeod Theater, 8 p.m.
- 27-28 Saluki Track and Field at Drake Relays, TBA
- 27-29 Saluki Men's Tennis MVC Team Championships, Cedar Falls, Iowa, TBA
- 27-29 Saluki Women's Tennis MVC Championships, Des Moines, Iowa, TBA
- 28 Saluki Baseball at University of Evansville (DH), Noon
- 28 *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde*, McLeod Theater, 8 p.m.
- 28 **Saluki Softball vs. Bradley (DH)**, IAW Field, Noon
- 29 Saluki Baseball at University of Evansville, 1 p.m.
- 29 **Saluki Softball vs. Bradley**, IAW Field, Noon

MAY

- 2 Saluki Baseball at University of Illinois, 6:30 p.m.
- 2 Saluki Softball vs. Mississippi, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 5 p.m.
- 3 *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde*, McLeod Theater, 8 p.m.
- 4 *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde*, McLeod Theater, 8 p.m.
- 4 Saluki Men's Track and Field at SW Missouri Invitational, TBA
- 4 Saluki Women's Track and Field at Butler Invite, TBA
- 4 Saluki Softball at Creighton University, 5 p.m.
- 5 Saluki Baseball at Bradley (DH), 1 p.m.
- 5 *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde*, McLeod Theater, 8 p.m.
- 5 Saluki Softball at Creighton University (DH), 11 a.m.
- 6 *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde*, McLeod Theater, 2 p.m.
- 6 Saluki Baseball at Bradley (DH), 1 p.m.
- 11-13 Saluki Softball at MVC Tournament, Omaha, Neb., TBA
- 12 **Saluki Baseball vs. Tennessee-Martin (DH)**, Abe Martin Field, 1 p.m.
- 12 SIU Day at Busch Stadium, St. Louis Cardinals host the Chicago Cubs
- 13 **Saluki Baseball vs. Tennessee-Martin**, Abe Martin Field, 1 p.m.
- 16-19 Saluki Baseball at MVC Baseball Tourney, Wichita, Kan., TBA
- 16-19 Saluki Track and Field at MVC Championships, TBA

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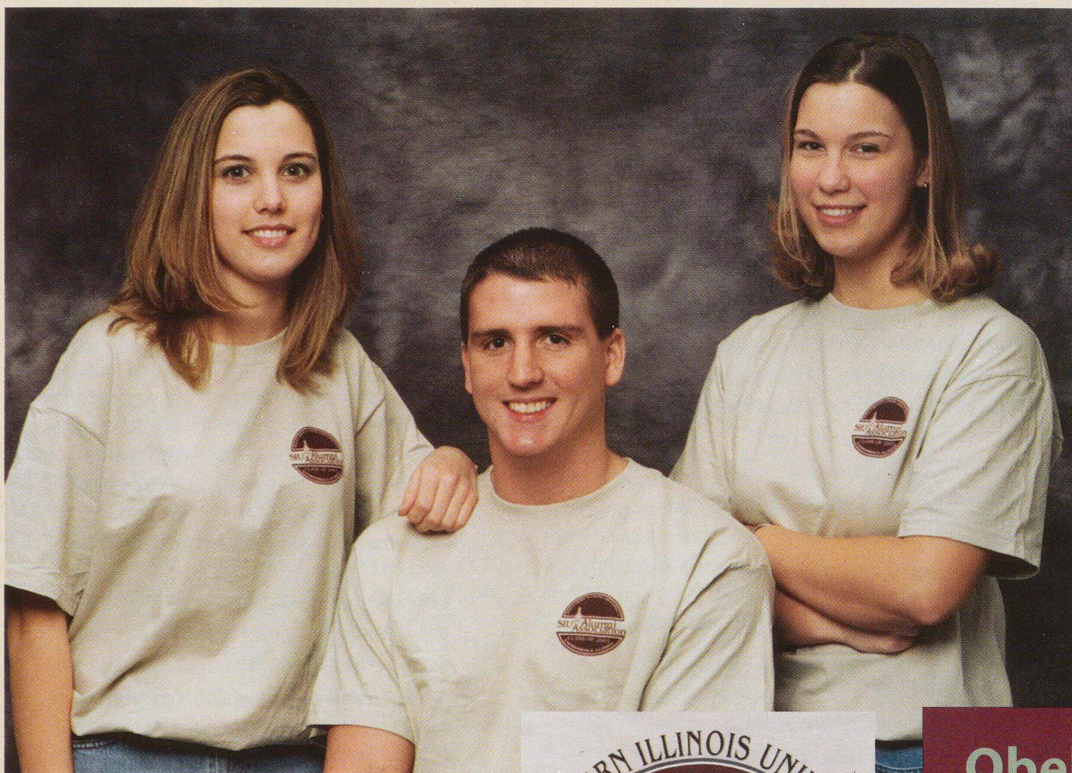
- July 19-22 Black Alumni Group Reunion
- July 27 12th Annual Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble, sponsored by George Loukas and Robert G. Richter
- Aug. 10-19 Illinois State Fair
- Aug. 25 Wrigley Field Day
- Aug. 25 DuQuoin State Fair
- Nov. 1-4 4th Annual Obelisk Leadership Awards Dinner, Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, sponsored by The Northern Trust

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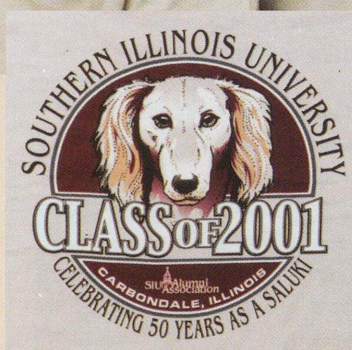
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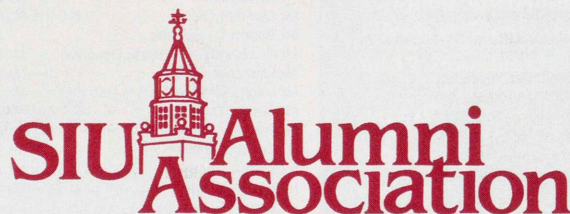
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SCHNEIDER, Laurence T., '26; '47
12/22/00, Mounds, Ill.

WIDDOWS, John Franklin, ex '28
11/16/00, Alto Pass, Ill.

ARMSTRONG, Naomi Ruth, '29
12/24/00, Benton, Ill.

OWEN, Clifford E., '29; '41
12/8/00, Marion, Ill.

COOPER, Louise Brown, '31
11/27/00, Geneva, Ill.

SCHULTZ, Edith Martha, '33; '70
12/22/00, Texico, Ill.

SHELBY, Margaret, '33
12/2/00, Herrin, Ill.

ALLEN, Dora Hindman Lence, '35; '44
12/13/00, Anna, Ill.

COPELAND, Wyoma, ex '35
11/28/00, Walnut Hill, Ill.

CLEMINS, Gertrude A., '36
1/6/01, Bluford, Ill.

HUFFMAN, Margaret "Midge," '36
1/17/01, Carbondale, Ill.

PATTERSON, Ruth Swofford, '37
9/6/00, Carbondale, Ill.

BUSCHEK, Mary Eleanor Wright, '38
11/2/00, Chicago, Ill.

TIPPY, Eleanor S., '38
11/25/00, Carterville, Ill.

JOHNSON, Elizabeth B., '39
10/30/00, Macomb, Ill.

MILLS, Lannes D., '39
11/29/00, Sac City, Iowa

BRAYSHAW, Wilma Fay, ex '40
1/27/01, DuQuoin, Ill.

KUPEL, Claudia W., '40; M.S.Ed. '70
11/4/00, Murphysboro, Ill.

FOLEY, Jean K., ex '41
12/31/00, Carbondale, Ill.

KINAST, Velsie "Anita," '41
1/20/01, Moline, Ill.

MCNEILE, Margaret E., '41
10/24/00, Marion, Ill.

SULLIVAN, Maxine Hunsinger, ex '43
11/15/00, Chicago, Ill.

VIECELLI, Jewell Marie, ex '43
10/29/00, Carbondale, Ill.

BAIAR, John M., ex '44
10/26/00, Apopka, Fla.

DOWNEY, Lela Pearce, ex '44
1/8/01, Harrisburg, Ill.

BIRCHLER, Vincent A., '45;
M.S.Ed. '52, 11/3/00, Chester, Ill.

HANCOCK, Samuel O., ex '45
12/11/00, Herrin, Ill.

YOUNG Jr., Walter B., ex '45
7/6/00, Carmi, Ill.

GILLEY, Elmer R.R., '48
1/8/01, Houston, Texas

RUSHING, Mary Elizabeth, '48
12/5/00, Marion, Ill.

COX, Daniel Odell, '49; M.S.Ed. '55
11/10/00, Ava, Ill.

BAKER, Alice Anna, '50; M.S.Ed. '58
1/16/01, Steelville, Ill.

FARMER, Morris D., ex '50
12/12/00, Anna, Ill.

PHHELPS, Roy E., ex '50
1/10/01, Lake of Egypt, Ill.

SCHULTZ, Robert, '50; M.S.Ed. '53
12/26/00, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

PARKS, Evelyn J., ex '51
10/30/00, Harrisburg, Ill.

ROSSI, Romolo H., '51
11/6/99, Plainfield, Ill.

TALIANA, Lawrence, '51; M.S.Ed. '52
10/25/00, Edwardsville, Ill.

BRINKMANN, Erwin H., '52;
M.S.Ed. '57, 11/16/00, Edwardsville, Ill.

O'DANIELL, Lowell R., ex '52
7/22/00, Naples, Fla.

QUINN, Hazel C., '52; M.S.Ed. '64
1/23/01, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

WALKER, James E., '52; M.S.Ed. '57
12/9/00, Carbondale, Ill.

WILLIAMS, Burton J., '53; M.A. '59
11/9/00, Maple Valley, Wash.

DYCUS, Jane, '57; M.S.Ed. '58
11/22/00, Carbondale, Ill.

HILLIARD, Lewis J., '57; M.A. '59
1/17/01, Marion, Ill.

WALLEROWITZ, Lucille N., '57
1/10/01, Marion, Ill.

KILBRETH, Helen, '59
11/22/00, Herrin, Ill.

STOUT, Donald R., '59
11/23/00, Greenville, Ill.

BORGS MILLER, Frederick "Fritz" J., '60
11/24/00, Murphysboro, Ill.

ELLIS, Blanche H., '61
12/15/00, St. Petersburg, Fla.

WALLACE, Bob, '61; M.S. '69
11/26/00, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

AIRD, Wilma Holden, '63; M.S.Ed. '65
1/1/01, Carterville, Ill.

LIENHART, Robert Lee, '64
11/6/00, Champaign, Ill.

SMOTHERS, Terry Rea, '64; M.A. '69
11/30/00, Chicago, Ill.

DYCUS, Harold, M.S. '65
11/22/00, Carbondale, Ill.

STAPEL Jr., Richard Harold, '66
11/13/00, Murphysboro, Ill.

BEDFORD, Emmett Gruner, '67;
Ph.D. '70, 8/30/00, Racine, Wis.

MARBERRY, Michael Loren, '71
12/15/00, Sesser, Ill.

CARR, Frances Nickles, Ph.D. '77
10/22/00, Overland Park, Kan.

HENSON, Linda K., '77
10/7/00, Matamora, Ill.

HOLST, Lois Ellen Dollison, '80;
M.S.Ed. '82, 12/12/00, Murphysboro, Ill.

MUELLER, Phillip Ray, '81; M.A. '83
1/17/01, Chester, Ill.

EDWARDS, Brian Keith, '83
1/21/01, Chatham, Ill.

HEMME, Ralph W., '84
11/25/00, Elgin, Ill.

KIRT, Dorothy, ex '86
10/17/00, Anna, Ill.

PACE, Patricia S., Ph.D. '86
11/17/00, Statesboro, Ga.

OWENS, Jana L., '87
10/23/00, Murphysboro, Ill.

SMEDLEY, Richard Dale, '90; M.A. '92
11/2000, Hoffman Estates, Ill.

BRANDSTETTER, Aaron "AJ" M., '92
12/2000, Spring Grove, Ill.

RITTER, Chandra L., '99
11/12/00, Pinckneyville, Ill.

SMITH, Kimberly, student
10/18/00, Carbondale, Ill.

Faculty & Staff

BILDERBACK, Lester D.
Emeritus Civil Service, Broadcast Engineer
10/26/00, DuQuoin, Ill.

BREWNER, Robert C.
Emeritus Civil Service, Mechanical
Department, 1/12/01, DuQuoin, Ill.

BURNS, Harry "Pat"
Emeritus Civil Service, Electronic Shop, So.
Ill. Airport, 11/2/00, Carbondale, Ill.

COCHRAN, Ray B.
Emeritus Civil Service, Bldg. Services
Supervisor, Physical Plant, 1/10/01,
Makanda, Ill.

HARRISON, Elin Stewart
Emeritus Professor, Theatre
1/14/01, Carbondale, Ill.

HERTWECK, Virginia "Ginny" J.
Clinical Instructor, Department of
Community and Family Medicine,
SIU School of Medicine
12/16/00, Rushville, Ill.

Internationally Known Chemist Dies



Richard T. Arnold, a 1934 graduate of SIU who later gained notoriety as an internationally known organic chemist, died Jan. 16 in Evanston, Ill., following a fall at his home the previous week.

Arnold, 87, was an undergraduate chemistry student at Southern Illinois Normal University, who returned to serve in roles as professor in and chairman of the SIUC Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

from 1970-82. During this last period, he was also Chairman of the Board of *Organic Synthesis Inc.*

Arnold came to the University as a student in the 1930s, living as a guest in the old Thompson House (now a depression in the ground in Thompson Woods just behind the south wing of the Student Center). Following his undergraduate studies here, he earned his M.S. (1935) and Ph.D. (1937) from the University of Illinois.

His long and fruitful academic and industrial careers soon began (including top positions with the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and the Mead Johnson and Co.), eventually ending with his return to SIU, where his love of chemistry was nurtured. Among Arnold's many honors were the American Chemical Society's Award in Pure Chemistry and honorary degrees from Northwestern University and SIU.

Arnold was active in civic affairs, university and departmental committees and published more than 100 scientific papers.

Oldest Known Alum Dies At 101

A man thought to be the oldest known alumnus of Southern Illinois University died recently at the age of 101. Clyde O. Conatser died Nov. 27 at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

Conatser was born in 1899, the same year President William McKinley signed the Treaty of Paris ending the Spanish-American War. That same year, John Dewey published *The School and Society*, the first bottles of Coca-Cola were sold. He graduated from SIU in 1921.

"He was proud of his SIU background," SIUC Interim Chancellor John Jackson recalls. "He often came to the Jackson County Alumni Association's annual spring events, even into his 80s and 90s."

Former Alumni Board President Dies

Dr. Leo Brown, who served on the SIU Alumni Association's Board of Directors, and served as president of the Association from 1948-49, died Jan. 20 in Carbondale at 88.

Brown, a 1932 graduate of SIU, was a co-founder of the Carbondale Clinic, as well as the Hospital Corporation that became Southern Illinois Hospital Service, serving with these organizations from 1946-70.

HICKS, Janice Elaine
Civil Service, Secretary, SIU School of
Medicine, 10/13/00, Springfield, Ill.

MCBRIDE, Charles A.
Emeritus Professor, Spanish
10/19/00, Lufkin, Texas

MORTON, Ward MacKinnon
Emeritus Professor, Political Science
1/19/01, Carbondale, Ill.

NEAL, Charles D.
Emeritus, Educational Administration and
Foundations, 1/6/01, Carbondale, Ill.

NGUYEN, Dinh-Hoa
Emeritus Professor, Linguistics and
Foreign Languages
12/10/00, Mountain View, Calif.

OWENS, Robert L., '86
Admissions & Records, Area Supervisor
10/23/00, Murphysboro, Ill.

SCHAFFER, Joseph "Joe" A.
Emeritus Professor/Director SIU Aviation
Technologies Division,
11/2/00, Eddyville, Ky.

WILLIAMS, Charles Michael
M.S.Ed. '78; Ph.D. '83
Director, Financial Services, Intercollegiate
Athletics, 12/18/00, Carbondale, Ill.

WILLIAMS, Jack Wallis
Emeritus Civil Service
11/22/00, Gladstone, Mo.

WOODBIDGE, Hensley Charles
Emeritus Professor, Spanish
1/10/01, Carbondale, Ill.

A Step Back In Time



One Of His Many Talents...

One of the many talents Dick Gregory exhibited at SIU was his role as a drummer for the school band. Shown here in 1956, Gregory's drum features the old "running dog" Saluki logo, which the Alumni Association recently resurrected for the *Saluki Pride* newsletter.

Author, Historian Influenced By SIU's International Atmosphere

Karen Turner has used her undergraduate experiences at Southern to build an impressive body of work on China and Vietnam, living and working in both countries.

After receiving her master's degree in Asian Studies at Yale, she began work on her doctorate at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where she was offered an extraordinary opportunity.

Turner would join a group of seven American students who would live and study in China for a year — the first Americans allowed to live there long term since 1949. "This was an amazing year for me," she explains. "I had two teenage children, and I left them behind with my husband. It was a big sacrifice."

At Beijing University, she researched early Chinese law, the subject of her dissertation. She read texts that were not available in the United States with Chinese professors, where her command of the Chinese language served her well.

Turner had learned to speak Chinese while at SIU.

"When I expressed interest in learning Chinese— having been inspired by the great historian and SIU teacher, Ping Chia-kuo— the University made a special arrangement to accommodate my desire to move beyond the established curriculum. I owe a great deal to many things that happened at SIU."

Turner returned to China many times, but more recently her work has taken her to Vietnam. In 1993, her husband, Tom Gottschang, was in Hanoi teaching market economies. She joined him and as a result became interested in the war stories that were told by North Vietnamese women.

Her interest in their stories triggered extensive research, including personal histories and a review of creative literature, letters, diaries, poetry, and military reports. Her goal was to write a book and tell their stories.

Even the Women Must Fight: Memories of War from Vietnam was written with the help of Turner's friend and colleague, Vietnamese journalist Phan Thanh Hao, and was published in 1998.

She is now working on a documentary film that will tell the story of women veterans of the Ho Chi Minh Trail and their postwar lives. Using interviews and film footage from Hanoi's military archives to tell the story, the documentary gives special attention to the problems faced by women veterans in Vietnam today.

Hidden Warriors: Women on the Ho Chi Minh Trail, is the film's working title and Turner is hopeful that public broadcasting stations will become interested in airing it.

Because of her dedication to her field of study and support of her alma mater, the SIU Alumni Association proudly salutes Karen Turner.

"I graduated in 1970, when the school was closed because of anti-war protests. I never had a ceremony that honored those of us who had graduated with highest honors. And so the membership in the SIU Alumni Association means a great deal to me. I am always impressed with the accomplishments of those associated with SIU. I want to mention in particular that I think my bent toward global issues can be directly traced to the atmosphere at SIU in the late 1960s.

"The University was far ahead of its time in creating a genuine international atmosphere, inside and outside the classroom. And in the long term, these early years whetted my appetite for academic work and travel in Asia. I have had an interesting life, and I owe a great deal to those formative student years at SIU."



Karen Turner '70 summa cum laude

Professor and Senior Fellow, East Asian Legal Studies, Harvard Law School
History professor, Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass.
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Walking to class at Wheeler Hall, this SIUC student strolls through an entrance framed by spring blossoms.