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Wendler Named Chancellor
SIU Law School Receives $1.2 Million From Neal Estate

A former Southern Illinois University Carbondale professor who died early this year has left more than $1.2 million to the SIU School of Law. The law school will use the money from the estate of Charles D. Neal to create an endowed scholarship fund and to support the school's clinical law program.

Neal, a professor emeritus of education at SIUC, died Jan. 6 in Carbondale at 92.

"Charles was a good friend of the law school," says Thomas Guernsey, dean of the SIU School of Law. "He was an outgoing guy who attended many of the functions here at the law school, and he was impressed with our clinical education program."

Of the $1.2 million estate, $750,000 will go toward the creation of an endowed scholarship fund. Scholarships will go to students from southern Illinois who attend the law school. The balance of the estate is earmarked for student programs in the law school's legal clinic.

"This is an extraordinary bequest to the SIU School of Law," says SIUC Interim Chancellor John Jackson. "It will provide support for legal education at the University for many generations to come. I'm grateful to Charles, and SIUC will use this award to honor his memory."

Neal came to SIUC in 1948 as an associate professor in the education department. In 1950, he became director of student teaching. Neal retired in 1970 as a professor in educational administration and foundations.

"Charles had a real affinity for the law school," says Rebecca O'Neill, an associate clinical professor at the School of Law. "He was always interested in becoming a lawyer and enjoyed interacting with the students."

In addition to his interest in law, Neal was an avid writer. "Charles was obviously a man of many talents," says Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement at SIUC. "I am glad he chose to remember the University in this way. The students in our School of Law will see many benefits because of Charles' generosity."
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ON THE COVER:
New SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler stands outside of the Student Center after his appointment was affirmed by the Board of Trustees on May 9. Wendler, 51, replaces retiring Interim Chancellor John Jackson.

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Southern’s New Leader
Dr. Walter Wendler has been selected as the new chancellor at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Wendler, who comes to the campus from Texas A&M, shares some of his hopes and views for the University.

Madame President
Mary SIUC alumni now serve as presidents at various colleges and universities, including four alumnae who have assumed this key role in the past year. We take a look at these academic leaders, and also profile other Salukis who have climbed to the top of the education field as presidents.

The Legacy Continues
Mary Ellen Beggs knows all about the things an education at Southern can do for a family. Not only is she a graduate, but so are her children, and now her grandchild. Beggs recently returned to see her granddaughter receive her diploma, and reflected on what the University has meant to her family.

Still Just Cookin’ Right Along
For many alumni, returning to Carbondale for a visit always includes a stop at Mary Lou’s Grill for the fabled biscuits and gravy. After decades of home cooking – and down-home friendliness – the Illinois Avenue establishment is still going strong. In addition to the tasty food, the key ingredient in that success is “simply talking to people.”

Extern Experiences Pay Off
The SIU Alumni Association’s award-winning Extern Program continues to pay dividends for students and alumni. Placing talented young people for training in the business world, the hands-on training not only assists SIUC students, but also often leads to a job once a degree is earned.
The last two years have been a self-described whirlwind for Richard Reynolds. While his term as SIU Alumni Association President will officially end on June 30, his contributions to the organization and his alma mater will no doubt continue. Reynolds, who hands the gavel over to Springfield, Ill., resident Don Magee this summer, has served Southern's alumni with grace, dignity and a style all his own. Those of us who have worked closely with him consider the experience a true privilege, while he considers the last two years truly amazing!

"It has been my sincere honor to serve in this capacity," Reynolds says. "I have found and made a number of good friends because of this position and have been touched by the many people who love SIU and want to support the institution in any way they can."

Reynolds entered his stint as president during a turbulent time on campus. Unrest regarding the chancellor's position, coupled with other issues at SIU, immediately placed him on the point for various constituents.

"Some of the pain and problems on campus quickly illustrated the Alumni Association's strength," he says. "It was a key time for us to step forward and represent something that was right with SIU, and our alumni's passion for this institution was certainly evident for all to see."

"As president, I didn't have a magic wand at my disposal to deliver all things that were asked of us, but we certainly tried to be a shining light amid some of the turmoil of those earlier days. Since then, the university has hired a new president (Dr. James Walker), a new athletics director (Paul Kowalczyk), a new Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement (Dr. Rickey McCurry), enjoyed the tremendous leadership of interim Chancellor Dr. John Jackson, and now has selected Dr. Walter Wendler as his replacement. I feel wonderful about where SIU is headed."

For SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger, working with Reynolds has been a pleasure. "We have had some tremendous leaders over the years, and Rick certainly is in the top echelon," he notes. "He is a man of integrity, who in each and every instance was a president determined to make the right decisions for all alumni."

Buerger also admired Reynolds' firm yet affable style. "He was a decisive president - yet one who used compassion and humility as integral parts of the decision-making process. SIU caused our paths to cross, and I have developed a love and admiration for Rick, and his wife, Jewelle, that I will carry with me always."

When I first interviewed Reynolds for Southern Alumni in 1999, it marked 50 years since he had first arrived on this campus from East St. Louis, Ill. Apprehensive about the new surroundings and what the experience might bring, his father had told him to "never back down, do not to show fear, and participate in all things possible in a positive manner." That advice not only worked for the student, but also served him well as our president. I hope I'm considered one of those "new friends" he says he has made during the last two years. I also hope he knows how his passion for the SIU Alumni Association is appreciated. Thanks Rick - your direction, humor and candor will long be remembered.
“Red” Leiter Enjoyed DE Retrospective

What a nice surprise it was to open a recent issue of Southern Alumni and see my name twice – first in John Epperheimer’s fine letter to the editor – and then in Bill Harmon’s story about the Daily Egyptian.

There was only one problem. I can only assume a zealous copy editor decided that surely no academic would use the name “Red,” and as a result changed my name in the story to “Ted.”

For the record, “Red” is, I like to think, an affectionate nickname given me by my parents when I was born with a mop of red hair – long since gone. It is the name I used during my professional newspaper career and later in my academic career at SIU. Members of my family, close personal friends and some colleagues still use it, and that pleases me. I’m also known as “Kelly,” and even “Barnard” in a few circles – and damn few, I’m pleased to say!

I like to think that those who knew me in my SIU days immediately knew that the comments were about “Red” Leiter. And if they don’t, well, we will just chalk it up to the fact that my days at SIU were long, long ago.

Regarding the story in your magazine, it brought back memories of some 30-plus years ago when I would freeze in the winter and roast in the summer in the drafty barracks that was the Egyptian’s home back then.

My memories of those days are as fresh as if they happened only yesterday.

Those years were among the best of my life.

John’s remarks about Howard Long were right on target as well. Dr. Long was an incredible college administrator – to see his vision of a professional daily newspaper on campus come true.

I learned a great deal watching Dr. Long “work” with the central administration, and was able to copy many of his methods during the six years I served as dean of the College of Communications at the University of Tennessee.

I will always be thankful that our paths met in that draifty old shack on the edge of Thompson Woods. I will also always be proud that I played a role in “founding” the Daily Egyptian – certainly one of the finest professional campus dailies in the land.

All my good wishes!

“Red” Leiter
Knoxville, Tenn.

Gregory Feature Draws Various Accolades

Words cannot express the outpouring of appreciation and enthusiasm I have received from the over 100 “friends of Dick Gregory” who received my mailing of your Southern Alumni quarterly magazine.

The general theme of response has been “I’ve known Dick Gregory almost all of my life, but this Southern Alumni coverage of his SIU life for more than 45 years – and his newest book, “Callus On My Soul” – really puts it all in perspective … Thank you SIU!”

Also, the Nation of Islam’s University of Islam requested an extra copy so they could use it as the team “Contemporary American Black History.”

And, the Reverend William Barrow, Chairman of the Board of the Rainbow Push Coalition, said, “Thank you for sending me the Southern Alumni magazine featuring Dick Gregory.

The cover, along with the title of the article, stands out as a reflection of the history of a legend. This is a must read!”

As beneficiary of 36 years of Dick Gregory’s teaching and mentoring that changed my life for the good, I certainly want to say… “SIU – you are the greatest!”

George O’Hare
Hinsdale, Ill.

Editor’s Note: O’Hare, a nationally-recognized motivational speaker and public relations consultant, accompanied Gregory to campus during his recent visit.

Gregory responds to a question during a recent public appearance in Carbondale.
A after his historic visit to Cuba in 1999, Illinois Governor George H. Ryan encouraged state agencies and universities to seek out mutually beneficial relationships with Cuba. With an invitation to visit from the Cuban government in hand, I was pleased to lead a group of 30 delegates on a mission to the Caribbean country this past February.

The delegation was comprised of faculty, researchers and students from SIU Carbondale, the School of Medicine, and SIU Edwardsville. Also joining our delegation were Dr. Hazel Loucks, deputy governor for education, Dr. Keith Sanders, executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, and Lourdes Monteagudo, a member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Former U.S. Senator Paul Simon also joined our group, elevating the status of our mission and helping us gain access to the highest levels of the Cuban government, including a visit with their president, Fidel Castro.

Before arriving in Cuba, our delegation developed four major interests: cooperative research opportunities, specifically in the areas of agriculture, aquaculture and biotechnology; linkages with Cuba's educational system and the potential for SIU to offer programs and sponsor student and faculty exchanges; possible connections between Cuba's community health system and the SIU School of Medicine and other health care related programs; and a potential SIU sponsored symposium on Caribbean affairs to be held on the Carbondale campus.

We received positive feedback in all these areas. We met with officials from the Cuban government and the leadership of the University of Havana. We toured agricultural cooperatives, a community health clinic, a major hospital, a medical school, and a biotechnology research facility. We asked questions and met individually with Cuban researchers and government leaders on many different issues. Governor Pedro Saez of the Havana Province noted in his meeting with our group, "Cuba is not as
Altgeld Renovation Project Taking Shape

The long-planned and long-needed Altgeld Hall renovation project is making slow but sure progress.

The project includes a 20,000-square-foot addition to the 105-year-old Altgeld, now home of the School of Music, improvements to the Old Baptist Foundation, and a corridor that connects Altgeld with Shryock Auditorium. Capital improvement funds from state appropriations will pay for the $10.48-million construction project, approved for fiscal year 2001.

An additional $1 million was requested for movable equipment for fiscal year 2002. In 1996, $574,000 for planning and design was approved for fiscal year 1998. Phillip Gatton, the University’s supervising architect, says he is expecting to put out bid documents in late summer, with faculty and staff moving out in spring 2002.

According to Robert Weiss, director of the School of Music, Altgeld’s needs are many, with temperature and humidity control the utmost priority. "Those lack of controls are literally converting our pianos into tinder," he says. Other instruments also fare poorly when exposed to extreme of heat and cold. And there are acoustical problems in rooms that weren’t intended for practicing when the building was built.

An elevator was installed in Altgeld, but other than that, no renovations have been undertaken since 1957.

Dollinger Wins University’s Top Teacher Award

An SIUC professor who uses autobiographical photo essays, behavior prediction games and an “illusion of control” lottery to teach beginning students the basics of personality study has won the University’s highest teaching award.

Psychologist Stephen Dollinger will receive a $5,000 cash prize in September during SIUC’s annual recognition dinner for faculty and staff. His name also appeared on this spring’s commencement program.

Dollinger’s teaching interests focus on personality, psychotherapy and clinical skills. While he teaches some small, upper-division seminars and supervises intensive, graduate-level training, he particularly shines in the huge, introductory Psychology 305 course, “Psychology of Personality,” says departmental chair Alan Vaux in a letter supporting Dollinger’s nomination.

Vaux quotes testimonials of praise from several of Dollinger’s former students.

“(Dollinger) possesses that rare quality of a deep, genuine and very human interest in all his students,” wrote one. Another wrote, “His devotion to teaching is evident when he knows the names of each student in his lecture hall and addresses them by name after only a few classes.” Wrote a third, “I experienced a sense of closeness and respect in his classes.”

Dollinger joined the SIUC faculty in 1977 after a year’s internship at Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He was promoted in 1981 and again in 1987 and currently serves as the Clinical Center’s training director in addition to his teaching responsibilities.

He and his wife, SIUC psychologist Stephanie Dollinger, live in Carbondale.
**Dogs, Dawgs And Dinners**

SIU's traditional Saluki mascot is taking on a different look thanks to the fund-raisers for Carbondale Community Arts.

A September Night Celebration in downtown Carbondale on Friday, Sept. 21, will feature "Dogs, Dawgs and Dinners," a three-pronged auction that will raise funds for the arts organization and its many educational outreach programs.

The centerpiece of the event is an eBay auction of 15 nearly life-size Salukis especially designed by local artists, many who are SIU School of Art and Design faculty, alumni and friends.

Each Saluki will be unique: "TuTu Salu," for example, is a definite party dawg with a Mardi Gras look; "In Sphinx" (below) replicates the ancient Saluki with an Egyptian motif, and "Saluki Sue," designed in maroon, is perfectly dressed for the Homecoming game.

The Saluki objects of art will appear throughout the summer at various campus and alumni events before making their debut online in mid-September when alumni from all over the country can join the bidding for these highly pedigreed and perfectly behaved champions.

During the final hours of the eBay auction, Carbondale bidders can join in via a "live-feed" from the Carbondale Civic Center. The event, which falls on SIU Family Weekend, will include concerts, receptions and two other auctions – one of traditional dog art and another of a selection of dinners designed and offered by local art aficionados.

Look for information concerning the auction on the SIU Alumni Association web site (siualumni.com) or contact Carbondale Community Arts (618-457-5100).

**Touch Of Nature "Friends" To Dedicate New Gazebo**

The "Friends" of Touch of Nature Environmental Center at Southern Illinois University Carbondale will soon dedicate a newly constructed gazebo added to the large patio area outside Freeberg Hall at Camp 2.

The dedication, set July 17 at 10 a.m., will take place through the efforts of "Friends," a volunteer group that raises funds to pay for projects and provide scholarships for individuals with disabilities to participate in the Therapeutic Recreation programs offered at Touch of Nature's Camp Little Giant.

All the members of the group have a keen interest in special-needs populations, and many members of "Friends" are currently professionals in the field of disability services and are former staff members of Camp Little Giant.

Any former employee, volunteer or interested party is encouraged to attend the dedication of the new gazebo.

For more information, contact Bret Dougherty at 618-453-1121, ext. 221, or e-mail him at bretd@tonec.siu.edu.

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**SIUC Adds Roger Neuhaus To Advancement Team**

Roger Neuhaus, vice president for development at Finley Tri-States Health Group and executive director of the Finley Health Foundation in Dubuque, Iowa, will return to Southern this summer as associate vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement.

Neuhaus, 40, will coordinate SIUC's development officers and will work closely with Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry on a variety of projects, including the planning and implementation of the University's first comprehensive campaign. His appointment is effective July 1.

"I'm delighted that Roger will return to SIUC," says McCurry. "His energy and enthusiasm, coupled with his knowledge of the University, will help us increase fund-raising efforts across the state and nation."

Neuhaus says he is "excited to have the opportunity to contribute to the University's renewed efforts within Institutional Advancement."

Neuhaus is no stranger to the University. He worked at the SIU Alumni Association from 1989 to 1993, serving as assistant director for corporate relations and chapter development. He served as the Alumni Association's assistant director for chapter relations from 1986 to 1987, and also worked for SIUC's Parents' Association and the old University Relations unit while completing his master's degree in higher education (1990).

He left SIUC to take a position with Loras College in Dubuque, where he served as director of corporate and foundation relations for three years before being promoted to senior development officer.

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**Microbiologist Madigan Wins Top Academic Honor**

Michael Madigan, a microbiologist with an international reputation, has won the University's top academic honor.

Conferred each year since 1984, the Outstanding Scholar Award honors research and creative activity and carries with it a $5,000 cash prize. Madigan was honored for his accomplishments during the Graduate School's May commencement ceremony.

Madigan specializes in anoxygenic phototrophic bacteria – tiny organisms living in airless environments and making energy from sunlight. This research has won him roughly $1.3 million in research grants from such federal agencies as the National Science Foundation and the departments of Energy and Agriculture.

His work has taken Madigan all around the world. Along the way, he himself has discovered and described several new organisms. His peers have called him the world's leading scientist in this area.
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Interim Chancellor John Jackson believes it's crucial that the University spend more time, energy and money toward marketing the institution.

Ultimately, such efforts will enhance SIUC's image, build enrollment and pave the way for a successful capital campaign, Jackson says. In a news conference in April, he released a report written by the Marketing and Image Task Force which he created last year. SIUC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Larry Dietz and Associate Chancellor Raymond Lenzi chaired the group.

"I've been impressed with the need for us to develop a coherent message and a strategy for getting the same message out to our various publics," Jackson says. The task force recommends establishing an integrated marketing program on campus—a program that would tie together various marketing efforts with appropriate messages and themes. Members suggest making the effort a cooperative one, with responsibility resting in two vice chancellor areas: Institutional Advancement, and Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

Other suggestions range from repositioning SIUC in terms of price, hiring a full-time marketing director, and establishing a substantial marketing budget that would grow gradually. Five years from now, the budget would level out at $3.5 million annually.

SIUC Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry believes the ultimate success will be measured by the success of a future capital campaign.

"The group provided excellent leadership for our future efforts," McCurry says. "It's important that we accept this as a general blueprint that can be used as we move forward, building our efforts to enhance the public's understanding of SIUC. It contains interesting and exciting possibilities that will help us succeed in many efforts across campus."

**The 11 recommendations call for:**

1. Establishing an integrated marketing effort.
2. Conducting an internal marketing campaign to raise awareness and boost morale.
3. Repositioning SIUC's price upward to reflect the quality of its educational programs.
4. Establishing a starting marketing and advertising budget no less than $500,000 annually.
5. Hiring a full-time marketing director.
6. Initiating a targeted radio advertising campaign.
7. Hiring an advertising agency to make complicated media buys.
8. Reasserting SIUC's position as a top undergraduate research institution in Illinois.
9. Increasing support for SIUC's main Web operations.
10. Making campus improvements to increase market strength, including maintaining and increasing faculty and staff salaries and boosting the budget of Admissions and Records by $300,000 annually.
11. Adopting a positioning statement that reflects SIUC's unique mission, location and contributions.

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**Former SIUC First Lady Joyce Guyon Dies From Fall**

Former Southern first lady Joyce Guyon, died June 8 from head injuries following a fall at her home in Carbondale. Guyon, 66, earned a Masters degree at SIUC in 1981 in elementary education. During John Guyon's tenure as University president, Joyce devoted much of her time to volunteer projects at both SIUC and in the community. She was able to balance volunteer work with responsibilities teaching elementary school in Cobden, Ill., where she taught until retiring in 1997. This spirit of active participation in her community continued until her death.

No one appreciated her passion for helping others more than Carbondale Mayor Neil Dillard. "She was a tough taskmaster, but she got the work done," he says. "We all will miss her energy, enthusiasm, and organization that she brought to so many projects."

In addition to her husband, Joyce is survived by a son, John C. Guyon II; a daughter, Cynthia Joan Guyon; and three grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be mailed to the Carbondale Community Arts, 115 W. Sycamore, Carbondale, Ill., 62901.
Wendler answers questions from the media during last month's press conference.

Southern's New Leader

Wendler Named Chancellor
by Gene Green

A new chapter will soon begin at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, as Walter Wendler prepares to initiate his role as SIUC chancellor on July 1. Wendler, the Vice Chancellor for Planning and System Integration at Texas A&M University, replaces retiring interim chancellor John Jackson.

In making the announcement May 7, SIU President James Walker described Wendler as the "right person at the right time to lead SIU Carbondale into the future. His strong background and experience in higher education stand him in an excellent position to lead this campus forward."

"Dr. Wendler was our first choice, and he has told me SIU Carbondale was his first choice. I am delighted he is coming to this great University."

Wendler, 51, says he is extremely pleased to be chosen as the new chancellor. "There are many opportunities to build on the excellent tradition at SIUC, and I will work to build on the accomplishments of the excellent faculty, staff, students, and many friends of SIUC. Challenges and opportunities exist for this great University, and I am anxious to get started and become a part of the team."

The new chancellor says one of his first priorities at Southern will be hiring a permanent provost. "I want to get started this summer so we will be early in the process," he notes. "I'd like to have someone start no later than about this time next year, as this key academic position affects the quality of teaching, research and outreach. It's the position that helps establish the educational quality of SIU Carbondale and establish the tone for faculty members and the work they do."

"We need to have a permanent provost who will work with the dynamic management team already assembled here. We need the kind of provost that Southern deserves – nothing less than first rate."

Another item of interest centers on a long-range plan for the future of the SIUC campus.

"I think the institution will benefit from a long-range plan, a self-study. What do we think this campus will look like in 15, 20 or 25 years? I want to focus on the long-range view for Southern and get to a place we can all commit to."

"In a sense, that part of the process has already started on one level with the land use plan that was created with much input from faculty, staff and students. It seems to have been well done, and I'm impressed that the participation in the process was so high. Now the trick is -- is there some action that will follow?"

Despite various challenges ahead, Wendler is delighted to be starting this phase of his professional career.

"It (accepting the SIUC position) was the right time, and this is a great oppor-

Graduate School Interim Dean John Koropchak had a chance to meet Wendler during a recent visit to campus.
tunity,” he says. “Although I was in three other searches, Southern was my first choice. I’m not afraid of failure – at all. On the other hand, complacency scares me to death. I’m not afraid to make mistakes because we all make them.

“I wouldn’t want anyone to think I am capricious in my actions. I think risk – if it’s intelligent risk, well-assessed risk – makes sense. Institutions of higher education have become so risk averse they have become calcified, and that is dangerous – I am willing to take some risk to move forward.”

Wendler already has established some goals, including spreading Southern’s message to a large audience.

“I think the image, the reputation that Southern carries out into the world, is probably good but could be stronger, and it probably needs to extend farther. Our note needs to resonate longer. I think 500 miles or a thousand miles from here, people should understand how good Southern Illinois University Carbondale is. Strategies need to be developed that will help spread that word. I know that the staff here has already been diligently working on it, and we need to be persistent and recognize the great challenge in building a national and an international reputation.”

Wendler feels some of SIUC’s hallmark programs already help enhance this reputation.

“I think every University has spikes of excellence – key programs that make it well known. For example, I know that the journalism program ranks among the best in the nation as does the Rehabilitation Institute and the creative writing program. The forestry department has made a name for itself too. And there are many others.

“Often those programs can lead the way in establishing a strong reputation that will benefit all programs while enhancing the value of an institution’s degree. SIUC also benefits when her alumni succeed. It all reflects back and enhances the image.”

While Wendler openly views a beautiful campus, he inwardly sees an institution ready for stability.

“Under the Board’s leadership and the President’s leadership, the stage is set,” he says. “It is important that stability exists in the administrative ranks, and I think the commitment is there. From my perception as an outsider coming into this, I think the faculty, students, and staff desire that, too.

“They want an organization they will have some confidence in. They need to know it will be there and that there is a commitment for the long haul. Most seem determined to take an already fine institution and make it even finer – and that’s exciting.”

Editor’s Note: Thanks to SIUC Public Affairs Director Sue Davis. Some quotes from an interview with Wendler following the May 9 Board of Trustees confirmation appear in this article. Her full interview may be found in the May 16 edition of Southern Windows.

The Wendler File

A registered architect, Walter Wendler was appointed to his present position at Texas A&M in September 1999. While with the Texas A&M System Office, he directed a university-wide planning project that has set significant directions for the 10 universities, eight agencies and the Health Science Center that comprise the A&M system.

Texas A&M enrolls more than 90,000 students and has an annual budget of $1.8 billion. SIUC and Texas A&M are both Carnegie Doctoral/Research-Extensive institutions. His expertise was tapped repeatedly for leading complex negotiations with various internal and external groups.

Wendler served as executive assistant to the president of Texas A&M University from 1997 to 1999, leading a long-term strategic planning process called Vision 2020. His tenure there stretches back 20 years as a faculty member and administrator. During that time, he’s served as dean and professor of the College of Architecture, head of the Department of Architecture, executive associate dean of the College of Architecture, and as a faculty member.

He was the inaugural holder of the William M. Pena Professorship in Information Management, an endowed chair in the College of Architecture. He advanced through the ranks from assistant professor to associate professor and then to full professor.

Wendler was on the faculty at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge from 1975 to 1981. He holds a bachelor’s degree in environmental design from Texas A&M University, a master’s of architecture from the University of California (Berkeley) and a doctorate in education from the University of Texas. He has won Texas A&M’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

Wendler grew up in Northport, N.Y., and he and his wife, Mary, have two grown sons, Walter III, and Bradley.
Southern Grad Appointed New York Secretary Of State

by Codell Rodriguez

When Randy Daniels graduated from SIUC in 1973, he took great pride in letting people know where he went to school. He continues to do so even now as the Secretary of State of New York.

Daniels, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in radio-television and government, was appointed secretary of state April 12 by New York Governor George Pataki. He was officially sworn in on May 6 in Harlem, NY.

"It's a great honor and a significant responsibility," says Daniels.

His office, which is the oldest in New York after the governor's and lieutenant governor's, carries responsibilities such as overseeing waterways, the training of 150,000 volunteer firefighters and licensing of everything from real estate agencies to beauticians.

Before carrying this position in New York, Daniels hailed from Chicago, Ill. He says his decision to attend SIUC came from the highly regarded Radio-Television Department and the Saluki baseball team. Daniels originally wanted to be a baseball player, but when he arrived, the team had been to the College World Series and was not accepting walk-ons.

"I then poured all my energy into journalism and political science, and the rest is history," notes Daniels.

When Daniels attended SIUC, he went to school amid protests concerning the Vietnam War and the civil rights movement. "It was a time of social upheaval and change," Daniels remembers. "It was an invigorating time for me."

Daniels says another bonus was that he was attending a school that produced NBA Hall of Fame basketball player Walt Frazier. Daniels has become acquainted with Frazier, who now announces for the New York Knicks, and speaks with him whenever he has the chance. "Whenever I see him, we talk about going to SIU."

Daniels also has pleasant memories of SIUC because of the people he met here, such as Anthony Sanchez. Sanchez, who now works with Consortium for Harlem Central Development, roomed with Daniels in the now nonexistent Clark Hall and still retains a friendship with him. "The real friendships you have last forever and ever," says Sanchez.

After graduating from SIUC, Daniels went on to get a job as a copy boy at CBS News. He then worked his way up to reporter and eventually became a foreign correspondent, covering stories like the war in Rhodesia and the hostage crisis in Iran.

Daniels' other achievements include serving as press secretary to the prime minister in the Bahamas from 1993 to 1995 and being named vice chairman of the State University of New York Board of Trustees. He still serves as the chairman of the investment committee, co-chair of the committees on general education and charter schools, and is a member of the executive and finance committees.

After all his achievements and recent positions of power, Daniels never forgets the school that gave him his education.

"I think one of the best things I ever did was to attend SIU," Daniels says. "I'm grateful I got to attend a school of that caliber." He notes Southern is a well-known school, even in New York, where about 50 alumni attended his inauguration.

Daniels continues to wear an SIU baseball cap with pride and feels his education is the key factor in his success. He also believes anyone can achieve what he has, as long as they have a good education.

"You never know what a person is truly capable of until you give them a good education," Daniels stresses. "Once you do that, the sky's the limit."

— Rodriguez is a reporter for the Daily Egyptian.
A Sign of the Times

Women at the Top of Higher Education
by Greg Scott

After almost 40 years of serving as a teacher and higher education administrator, Mary Jo Oldham '64, M.S. '66, Ph.D. '76 has witnessed some changes, in particular, an enhanced self-esteem in female students.

As Oldham reflects on becoming the first female president of Southeastern Illinois College, a community college in Harrisburg, Ill., she is proud of additional opportunities that are now accessible to women and minorities. As a result, women she interacts with on a daily basis perhaps have even loftier expectations than Oldham and her classmates some 40 years ago.

"There is a tremendous difference in young women today. They truly believe the sky is the limit," she says. "I chat with women who are headed toward careers in engineering, law, medicine, administration, and other roles that were traditionally thought of as positions for men.

"They realize that they have to pay their dues and perform well, but they plan on being successful in pursuit of their goals."

Perhaps these young women should pay homage to Oldham and other leaders making their mark after overcoming barriers in society. She is one of four SIUC alumnae who have ascended to the presidency of a college or university within the last academic year. Joining Oldham are Cameron Martindale '68 of Troy State University Montgomery, Algenia Freeman MS '72 of Livingstone College in Salisbury, N.C., and Beverley Byers-Pevitts MA '67, Ph.D. '80 of Park University in Parkville, Mo.

These four Southern alumnae took diverse journeys to their respective destinations; however, they share a common bond. As they lead their respective institutions into the 21st century, each woman embraces the challenges that any university or college chief executive officer will encounter.

However, their impact goes beyond the academic setting. In addition to achieving their goals and objectives as presidents, they accept the opportunity to serve as role models for young women who are striving to make their own mark in society.

Three of the four alumnae featured in this story are the first women to serve in the role of president at their respective university or college. As the second female selected as TSUM president, Martindale is the lone exception. She still, however, cherishes the role of mentoring other women.

"I speak to women's groups — especially young female leaders — all the time," she says. "When I was growing up, we were taught that there were only so many pieces to the pie. People encouraged us to become cheerleaders and participate in other activities where there were just a few positions available."

"But I try to teach women that we need to work together to expand that pie. Those of us who have been successful have an obligation to bring young women to the table. As women, we still have to work a little harder, be a little brighter and more creative. But the opportunities are there."

From a rural community college in southern Illinois, to an urban downtown university in Montgomery, Ala., and Christian liberal arts colleges in Salisbury, N.C., and Parkville, Mo., these four leaders in higher education recently shared their experiences, perspectives and aspirations.

MARY JO OLDHAM

Whether it was during her time as a young girl growing up in tiny Shawneetown, Ill., or her days as a resident fellow at Woody Hall on campus, there was never any doubt in Mary Jo Oldham's mind which career path she would take.

"As a little girl, my hopes and dreams were to be a teacher. It wasn't one of those things I suddenly discovered in high school," she says.

The veteran administrator describes herself as someone who "has been in the trenches many years." Her 32-year tenure as an instructor began in 1964, immediately after earning the first of her three home economics education degrees from Southern. She taught at two southern Illinois high schools and was the founding instructor of both the home economics and child care and guidance programs at Southeastern Illinois College (SIC).

Five years later, Oldham was a division chair at Southeastern, where her responsibilities included supervising and
evaluating other instructors. She also taught child psychology and educational psychology courses. After 26 years in this role, SIC named her vice president for instruction in 1995.

“During my later years of teaching, I started thinking about a career in administration,” she says. “I had some hopes and dreams for this institution and wanted the opportunity to see some of those come to pass.”

Oldham received this opportunity in August when she was named SIC president.

“I was terribly humbled and honored when our board offered me the position because they selected me – I didn't apply,” she says. “My position as vice president was challenging, and I enjoyed it, but I was ready to take that next step in my career.”

SIC is a public, comprehensive, two-year community college near Harrisburg, Ill., approximately one hour east of Carbondale. She lives with her husband, Larry Morgan ’64, in nearby Shawneetown, Ill. A lifelong southern Illinois resident, Oldham says spending her entire professional career in her home region has been an asset.

“People know I care about their needs and the development of this area. Therefore, I'm trusted and have credibility,” she says. “A number of people know me because I have taught their children, grandchildren or friends.”

A three-degree graduate of Southern, Oldham was active in clubs, organizations, and sororities on campus. She enjoyed her SIUC experience, in particular, members of the University community who served as positive role models. She credits experiences she received at the University for her subsequent success in higher education.

“I was not from a college-oriented family. My attending SIU was a new experience for all of us,” she says. “I had wonderful instructors who encouraged and brought the best out of me. I wouldn't have had the wonderful career I've enjoyed without these people.”

CAMERON MARTINDALE

Early in her career, Cameron Martindale created and taught in developmental programs for military personnel across the country. She was working on her doctorate in adult education from Auburn University in 1986 when she heard about an intriguing job opportunity at Troy State University Montgomery (TSUM).

The university was searching for a student recruitment director. TSUM is an adult university focused primarily on serving non-traditional students. Martindale’s dissertation focused on removing barriers that non-traditional students encounter. A former elementary school teacher, Martindale accepted the position, but initially thought it was just a temporary hiatus from her first love.

“My mindset was to stay a couple of years and then return to teaching,” she says. “But I was having so much fun. It's a small institution, and you can bring new ideas to fruition.”

After spearheading an increase in the university’s enrollment figures, Martindale received opportunities to serve TSUM in several other positions, including a stint as vice president for institutional advancement from 1993 to 1999. She played a major role in Troy State's first-ever capital fund-raising campaign. Martindale was a project officer for TSUM's Rosa Parks Library and Museum, which recently opened in honor of the civil rights activist.

During the 1997-98 academic year, she spent a semester at the University of Miami under the mentorship of its president during a post-doctoral fellowship. She also visited six universities in the United Kingdom and attended American Council on Education seminars in St. Petersburg, Fla., Portland, Ore., and Washington, D.C.

“That fellowship was designed to learn about senior leadership,” she says. “All of us in education are really a part of one large academy. It was a tremendous experience that made me think nationally and internationally, much more than I had before.”

Nearly 15 years after arriving on campus, Martindale was officially inaugurated as TSUM president in October. “I kept receiving new challenges and opportunities,” says Martindale, who served as interim president for a year prior to her permanent appointment. “I just fell in love with the mission and never found time to leave.”

The average TSUM student is 27 years old, with a median graduation age of 33. Ninety percent of the students work full time. The university recruits students through media outlets and corporate relationships, as opposed to visiting high schools. Martindale says many of these students decide to pursue a college education later in life to achieve their career aspirations.
"We don't have athletic programs, fraternities or sororities. Our focus is on the instructional component of the institution because our students have so many other responsibilities," she says. "As president of this university, my challenges are not disciplinary problems in the classroom. My problems with students will occur when they're knocking on my door because a faculty member is 10 minutes late for class.

"We have a very collegial relationship with our students and consider ourselves partners in the teaching-learning dynamic. One of my primary responsibilities is serving the needs of adult students in higher education. This is a mission to which I have devoted my life."

ALGEANIA FREEMAN

While each woman profiled in this feature has overcome barriers and prejudices in pursuit of success in higher education, Algeania Freeman—the only African-American in the group—may have had to work even harder to accomplish her goals.

"As an African-American female, I was always made to feel that I wasn't good enough. Whether those thoughts were related to my race or gender, that has always been a factor," she says. "Therefore, while other people were sleeping, I was working 22- and 23-hour days trying to prove I was good enough. I've always made a commitment to work harder and try to be ahead of the game."

A native of Benson, N.C., Freeman began her career as an instructor at Norfolk State University in 1973. She has served as either an administrator or faculty member at several institutions, including Morgan State University, East Tennessee State University, Orange Coast College, and North Carolina A&T University.

As a tenured professor of Speech Communications at Norfolk State University, she holds the distinction of being named to Who's Who Among America's Best Teachers, as selected by America's Best Students. She has also served as vice president of Advancement and Program Development at South California College and acting vice president of Advancement at Norfolk State.

Freeman earned a doctorate in speech communication from Ohio State University in 1977 and has completed postdoctoral study at Harvard University.

In February, with 27 years of experience in higher education as an administrator, professor, and fundraiser under her belt, Freeman became the first female president of Livingstone College in Salisbury, N.C., a small Christian liberal arts school of 1,018 students. The college has a rich history of 122 years and produced the first-ever African-American neurosurgeon. Freeman plans to establish Livingstone as a premier liberal arts college. The university is launching a capital campaign to support several projects. She also has aspirations of enhancing the college's academic excellence and community partnerships.

Freeman says her rise to the presidency of this college is indicative of some positive change taking place in society. "I'm grateful for the opportunity women are getting to demonstrate that we can serve as excellent leaders," she says. "We probably bring a unique perspective to the table. I'm excited to see more women being selected to serve as presidents and chancellors of higher education institutions."

Although women are attaining senior-level administrative positions, Freeman says more work needs to be done.

"There are always little indignities that occur to remind you of who you are and where your place is," she says. "But you have to be confident within yourself not to allow others to chart your course. You should have faith in God to determine your destiny."

Freeman and her husband, Ernest, the director of planning for the City of Norfolk, appear to have passed this work ethic on to their son, Ernest III. He is an honor roll student and a football player at Stanford University.

"It took a lot of hard work to get him to Stanford, but we wanted him to have self-confidence and believe that he could achieve and be successful," she says.

BEVERLEY BYERS-PEVITTS

When she began her career in higher education, Beverley Byers-Pevitts was one of six women on a faculty of 80 at a small liberal arts institution. She later became a dean at the University of Northern Iowa, where she was the lone female to hold this position at an institution of 13,000 students.

Just imagine how Byers-Pevitts felt when she joined Texas Woman's University (TWU), a co-educational institution with a mission of educating women and developing female leaders as provost and vice president for academic affairs in 1995. "It was a wonderful fit because I had always been committed to women's education," she says. "It was moving and amazing to me when I attended my first commencement and discovered that 75 percent of the faculty were women. Of course, that wasn't what I had been used to."

Once she agreed to become the first
female president in the 126-year history of Park University and began her duties this month, Byers-Pevitts was aware that she was returning to another institution where women are a minority. But, she says, Park's intangibles made the offer too good to pass up.

An independent, Christian liberal arts university, Park has a minority enrollment rate of 31 percent, the largest of any predominantly white institution in the Midwest. It is also ranked in the top 100 baccalaureate-granting schools for graduating African-Americans and has been similarly recognized for Hispanic students.

Located just 15 minutes from downtown Kansas City, Park's home campus student body represents 30 states and 80 countries. Of Park's 17,000 students nationwide, 4,000 are in the Kansas City area, and 13,000 are in 20 states and 60 locations.

"Park's commitment to access and participation is one of the reasons I was drawn to the institution," Byers-Pevitts says. "It's important that we reach out to all of our communities, whether its distance learning students or students on its campus."

In addition, she experienced some warm feelings and sense of connection when she discovered that Park University was former SIU President Delyte Morris' alma mater. While completing her master's in theater at Southern in the '60s, Byers-Pevitts became quite fond of Morris.

"I was very moved by Delyte Morris. He opened the University up to global education and he believed in access for everyone," she says. "He developed something special at SIU that I hope to carry with me for the rest of my career."

Byers-Pevitts has some previous experience as a university CEO. She served as interim president/CEO of Texas Woman's University (TWU), which has campuses in Denton, Dallas, and Houston, in 1999. She was provost and vice president for academic affairs at TWU from 1995 to 2000, and is a tenured performing arts professor.

"TWU gave me the privilege of serving as a president. I really enjoyed the experience, and that encouraged me to look for a university that would be a good fit," she says. "Park University has a rich heritage as a liberal arts institution traditionally. It also has a contemporary mission appropriate to the changing world of higher education. It is committed to distance learning, which I worked a lot with at TWU."

Prior to joining TWU, Byers-Pevitts was the dean of Humanities and Fine Arts at the University of Northern Iowa; chair and director of graduate studies of the department of theatre arts at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and the director of speech and drama at Kentucky Wesleyan College. She is an accomplished playwright whose works have been nationally premiered.

Byers-Pevitts and her husband, Bob, were joint recipients of SIUC's Distinguished Theater Alumnus Award for Outstanding Achievement as Artists/Administrators. Byers-Pevitts has also received the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival Award for Excellence. U.S. President George W. Bush bestowed an honor on Byers-Pevitts in 1999. The former Texas governor named her to the 14-person Governor's Commission for Women. The Commission worked with Bush and the current First Lady to formulate goals and objectives promoting and recognizing women.

Like Oldham, Martindale and Freeman, Byers-Pevitts recognizes the importance of leadership and influencing women who follow her.

"Most of my life in higher education has been devoted to moving women forward and supporting their pursuit of education. That commitment has led me to understand that I was also a leader," she says. "It isn't necessarily something you set out to do. But due to your research, dedication and the activities you partake in to benefit your own soul and development, leadership is a byproduct of those experiences."

Beverley Byers-Pevitts and her husband, Bob Pevitts MA '67, Ph.D. '80, are past recipients of SIUC's Distinguished Theater Alumnus Award for Outstanding Achievement.
SOUTHERN GRADUATES STILL MAKING HIGH MARKS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

As the four women featured in "Women at the Top in Higher Education" – Cameron Martindale, Algeania Freeman, Beverly Byers-Pevitts and Mary Jo Oldham – lead their institutions into the 21st century, some other Southern alumni have already enjoyed prosperous careers as chief executive officers in higher education.

Sister Francesca Onley, who received a doctorate of philosophy in higher education administration from SIUC in 1985, has served as president of Holy Family College in Philadelphia since 1981.

Sister Francesca is considered a dynamic leader who has led Holy Family College through a period of substantial growth and development. Some of her significant accomplishments include the construction of College Center, an 85,500-square-foot multi-purpose facility for students, in 1988, and a 44,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art, high-tech educational facility in 1997.

SIUC alumni have also made their mark internationally. After completing her doctorate in higher education in 1975, Indrani Michael returned to India, where she was named principal (equivalent to a college president) at the Women’s Christian College in Madras. She has been a most effective leader of this women’s college.

Suzuko Mita ’68, M.S./’69, Ph.D. ’75, featured in the December issue of Southern Alumni, served 12 years as president of Obirin Junior College in Tokyo. Prior to serving in this position, she was appointed chair of the home economics department at Obirin in 1976, making her the youngest chair in the department at the time.

Several other SIUC alumni are making their mark as chief executive officers at institutions worldwide. The following is a list of alumni currently serving in presidential positions at universities and colleges worldwide:

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Mary Ellen Beggs arrived on this campus for the 1938 winter term on a Sunday afternoon. She rented a room for $2 a week at the Sizemore House on Normal Street, where she lived with eight other girls.

Memories of those first exciting college days at Southern Illinois Normal University are still fresh in Beggs' mind. "When you entered Old Main for registration, a large blackboard directed you to a room and a time for you to register alphabetically." She remembers it taking about an hour to complete the forms.

"At the Wednesday morning chapel program at Shryock, each student was assigned a seat number, and attendance was taken. The auditorium was always filled," Beggs recalls.

Although things on campus have changed — no more Old Main, no required chapel, no tuition for $17.50 per term — Beggs began a legacy in 1938 that continues today with her granddaughter's May graduation. "SIU has and is continuing to educate the Beggs family," Mary Ellen proudly proclaims.

Her husband, Carl D. Beggs, entered SINU in 1933 and was issued a limited state elementary school certificate. He later returned to earn his bachelor's degree in 1958 and taught in the Harrisburg area until his death in May of 1966.

The couple's son, Samuel G. Beggs '75, taught school before earning his juris doctor in 1990 from SIU School of Law. He practiced law in Harrisburg, the family's hometown, and is now a judge in the First Judicial Circuit for the State of Illinois.

His sister, Drex Ellen Beggs Armstrong, owns and operates an antique shop in Springfield, Ill., and lives in nearby Rochester, where her husband, David, is the new mayor. After receiving a master's in education in 1968, she taught school and worked in the state government until retiring this year.

Beggs' granddaughter, Laura Ellen Armstrong, who just received her degree with honors in psychology, admits, "It is nice having Grandma nearby."

Beggs is fond of recalling what it was like for her 60 years ago. By the time she graduated in 1941 she had already gained some real-world experience. When the teacher who had supervised her practice teaching term at Carterville High School was inducted into the military service, the school principal asked Beggs to arrange her class schedule so she could teach the
They furnished transportation and paid me $50 a month," she recalls.

As graduation grew close, a check by her faculty advisor discovered that Beggs, who was a history major, needed just one more class to have a minor in mathematics. "He told me, 'The woods are full of history teachers;' so I took one more math class that spring and never did teach a history class," she recalls.

Staying in southern Illinois, Beggs began her career teaching math at Carrier Mills High School, retiring in 1986 as head of the math department at Harrisburg High School. She has a soft spot in her heart for one of the many SIU student teachers she supervised — Donald Beggs, former SIUC Chancellor and now president of Wichita State University.

"Don was a student in my math class at Harrisburg High School and also my student teacher from SIU. We always joke about there being no relation."

The Harrisburg Business and Professional Women's Club named Beggs "Woman of the Year," and she is an active member of the Saline Association for Retarded Children and Coleman Tri-County Workshop Board, which serves 300 mentally disabled clients in southern Illinois.

Beggs was a student in 1925 in a one-room country school with no electricity and only a large coal stove for heat. Her scholarship to the University just down the road made possible a fulfilling career and a collection of memories from the days when everyone's classes were held in Old Main.

Another Family Tree Full Of Salukis

The family tree of Rosalee Boreup '97 is full of Salukis. "Our family's great alumni record runs up to the future SIU Salukis pictured below," says Boreup. Her granddaughters are Hunter, one year, and Autumn, who is nine. They are daughters of Rebecca and Patrick Weise '93 who live in Freesoile, Mich., where Patrick is in law enforcement for the National Forest Service. He played on the SIUC football team all four years at SIU.

Other alumni include Boreup's father, Charles Auld '42, a retired teacher who lives in Oakdale, Ill.; her sister, Pam Jacobs '76 of Waterloo, Ill.; her brother, Veron Auld '84 of Oakdale; and her brother-in-law, Wayne Collmeyre '70, M.S. '72 of Waterloo.

Finally, Boreup's son, Eric, is currently on campus as a senior majoring in the computer technology program.

Boreup, a counsel for SAFE (Sexual Assault Family Emergencies), and her husband, Larry, live in Nashville, Ill.

"My education from SIUC was full of enrichment from some great professors," Boreup says. "Most of all, I am proud to tell everyone that I am a graduate of the University."
Southern Illinois University Carbondale hosted its commencement ceremonies on campus in May. Ten ceremonies were conducted from the university's major academic units. During the weekend, nine prominent alumni received the Alumni Achievement Award. Photos and career biographies of the recipients follow:

The College of Agriculture presented its Alumni Achievement Award to John Moody '66. Moody retired from Dow AgroSciences/ Eli Lilly & Company after 34 years in sales and marketing. He most recently served as the company's manager of distribution planning. He is past president of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors.

William Szelag '73,'74 received the Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Szelag is the manager of regional service with General Motors in Pontiac, Mich.

Valerie Bottel Ceckowski '80,'83 received the Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Education. Ceckowski is an associate judge in the 19th Judicial Circuit in Waukegan, Ill.

The College of Liberal Arts selected James Morton Smith '41 for the Alumni Achievement Award. He is director emeritus of Henry Francis duPont Winterthur Museum in Elkton, Md. He has been president of Summerthur Ltd., a historical research and consulting corporation since 1984.

Rox Bailey '73 received the Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Business and Administration. Bailey is the president and chief executive officer of Mr. Coffee Concepts Inc. in Charlotte, N.C.

The College of Engineering presented its Alumni Achievement Award to Bruce Riter '72. Riter is an attorney at law at his own law practice in Los Altos, Calif.

The College of Mass Communication and Media Arts presented its Alumni Achievement Award to Michael Leary '74. Leary, who has served on the college's alumni advisory board since 1995, is senior vice president and director of broadcast production for FCB Worldwide in Chicago.

Jeffrey Plesko '77 was the recipient of the School of Law Alumni Achievement Award. Plesko is director of the Legal Advocacy Service, one of three divisions of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission in Anna, Ill.

The College of Science presented its Alumni Achievement Award to Leslie Sims '58. He is the vice provost at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

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bad as you hear, and we are not as good as we appear."

Indeed, the community health system in Cuba seems to be working. An emphasis on primary care and medical education appears to serve their citizens well. Cuba may not have the latest medical equipment or medication, but, in general, the citizens seem to be healthy and well cared for. In the area of biotechnology, delegation members report that Cuba is making great strides and investing many resources in this growing area. In some cases, Cuba is more advanced in biotechnology research than is the U.S.

Our mission now is to develop practical and useful ways to partner with our new Cuban colleagues. SIU faculty and researchers are exploring exchanges with Cuban scientists that might result in joint research projects, or perhaps faculty and student exchanges. Potential exchanges of health-education faculty between SIU and Cuba may teach us more about their system of health care while we share with them our expertise in primary health care.

On the final day of the mission, Paul Simon and I had the unique opportunity to sit down with President Fidel Castro and discuss a variety of issues. During the nearly six-hour meeting, we talked about the health-care system in Cuba as compared to the U.S.; the economy and the effect of the U.S. embargo on the island nation; and ways in which SIU can be an educational partner with Cuba. Our frank discussion with Castro was enlightening, thought-provoking and often entertaining. Paul Simon may have put it best: Castro would not choose our system of government, and we certainly would not choose his. That does not mean, however, that the two countries should not work together for the advancement of our peoples. Indeed, we must find ways to cooperate and build the bridges that one day will reconnect Cuba and the U.S. It is in our best interest as a nation, a state and a university.

President Walker, Magic Johnson Team Up In Japan

During his inaugural trip to Japan this spring, SIU President James Walker enjoyed something uniquely American: a basketball game featuring former NBA great Earvin "Magic" Johnson's All-Star team.

Jared Dorn, director of SIUC's Office of International Programs and Services and former head of the Niigata campus, accompanied Walker as tour guide. They saw the Asian campus before joining the governor of Niigata for the pro basketball exposition, played at the Eastern Sports Center in neighboring Niigata City.

Walker hosted Johnson later in the trip when the former Laker great conducted a basketball clinic on Nakajo's campus.

During the whirlwind trip, Walker also participated in a special assembly for students, faculty and staff in Nakajo, and renewed his acquaintance with Nakajo's mayor, Nobuo Kumakura, whom he entertained at SIUC in October when the University dedicated a Japanese garden near Faner Hall in the mayor's honor.
"Just Pull Up A Seat, Honey..."

The Down-Home Cookin' at Mary Lou's Is Still Going Strong
"We all shambled after them to a restaurant run by a bunch of women and sat around over hamburgers and coffee while they wrapped away enormous meals – just as if they were back in their mother’s kitchen."

– Jack Kerouac, "On the Road"

by Kelly Davenport,
photos by Eulalie Frye

Sit a spell in Mary Lou’s Grill. Absorb the atmosphere like a pancake soaking up warm maple syrup. It’s the kind of place where Jack Kerouac or Bob Dylan would dine. The bacon dances on a flat griddle and the sweet acrid smell of cigarette smoke waltzes in the air with the scent of hot white gravy.

Old-timers who’ve come here every week for 30 years clutch mugs of black coffee and spar with the waitresses from their lunch counter stools. And it’s a place to which SIU alumni still pay homage every time they visit town.

Everyone is “honey.” And everything is homey.

Soak all this up, ‘cause the folks at Mary Lou’s know good food and good company can right most any wrong. “Once you’re here once or twice, you’re not a stranger anymore,” says Steve Montel of Carbondale, a 24-year regular, from his fixed place at the counter. “It’s one of the last of the old roadhouses.”

Montel comes for the chicken and dumplings and to visit Trina Clark of Marion, Ill., a waitress at Mary Lou’s for the last 10 years. “I aggravate her and she aggravates me,” Montel grins.

“That’s right, Montelly-Welly,” Trina shoots back, bustling by with coffee and eggs.

“Anybody here you visit with,” Montel continues, “well, if something were to happen to you, they would help you out.”

And that’s how it’s been since 1962, when Mary Lou Trammel opened a 13-stool nook just off the Strip and worked it all herself with only one cook to help. She had her best coconut cream pie recipe and treated her customers like family, nicknaming them and slipping them free meals when they were down on their luck.

“My late husband didn’t think I could do it,” Mary Lou explains. “But I proved him wrong.”

Soon Mary Lou’s was a Carbondale fixture with a cult following. In the mornings, hungry customers would stack up four-deep behind the stools to wait for their biscuit-and-gravy breakfasts.

Carbondale resident Jerry O’Malley remembers how Mary Lou didn’t even use an order pad – she just prowled up and down the counter, shouting requests to the back.

On Sunday mornings, bleary-eyed band mates would stumble in to cure their

From left, Debbie Inchcliff, Tina Carter and Trina Clark relax for the last few minutes before the doors open at 7 a.m.

Tina adds the final touches to a succulent coconut cream pie. This flavor of pie is the only one available everyday because of the high demand.
The original owner, Mary Lou Staffey, relaxes in her home in Murphysboro, Ill.

Mary Lou's daughter, Marilynn Martin, runs the restaurant with her husband, Robert. But time still stands pretty stationary behind the double doors of 114 S. Illinois Ave. "We treat people like I'd like to be treated," Marilynn says while battling mountains of hash browns on the griddle. "And this is the kind of food I'd want to eat."

On the walls behind the counter – the outfit moved to a bigger building in 1976 – hang hundreds of photos. They're all Mary Lou's devotees who came for "the comfort of home," Trina says.

Dennis Franz shakes hands with Mary Lou in one picture, and snapshots of customers and children line the opposite wall. "And there's a lot more than that (not up)," Mary Lou adds. She says her customers still greet her on the street, though health problems forced her retirement 10 years ago.

And though Mary Lou misses her "kids," she still remembers customers with nicknames like Brillo or Oopy or Sweet Cheeks — her homespun legacy lives on.

"The food's still good; and they keep your coffee cup filled," says 36-year devotee O'Malley.

So Mary Lou's heads toward the future with the same burgers, black coffee, biscuits and gravy and coconut cream pie. And the same unspoken philosophy keeps the customers coming, still hungry for the comforts of home.

"You know, honey," Marilynn says, "we just talk to people."

Editor's Note — Davenport and Frye work at the Daily Egyptian, and both have obviously enjoyed the breakfast experience at Mary Lou's.
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Keep Your Eyes On This SIU Filmmaker

by Paula Davenport

Pssst! Oscar enthusiasts: There’s an emerging young filmmaker you’ll want to keep an eye on.

Born in Slovakia in the former Czechoslovakia, his name is Juraj Bohus. And his first film submission “knocked our socks off,” says Lilly Boruskowski, an associate professor of cinema and photography at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Bohus shot his motion picture, Flying at the End of Summer, in Slovakia’s sun-kissed countryside when he was only 23. It visually contrasts the worlds of kids and adults and takes a lyrical look at one boy’s unexpected loss of innocence.

He submitted the movie when applying for admission to SIUC’s graduate film school, where he’s now working on a master of fine arts degree. His film’s beauty is a testament to his scrappy ingenuity and cinematic skill.

Prior to making the movie, Bohus spent 13 months working as a film production assistant in his homeland. “I was working for American production studio — they shot big movie in Slovakia. They shot ‘Dragonheart’” he says in English flavored by a Slavic accent.

“The Dragonheart producers were satisfied with my work, and they give me the ‘short ends’ of the 35mm movie film – at my request,” says Bohus. He ran the end rolls of high-quality film stock through a rented camera and pieced together his 21-minute masterpiece. Filming took only four days.

Clips from that film and two others he created as a grad student here recently wowed the folks who oversee Kodak’s Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Bohus captured one of five lucrative scholarships Kodak annually gives to encourage excellence in motion picture education at four-year university film schools. A total of 66 aspiring filmmakers from America’s leading film institutes competed for prizes, worth $5,000 each.

A rising young filmmaker, Juraj Bohus is about to embark on his most ambitious project yet — a full-length feature film about family ties. The SIUC master’s student’s work has won national recognition from the Kodak Scholarship Endowment Fund.
Students Steer Moonbuggy Into NASA Competition

by Rod Sievers

Apollo 11's Neil Armstrong may have been the first man to walk on the moon, but the crew of Apollo 15 was the first to drive on the lunar surface. Using a four-wheeled, electric-powered vehicle called a lunar rover, the astronauts covered 17 miles of the moon's surface.

A group of students from Southern Illinois University Carbondale went on a similar mission recently but didn't need to leave the confines of Earth's gravity. Their mission was to build a human-powered version of a lunar rover and take it to the "Great Moonbuggy Race" at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

"We placed 15th, which isn't too bad - and had the best time in SIUC history," says Alma Leyte of Chicago, Ill. More than 30 collegiate teams entered the competition held in early April in the shadow of a giant Saturn V, the rocket that boosted NASA's lunar rover to the moon, and a full-size space shuttle mock-up.

The four-wheeled, pedal-driven vehicle was started in January, designed and built by a four-member team of seniors in SIUC's mechanical engineering program. "We weren't too sure how the moonbuggy would perform," explains Leyte. "It had to be fast and well-built, but we really didn't have any trouble - it worked just fine." The two-seat moonbuggy is steered by hand-operated side levers and is hinged in the middle.

"Design requirements call for the moonbuggy to collapse into a size no larger than four cubic feet," says team member David Hartmann of Alton, Ill. "Those were the space limitations on NASA's Apollo missions."

To start the race, teams are required to carry their collapsed moonbuggy 20 feet to the starting line and do the assembly work before venturing out onto the "moon," a rugged, half-mile course featuring craters, rocks and other barriers similar to lunar terrain. Leyte and Tshino Kankwenda of Kinshasa, Congo, made up the coed driving team that navigated the course.

"It was a rugged course," says Leyte. "In fact, many of the teams didn't finish because their moonbuggies broke down or came apart during the competition." Competitors came from all over the country as well as Puerto Rico, but SIUC was the only entry from Illinois.

"We learned a lot from other teams who have been doing this for quite some time," says Thomas Fehr of Lancaster, Pa. "It was a real learning experience." The SIUC team participated in the moonbuggy competition as part of a senior design project.

"Most of the other teams are club teams, which gives them the advantage of having a level of continuous experience, explains Leyte. "That's something we don't have, but we were able to compete with the best of them."

Tsuhin Philip Chu, an associate professor of mechanical engineering and mechanical processes at SIUC, is the team's faculty advisor. "I started encouraging our senior design students to enter the competition in 1997," Chu says. "The first team competed in April 1998, and we've had a team at the race every year since."

According to Chu, the moonbuggy competition is an excellent way for students to apply what they've learned in the classroom to a hands-on project. "The whole idea is to take the concepts learned in class and apply them to a working situation - and have fun doing it," he says.

Members of SIUC's moonbuggy team show how their vehicle can collapse to fit into a four-cubic-foot space. Alma Leyte (front left) and Tom Fehr of Lancaster, Pa., do the work, while David Hartmann of Alton and Tshino Kankwenda of Kinshasa, Congo, supervise.
A Different Perspective Of Sports

by Greg Scott

Growing up in Big Rapids, Mich., athletics were always a part of Melissa Neiderheide's life. As a youth, she played on her father's tee-ball and soccer teams, started competing in basketball and track in the fifth grade and continued through high school. Her brother, a high school baseball standout, went on to earn a brief stint in the minor leagues.

It is easy to understand how sports quickly became a popular topic of conversation in the Neiderheide household. When she interned with CNN Sports Illustrated and CNNSI.com during the fall semester, Neiderheide, who graduated with a radio-television degree from SIUC in May, was reminded once again of her love for sports.

"The people there were great because they gave me a lot of responsibility. That helped a great deal because I needed to feel like I was accomplishing something," says Neiderheide, who was granted an interview with CNN after repeated phone calls. "It was a very good experience. I had fun."

While interning for the 24-hour sports news and information channel and the company's Web site, Neiderheide worked primarily in the public relations department. Some of her duties included scheduling appointments for talent who host programs on the channel, pitching stories to major publications, and writing press releases on new programs and future Web site chats. She also honed communication and computer skills she attained at SIUC by participating in classes and seminars that CNN offers.

A sports anchor for two years on WSIU-TV, Neiderheide first heard about SIUC from her next-door neighbor in Big Rapids, Mich. She attended Ferris State University in Big Rapids for two years and was seeking a career in sports broadcasting. Although her neighbor and father were instructors at Ferris State, she was convinced that Southern was the place for her.

"I wanted to pursue sports broadcasting, and Ferris State didn't have that. Its program was more production based, and there weren't any opportunities to be in front of a camera," she says.

"I had never heard of anything outside of Michigan. My neighbor told me that SIU had a great mass communications program. I applied and was accepted within a month."

Although she wouldn't mind hosting her own sports entertainment show someday, CNNSI presented other options that Neiderheide would like to explore. She enjoyed experiencing the public relations aspect of athletics and plans to pursue this in her professional endeavors.

"I am definitely more interested in the public and community relations side of sports than being in front of a camera," she says. "I would love to coordinate community relations for a professional team."

During her internship, Neiderheide supplied CNN souvenirs and gifts to support Red Cross and its outreach programs and Little League to show CNN's appreciation for their efforts. "We tried to provide something to encourage community members and extend our appreciation for their hard work. Their efforts should be recognized and noticed," she says.

"You hear so much about the negative issues in sports. I want to be a part of the positive side of sports," says Neiderheide.

"This internship gave me an opportunity to view sports from a different perspective than I had before. When I was young, it seemed like positive issues in sports were discussed more. I hope we can get back to that."

Melissa Neiderheide recently accepted a position as director of the new Family Life Center for Ninth Street Tabernacle Church in Paducah, Ky. She also does some special assignments for WPSD Channel 6 and teaches aerobics at Gold's Gym in Paducah.
SIUC graduates Stella and Levi Nyagura have received much more from their alma mater than the three degrees they have between them. Both deeply involved with the University of Zimbabwe, they return to Carbondale to tap into the practical knowledge and expertise of faculty and administrators to enhance their work at home.

For Stella, the welfare of children has long been a concern. The mother of four lived in Carbondale nearly three years while she and Levi earned their degrees. She got her undergraduate degree in vocational education services in 1985. The next year, she completed a master's in child development; Levi earned his Ph.D. in mathematics as a Fulbright Scholar, and the family headed home to Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe.

While teaching her classes in family science and child development at the University of Zimbabwe, Stella began work on her doctorate. Her dissertation examined the different factors that influence a child's development, particularly the parental influence.

"I was looking at factors like the education of parents, whether the family lives in rural or urban areas, the number of parents in the home and, particularly, how the parent is influenced by the gender of the child," says Stella.

Armed with data carefully collected in Zimbabwe, she returned to SIUC last spring to conduct research, meet with faculty, and observe child-care programs operated by the university.

"My goal is to have a child development center in Zimbabwe that is very much like what is here (at SIUC), especially one with an outreach component for both parents and children."

Levi serves as pro vice-chancellor, the No. 2 spot at UZ. He explains that what he has learned in coming back to SIU is responsible for initiating changes in the way his university does business. Systems, including the Oracle project, outsourcing services and models for teaching assistants, have been modified and adapted.

He explains that part of the university's five-year strategic plan is to become a more people-oriented institution and provide programs and services that benefit the people. "We need to identify needs of our people and then come up with programs to meet those needs," says Levi.

His wife's plan for her child development center should fit perfectly into that plan.
Campus riots abruptly closed the University in the spring of 1970 and put Lynda Lee Kaid on a path toward becoming an expert on a mainstream American politics staple: the 30-second campaign commercial.

Protests against the Vietnam War and Kent State shootings forced closure of the University several weeks before commencement. "We were just given the grades we had at the time," explains Kaid, an honors graduate, who majored in German.

Her professor and mentor, Keith Sanders, now executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, suggested she join the Texas gubernatorial campaign of Paul Eggers. "Ordinarily, I'm not sure I would have been interested in this, but since there was nothing to do right then, I moved down to Texas and started working on the campaign," she recalls.

Kaid, who was deeply involved in competitive debate during her four years at SIU, discovered she was able to put those skills of research and policy analysis to work in a political situation. And although the campaign was unsuccessful, she was hooked.

She joined a consulting firm in Austin and did advertising, public relations, and political research for U.S. Sen. John Tower's campaign, but was encouraged by Sanders to return to SIU for graduate work. Touting a 5.0 GPA, she earned a master's in speech in 1972, followed by a Ph.D. in speech with a special concentration in political communication in 1974.

Taking the most out of her SIU education — a fluency in German, skills in debate, and a passion for politics — Kaid set out to build an internationally recognized career and to mentor an impressive group of students, many who have become well-known in the political communication field.

She took a job as assistant professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Oklahoma, where she would spend the next 27 years teaching, mentoring and building a body of research in political communication rivaled by few. "She is one of the top half-dozen names in political communication in this country; and in political advertising, she may be the top person," says Joe Foote, former dean of the SIU College of Mass Communication and Media Arts.

By 1984, Kaid had achieved a full professorship and had founded the Political Communication Center, which serves as depository for the Julian P. Kanter Political Commercial Archive, a collection of 66,000 radio and television political commercials and other archival resources dating back to 1936 campaign radio spots.

Kaid had become aware of the collection while in graduate school. Kanter, a resident of Highland Springs, Ill., began acquiring political commercials in 1956. "It was his personal hobby," Kaid explains. "There were boxes in his attic, in the crawl space under the stairs, and in bookshelves over his kids' beds."

When the University of Oklahoma purchased the collection in 1985—with the help of the state legislature—it numbered about 25,000 items. Under Kaid's guidance, the archive, widely used by the media and political researchers, adds between 3,000 and 5,000 items each election year.

"She got interested in building that archive while a student at SIU and worked on it for years, bringing it from obscurity into international prominence," says Sanders. "She has pioneered research in political advertising and has also preserved..."
for the future the finest collection of political television commercials in the world."

In August 1999, Kaid was named as an American "Treasure" by Save America's Treasures, the White House Millennium Council and the National Historic Preservation Trust for her work in preserving the Kanter collection.

One of the most personally satisfying areas of Kaid's career has been working with students - she has directed more than 30 dissertations. Foote, now director of the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Telecommunications at the University of Arizona, describes Kaid as "a wonderful mentor for hundreds of graduate students. I see them now popping up all over the U.S., leaders in their own right."

One such student is Dianne G. Bystrom, now director of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics at Iowa State University, who remembers her mentor as a great friend, fair, caring and honest. "She has boundless energy - I remember at one time she was advising 18 students working on their dissertations."

Kaid enjoys working with students while they're getting their degrees, but says, "I've particularly enjoyed continuing to work long term with them on research projects after they've left the university."

Her students can be found at universities all over the country and include political analysts and national political consultants such as Chris Wilson, who recently was named a rising star by Campaigns and Elections magazine.

Kaid's resume has a distinctive global flavor. One of the first researchers to compare political advertising across cultures, in 1988 she joined an international team of scholars to study U.S. and French campaigns. It was the first occasion in modern times the elections took place in the same year, since their cycles are four and seven years.

Under two Fulbright Scholar Awards, she continued comparative study in Germany and many western European countries and served as a visiting scholar at both Cambridge and Oxford in England.

Books, published in both French and German, journal articles, book chapters and convention papers put her in the top percentage of published women in her discipline. "I am grateful for the good training I received in German at SIU. It has been helpful to me in my international work," she says.

Kaid's family lives in southern Illinois. Her mother lives in Eldorado, where her sister, Pat Kittinger, teaches in the public schools. Her brother, Perry Kaid, Wabash County States Attorney, did his undergraduate work at SIUC and received his juris doctorate from the SIU School of Law. In addition, Kaid's husband, Cliff Jones, an attorney, graduated in 1974 from SIUC with a bachelor's degree in political science and now teaches law.

Kaid made a career move this year into what most recently was the hotbed of American politics. She is professor and associate dean in the Division of Graduate Studies and Research at the University of Florida's College of Journalism and Communications. Her goals there include creating a better research environment, enhancing the graduate and Ph.D. programs, rebuilding its political communication institute and, of course, teaching.

It is also logical to assume she will be putting her own interpretive spin on the 2000 presidential election from her new vantage point. Kaid is ready for all new challenges. "This university seems to be moving forward, and I want to move with it."

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81-Year-Old Graduate Fulfills A Dream

Leon Smith's attendance at SIUC's May 12 commencement exercises marked the culmination of a quest that began 55 years ago. The 81-year-old Smith received a bachelor's degree in aviation management last month, fulfilling a dream that he has carried with him for more than a half-century.

"I've always wanted to get my degree," Smith says. "It is a dream I've had for years, and now it is has happened."

Smith began his college career at University of Alabama in 1945, but studies were interrupted several times as he found employment in a variety of situations - including work as a technical writer for NASA. But he kept at it, attending a number of other universities over the years as time allowed.

At one point in his career, Smith enrolled at Middle Tennessee State University, where he became acquainted with James E. Walker, who would later become president of SIU. Smith was in his 70s at the time, and Walker promised to personally hand Smith his diploma if he completed his coursework.

Years later, both men found themselves at SIUC, and Walker kept his promise.

"We are lucky to have Leon around," says David A. NewMyer, chair of the aviation management program at SIUC. "He's a neat guy with a wealth of experience, and he's been a great role model for the other students."
'Lew Hartzog Track' Honors Legendary Coach

by Gene Green

One of the most successful coaches in SIU history was honored this spring, when the track at McAndrew Stadium was named in his honor. Lew Hartzog, who guided the Saluki men's track and field program from 1960-84, returned to campus March 24 for the official dedication of the "Lew Hartzog Track."

Hartzog, now 78, developed 58 all-Americans and four relay teams that received all-America honors, and coached nine Olympians. His track and field teams won every conference championship meet in which they competed, including eight Missouri Valley Conference indoor titles and 10 outdoor titles.

Thirty-seven former athletes returned for the weekend festivities, and the affection between Hartzog and this group was more than evident.

"I can't tell you what this means to me," Hartzog says. "This is one of the most special moments I've ever had, and having so many former athletes take the time and expense to come back makes it really something." Former Salukis came from as far as Canada and Ireland to attend the ceremony.

Current men's track and field head coach Cameron Wright is humbled when he thinks about Hartzog's accomplishments. "He set the bar so high," says Wright. "He had a phenomenal career. "Everybody gets talent, but I think it's about making the most of the talent you get on the track - and Lew definitely did that."

In 1960, the year prior to Hartzog's taking the SIU track position, the Salukis finished seventh in the seven-team Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference - the following year the Salukis won the same meet by a wide margin of victory!

Hartzog, who also coached cross-country from 1960-82, golf from 1986-92, and was the athletics director at SIUC from 1981-85, is now retired and lives in New Mexico.

"SIU has given me a great deal over the years," Hartzog stresses. "This just caps it off - I really appreciate this honor."
Saluki Spring Sports Recap

BASEBALL
The Saluki baseball team entered the 2001 season with its back against the wall, as three top pitchers were unavailable due to academic problems. SIUC was never able overcome the hurdle, struggling to a 19-36/10-21 (.8th in the MVC) record this season.

There were some bright spots for Dan Callahan's squad, as senior Roman Schooley earned second-team MVC honors at designated hitter. Schooley led the Salukis in batting average (.346), total bases (94), slugging percentage (.516), RBI (35) and home runs (7).

On the mound, reliever Scott Lucht ended his career in solid fashion, leading the team in wins (6), saves (4) appearances (29) and ERA (3.14).

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WOMEN'S TENNIS
The fifth-seeded Saluki women's tennis team garnered a fifth-place finish at the MVC Championships. Judy Auld's crew won three out of their four matches in the three-day event, as Alejandro Blanco and Tama Trapani each picked up three victories in singles play, while Erika Ochoa and Keri Crandall earned two wins apiece.

In doubles, the No. 2 team of Blanco and Trapani had three wins, the No. 3 team of Crandall and Sarah Krismanits won twice and Ana Serrot and Rachel Morales won once in No. 1. SIU closed out its 2001 spring campaign with an overall record of 13-9 and 9-4 in league play, with freshmen Trapani and Blanco, along with junior Ochoa, earning all-MVC honors. Trapani was also named the league's co-freshman of the year.

Ochoa received unanimous first-team all-academic recognition, boasting a 3.74 GPA in aviation. Also garnering first-team honors was Crandall, who had a 3.71 in radiological science.

MEN'S TRACK
Local products Joe Hill (Carbondale) and Brock Lovelace (Carterville) saved their best for last. They were the only two members of SIUC men's track and field team to win MVC titles at the conference outdoor track championships, and helped Cameron Wright's squad finish the event in strong fashion.

Hill won with a season-best effort of 6-9 in the high jump, while Lovelace won the javelin by over five feet with a toss of 189-5. By virtue of their performances, the Salukis leap-frogged over Southwest Missouri and Drake to claim fifth-place with 73 points.

The Dawgs finished sixth last year.

WOMEN'S TRACK
The Saluki women's track and field team took six individual crowns with record-breaking performances and claimed fourth-place in the MVC Championships. Noa Beitler and Jamie Waters won two titles each while Cari Morales, Poliquin and Lotrice Gray each won their events to lead the Salukis to 81 team points. Last season Don DeNoon's squad finished fifth at the outdoor championships.

Beitler won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:10.44 and the 1,500-meter run in a career-shattering time of 4:34.45, breaking her previous best by almost seven seconds. Waters won the shot put with a career-high toss of 45-10 3/4 and the discus the day before with a career-long throw (143-11). Poliquin won the hammer throw by breaking her own Saluki record by another foot and four inches with a throw of 189-7.
2001 Extern Program Going Strong

by Brooke Johnson

During this year's spring break, thousands of SIUC students packed their bags and trekked across the nation in search of new experiences. Not all of these students, however, were headed for the beach.

Instead of spending the week working on their tans, nearly 100 SIU students took advantage of the opportunity to gain real-world experience in their areas of study by participating in the SIU Extern Program.

Established in 1984 by the SIU Alumni Association, this award-winning program places students in professional work environments throughout the country to learn about their chosen career fields over spring break. Much of the time, externs are placed in businesses with SIU alumni and friends who volunteer to sponsor students.

One of the most appealing aspects of the program for many students is the fact that the University will work with externs and sponsors to find placements all over the world. This year, the Extern Program placed students in a variety of businesses and institutions, including Yosemite National Park, John Shedd Aquarium, the Country Music Association, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Henson Robinson Zoo, Denver International Airport, The Boeing Company, Arthur Andersen, Missouri Botanical Gardens, and many more.

Tuesday Ashner, Assistant Director of Student, College and Constituent Relations at the SIU Alumni Association, directs the Extern Program and hopes students keep in mind that anything is possible. "If a student has a location in mind, we will make every effort possible to find a placement for them there," she says. "Students are only limited by their imagination and resources."

The program would not be possible without the cooperation of the University's eight undergraduate colleges, which play an instrumental role in recruiting and placing students.

Angie Baughman, Career Services Specialist in the College of Business and Administration, has been involved with the Extern Program for the past two years. "I think it's truly an excellent program," she says. "It is such a valuable tool for giving students a realistic look into what their career field is about."

Baughman says the program can be useful in a number of different ways. "I've had students go both directions," she says. "Sometimes students will come back from the externship and feel more sure than ever that they are following the right career path. Other times, I have had students realize they want to change their goals and try something else."

Either way, Baughman says the students she has worked with regard the program as highly valuable. In addition, she says the feedback she has received from businesses that sponsor students couldn't be more positive.

One such sponsor from this year's program was Mary Bresnahan, owner of The Bresnahan Group, a human resources consulting and training company based in Wheaton, Ill. Bresnahan sponsored SIUC psychology student Farrah Lemoine for an externship this year.

"I think the program gives students an exposure to their field of study that they otherwise wouldn't get," says Bresnahan. "They can find out where they are really going and determine what they really want to do. Sometimes, you may have to do some..."
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Lemoine's week at The Bresnahan Group was a positive experience for her as well. "The week really opened my eyes to the variety within my field; there's so much more to it than I thought," she says. "There are some things your professors just can't teach you."

The program also affords students the opportunity to use the skills they have learned in the classroom in a real-world environment. Kendra Thorson, an SIUC junior in public relations, spent her spring break working alongside the public relations manager at Chicago's John G. Shedd Aquarium.

"The Extern Program is such a great stepping stone," she says. "It mixes classroom knowledge with the real world and lets you see how they intertwine."

During her week at Shedd Aquarium, Thorson was given an opportunity to become involved in a number of different tasks, including attending staff planning meetings, proofreading the Aquarium newsletter, and assisting in the Marketing department.

"During one of the days I was there, CNN News taped a segment about the Aquarium," Thorson says. "One of the most exciting things I was involved with was assisting the Public Relations Manager to make sure that event went smoothly."

Thorson's sponsor, Roger Germann, believes the Extern Program can offer benefits not only for students, but for businesses as well. "It's a great opportunity for staff to check out future potential employees and for students to do the same of employers," he says.

This is often an added bonus of participating in the Extern Program, because more than 30 percent of students involved receive full-time employment or internship offers from their sponsors as a result of their externships. Germann also appreciated the fact that the externship took place over the course of a single week, allowing him to get Thorson involved in the office routine right from the beginning. "I think organizations can get externs involved a lot more since the stay is packed into only five days," he says.

Both Germann and Bresnahan look forward to participating again as sponsors. "It was absolutely wonderful," says Germann. "I think everybody was a little bit sad when the week was over."

Anyone interested in participating as a sponsor for next year's Extern Program is encouraged to contact the SIU Alumni Association at 618-453-2408.

Kendra Thorson, a junior in public relations, chats with Ed Buerger, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association, about her externship at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago.
Distinguished Seniors Recognized
At Super Student Honors Banquet

Twenty-five of Southern Illinois University's elite students were recently presented with the Distinguished Senior Award by the SIU Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council.

All recipients were recognized at a Super Student Honors Banquet, co-hosted by the SIU Chancellor's Office and the SIU Alumni Association in April. Each student received a certificate and first-year membership in the Alumni Association.

The Distinguished Senior Award is given each year to 25 outstanding students who have enriched the University through their involvement in campus activities. In order to qualify for the honor, students must have a minimum grade point average of 2.75 and be a graduating senior who has contributed to the University and Carbondale community.

The following students received the Distinguished Senior Award. The list, organized by hometown of each student, includes the student's name, major and parents' names.

One of the seniors honored by interim chancellor John Jackson was Ben Weinberger, who has helped build and maintain the new SIU Alumni Association web site.

Belleville, Ill.: Helena Paschal; speech and communications major; daughter of Mary Guy
Bluford, Ill.: Jyl Pepple, aviation management major; daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jerry D. Pepple
Carbondale, Ill.: Kristina Scott; finance major; wife of Nathan Scott and daughter of Mark and Patti Miles
Chillicothe, Ill.: Holly Williams; radio-television major; daughter of Larry and Ina Williams
Crystal Lake, Ill.: Kristen Calvin; pre-med/biological sciences major; daughter of Deborah Calvin
Danville, Ill.: Tony Adams; radio-television major; son of Sheri Rome and Phil Adams
Danville, Ill.: Jodi Golden; speech communication major; daughter of Craig and Gayle Golden
Decatur, Ill.: Laura McGuire; journalism major; daughter of Daniel and Sally McGuire
East Dundee, Ill.: Shannon Reymann; advertising major; daughter of Gary and Christine Reymann
East Greenville, Penn.: Ben Weinberger; radio-television production major; son of Don and Linda Weiner
Effingham, Ill.: Seth Barlage; health care management major; son of Dennis Barlage and Cherilyn Meyer-Barlage
Emden, Ill.: Molly Meeker; accounting major; daughter of Bob and Diane Meeker
Johnston City, Ill.: Joshua Gabby; finance and business economics major; son of John and Deborah Gabby
McLeansboro, Ill.: Melissa Pryer; food and nutrition major; daughter of David and Linda Allen
Montrose, Ill.: Ellissa Mette; pre-med/biological sciences major; daughter of David S. and Mary Jo Mette
New Lenox, Ill.: Thomas Weber; radio-television and German major; son of Michael and Mary Weber
Normal, Ill.: Amy Laesch; food and nutrition, hotel restaurant/travel admin. major; daughter of Michael and Connie Laesch
Oreana, Ill.: Casey Quandt; management major; daughter of Gary and Nancy Quandt
Pittsfield, Ill.: David Parkinson; biological sciences major; daughter of Wilmer and Martha Krick
Rockford, Ill.: Tammi Skalitzky; forestry-outdoor recreation major; daughter of Tim and Corinne Skalitzky
Royalton, Ill.: Catherine Cosimi; history major; daughter of David and Elizabeth Cosimi
Springfield, Ill.: Kelly Taylor; speech communication major; daughter of Dennis and Sally Taylor
Vandalia, Ill.: Andrea Donaldson; journalism major; daughter of Dannie and Patty Donaldson
West Frankfort, Ill.: Cara Broy; finance and management major; daughter of Charles O. Broy and Mike and Georgia Schloss
Alumni Deaths

Spring 2001

NELSON, Alberta, ’24; ’56 3/19/01, Mesquite, Texas
TWEEDY, Raymond E., ’27; ’28 4/6/01, Cobden, Ill.
KORANDO, Catherine Juanita, ’28; ’30 2/24/01, Murphysboro, Ill.
WILLIAMS, Alice Patterson, ’32 5/30/01, Winchester, Va.
MARLOW, Anna Marie, ’33 2/26/01, St. Louis, Mo.
DILLINGER, Mabel Farrell, ’35 2/24/01, Carbondale, Ill.
COKER, Mary C., ’36 2/21/01, Caseyville, Ill.
GROSCO, Ruth S., ’39 3/14/01, McLeanboro, Ill.
HENDERSON, Ruby Sara Price, ’39 3/10/01, Mulkeytown, Ill.
SHEFFER, Joseph RueL, ’39 4/15/01, Zeigler, Ill.
MOORE, Antoinette, ’39 12/12/00, Nashville, Ill.
GROOMS Jr., Eugene, ’43; M.Ed., ’55 3/10/01, Herrin, Ill.
MOYER, Carroll Claude, ’43 11/10/00, Traverse, Mich.
TROVILLE, Lucielle, ’42 8/04/00, Fairfild, Ill.
WAGNER, Charles E., ’42 10/24/00, Mt. Vernon, Ill.
FERGUSON, Loring Robert, ’43 2/24/01, Jacksonville, Fla.
THOMAS, O. Wayne, ’43; M.Ed., ’65 1/28/01, Nashville, Tenn.
WEBB, Don J., ’43 3/28/01, West Frankfort, Ill.
MALLORY, Ronald Harding, ’44 3/17/01, Sesse, Ill.
HOWELL, Snyder, ’45 1/29/01, Johnston City, Ill.
EAGERS, Richard D., ’45 3/15/01, Chester, Ill.
GROSCH, John E., ’45 3/26/01, West Frankfort, Ill.
HALI, Catherine Marie, ’45 3/16/01, Carbondale, Ill.
CROWE, Harvey Lee, ’46 2/09/01, Aron Park, Fla.
AIKMAN, Edward Holland, ’48 12/19/00, Marion, Ill.
WATTS, Thomas W., ’49; M.Ed., ’50 3/10/01, Herrin, Ill.
GROOMS Jr., Milton K., ’50 7/06/00, Evansville, Ind.
SCHNEIDER, John Pearce, ’50; M.Ed., ’56, 12/03/00, Metropolis, Ill.
BLOCKLEY, Roy F., M.Ed., ’51 10/19/00, St. Davids, Penn.
CARR, Fern Lorraine, ex ’51 12/06/00, Nashville, Tenn.
EBERSOHL, Gilbert Dean, ex ’51 2/24/01, Murphysboro, Ill.
MAYER, Patricia Ann, ex ’52 2/12/01, Urbana, Ill.
MCCOSKEY, Robert Gene, ex ’52 3/11/00, Marion, Ill.
SEAGER, Charles L., ’52 2/21/01, San Francisco, Calif.
MADEKKER, Marie, ’53 3/14/01, Metropolis, Ill.
FUTRELL, Bruce, ex ’54 12/09/00, Carbondale, Ill.
HAIL, Hopson Eugene, ’54; M.Ed., ’71 4/07/01, Eldorado, Ill.
HART, Betty Hope, ex ’54 1/28/01, Elkton, Ky.
LHERIT, Ivan B., ex ’54 2/14/01, Murphysboro, Ill.
SMITH, Vernon Lanell, ex ’54 1/26/01, Palm Springs, Calif.
SMITH, William Otis, ’54 12/22/00, Elwood, Ind.
STEVENSON, Gerald, ’55 11/10/00, Columbus, Ohio
ALDRIDGE, J. Russell, ’56 4/08/01, Decatur, Ill.
TANNER, Hobart H., ’56 3/01/01, Marion, Ill.
BOOKER, E. Wayne, ex ’57 2/13/01, Carbondale, Ill.
MANDEVILLE, Margaret, M.S.Ed., ’57 2/27/01, St. Louis, Mo.
MYERS, Ferrel, L., ’57 2/02/01, Harrissville, Ill.
POGGAS, Marion J., ’58 3/01/01, Zeigler, Ill.
WEBB, Ronald D., ’60 12/17/00, Geneseo, Ill.
MITTLCICH, Barbara L., ex ’60 1/06/01, Carbondale, Ill.
ROMBURG, Nick, M.Ed., ’61 11/20/00, Libertyville, Ill.
SPENCE, William Joseph, ’61 12/22/00, Carterville, Ill.
SCHRODER, Sue J., ’62 2/22/01, Centralia, Ill.
STOKES, Kenneth, ’62; M.S.Ed., ’64 2/14/01, Marion, Ill.
ROTH, Richard J., ’64 2/04/01, Robinson, Ill.
Piper, Mary Ann, ’65 3/16/01, Mt. Vernon, Ill.
WILEY, Bonnie J., Ph.D., ’65 9/23/00, Honolulu, Hawaii
DUGGER, Ethelyn Louetta, ’66 2/03/01, Aurora, Ill.
CARSON, Mary, ’67 11/27/00, Brookport, Ill.
WATTS, Thomas W., ’67 3/01/01, Zeigler, Ill.
SCHNEIDER, John Pearce, ex ’67 4/13/99, Louisville, Ky.
JANY, Eugene A., ’71 4/02/01, Johnston City, Ill.
ADAMS, Edward L., Ph.D., ’72 2/08/01, Carbondale, Ill.
SORTAL, Michael, ’73 3/15/01, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
ETZKORN, Carol A., ’73 3/21/01, Cobden, Ill.
BRANDON, Alisa Lynn, ’77 3/28/01, Marion, Ill.
GALANTI Jr., Frank, ’80 2/19/01, Barrington, Ill.
Piper, David Alan, M.Acc., ’91 2/01/01, Cobden, Ill.
LANE, Larry W., ’85 4/08/01, Ridgway, Ill.
POPOVA, Ekaterina, M.M., ’97 2/16/01, Carbondale, Ill.
CASTOLDI, Margaret Elizabeth, ’98 3/19/01, Herrin, Ill.
KLUGE, Megan B., ’99 5/07/01, Golconda, Ill.

Former Honors Graduate, Alumni Association Student Worker

Danayl Wernsing, a 1999 honors graduate at SIUC, recently died at age 24. The Effingham, Ill., native was the recipient of five different scholarships during her college career, two that were SIUC related.

She won the Bruce and Mary Lou Swinburne Scholarship and the Roscoe Pulliam Scholarship at the University. A member of Who's Who of American College and University Students, Wernsing was also a member of various professional societies.

While attending SIUC, Wernsing worked three jobs, including a position at the SIU Alumni Association, and was a member of the Student Alumni Council. She recently had been employed as a research lab technician for the International Red Cross in St. Louis, Mo.

Professor Emeritus J. Cary Davis

Professor Emeritus J. Cary Davis recently died at 95 in San Clemente, Calif. Davis graduated from SINU in 1925, received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, and then taught French, Spanish, Portuguese and Romance Philology at SIU for 41 years.

In addition to teaching, Professor Davis (and his wife), led student tours to Mexico and Guatemala, he was the general editor of the SIU Press Contemporary Latin American Classics series, and was a prolific scholar. Considered an authority in Spanish syntax, he was awarded the Mitre Medal “for distinction in the field of arts and letters relating to Hispanic America” by the Hispanic Society of America.

SIU Housing Coordinator Of Residence Life Cindy Perkins

Cynthia E. “Cindy” Perkins, who worked in housing as a coordinator of residence life, died of cancer recently at the age of 44.

Perkins was well-liked by others, including her co-worker, Paulette Curkin, coordinator for Student Development. "She was a terrific friend and wonderful professional, but most important her commitment to students,” Curkin says.

As coordinator of residence life, Perkins was responsible for residence hall activities, judicial affairs, hiring of residence hall staff and making sure that residence halls were properly maintained.

Faculty & Staff

BEEM, Mary Ruth Emerita Civil Service 2/25/01, Neoga, Ill.
BIGGS, Louise Emerita Civil Service, Secretary 9/30/00, Marion, Ill.
GRAZIANO, Joseph R., Ph.D., ’55 Assistant Professor, Technical & Resource Management, 3/05/01, Carbondale, Ill.
JENNINGS, Benny F. Emeritus Civil Service, Custodian 4/13/01, Murphysboro, Ill.
KING, Eugene R. Emeritus Civil Service, Paint Shop Foreman, 2/13/01, Benton, Ill.
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Four Elected To National Board
Springfield Resident Don Magee Will Lead SIU Alumni Association

Donald F. Magee, a biomedical technologist at Doctors Hospital in Springfield, Ill., becomes president of the Southern Illinois University Alumni Association National Board of Directors on July 1. He was elected at the board’s spring meetings in April and will serve a one-year term.

Magee has served on the SIU Alumni Association’s national board since 1996. He serves on several sub-committees of the Association, including athletics, budget, long-range planning, member services, nominating, placement, and the executive committee.

As president of the Association’s Prairie Capital chapter, Magee coordinates alumni events in central Illinois, including SIUC’s activities during the Springfield State Fair. He attended Southern from 1961 to 1963.

“Don Magee has demonstrated tremendous loyalty and commitment to this University for several years,” says SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger. “Don’s exuberance and pride will enable him to be an outstanding spokesman for Southern Illinois University and our 200,000 alumni in the United States and around the world. We are excited to have Don leading us for the next year.”

Magee heads a new slate of officers serving on the Association’s executive committee. Committee members scheduled to begin their duties July 1 are: Richard Reynolds of East St. Louis, Ill., (Immediate Past President); Mimi Wallace of Beverly Hills, Calif., (President-Elect); Steve Olson of Naperville, Ill., (First Vice President); Sheri Hunter of Marion, Ill., (Second Vice President); Tom Van Horn of Marion, Ill., (Treasurer); David Crumbacher of Indianapolis, Ind., and J.C. Garavalia of Carbondale, Ill. (members-at-large).

Four other SIUC alumni were elected to positions on the SIU Alumni Association’s Board of Directors. Dr. Beverly Coleman of Silver Springs, Md., Ed Edelman of Pleasant Hill, Calif., J.C. Garavalia of Carbondale, Ill., and Randy Ragan of Springfield, Ill., are the newest members of the national board. They will begin their four-year terms on July 1.

Coleman is a senior education research analyst in the United States Department of Education in Washington, D.C. Edelman is the associate director of training for Cornerstone Financial Group/Phoenix in Walnut Creek, Calif., and serves as president of the Association’s San Francisco Bay Area alumni chapter. Ragan is a certified public accountant and a partner with McGladrey and Pullen in Springfield, Ill.

Garavalia, who retired in 1998 after serving 30 years at SIUC and assisting three presidents, is the former executive director for both the SIU Alumni Association and SIU Foundation.

Also, Dr. George Williams of Marion, Ill., a member of the national board since 1997, was re-elected. Williams is a senior administrator for Central Management Services for the State of Illinois. He will begin his second term on July 1.

The 40-member national board of directors governs the activities, programs and services of the SIU Alumni Association. It represents 200,000 SIUC graduates living in more than 120 countries worldwide.
Remy Billups Resigns To Accept Position At SIUE

Remy Billups, assistant director of the SIU Alumni Association, resigned from his position recently. He accepted the director of alumni affairs position with the SIU Edwardsville Alumni Association.

Billups was responsible for establishing chapters and coordinating special events and activities in the Chicago area. During his tenure, the SIU Alumni Association chartered new alumni chapters in Lake County, DuPage/Will County, Suburban Cook County, and the City of Chicago. He spearheaded the annual SIU Day event at Wrigley Field, which drew up to 1,500 alumni. Billups also organized programs in other metropolitan areas.

A two-degree graduate of SIUC, Billups first joined the association staff in 1995.

Black Alumni Group Reunion Scheduled For July 19-22

The Black Alumni Group reunion, held every two years, will be held on campus Thursday, July 19, through Sunday, July 22. The Black Alumni Group, a constituent society of the SIU Alumni Association, organizes the reunion.

With a theme of “Connections: Building on Our Legacy; Meeting Global Challenges,” 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.

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. SIU President James Walker will be the keynote speaker at the banquet.

All black alumni should have received a brochure containing additional information. If you did not receive a brochure, or if you have any additional questions, call Tuesday Ashner, assistant director of the SIU Alumni Association, at (618) 453-2417.

SIU Super Student Scholarships Awarded

Christopher Hollis of Waverly, Ill., and Heather Wright of Robinson, Ill., are the recipients of Super Student Scholarships, sponsored by the Southern Illinois University Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council.

Both students were recognized at the Super Student Honors Banquet, co-hosted by the SIU Chancellor’s Office and the SIU Alumni Association, in April.

The Super Student Scholarships are valued at $500 each and are awarded each year to outstanding juniors at SIU. In order to qualify, students must be currently employed, belong to at least two Registered Student Organizations and have a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

Hollis, a music business, foreign language, and international trade major at Southern, is a member of the University Honors Program and President of SIU’s Music Business Association. Hollis is a Dean’s List student and a member of the Golden Key Honors Society.

Wright, a political science major at SIU, is a member of the University Honors Program. She is a Dean’s List student, belongs to the Saluki Volunteer Corp and is a Student Life Advisor.

Hollis is the son of Catherine Hollis of Waverly and John Hollis of Springfield; Wright is the daughter of Vickie and Richard Wright of Robinson.

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.
SIU Alumni Association/Alongi Legacy
5th Annual Golf Tournament Raises Funds

The 5th annual SIU Alumni Association/Alongi Legacy Golf Tournament took place in May at the Red Hawk Country Club in Pinckneyville, Ill. Thirty-four teams competed in the four-person scramble, which raises funds for two $1,000 scholarships awarded to high school graduates in Perry County.

Following the scramble, the top six teams in two classes competed in the Michelob Light Shootout, a playoff on the 18th hole. The shot was 135 yards from the pin, over a body of water. Jerry Rainwater of Du Quoin, whose ball fell within four yards of the pin, won the playoff and received a one-shot chance to win $1 million dollars.

However, Rainwater had to ace the 18th hole from the professional tees—165 yards away—to claim the prize money. He capped off a fun afternoon by providing participants with some excitement. With a gallery of spectators on hand, Rainwater’s drive fell just seven feet from the pin, barely missing the $1 million. Although he didn’t win the $1 million, as a result of his effort, Rainwater’s team was victorious in the Shootout. They all received a sponsored jacket, courtesy of Michelob Light and Professional Golfers Association.

Other prizewinners included Steve Wilkins for longest drive/closest to line, and Dominic Cittadino for longest putt.

The top finishing teams in the scramble were as follows:

**CLASS A**
First Place (Score, 53): Harold Emling, Mike Emling, Ryan Emling and Mike Travelstead
Second Place (57): Rex Emery, Greg Whittington, Jeff Robinson and Jerry Rainwater
Third Place (59): Eldin Felch, David Paetton, Jesse Minor and Bob Green

**CLASS B**
Tie - First Place (65): Bob Purcell, Steve Baskin, Mike Kremer and Tom Daniel
Tie - First Place (65): Eric Saunders, Barry Mayo, Ryan Heape and Warren Yates
Second Place (65): George Ciganovich, David Ciganovich, Randy Mitchell and Ralph Hemmer
Third Place (67): J. D. Caldwell, Brian Webster, Gary Flowers and Mark Walker

Valenzuela Wins Association’s Outstanding Thesis Award

An Ecuador native who wants to use his graduate education in agribusiness economics to help his country has won the Southern Illinois University Alumni Association’s annual outstanding thesis award.

Ernesto Valenzuela, who finished his master's degree last December on a Fulbright scholarship, received a $500 reward from the Association at its national spring board meeting in April.

Runner-up for the thesis award, now in its fifth year, was Erik Gerhard, a master's graduate in plant, soil and general agriculture.

Valenzuela’s thesis focused on America’s regional trade patterns, attempting to explain factors that affect trade and assess their relative importance. Using a new statistical model, he divided the country into six regions, then analyzed how exports were related to such things as wages, personal income and shipping distances. He found that, contrary to popular belief, distance generally hinders trade.

"Valenzuela has impressed all of our faculty with his hard work and his ability to understand and apply economic concepts to the analysis of significant real-world problems," wrote Steven Kraft, chair of the agribusiness economics department, in a letter nominating Valenzuela for the thesis prize.

"His research design, collection of data, development of models and analysis of results are insightful as well as sophisticated. He has created the basis for enhanced modeling and analysis of interregional trade relationships."
Alumni Calendar Of Events

**JULY**

19-22  **Black Alumni Group Reunion**, SIU Campus. For more information, call Tuesday Ashner, SIU Alumni Association, (618) 453-2408.

19  **Jackson County Sunset Concert/BBQ**. Gather with alumni and friends for a barbecue dinner at the Mississippi Flyway 5-6:30 p.m. Afterward, plan to attend the 6th Annual Summer Sunset Concert Series featuring Cullin (Irish Rock) at Turley Park – 7 p.m.

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26  **Alumni Day at the Du Quoin State Fair**

**AUGUST**

3,4,5  **Decatur Celebration**, Decatur, Ill. Visit the Central Illinois Alumni Chapter’s booth at the Celebration and enjoy foot-long Saluki Dawgs. This annual fund-raising activity funds scholarships and local alumni activities. For more information, call Dave Ardrey, (618) 453-2408.

10-19  **Illinois State Fair**, Springfield, Ill. Visit the SIU tent to see exhibits of the latest happenings at the University.

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25-Sept. 3  **Du Quoin State Fair**, Du Quoin, Ill. Visit the SIU dome to see exhibits of the latest happenings at the University.

**FUTURE DATES**

Sept. 22  **Family Weekend**. SIU Football vs. Murray State

Oct. 6  **SIU Alumni Association Homecoming Celebration**. Pregame tailgate east of McAndrew Stadium. SIU vs. Illinois State.


Nov. 1-4  **4th Annual Obelisk Leadership Awards Dinner**. Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. Sponsored by The Northern Trust.

Nov. 18  **Annual Jackson County Awards Banquet**

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1930s
Ruth Oyler ’39 writes to say “at age 86 I am a wage earner.” She is reading stories to 3,4 and 5-year-olds at Shaw Library in Clearfield, Penn. She lives in Woodland, Penn.

1940s
Verna L. Berry ’40 traveled extensively after retirement to England, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Hong Kong, Bangkok, and Hawaii. She writes that she no longer travels, but enjoys being home in Belleville, Ill., with her children and grandchildren.

John D. Kieffer ex’41 entered the Army after leaving SIU, where he received medical training, and in 1951 began treating patients as a chiropractic physician. He lives in Hagerman, Idaho, where he has a limited practice. His wife, Fern, is his office manager, and the couple has a son, Jeffrey.

Joseph C. Evers ’48 is serving as interim pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, Virginia, Ill. He retired in 1990 from the Southern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church, served seven years in the Red Bird Missionary Conference in southeast Kentucky, retiring in 1997. He and his wife, Karen, live in Jacksonville, Ill.

1950s
Arlene Green ex’56 has an art studio in Sparta, Ill., where she creates portraits in oil, pastel and watercolor. Green studied art at SIU under artist-historian Roscoe Misselhorn and portrait artist Daniel Greene. She is a member of the St. Louis and Southern Illinois Art Associations.

William Charles Moyer ’58 retired last year after 37 years in the chemical industry. He now enjoys his grandchildren and the Augusta, Ga., climate.

Alan Lee Waeltz ’58 taught high school biology, anatomy and physical education at Steeleville for 35 years. He also served as basketball coach for more than 20 years, retiring in 1993. He and his wife have enjoyed four of the SIU Alumni Association-sponsored trips abroad.

1960s
Daniel Ward Brady ’61 retired nine years ago as an engineering manager at Alliant Tech Systems. When he became aware of the critical shortage of substitute teachers in the public schools, he got his license to teach and thoroughly enjoys substituting in St. Paul, Minn.

John Gracen Brown ’61, M.S. ’62 has had lyrics from his poetry and drama set to music in more than 181 composers in 41 different countries. Brown credits the use of his work in Russia and other former Soviet states to Associate Professor Allan B. Ho of SIUE who helped put together the Biographical Dictionary of Russian/Soviet Composers.

Glen R. Phillips ’61, M.S. ’66 retired in June 1999 after being an educator for 37 years. He began his career as a seventh grade language and reading teacher in Gilman Danforth Junior High School and ended it as principal of the Iroquois-West Elementary Schools in Gilman and Danforth, Ill.

Richard Neil Claussen ’62, an avid birder, is teaching a birding class at John A. Logan Community College. He is also interested in outdoor photography and family history. He and his wife, Esther, a graduate of SIUE, live in Murphysboro, III.

Kay L. Cunningham ’64 M.S. ’68 is vice president for education and experience development at The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis. She was early childhood education coordinator at the museum from 1979-1992, educator/curator from 1992-1995, when she was named exhibit developer.

Sharon H. Justice ’65, M.S. ’66, Ph.D. ’75 is recipient of the John Jones Award for Outstanding Performance as Dean at the University of Texas at Austin. Justice, associate vice president for student affairs, has served as dean of students for 15 years. She lectures in the department of educational psychology and educational administration and has taught graduate and undergraduate courses on college student personnel administration and multiculturalism.

Dorothy R. Martin ’65, M.A. ’67 has been elected chairperson of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Department at Black Hawk College in Moline, Ill.

Martis J. Davis ’66, M.A. ’75 has been named director of media relations for AARP Davis, a media relations, communications and public relations executive, was formerly with the office of Burson-Marsteller and the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. From 1989-1993 he was director/principal of the Duke Ellington School of Arts in Washington. He lives in the District of Columbia.

Ron Sereg ’67 spent two months working as a consultant for a number of non-governmental organizations in the Ukraine. He is a leading specialist in non-profit sector development in the former Soviet Union and is sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Freedom House Foundation of Washington, D.C.

Russ Ghilain ’68, M.S. ’72 retired from Downers Grove South High School after serving 16 years as audio-visual director. He served in audio-visual technology at the secondary and community college level for 31 years. After some time off to enjoy golf, fishing, scuba diving and NASCAR racing events, he will seek a position in distance learning at a local community college. He and his wife, Cathe, live in Shorewood, Ill.

Katherine Pippin Pauley ’69 is library media specialist for the new Edison School in Springfield, Ill., where her son-in-law, Michael Naber, will be a computer software trainer, and her grandsons, Ian, Bishop, 10, and Adrian Naber, 6, attend school.

1970s
Paul L. Hayden ’70 has become associate publisher of Lake Superior Magazine after serving as editor for 16 years. Hayden, who worked at the Daily Egyptian and WSIU-TV, was formerly photographer and award-winning producer/director at WDOI Television in Duluth, Minn., where he also worked with JPP & Associates, an advertising agency.

Terry R. Parke ’70, who serves in the Illinois House of Representatives representing Arlington Heights and neighboring communities, is serving as minority spokesman for the committee on insurance and vice-spokesman for the committee on labor. Rep. Parke is also serving on the consumer protection, computer technology, environment and energy, and conservation and land use committees for the Illinois 92nd General Assembly.
Former SIUC Instructor, Community Leader John “Bud” Stotlar Dies

John “Bud” Stotlar, a former instructor at SIUC and a civic leader in the Carbondale community, recently died at age 76. A 1947 graduate of SIU, he received his masters and doctorate degrees from Indiana University before beginning at the University. He retired from SIUC after 31 years of service.

Prior to his University tenure, Stotlar served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1942-46. He was stationed in the Pacific and in Nagasaki, Japan, as part of the Occupation Force after World War II.

Stotlar, a familiar figure around the athletic scene at SIUC, served on the President’s Council on Youth Fitness during the Eisenhower administration. He also initiated the Carbondale Swim Club and was a member of several professional and community groups.

William Raben ‘70 is serving a two-year term on the GROWMARK Board of Directors, representing the regional cooperative’s southern Illinois district. He is also secretary of Wabash Valley Service Co., Grayville, Ill., and is a member of the Gallatin County Farm Bureau. Raben, his wife, Brenda ‘71, his father and his brother, James R. Raben ‘70, M.S. ‘76, operate a 4,000 acre grain farm near Ridgway, Ill. The Rabens have three children, Bronwyn, Beau and Braxton. Brenda teaches at the Gallatin County School System in Junction, Ill.

Jon Stratton M.A. ‘70, Ph.D. ‘72 has written a textbook, Critical Thinking for College Students, which was published by Roman and Littlefield in January 2000. Stratton and his wife, Marleen, both teach at Walla Walla Community College and live in College Place, Wash. Stratton credits the experience as graduate assistant for Elizabeth Eames (now professor emerita) 30 years ago with his success in writing his book. "The philosophy department was full of wonderful people. Not only were they intellectually challenging, but great mentors and teachers," he says.

Jim Koncar ‘72 is a chemist-technician for Akzo-Nobel in Morris, Ill. He lives in Joliet, Ill.

Pamela S. Brandt ‘72, M.S. ‘74, director of the SIUC Human Resources Department, earned the Midwest Individual Award of Excellence in Human Resources Administration given by the College and University Personnel Association (CUPA). The department as a whole received the Institutional Award of Excellence.

Eva Domolky Unikel ’72 is principal of Interior Solutions Inc. in Hinsdale, Ill. She and her husband, Alan L. Unikel, live in Hinsdale.

Stephen J. Gust ‘73, M.S. ‘79 has been promoted to research associate for Mitsubishi Polyester Film in Greer, S.C. He develops coated polyester film products that are used in packaging and imaging applications. His wife, Marjorie Moss Gust ‘70, M.S. ’74 is an educational consultant and adjunct professor at Furman University in Greenville, S.C.

Steve Samek ’73, U.S. managing partner of Arthur Andersen LLP, has become a member of the Council on Competitiveness, a Washington, D.C., association of corporate chief executives, university presidents and labor leaders. He has been with Arthur Andersen since 1973, becoming a partner in 1984.

Edward R. Corrigan ’74 is executive vice president at Future Metals Inc., a subsidiary of Marmion/Keystone Corp. Future Metals is a specialty distribution center, servicing the world’s major aerospace industries. A resident of Boca Raton, Fla., Corrigan has a daughter and two sons.

Nelson Henning ’76 has been granted tenure at Cedarville (Ohio) University, a Baptist university of arts, sciences, professional and graduate programs. An associate professor of social work, Henning has been at Cedarville since 1994.

David S. Biernbaum ’77 received the American Marketing Consultant 2000 Impact Award. He is president and senior consultant of David Biernbaum Associates in Chesterfield, Mo.

Daniel Herzog M.A. ’77 received the “Volunteer Consultant of the Year” award from Community Access Unlimited in Elizabeth, N.J. Herzog lives in Newark.

Thanu Kulachol ’77, president of Bankok University, has been selected from more than 300 candidates to serve on the nine-member board of the Bureau of Accreditation and Education Evaluation in Thailand. The Bureau’s task is to ensure quality education at all levels and is considered Thailand’s central and official educational accrediting agency.

Emmanuel Ike Udougu M.A. ’77, Ph.D. ’80, professor of political science at Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C., has written a book, The Issue of Political Ethnicity in Africa that was published by Ashgate Publishing, Udogu, who has taught at Francis Marion since 1985, has research interests in international relations, comparative politics, and American government and politics.

Michelina P. Bonanno M.A. ’77 was named a gold medalist at the Georgetown University faculty convocation in 2000. She teaches in the division of English as a Foreign Language at Georgetown and is also an adjunct assistant professor at East Carolina University, School of Medicine, where she pursues research in doctor-patient communication and medical education. Bonanno also holds an adjunct position at the University of Virginia. She and her husband, Peter A. Bunker, a retired physicist, have two daughters, Elizabeth and Angela.

1980s

Mark DeLaurentis ’81 is director of multimedia product development for PR Newswire, a New York City company, where he has worked since 1999. DeLaurentis previously designed interactive marketing campaigns for WebPromote.com, an Internet company.

Scott Andrew Stahmer ’81 has been named assistant news editor at the South Florida Sun-Sentinel in Fort Lauderdale. A 14-year veteran of the newspaper, Stahmer will supervise the Palm Beach County desk staff. He and his wife, Sandra, live in Fort Lauderdale.

Steven G. Tull ’81 is serving as president of the Montana Association of Teachers of English/Language Arts. As an English teacher at Superior High School, he participated in the development of standards and assessments for Montana.

Alyce Ward ’81, M.M. ’83 has started a pre-school music program, “Wiggle-n-Tunes” for children ages 8 months to 4 years. She has taught piano in the SIUC School of Music’s Community and Preparatory Program since completing her master’s degree. She lives in Carbondale.

Mark Algren M.S. ’82 is director of the Teachers of
English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Board and will serve as the organization’s 2003 convention chair. Algren is a language specialist in the Applied English Center at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. He has taught English as a foreign language since 1979 in the U.S., Hong Kong and Saudi Arabia.

Debbie Phillips-Donaldson ’82 has been named editor of Quality Progress, flagship magazine of the American Society for Quality headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis. She formerly served as head of a 50-member editorial department for Fancy Publications in Irvine, Calif.

Scott C. Topp ’82 and his wife, Lela M. Laurent ’82, make their home in Cary, Ill. Scott, who has reached his annual sales quota for 3M Unitek the past six years, still enjoys playing in R & B bands, his most recent being “Ambrose King & the River Rats.” His former band was “Ain’t Dead Chet & the Copperheads.” Lela recently joined Electronic Evidence Discovery as vice president of its Midwest region. The company is the world’s leading provider of electronic discovery services to law firms and corporate legal departments.

Steven E. Eisenhauer ’85 is technical coordinator and dean of students at Triopia Community Unit School District #27 in Concord, Ill. His wife, Tracy M. Eisenhauer, is teaching at Winchester Grade School. The couple lives in Jacksonville, Ill.

Mark W. Schwartz ’85, and his wife, Mary Remy Schwartz ’85 own and operate Product Development Technologies in Lincolnshire, Ill., a business that was started in the basement of their home. In a special issue of Inc. 500, it was ranked the 22nd fastest-growing private company. The company provides product development, engineering and tooling services. Mark H. Case Sr. ’86, M.S. ’88 has been named to the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by North Carolina Gov. James B. Hunt. The order is the highest award a civilian can receive for volunteerism in the state. Case is cited for his work with several non-profit organizations, including the American Red Cross, Lions Club, Cub Scouts, and Woodmen of the World. Case is also an accomplished wire art jeweler, receiving 28 first-place ribbons for his work.

Mike Hagan ’86 is Director of Operations for U.S. Medical Inc., Denver, Colo., a provider of new and pre-owned medical equipment to hospitals, physicians and other medical professions. Prior to joining U.S. Medical in 1999, Hagan started and ran two different companies.

JoAnna Wood M.A. ’86, Ph.D. ’90 is associate team leader for the Neurobehavioral and Psychosocial Factors Team of the National Space Biomedical Research Institute. Wood, assistant professor at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, is a research scientist in the Biobehavioral Laboratory at NASA Johnson Space Center. The team’s research identifies how stress and isolation affect crew health, safety and productivity during long-duration missions.

Lawrence Cruz ’87 has been a practicing patent attorney since 1992. He recently left private practice to serve as patent counsel for Tyco Healthcare, a division of Tyco International Ltd. in Norwalk, Conn.

Marshall Welch Ph.D. ’87 is new director of the University of Utah’s Lowell Bennion Community Service Center. The Center is composed of more than 5,000 volunteers who donate time through student-directed programs. Welch has been a faculty member in the Department of Special Education since 1987 and chair of the department the past two years.

1990s

BJ. Sohn ’90 is manager of media services for the San Antonio Spurs basketball team. Sohn was a student assistant for SIU Sports Information Director Fred Huff and most recently was employed for Sports Publishing Inc. at the University of Illinois. He has also been affiliated with athletics at the University of Michigan, Northwestern University and the University of Georgia.

Michael John Benard ’91, superintendent of recreation for the Hanover Park, Ill., Park District, earned his master’s in public administration from Roosevelt University, Chicago, in 1999. He received the President’s Award in 1998 and Young Professional Award in 2000 from the Illinois Park and Recreation Association, and was named Young Professional by the American Academy of Parks and Recreation Administration. Benard, who lives in LaGrange, Ill., is a participant in the SIU Alumni Association’s award-winning Extern Program.

Maxine M. Headd ’91 owns and operates a home daycare in Marion, Ill. Her goal is to expand to a group daycare home and eventually to own and operate one or more licensed daycare centers.

Jeffrey Charles Kepus ’91 has piloted Boeing 747s for Northwest Airlines since 1998. He is based in Anchorage, Alaska, but lives in Woodbury, Minn., and has started instructor pilot training.

Ann Kowalczko ’91, M.S. ’95 is a part-time trauma rehabilitation counselor at the University of Washington in Seattle. She also does freelance children’s photography. She, her husband and child live in Seattle.

Scott Shelton ’91, M.S. ’93 is director of economic development and marketing for Zambrana Engineering. The former village manager for
Swansea, Ill., will work with education and marketing programs in Illinois and Missouri.

David Ray Cheese II '94 is managed-care contract manager for SSM Health Care in St. Louis, Mo. He received his MBA at William Woods University. He and his wife, Dana, a special education teacher, live in Florissant, Mo.

Sarah Majorie McLaughlin is the daughter of Michelle D. McLaughlin '91 and Joey L. McLaughlin. Although Sarah was born with a hole in her heart, she had successful surgery at St. Louis Children’s Hospital and is now “doing great.” Michelle recently received a promotion to news director for Saga Communications, WTX-A-M.

The family lives in Springfield, Ill.

Gregory Kyle Graves '92 and Jennifer Litchfield Graves '95 became the parents of a daughter, Ashley, who was born on New Year’s Day, 2001. Greg is managing a dairy plant for Dean Foods in Hayward, Calif. The family lives in Livermore, Calif.

Mark A. Zimmerman '92 graduated from the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield and is serving as an Illinois State Trooper in District #19. He lives with his wife, Susan, and daughters, Sydney Marie, 4, and McKenna Alouise, 1, in Mt. Carmel, Ill.

Army 1st Lt. Jeffrey B. Lyons '93 recently participated in an exercise called "Tal Eagle," that involved Republic of Korea and U.S. forces testing the readiness abilities of units to respond to a crisis along the border of North and South Korea. Lyons is an executive officer assigned with Headquarters, 2nd Brigade at the Central Texas-based post of Fort Hood.

Laura J. Schmitt '93 is an English teacher at Romeoville High School in Romeoville, Ill., and is working on her master’s degree in education at Lewis University. After graduating from SIUC, she wrote an entertainment column for the Joliet Herald News and was a report editor for an investigation company.

Dr. Carl A. Bradley '95 completed his Ph.D. program in plant pathology at the University of Illinois in February 2001. He has accepted a position as a post doctoral research fellow in plant pathology at the University of Idaho’s Research and Extension Center in Kimberly. Bradley and his wife, Christine L. ‘93, live in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Lynne M. Chambers M.A. '95 has been selected for the National African-American Women’s Leadership Institute Fellows Program Class of 2001. Chambers, who lives in Grand Chain, Ill., is a public service director for a local radio station and a community volunteer. She is currently working with the GEAR-UP program, a federal initiative to target youth in low-income, under-served communities. The Fellows spend one year participating in leadership development at various sites.

Suzan H. Gibbs '95 will begin her work on her MBA at the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia this fall. She was formerly finance representative for Caterpillar Financial Services Corp. in Nashville, Tenn. Gibbs will live in Charlottesville, Va.

Sonja W. Wilson '95 of Lake Elsinor, Calif., was recognized by the Eta Phi Beta Sorority as director of the 21st Biennial Boule Report of the sorority’s western region. Wilson has also recently been honored for her contributions to the National Caucus of Black School Board Members, San Gorgonio Girl Scout Council, and Riverside County School Board of Education.

Joanne Detore-Nakamura Ph.D. '98 is a certified diversity trainer and tenured associate professor of communications and literature at Brevard Community College in Melbourne, Fla. She facilitated a workshop, “Diversity Training: From the Boardroom to the Classroom,” at the 2001 League for Innovations Conference, co-authored Diversity Mirror, the college’s diversity initiative, and writes for other publications. She lives in Viera, Fla., with her husband, Eric '95, and their daughter, Emily.

Craig P. Fuehne '98 is a guidance and control engineer for the Boeing Company in St. Louis. He recently received the Robert Lichten Award given by the American Helicopter Society for the best paper by a new author. Fuehne received his master’s degree in May of 2000 from Washington University and began working for Boeing the next month.

Eric J. Funkhouser '98 received a certificate designating him as a 30-year veteran of the Boy Scouts of America. He lives in Belleville, Ill.

David M. Gimpel '98 separated from the military after 15 years to start his own training company. Misfits Mobile Training specializes in teaching UNIX system administration and other technologies. He and his family live in Fredericksburg, Va.

Jeffrey N. Mishoe '98 is teaching eighth grade history at Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District in Grapevine, Texas.

Jennifer S. Arnold '99 received her master’s in social work from the University of Illinois-Chicago and is working with emotionally and behaviorally disturbed children in foster care. She lives in Savoy, Ill.

M. Jean DuPree M.S. '99 is manager of TSN Operations for MRL, a health-care surveillance systems business in Herndon, Va. The TSN database she manages monitors antimicrobial drug resistance on an international level. She wants to credit her thesis committee, Dr. John Haddock, Dr. Michael Madigan, and Dr. Brian Klubeck, and her education at SIU for her professional development.

The Bogdala Wedding Featured Many Salukis

It was all Salukis at the wedding of David and Lynda Bogdala on June 19, 1999, in Salem, Ill. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Andy Parker '97, John Nadler '98, John Hunter '97, Colleen Kelly '96, and Stacey Burkemper '97. In the back row, from left, are Rene Bayles, '97, Julie Kresl '97, Megan Rich '00, Emily Bucholz '98, Melissa Cherry '99, Carl Reneghan '97, Lynda Bogdala '95, Henry Bogdala Jr. '94, David Bogdala '97, Lynda Jones-Bogdala '98, Jennifer Caspers '98, Jane Morgan '98, Maria Gutierrez '97, Alicia Hanson '97.
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Membership Has Its Privileges

Check Out The Benefits!

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KEEPING IN TOUCH
- Southern Alumni magazine
- Nationwide Alumni clubs
- Special events & ceremonies
- SIU Alumni Association decal
- Saluki Pride newsletter

NATIONWIDE BENEFITS
- Discounts at Six Flags Amusement Parks
- Insurance benefits

CAREER SERVICES
- Careerhighway.com
Call 1-800-252-5665

RECREATION, TRAVEL AND ENTERTAINMENT
Hotel/Motel discounts:
- Best Inns/Best Suites of America (15%)
- Carbondale Super 8 Motel (15%)
- Carbondale & Marion Comfort Inn Hotels (15%)
- Carbondale Days Inn (10%)
- Ramada Inn Limited (10%)
- Ho Jo Inn West Frankfort (10%)
- Seasons Resort located in Rend Lake (10%)
- Nationwide Choice Hotels at participating Clarion Inn, Comfort Inn, Quality Inn, Friendship Inn, Econo Lodge, Rodeway Inn, and Sleep Inn locations (Up to 15%)

Car rental discounts:
- Alamo, Avis, Budget, Hertz, and National
- European Auto, Air and Hotel discounts through destination Europe (1-800-650-6222)

CAMPUSS PRIVILEGES/DISCOUNTS
- McLeod Theater (20% off adult/senior citizen tickets)
- Morris Library privileges
- Shryock Auditorium ($3 off ticket to Celebrity Series)
- Touch of Nature (20% off lodging; 15% off programs)
- University Press items (20%)
- Saluki Bookstore discounts (20% life member, 15% annual and student members)
- University Bookstore discounts – SIU imprinted apparel (20% life member & 15% annual and student members – mail order catalog available)

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AREA DISCOUNTS
Carbondale
- Old Main Room-SIU Student Center (10%) 
- The Pasta House Company (20%)
- El Bajo (10%)
- Garfield’s (20%)
- Baskin-Robbins (10%)
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car (10%)
- Guazzio’s Apparel (20%)
- Mastercuts ($1.00 off all haircuts)
- Stiles Corporate Express (10%)
- Mugsy McGuiles (10%)

Marion
- Ruby Tuesday (10%)
- Carlson Wagonlit Travel Agency (5% on all preferred cruises & vacations) in Marion & Herrin
- Walt’s Pizza (10%)
- Olney
- Papa Mikes (10%)
West Frankfort
- Coleman-Rhoads (15% off all accessories)

OTHER
- SIU Credit Card

Bloomington, Ill.
- Davis Manor Bed & Breakfast (20% off room rate)

Chicago, Ill.
- Meyers O’Donnell Communications (15% on all banners and signs)

Austin, Texas
- Keller Williams Realty (ask for Steve & Judy Scott)

There are still class T-shirts available. If you are interested in becoming a member of the SIU Alumni Association, these class T-shirts are available to you.

Obelisk Yearbooks Available
The SIU Alumni Association has a limited number of Obelisk yearbooks available for purchase. The cost for a yearbook is $15, plus $3 for shipping and handling. Illinois residents should add 7.25% sales tax.

1971 237
1972 92
1978 1
1982 22
1984 6
1985 24
1986 108
1987 51

Congratulations 2001 Graduates
The SIU Alumni Association would like to congratulate the “Class of 2001” Saluki graduates, and wish you the best of luck in all future endeavors. As you begin your careers, graduate school or travel abroad, we hope you remember the good times at Southern Illinois University.

Your SIU Alumni Association is always eager to serve or assist you in any way.

Among the many graduates in May were, from left, Brandi Seei (Peoria, Ill.), Dawn Overby (Carbondale, Ill.), and inset, Michael Hepner (Bishop Hill, Ill.) Hepner used his cap to send a message to alumni and friends.

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A Step Back In Time

You Gotta Have Hope...

Comedian Bob Hope was at SIU in 1969 as part of Springfest. Here he is pictured on stage with Phyllis Green (Miss Southern) and Carol Martindale.
When President George W. Bush stopped by to pay a visit at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta this spring as part of a six-state tour promoting his budget package, his host was Dr. James Tally.

A three-degree alum of SIUC who serves as president and CEO of the healthcare system, Tally participated in a leadership forum with Bush to discuss the impact of federal funding on medical research, particularly in pediatrics.

At the close of the visit, Bush told Tally, "Coming to this hospital, seeing and feeling the love on the floor we were on, and knowing there are dedicated doctors and loving nurses spending a lot of time trying to help kids, renews my faith in the greatness of America."

During this presidential visit, the quality of SIUC professionals was well-represented in the form of Tally (featured in the Dec. 2000 issue of Southern Alumni). His family's association to the University and the SIU Alumni Association remain steadfast.

"Nearly my entire family, from my parents to my in-laws, has had a very strong relationship with Southern Illinois University since the mid-1950s — and it is one that has served all of us well. In many respects, Southern served as our window to the world by introducing us to people from all over the world, showing us cultural experiences from around the world, and preparing us to serve as productive citizens in that world.

"It is a relationship we want to continue to foster and grow through the years, and the SIU Alumni Association is the primary way in which we fulfill that goal."

Dr. James Tally '65, '71 MSED, '77 Ph.D.
SIU Alumni Association Life Member
President and CEO
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Dr. James Tally, left, answers a question for President George W. Bush, while Vicki Reidel, a mother of a cancer survivor, looks on.
A Lasting Tribute To A Special Lady

On Friday, May 4, a bronze likeness of Dorothy M. Morris, the former first lady of Southern Illinois University, was added to the gardens that also bear her name located west of Faner Hall on the SIUC campus.

“It’s very humbling,” says Morris, who returned to campus for the ceremony from her home in North Carolina. “I can’t imagine why anyone would want to do this. My husband was the one who did all the work, you know.”

She is the widow of the late Delyte W. Morris, who served as SIU’s president from 1948 to 1970 and is largely credited with making it a modern university.

Anonymous donors commissioned the piece to be done by associate professor of art and design Erin Palmer. Palmer started working on the piece in the summer of 1999, doing sketches and a scale maquette. During summer 2000, retired art and design professor Thomas Walsh helped oversee the initial casting of the statue at SIUC’s foundry.

Palmer is quick to give credit to the entire School of Art and Design faculty as well as the efforts of undergraduate and graduate students such as Emily Dixon, Jarrod Houghton, Toby Flores and Todd Frahm.

The statue was cast in nine pieces (including the base), then welded together. The piece was then sandblasted, and a patina was added.

“I was able to capture certain qualities that remind people of her. I believe the statue will be an enjoyable and elegant addition to the campus,” Palmer says.

The location of the statue in the gardens helped her determine the mood of the piece. The sculpture is integrated with the intimate feel of the gardens, she says, adding that it fits into the organic nature of its surroundings.

Interim chancellor Jackson and Mrs. Morris admire the statue.