First In Flight

Miranda Barnes - the nation's top female collegiate pilot is a Saluki

Inside: Alumni Profiles, Southern Memories, Class Notes, Southern Sports, and more...
$100,000 Gift From Industry Leader

A $100,000 donation to renovate a recording studio in the SIUC Communications Building came as no surprise to Joe Foote, former dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts.

The gift from Norman Pattiz, one of the country's largest radio producers, was matched dollar-for-dollar by SIUC to cover the costs of creating a cutting edge, computerized audio laboratory for radio-television students.

"He wants to influence a new generation of broadcasters," says Foote, who became acquainted with Pattiz while both were serving as board members and officers of the Broadcast Education Association. "He was interested in going out to universities to see what was happening. He came to SIU and was impressed with the radio and television program."

According to Rickey McCurry, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, the gift from Pattiz reflects the type of program that is found in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts. "This gift speaks to the respect and admiration that the SIUC faculty and the program has within the industry. That's why industry leaders will step up and help with what we're trying to do," he says.

In 1998 SIUC awarded Pattiz the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Fine Arts for his leadership in the area of broadcast education. Described by USA Today as the "Ted Turner of Radio," Pattiz founded a small radio syndication company in 1976. Today his Los Angeles company, Westwood One, is the nation's largest radio network, providing programming to more than 7,000 stations in the U.S. and is home to some of the medium's biggest personalities, including Larry King, Casey Kasem, and Don Imus.

Pattiz is a member of the executive board and past president of the Broadcast Education Association, is a trustee of the Museum of Television & Radio, and the Hollywood Radio and Television Society.

In November of 2000 he was sworn in as a member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, a nine-member body appointed by the president, which supervises all U.S. government-supported international broadcasting.

Scott Hodgson, acting chair of the radio-television department, explains that four new courses have been added to the curriculum to make use of the new facility. The ProTools workstations, which will allow students to tap into the industry's leading computer software for digital/audio recording, are in place and the studio should be completed by mid to late fall.

According to Hodgson the new facility will allow students to make a transition into the new digital age of audio. "They'll leave here highly marketable."

This type of gift is very typical (of Pattiz)," adds Foote. "He is a very generous man and all over the country he's tried to help organizations that encourage excellence in broadcasting."
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FEATURES

First In Flight
Miranda Barnes always knew what she wanted to do—it was the rest of the world that seemed to tell her that she needed a different dream. Now she has made believers of them all, recently winning recognition as the top female collegiate pilot in the country.

Dedicated To Their Craft
SIUC playwriting graduates continue to make their department proud. Whether making a living solely as playwrights, or staying involved with the craft by teaching or performing, these alumni sow the seeds of a respected program.

Drawing On His SIU Experience
For award-winning artist Preston Jackson, days spent at SIU still play a major role in his life. The Decatur, Ill, native heard the University described in the 1960s as an integrated school that was in many ways unique. “SIU was so different than anywhere I'd ever been,” he remembers. “It was like heaven.”

Selling The Salukis
For over three decades, Fred Huff promoted, assisted, and sold the media on covering SIU’s athletic teams. He recently retired as the Sports Information Director at Southern, leaving behind a legacy of accomplishments—perhaps none more impressive than the role he played during the Salukis’ unlikely trek to the 1967 National Invitation Tournament title.

Driven To Succeed
No one questioned Amy Rakers’ knowledge of basketball when she was at SIUC. After all, she ended her career as the team’s all-time leading scorer, and was generally considered one of the best female players in the nation. When she got into coaching, however, she had a bit of a surprise in store for everyone. She recently led a male prep team to an undefeated state championship.
by Gene Green

Most of us can't even remember what we were doing when we were three years old. That, however, was the age when Miranda Hill identified her life's vocation – she would fly aircraft for a living.

As she grew older, the goal only intensified – as did advice from friends who urged her to focus on another dream. After all, many told her, "girls can't be commercial pilots." Backed by her parents, who realized she was something special, Miranda ignored such nonsense and trudged forward in her quest.

There was no stopping her – plain and simple. Gail Hill probably figured her daughter out earlier than most, when she noted, "Miranda always knew what she wanted to do. I turned her over to the Lord a long time ago."

No one doubts Miranda (Hill) Barnes now. The SIUC product was recently named the top female collegiate pilot in the nation, and is proudly featured on the cover of this issue of Southern Alumni.

Winning the honor was anything but a fluke, as Barnes missed capturing the regional title in 2000 by only one point. In fact, nothing this amazing young lady has accomplished in the field has happened by chance.

There was never a phase she went through where she wanted to be a teacher, a professional working behind a desk, or anything else for that matter. She always knew she would fly aircraft.

I hope you will enjoy a profile on one of Southern's finest products. Take a good look at the cover photo as well – she might soon be flying you to your next destination.

Another story in the same vein is featured in the magazine's sports section. Amy Rakers ended her SIUC women's basketball career as the program's all-time leading scorer. While few were surprised that she went into coaching, many might be surprised on who she is coaching.

Rakers coached a boy's high school team to an undefeated state championship last year, an accomplishment that didn't raise an eyebrow from former Saluki head coach Cindy Scott (now an assistant athletics director at Bentley College).

"Her personality and intensity is probably a great fit for coaching boys," Scott says. "She knows the game well and isn't intimidated. Maybe winning the state title surprised some people, but it just made me extremely proud."

Hopefully this issue will show you many people, plans and programs at Southern to be proud of. I think you will agree that some exciting things are starting to take shape at the University. Plan to come back and see for yourself – join us Oct. 5-6 for the 2001 Homecoming Weekend.
Dear Readers...

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

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

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

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

First-Time Participants Had Big Day At Busch

My wife and I wanted to thank the SIU Alumni Association for organizing SIU Day at Busch Stadium this summer. This was our first time participating in the event, and we both had a very good time. We even ran into a few alumni friends we hadn't seen in years. It was nice to catch up with everyone during the pre-game picnic.

Enclosed is a picture of my wife and I enjoying ourselves at Busch. We now plan on attending the event every year.

Again, thanks!

David '94 and Dana Cheese
Florissant, Mo.

Once A Saluki Always A Saluki

As an SIUC alum working in the education field, I have spent the summer traveling almost 15,000 miles. Let me just say that 'once a Saluki always a Saluki.'

Those of us who are members of the SIU Alumni Association know what it means to be a Saluki — and I am proud to be one. Perhaps someday one of our famous "Musical Salukis" will write a theme song that we can all sing.

I would like to say hello to all the friends I made while attending SIUC and working at the Student Center as a member of the famous "Blue Crew." To all my professors and supervisors, thanks for teaching us to work hard and have pride in what we do. That work ethic has been passed on to the students I now teach. I teach high school business, and love every minute of it!

Let's all continue to show Saluki Pride, and be proud of the time we spent in the community. It is the people there that help make SIUC and the Southern Illinois area a great place to live and come back to.

Mark A. Czmyrid '89
Carbondale, Ill.

Southern Boasts Another Alum Who Is A President

In our recent story on SIU products now serving as presidents at various institutions, we invited readers to send us the name of anyone we might have missed. We indeed did hear from a few Association members, and we happy to add another name to this distinguished list.

J. Michael Adams '76 Ph.D., is the president of Farleigh Dickenson University in New Jersey. Adams earned his doctorate in education administration at Southern, and in Sept. 2000, FDU celebrated his formal inauguration of the University's sixth president.

Adams is shown at that ceremony.

Remembering 'Doc' Stotlar

I was sorry to hear about the passing of John "Doc" Stotlar. He was a rare gentleman who was not only a great teacher and instructor, but he could always accomplish everything he taught and instructed.

He spent many years at the University School on campus, where he taught sportsmanship, the importance of giving your all and striving for excellence. You could always find "Doc" Stotlar ready for a challenge — especially in badminton. If you were his opponent, you always wound up with the birdie in your face.

The world has lost a great leader in "Doc" Stotlar. He was certainly a big inspiration to all in Carbondale, at University School, and at Southern Illinois University.

Robert Hardcastle '63, M.S. '64
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Mary Lou's Story Reminds Alum Of Another Favorite

The story on Mary Lou's Grill in the last issue of Southern Alumni brought back fond memories of another restaurant in the mid-1950s. Wasellas was sent from God — and located on the south side of Walnut Street between the railroad tracks and South Illinois Ave.

Though basically a hole in the wall, it was a great place to stretch your money. With normal student wages then between 35-50 cents per hour, we enjoyed many evening breakfasts of two eggs, potatoes, and toast for two bits.

Jim Stumpf '58
Panama City, Fla.
Land Use Plan Includes New Home For Alumni Association

What will Southern Illinois University Carbondale look like 10, 20 or 30 years from now? A plan based on ideas of faculty and staff, then polished by building a new stadium at the same site with the sides flanked by two new buildings (see drawing).

To the east of the new stadium stands a four-story new building that would house all of the Admissions and Records, Financial Aid and other student service offices now located at Woody Hall. It would provide one-thanking the University for incorporating an alumni center into their vision for SIU’s future," says current SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger. "SIU alumni are among the most loyal and dedicated of any alumni population in the nation.

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Civitas, a nationally known planning firm in Boulder, Colo., calls for a greener, more pedestrian-friendly campus design.

Glenn Poshard, vice chancellor for administration, gave a detailed explanation of the plan at the SIU Board of Trustees planning retreat in June, and the Board then adopted the overall concept with the understanding that as each part of the plan moves forward, the campus will discuss the idea before it moves to the Board for final approval.

Changes at McAndrew Stadium create the linchpin of the plan. Right now the stadium is in a state of poor repair, and the plan calls for new building that would house Athletics, the SIU Alumni Association, the SIU Foundation, offices for Institutional Advancement and Public Affairs, and a Saluki Hall of Fame where various sports awards would be displayed. It would also incorporate a Saluki Welcome Center.

The west side of the stadium would be adjacent to a stop shopping for prospective students while making it easier for continuing students to take care of various business errands.

This part of the project has a tentative completion date of 2004.

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The SIU Alumni Association offices would be housed on the northeast edge of the complex.

Secondary entrances would be clearly marked at Mill Street and Normal Avenue and at the intersection of
Oakland Avenue and Chautauqua Street.

Student housing would be located between Lincoln Drive and Mill Street, closer to the central campus to encourage a closer community.

"I'd say 90 percent of the ideas were from the committee," Poshard says. "They came up with things, and we bounced them off Civitas. It's a good plan — certainly a doable plan — and will literally change the face of the University. It's environmentally sound, pedestrian-friendly and in the end will make the campus an exciting place to be."

Once student service offices move out of Woody Hall, that building will be renovated to provide a new home that would consolidate Business Practices, Human Resources and Rehabilitation Services. The College of Business and Administration would then be able to expand into the rest of Rehn Hall.

A new academic building designed to fit into the Old Main Mall but primed with new technology inside would go up in the area just south of Anthony Hall.

Other changes include a new building for Student Health Services near the Student Recreation Center and additions to the Communications Building, the Agriculture Building and Morris Library.

Thompson Woods and Lake-on-the-Campus will also receive enhancements.

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Jackson To Teach At Arkansas-Little Rock This Fall

Former Interim Chancellor John S. Jackson, who retired June 30 with 32 years of service to SIUC, says he will teach two American government classes at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock this fall.

"We aren't selling our home in Carbondale, but it will give us a chance to change scenery for a while," he says. "We've rented an apartment for the fall semester and are looking forward to a change of pace."

Jackson, a nationally recognized political scientist, is a native of Arkansas. His mother still lives in his hometown of Waldo. Jackson says the semester appointment will also let him visit friends and family who live in Little Rock.

David Carlson Selected As SIUC Dean Of Library Affairs

David Carlson, director of libraries at Bridgewater State College in Bridgewater, Mass., has been named dean of Library Affairs at SIUC. He was selected from a field of three finalists.

Margaret Winters, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and research, said Carlson will bring "experience and enthusiasm" to Morris Library. "I am looking forward to working with him as dean and also as a member of the Academic Affairs Deans' Council," she says.

James Fox has been interim dean of Library Affairs at SIUC since Carolyn Snyder resigned the post July 1, 2000. Fox served in several administrative positions at the library before his 1999 retirement after 25 years with the University. He said he is "looking forward to resuming my retirement."

SIUC Athletics Announces Changes To Tailgating Policy

The SIUC Athletics Department has announced changes to the tailgating policy at McAndrew Stadium, effective with the start of the current football season.

The parking lots around the stadium will be open three hours prior to kickoff this season, and tailgaters will not be required to either enter the game or leave the lot, as has been the policy in the past. Fans will also be permitted to gather in the lots for up to an hour following the game.

"The athletics department is committed to making an afternoon at the stadium an enjoyable experience for our fans," says SIUC Athletics Director Paul Kowalczyk. "These two changes, along with the presence of Zimmer Radio and the Family Area, will help create a fun, big-time collegiate football game day atmosphere."

Kowalczyk notes that with more freedom comes more responsibility.

"We truly want everyone to enjoy southern Illinois hospitality and our beautiful campus, but we also want everyone to do their part in creating an inviting neighborhood environment where everyone watches out for each other and keeps the area safe and clean."

First-year head coach Jerry Kill will lead SIUC football, and the squad will play the 2001 season on a new artificial playing surface.
Dr. Marsha Ryan New Foundation Board President

Dr. Marsha Ryan of Murphysboro, Ill., is the new president of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors. She will serve a two-year term.

Ryan replaces Jim Gildersleeve of Hudson, Ill., who served as Foundation board president for the past two years.

She said she is looking forward to her duties, which include organizing the all-volunteer board.

“The thought of becoming board president is a bit intimidating, since I am following in the footsteps of some very worthy predecessors,” says Ryan. “But it’s a really exciting time at SIUC, with a new chancellor, new president and new vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement. It’s a time full of promise, and I’m thrilled.

“My job is to keep the lines of communication open with administration and keep things working smoothly so we can achieve our goal of raising funds for SIUC.”

Ryan has practiced medicine since 1978 and is a surgeon in private practice in Carbondale. She was chief of staff of Memorial Hospital of Carbondale from 1987 to 1989 and received a law degree from the SIU School of Law in 1987. She serves as an adjunct professor for the law school, teaching courses in medical malpractice.

She has served the University as a member of the SIU Foundation board of directors and the SIU School of Law board of visitors. She has also been active in many community organizations, including the Carbondale Community Arts and the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce.

Ryan’s husband John, a Carbondale attorney, is also an SIUC alum. They have two children.

Roll The Dice And See The Dawgs In Las Vegas

The SIU Alumni Association is offering an attractive package to see the Saluki men’s basketball team play in the Las Vegas Invitational. The trip, set Nov. 20-25, includes round-trip airfare, five nights at the Paris Las Vegas Hotel on the strip, an all-tournament game pass, ground transportation, and an all-tournament banquet with the Saluki coaches and players.

SIUC begins action in the tournament on Thanksgiving Day, with a Nov. 22 contest tentatively set with Hartford University. The next day the Dawgs are scheduled play national power Iowa State, and follow that with a Nov. 24 contest against a yet to be determined opponent. Other teams in the tournament are Georgia Tech, Eastern Illinois, University of Pennsylvania, St. Louis University, and the University of Illinois. All pairings are subject to change.

The SIU Alumni Association membership rate on the package is $999 per person (double occupancy) and $1,199 (single occupancy). Non-members will pay $100 more per person, and $200 more for single occupancy. If you are interested in a land package only (includes all benefits except air and ground transportation, that is available to members for $569 per person (double occupancy) and $769 (single occupancy) — again representing a large savings over non-member rates. You can join the SIU Alumni Association by calling 618-453-2408.

For an event flier or more information, contact Dave Ardrey or Jeannie Caldwell at the SIU Alumni Association office at 618-453-2408, or e-mail them at dardrey@siu.edu. If you wish to book travel now, please contact Seven Seas Travel (800-444-8728) and ask for Judy. She can be reached through e-mail at judy@7seas.com.
In 1962, I was an eager beneficiary of an "exchange scheme" conducted at Southern Illinois University. Geology faculty from SIU changed jobs, houses and cars — but not wives — with a British counterpart.

This arrangement was attractive to me, as SIU paid not only the salary of their own faculty member, but brought the British participant up to the United States levels. That meant virtually doubling my remuneration — a hugely generous gesture.

My wife, Barbara, and I exchanged places with Frank and Lois Thomas, who spent their year in Liverpool braving one of the coldest winters in the history of the UK. Central heating was highly unusual in British homes at that time, and was indeed missing from our residence. Frank wrote anxiously to ask how I heated my study. Puzzled, I wrote, "Light the gas fire." Soon came this reply — and I can still sense the pain in the letter: "But what else?"

Times certainly change. Few from the UK traveled to the United States in the early 1960s, and fewer still came by air. We had the wonderful experience of sailing on the Queen Elizabeth to New York. From there we finally made our way across the country, arriving in southern Illinois.

It was a joy to find that the department I worked in at SIU was as happy and tight-knit as the place we left. Under the quiet giant, Bob Harper, we worked as a coherent team — united in purpose with a zest for discipline which owed everything to a personal love affair with geology and little to research ranking or financial imperatives.

Harper soon took me to a football game at SIU. I am still utterly bemused when I think about it. What seemed to me to be a slow and impenetrable game, made my gentle, soft-spoken colleague spend the entire contest standing on his seat cheering and shouting! And Harper still doesn't find any excitement in cricket.

Academic life at SIU provided some huge differences compared to the UK. At Southern, I had classes at 7:30 a.m.; the Liverpool department at that time of the morning was still two hours away from opening the doors. The classes also lacked the formality of the lectures I was used to. Conversational teaching modes meant that the material I had prepared lasted much longer.

Nor had I ever experienced mechanically marked multiple choice questions before. My colleagues could set them with such subtlety of meaning between choices that I had no idea — nor did most students — as to the right answer or why.

Language was also a problem. The notion of two nations divided by a common language was never more true. A class looked utterly blank when I asked for a paper back in "a fortnight," for I would never have thought of saying "two weeks." I shall always treasure the memory of one sweet girl, who at the end of one term said, "Gee sir; I didn't understand a word you said, but I sure loved the way you said it!"

The sense of camaraderie and pride was not only among the faculty and wives, but also all the way through SIU. Early in my stay, I was casually introduced to President Delyte Morris. A few weeks later in church, he not only greeted me by name, but with an inquiry about fellow geographers and my home university. Perhaps he was just checking whether SIU was getting value for its money in hiring me — but I rather think not. In Liverpool, I had never even met my vice chancellor.

For a geographer with a passion for landscape, Carbondale was a wonderful place. The corn belt, cotton belt, Shawnee Hills, the Ozarks — so contrasting and so close. When I later returned, we were allowed to "borrow" the president's airplane to better see southern Illinois and many of those views that I still treasure.

I tried my best while at SIU to walk the 10 minutes from home to office twice each day. I finally gave up this notion, when a friend driving in the opposite direction kept turning around to give me rides. He just couldn't believe I liked walking — he thought I was simply saving dollars!

For my wife and I, the legacy of our year at SIU has been a wealth of warm student contacts and a personal discovery of a new research field in outdoor recreation, which has given me wonderful satisfaction these last 39 years.

The year of 1962 brought us an "exchange" that filled us with countless memories and friendships that still remain.
Flying High

Barnes is in her own element whenever she is around aircraft.
by Greg Scott

Many years ago, Gail and Jimmy Hill were on a family trip with their two children, Miranda and Chris, at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. Imagine their thoughts when three-year-old Miranda told them she wanted to operate aircraft someday.

It would be hard for any parent to believe that a child at such an early stage in life could map out career plans. However, the Hills soon discovered that their daughter's goals were for real.

Miranda was a fourth-grader at Grayson Elementary School, just outside of Atlanta, Ga., when the greatest space flight tragedy to date occurred. On January 28, 1986, at Kennedy Space Center in Florida, the American space shuttle, Challenger, exploded 73 seconds after liftoff, claiming the lives of all seven astronauts aboard.

The Hill's two children weren't in school that day due to a snowstorm. Gail Hill received a call at work from her son, Chris, who spoke with a sense of urgency. "Chris told me to come home because something was wrong with Miranda," Hill says. "She had watched on television as the shuttle exploded and was in a state of shock for a day or two."

When Miranda returned to school, classmates assumed that she would alter her career dreams, due to the space shuttle disaster. However, much to the surprise of her friends, Miranda didn't waver and thought that maybe someday she would be in a position to figure out what went wrong with the shuttle.

"Miranda's teacher was so impressed with how she responded to her classmates," Hill says. "She told them the important thing is those people died doing something they thoroughly enjoyed. Miranda said I would rather die young and enjoy my life than to live to be an old person and hate every day."

"When her teacher shared that with me, I told Miranda that whatever she wanted to do, I would back her 100 percent."

Today, Miranda Faith (Hill) Barnes is completing her degree in aviation flight and management at Southern, and has spent the past two years as co-captain of The Flying Salukis, Southern's precision flying team. Last spring, while competing at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's annual competition in Grand Forks, N.D., Barnes earned the honor of being named the nation's top female student pilot and led her team to a fourth-place finish in the United States.

The competition allows student pilots to showcase their skills, testing their abilities in myriad air and ground events.

The previous October, the Flying Salukis won its regional competition, which qualified them for the national event. Barnes had placed in each of the events she competed in at the regional, but missed the top female pilot honor by only one point. This near miss motivated Barnes for the national event.

"I was upset at missing (top female pilot) at the regionals. I've wanted that since I first joined this team. It was definitely a goal," she says. "Part of me didn't want to get my hopes up at nationals, but on the other hand, I had worked really hard and thought it would be a great reward."

During the awards ceremony, Jyl Pepple, one of Barnes' coaches, told her that she had won the nation's top female pilot honor.

"It was so exciting that it felt like my heart just stopped. I thought I was going
to throw up as I was walking up to receive the award," says Barnes.

Following the ceremony, she immediately called her husband of five years, Stephen, a doctoral student at Southern, whom she credits for moral support. "I'm sure he felt neglected at times because I was practicing so much and going to school and work. I've had to learn that it's tough for them to attend every competition," she says. "I told him that two years of hard work had paid off."

Due to the length of the awards banquet, Barnes waited until the next morning to call her parents, who were unable to make the trip. "They were so mad at me for waiting to call," Barnes laughs. "My mom started crying and said, 'We should've been there.' But I understand that it's tough for them to attend every competition. They were really excited."

Barnes won the award on the strength of her performance in the navigation competition. She and teammate Jeremy Williamson, who served as safety pilot while Barnes led the navigation efforts, teamed to finish fifth. Barnes was the only female to finish in the top five. "I can't take all of the credit. My teammate and I had a great relationship," Barnes says. "I appreciate that because the navigator gets points (toward the top pilot award), but the safety pilot doesn't get any points."

While competition rules precluded him from receiving points toward its top individual honor, Williamson took pride in the accomplishment. "Miranda and I set a standard. We were the only male-female team to finish in the top five," he says. "Many teams in the competition are male dominated. Miranda and I demonstrated that men and women can work together as a team."

Williamson says the price of performing well on a national level is many hours of practice. "Our entire team was happy for Miranda. She deserves all of the recognition," he says. "Miranda paid her way through school and is married, which brings in another factor. She's accomplished this under some unique circumstances."

But her own determination, dating back to her childhood, has always been a motivating force for Barnes, even when others tried to discourage her. "I got made fun of for wanting to be a pilot. A lot of people told me that I couldn't do it because I'm a woman," she says. "It's frustrating to hear comments like that, but a part of me is thankful. That is part of who I am today. I show people that I can do things."

Gail Hill made this discovery about her daughter many years ago. "If you tell her she can't do something, that drives her even more. Miranda has always been determined," Hill says. "She has always known what she wanted to do. I turned her over to the Lord a long time ago."

Hill fondly remembers the day Miranda first showed her interest in aircraft at the National Air and Space Museum. "Miranda kept trying to convince her dad to sit her in one of the planes hanging from the ceiling. He kept telling her no but she kept insisting," Hill recalls. "Finally, he saw a guard standing in the corner and said, 'If I put you in that plane that guard is going to shoot me.'"

"She just looked up at him and said, 'Well, someday I will.' Through the years, she just enjoyed anything dealing with aircraft, and we knew that was where she was headed."

Barnes says she fell in love with the thought of flying during that trip. "When it was time to leave, I started crying. My parents just thought, 'She's a kid. Airplanes are fun right now,'" she says. "When I was seven, I found out about the space program, and I kept saying that I wanted to fly higher than anyone else. At that point, I wanted to be an astronaut."

In time, this proved to be much more than a phase for Miranda. "My parents really didn't know what to do with me," she says. "Usually kids go through phases of wanting to be a teacher, police officer, doctor or whatever else. But I never wanted to be anything else."

During her junior year of high school, Barnes attended U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. "It was an excellent experience. That is still a goal of mine ... to travel in space someday," she says.

At age 15, Barnes journeyed on her first flight with a friend of her father who owned a Cessna 172, a small four-seated plane. She had been on some commercial flights previously but says it paled in comparison. "I got to fly the plane and taxi it onto the ground," she says. "That was it. At that point I said I wanted to get my private pilot's license."

Barnes' parents were supportive of her dream; however, they wanted their
Three-year-old Miranda is pictured with her older brother, Chris, and father Jimmy, at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

daughter to earn the money on her own. She worked two summer jobs between her junior and senior years of high school, including one at the Stone Mountain Airport in Atlanta. She worked up to 60 hours a week in the two jobs, and started taking flying lessons her senior year.

"We found out how committed she was to flying," Hill says. "She was working some mighty long hours. But Miranda was so energized from being around aircraft."

Barnes estimates that she originally saved $3,000 for lessons. "My parents had the money to support me financially, but they didn't want to just give it to me. That comes from my father. He felt it would mean more to me if I saved the money myself," Barnes says. "I'm glad they did that."

However, adverse weather conditions kept Barnes from completing her pilot's license requirements prior to leaving for college. She had spent her entire savings on flying lessons to that point, therefore, she was forced to put her dream on hold.

Barnes decided to major in engineering at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She took this route primarily because her high school guidance counselor told her that, because she was a female, becoming a pilot was not an option. He also said there weren't any schools with flying programs.

"Who am I to question my counselor of all people?" says Barnes. "I was good in math and science, and my dad was an engineer. So I thought that I could design planes and fly on the side."

But after two years in Alabama, Barnes discovered how much she missed flying. "Engineering pleased me for a while. But I couldn't see myself sitting at a desk every day," she says.

Barnes' mother also saw a change in her daughter. "I've flown with her, and there is a glow in her face that you don't see any other time," Hill says. "When she was majoring in engineering, we didn't see that same spark. I think she realized that this wasn't the thing for her to do."

Along with her husband, Stephen, whom she met and married while attending Alabama-Huntsville, Barnes moved to College Station, Texas. As Stephen was earning his master's degree at Texas A&M, Barnes took two years off school to work full time at the local Applebee's Restaurant. She earned Employee of the Year honors in 1997. More importantly, the job enabled her to save enough money to complete her private pilot's lessons.

"We lived off Ramen noodles for a while so I could finish up," she says.

With her pilot's license in hand, Barnes began to search for a school with a quality flight program. Stephen, who aspired to attain a doctorate in philosophy, was researching schools as well.

Barnes says the two discovered SIUC independently and decided that it was the perfect fit for their career goals. She found out about Southern's flight program on the Internet.

"Stephen liked SIU because of the John Dewey Center. He received a fellowship and is writing his dissertation on John Dewey," she says. "I realized that SIU had a top-ranked flight program, and it was affordable. The University had a good reputation and was less expensive than the other schools we were investigating."

Barnes has never regretted the decision. "SIU has a great program. I would recommend it to anyone interested in pursuing an aviation career," says Barnes, who is the second SIUC student in three years to earn top female pilot honors. "I fell in love with southern Illinois immediately because it reminds me of southern Georgia. This is a great area for outdoor activities like hiking, which I enjoy."

During her first year on The Flying Salukis, she made her presence felt.

Barnes was voted most valuable team member at the national competition. Kim Carter, the team's head coach, says Barnes has qualities to be successful in aviation.

"Miranda is easy to coach because she's motivated and professional in her approach," Carter says. "She's pretty competitive in that she strives to do well."

Carter says it wasn't unusual for Barnes, who turned 25 last summer, to take on a leadership role with younger students.

Barnes sits in the flight deck of the Cessna 172, the same plane in which she earned the nation's top female student pilot honors.
team members. She served as co-captain last year and relishes being a leader.

"It has to be tough for a 17- or 18-year-old to handle the challenge of leaving home to attend college, with the extra responsibility of flying airplanes," she says. "They are under a lot of pressure.

"I'm really pleased with the route I've taken. I don't regret a thing. As an older student, I appreciate my education even more, because since I transferred to SIUC, I've been paying for it."

Last March, with her parents in attendance, Barnes solo piloted the Cessna 172 for the first time. A month later, her mother ventured to the skies with her.

"I was apprehensive about the size of the plane — not the pilot," Hill says. "Miranda has always been conscientious with everything she's done. So I'm not afraid to fly with her."

"As a matter of fact, she apologized for what she thought was a rough landing. I responded by saying, 'Are we on the ground?'"

Barnes is taking another step toward realizing her career dream. She is currently serving as a flight operations intern with Delta Air Lines in Atlanta, and will officially graduate from Southern in December. Her long-term goal is to fly Delta planes. "Delta treats their interns well. You get to see every aspect of the airline," she says. "One day we might work at the ticket counter, the next day we're in scheduling or dispatch."

"We also get to visit other cities as well and were promised an international flight. Interns receive unlimited domestic flights. I'm looking forward to that."

After graduation, Barnes hopes to land a job with Delta's regional air carrier, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, which flies small jets and commuter planes.

"It will help me increase my hours in the air, which could lead to flying larger planes," she says. Larger planes that will make that wide-eyed, 3-year-old girl's dreams become a reality.

A Born Leader

by Greg Scott

During Miranda Barnes' first year on The Flying Salukis, SIUC's intercollegiate flying team, one of the team's assistant coaches left for a position with a major airline in the midst of the season. Although it was just her first year on the team, Barnes volunteered to assist in filling the void left by the departed coach. "Miranda had done pretty well in the S.C.A.N. (Simulated Cross Country Area Navigation) competition. She jumped in and helped plan and organize the S.C.A.N. practices that spring," says Kim Carter, head coach of The Flying Salukis. "She was voted the most valuable team member at nationals that year. Miranda has always wanted to do her best for her team."

Under Barnes' guidance, all five SIU team members placed in the S.C.A.N. at regionals. During the event, competitors are provided with weather information and specifics about the plane. As private pilots, they are asked various questions regarding a flight.

Barnes was proud of her teammates. "Everyone really worked hard because they saw that I was taking extra time to help. I think they wanted to prove themselves," she says.

Barnes, who affectionately refers to her teammates as kids, earned respect in short order. She attributes much of this to her advanced age (25) and experience. While she has proven to be an asset during flying competition, team members value her in other ways. "They even come to me with relationship questions. For a lot of students here, I'm the only married friend they have," she says. "Also, if people are having problems in class, I try to help them. I've tutored people in calculus and physics."

The outgoing president of SIUC's chapter of Women in Aviation and co-captain of The Flying Salukis, Barnes has participated in a number of activities at Southern. She provided airport tours to youngsters interested in aviation and also served as a student worker in SIUC's Weather Station for two years. Barnes is a certified weather observer via the National Weather Service.

David A. NewMyer, chair of SIUC's aviation management and flight program, says Barnes, who maintained a 4.0 grade point average at Southern, has been a great ambassador for the program. "Miranda is an outstanding student who has done well academically, in extra-curricular activities, and with service," he says. "She has been, and is, an outstanding representative of SIUC and our aviation program. It will be a sad day for all of us when she graduates."

The Flying Salukis will be the first to concur with NewMyer's statement. Holly Hargadine, a senior who will join Barnes as a flight operations intern at Delta this fall, says her teammate was an influential leader. "Miranda always worked hard to make sure there was cohesiveness on the team. She really brought everyone together," she says. Joshua Williamson, a senior on the team, adds, "Miranda is a confident leader who cares about her teammates and provides spirit and encouragement to everyone."

Barnes' knack for stepping into the leadership role is not a surprise to those who know her. Her father, Jimmy Hill, witnessed this in his daughter at an early age. "She has always wanted to get involved and know about everything," he says. "When I worked on the car, she was right there. It is really fantastic to watch one of your children develop into such a leader."

Barnes, who aspires to mentor young children in aviation, looks forward to sharing her experiences and knowledge with others. "I've been given great opportunities, but you have to take advantage of those opportunities," she says. "I want kids to know that they can do whatever they set their sights on — whether they want to become a pilot or strive to be a success in some other career field. But the main thing is to not allow anyone to stop you from realizing your dreams."
Malaysian Family Continues To Build An SIUC Tradition

by Marianne Lawrence

James and Maria Jaikuh returned to Carbondale after 25 years to introduce their son, Mcjemayel, to the SIUC campus, where he begins classes this fall in the College of Engineering.

“He will have to e-mail us every day,” declares Maria, who will be at home in Malaysia as her son settles into his college career thousands of miles from home.

She and James each received their degrees in business management in 1984, and Maria finished her master’s degree at Morehead, Ky., the next year. Both of their children, Mcjemayel and his sister, Megan Imbayn, now 16, were born in Carbondale.

Friends in Malaysia recommended SIUC to the Jaikuhs as being a good place to study because of the atmosphere and because it was not located in a big city. The couple was comfortable enough to bring their son back and say that their daughter will definitely follow in a couple of years.

The family lives in Sabah, which is on Borneo Island in eastern Malaysia, where James manages the Kinabulu Gold Resorts, a group of five nature resorts near Mt. Kinabulu, the highest mountain in southeast Asia. “Around 300,000 people came to Malaysia to climb the mountain last year,” says James, who oversees around 300 employees who work in the resorts.

In addition to mountain climbing, the resorts offer an array of accommodations, sports, island tours, and inviting activities like jungle trekking to observe the flora and fauna, visits to waterfalls, a butterfly farm, tropical garden and hikes through the rain forest. Maria adds that the flowers in Malaysia are some of the “biggest in the world.”

Another popular attraction in and around the resorts is the occasional sighting of orangutans and other wild monkeys indigenous to the rain forest.

The Jaikuhs’ friend and fellow SIUC alumni, Richard Bainon, owns the resorts and asked James to join him in the business. “We were friends before SIU,” says James. “In fact, we invited him to come to Carbondale.”

Jared Dorn, director of International Programs and Services, points out that the SIUC alumni population in Sabah has been as high as 300. “The friendship between the SIU campus and Sabah alumni is very strong,” Maria works with several alumni at the bank where she has been employed for the past 15 years. She thinks there were around 200 alumni in Sabah. “We get together and have potlucks occasionally,” she says.

In addition to registering Mcjemayel for the fall semester, the Jaikuhs took additional time to do some sightseeing between their flights in and out of Los Angeles. The family drove cross country to Carbondale, which took them about three days each way, and also made a side trip to Georgia to visit friends.

The family enjoyed the opportunity to relax in southern Illinois — the first time they had returned since leaving in 1986. Traffic jams in Maylasia can last up to an hour each day as they get to their respective destinations. “It is so peaceful and slow here,” says Maria. “You don’t have to rush.”
An Art All Their Own

SIU playwriting graduates continue to make the department proud.

by Marianne Lawrence
Most graduates of the SIU playwriting program can easily recall the rush of seeing their original plays performed before a live audience. And, although difficult to make a living by being solely a playwright, many continue their dedication to the art by teaching, writing and involvement in both community and professional theater.

In the late 1950s, Dorothy Webb was deeply involved in the theater department at SIU and even played a small role in planting the seeds for the playwriting program, a dream of her mentor and founder of the department, Archibald “Doc” McLeod.

She was a member of the search committee that found Christian Moe, who would later build playwriting from an undergraduate program to one that today includes a master’s in fine arts and a doctorate program — unique in that it is one of only two in the country.

Webb ’57, M.S. ’58 came to SIU as a speech communication major headed for law school. She became a student employee for McLeod, and, as a result, her career path was redirected. “He challenged me and made me realize I might be living on the wrong side of my brain.” As she studied theater, a focus on improving the quality of scripts for young people began to develop.

“I think Southern had a pretty big influence on what I eventually did,” says the retired chair of communications studies and theater at Indiana University at Indianapolis, where she taught for 27 years.

The centerpiece of her long career is the Bonderman Playwriting Project, a biennial playwriting competition, development lab, and symposium designed for playwrights of young audiences, which she founded in 1983. The extensive project, which she still directs, attracts playwrights, publishers and educators from across the country.

Webb particularly enjoys touring the winning play from the project and points out that the model she uses is the one she learned while at SIU.

One of the first recipients of SIU’s playwriting Ph.D. was Louis Catron, now professor of theater at the College of William and Mary, the alma mater of his inspiration in playwriting, Chris Moe.

Catron, who earned his master’s in fine arts from SIU and a doctorate in 1967, recalls his college playwriting days. “When I was at SIU, I was just pouring them out. I’m just amazed at the quantity of plays. There was something about Chris, something about the atmosphere, that was very conducive.” He has sent several of his students to study playwriting from Moe.

He recalls one of his plays being directed by visiting professor Herbert Marshall and featuring an actor now known as Dennis Franz.

Although Catron no longer writes plays, he notes that Where Have All the Lightning Bugs Gone?, a play he wrote soon after leaving SIU to join the faculty at William and Mary, has been performed internationally, in every state and in Canada.

“I evolved out of it (writing plays) and into writing textbooks,” says Catron, who is director of the William and Mary Theater and teaches introduction to theatre arts, playwriting, direction and acting courses.

University communities seem to offer the perfect opportunities for playwrights to teach and practice their craft. Jeff Elwell Ph.D. ’86 has managed to continue writing plays while performing.
myriad administrative and teaching chores. He now chairs the Department of Theatre Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and serves as executive artistic director of the Nebraska Repertory Theatre.

He reminisces about his days on campus, saying it seems like it all happened yesterday. “We used to go to Booby’s and work on our plays in one of the booths, play Ms. Pacman, and eat subway sandwiches,” says Elwell, who finished nine plays before leaving SIU. At last count he has written more than 30, and since 1994, 18 have been performed off-off-Broadway.

The first draft of one of those plays, Being Frank, was written in Moe’s full-length playwriting course in the fall of 1983. “I only got a B in that course, but it’s been published and performed and is now set to be performed again in New York.” Elwell playfully wonders if he could get the grade changed.

Moe was also an inspiration to Charissa Menefee Ph.D. ’92. “His classes and workshops are the cornerstone of my training as a playwright and inform the classes I now teach,” says Menefee, chair of the arts and letters program at Prescott College in Prescott, Ariz.

The mother of four points out that she is a second-generation student of Moe’s: Her father, Larry Menefee M.A., received his master’s at SIU and is a theatre professor at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn. Her husband, Kenny Cook, got his master’s of arts degree in English from SIU in 1987.

While involved in the Gig St. Improvizational Comedy Group, at SIU, Menefee developed a love for comedy that inspired her to develop and teach a workshop course devoted to just that. Although her life is busy with administrative duties that include managing the Prescott College Performing Arts Center, she continues to write and perform. Recently, her play, The Figurehead, was featured in the Plays-in-Progress Series at the 2001 Utah Shakespearean Festival, a Tony-award winning event.

She praises the SIU theater and speech communications departments for the support she received to create, to be intellectual, to explore and learn. I seem to remember only the good things about being at SIU: late nights at the Mississippi Flyway; the camaraderie among the students; and practically living in the theater building,” says Menefee. “I couldn’t ask for a better education. It has influenced the way I write, the way I perform, the way I create.”

Unlike many of the playwright alumni who have found their niche in the university communities, Liza Lentini is in New York, where her plays have debuted and where she admits is a pretty tough town. “It’s outrageously expensive to simply survive — forget about LIVING!” Lentini’s bubbly personality is perfect for the ups and downs of her profession. Her highs are high, and the lows are tem-

One of Charissa Menefee’s favorite roles while working on her Ph.D in playwriting was playing Agnes in “Agnes of God.” Menefee still writes and has her plays performed, while serving as chair of the Arts & Letters Program at Prescott College in Arizona.
Jonathan Graham, who does marketing for a professional theatre in the Washington, D.C. suburbs, says, “one of the strengths of SIUC’s playwriting program is that they accept a small number of students and give them lots of attention and support.”

pered with humor. “I’ve had many wonderful feelings, both small and large, and usually they were felt while I was running to a waitressing gig.”

She describes the first time she felt like she’d “made it.” It was when a play of hers moved to an off-Broadway theater during the spring of 1999. “I had press calling me at home and there was a buzz going around about what I was doing,” she recalls. She points out though that what she made from that show was barely enough to pay one month’s rent. “While I was on my way up, I was too busy trying to pay my phone bill to notice,” she quips.

Lentini has worked as an office manager for a graphic design firm since a paid playwriting residency ended. “They are very supportive and even offered to design the invitations for a recent fund-raiser for my play. So, if I have to have a day job, this is a pretty good one to have,” she says.

Being on the New York theater scene has allowed Lentini to meet her idol, Sam Shepard, have her work critiqued by playwright David Henry Hwang, and be featured in a 30-minute New York City radio interview. In addition, she has recently begun teaching her own playwriting workshop.

Jonathan Graham M.F.A. ’97 has also had a play performed in New York as well as others in Indiana, Virginia and the Washington, D.C. area. He continues to write while serving as associate director of marketing at the Round House Theatre, a professional company in Silver Spring, Md., and also edits the alumni newsletter for the SIU theater department.

A favorite memory from his days at SIU is the evening of short theater pieces he and his friends created called “Live in Lobby.” The productions of four original short pieces were staged in the lobby of the McLeod Theater and on the stairway that leads up to the speech communications department. The audience moved from place to place to watch the plays. “It was so much fun to put up a show that was totally student-generated and that existed outside the theater department,” he says.

Graham and Lentini as classmates edited a collection of scenes and monologues from SIU playwrights. “We got a fantastic response, and I’m very proud of how the collection turned out,” says Lentini. “There’s so much talent coming out of that program.”

Liza Lentini had an opportunity to have her work publicly critiqued by playwright David Henry Hwang, who wrote “M Butterfly.” She recalls, “It was a true gift to receive compliments from him.” Lentini lives and writes in New York.
One might suppose that live theater, the most traditional of the performing arts, has suffered in a culture inundated with microchip spectacle. But that's an incorrect assumption for the theater community at SIUC, where the department's rich history provides a springboard to a bright future.

One of the brightest lights on SIUC's stage is its playwriting program, a degree offered only at the graduate level, although there are playwriting courses in the undergraduate program. This is the only university in the state to offer both master's and doctoral degrees in the subject.

"The country is awash with playwrights," says David Rush, associate professor of theater and head of the playwriting program. "Many of our students are attuned to television and film initially, then they discover theater."

Rush, an award-winning playwright and a member of two theater organizations in Chicago, is working to create collaborations between the playwriting program and other SIUC programs such as creative writing, cinema and journalism.

"There are fundamental ways of telling stories in a dramatic medium," Rush says, but there's also room for what he calls "cross-fertilization." In other words, he encourages his students to broaden their skills by taking courses in screenwriting or writing for television.

SIUC's theater department offers three specializations: directing, production design and playwriting. The market for graduates, says Mark Varns, theater department chair, is much bigger than most people think. He cites examples of people who work for theme parks and cruise lines, those who create training videos, and even some who write scenarios for video games.

Prospective playwriting students must submit two to two-and-a-half hours of written materials before they can be accepted into the program. Rush, who has turned down lots of applicants in the last year, says he looks for the ability to write dialogue and to stir sentiment, as well as a "forward-moving quality."

While Rush is keenly aware that playwriting is a "personal creative process," he also believes that creating a play is a process that is "bigger than the sum of its parts." A Chicago native, he taught playwriting in Texas into the early 1970s before jumping into the "real world" to do industrial training. When he grew weary of doing "musicals about tractors," he decided to return to teaching. He's been at SIUC since 1996.

The master of fine arts degree in playwriting is aimed at "training practitioners who may well end up teaching. The doctoral students are the scholars, the teachers who also write. They are required to be more aggressive scholars and will hopefully wind up in universities," says Rush.

Varns has helped expand curriculum offerings in every area of theater studies. This summer, Rush held SIUC's first "script camp," an event so successful that he plans to make it an annual happening, only bigger.

Script camp is a developmental process for new plays, modeled after the ones that professional actors, writers and directors participate in. In script camp, everyone works together to polish the script and create a best, final version. This year, four plays written by SIUC graduate students went to camp.

It's not an easy undertaking. "Every production is an entity in and of itself," Varns says. "Directorial visions differ, performances differ and they are in different spaces."

"The time and energy change," adds Rush. "You're always starting over again and getting used to the process."

This summer has been an unusual one for SIUC's theater community because of the temporary closure of McLeod Theater, the larger of the two theaters the department uses. The summer productions the community eagerly awaits each year couldn't be staged because of much-needed repairs.

Varns expects McLeod Theater to be open by the fall and in time for the October opening of Dracula, the Bram Stoker classic adapted by Steven Dietz.
Deputy Governor For Education Hazel Loucks Has Fond Memories Of Her Days At Southern

by Marianne Lawrence

On her way to becoming Deputy Governor for Education under Illinois Gov. George Ryan, Hazel Loucks garnered teaching experience at every level, including five years at SIUC.

"I loved teaching at Southern," says Loucks, who was assistant professor of educational administration and higher education from 1989 to 1994. She got out of the classroom and into state-level education after her husband's health forced him to retire. "I just simply needed to make more money," she says.

Hazel Haun came to SIU in the mid 1950s from Nashville, Ill., as a vocal major. Though she was engaged to a high school sweetheart, she was about to meet her lifetime partner, Don Loucks, a handsome music major from nearby Du Quoin, Ill.

"I was doing some vocal rehearsals at Altgeld Hall one day, trying to accompany myself, and he stopped in and offered to play for me," she recalls. Eventually, the couple became much more than friends and one day drove to a small Mississippi town and got married.

The newlyweds began a life together that would always include two priorities: family and education. "We had our three kids before we were 23 years old," says Don, professor emeritus at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

After completing his undergraduate degree in 1960, he earned a master's in music in 1966. That same year, Loucks received her bachelor's degree in elementary education, a major she switched to after the couple's children were born. The family lived in Columbus, Ohio, where Don began work on his doctorate in music education at The Ohio State University. In her "spare" time Loucks worked on a master's in personnel work in higher education, graduating in 1972.

"We applied for jobs all over," says Loucks, but the untimely deaths of both of their fathers helped them decide to return to southern Illinois to be closer to family. They settled in Edwardsville, where Don spent 20 years teaching music at SIUE.

In the ensuing years, Loucks extended her experiences from the elementary school classroom to the high school, directing a gifted education program, a summer training program for dropouts, serving as a high school guidance counselor, and eventually as an elementary and junior high school principal. In between she earned her doctorate in education administration at St. Louis University in 1987, before joining the SIU faculty in 1989.

In 1994, she went to work for the Illinois Education Association (IEA) as higher education director and began to sharpen her focus on improving schools by helping improve teachers and by involving parents. It was her colleagues at IEA who urged her to apply for the position of deputy governor for education the Governor was creating. "I had to laugh first, but they convinced me that I had all the right credentials because of my experience at all the levels of education," she recalls.

In January of 1999, Ryan announced Loucks' appointment as the first woman to be deputy governor of education and charged her with being his point person with the schools, parents, teachers and students in Illinois.

"It really has been a wonderful experience for me — an opportunity to bring a lot of people together," says Loucks, whose schedule is fairly non-stop, as she visits schools and meets with educators from one end of the state to the other.

Since he is retired, Don accompanies Loucks much of the time, although he cherishes his role as "latch-key grandpa" for the couple's six grandchildren. Still active in the music community, he also creates Web pages for the SIUC Suzuki program and for their church in Edwardsville.

A close family, their children, Mark, Leesa and Steve, all alumni of SIUE, live within five blocks of each other and their parents.

Beginning with their days on the SIU campus, Hazel and Don have made a commitment to being good educators and parents. Today they are a strong team in conveying that commitment to teachers and students of Illinois.
I f you ask award-winning artist Preston Jackson about his days at Southern Illinois University during the late 1960s, you should prepare to get an earful. That's because when he graduated with a bachelor of fine arts degree in 1969, he knew he had just fulfilled the best experience of his life.

However, Jackson would soon make a move that would change his entire life. He began to hear about a University where the environment was different. "SIU was an integrated school — that's what made it so unique — early on, they believed in integration," he says. "It was really the only school of its caliber at the time to operate this way."

Word about SIU and its atmosphere of acceptance was spreading fast. "It was popular with kids from all over the world, and that's what attracted me to it," Jackson remembers. "The feeling of being welcome was a big part of it. No other place had ever made me feel like that before."

Soon after making the move to Carbondale, he found himself surrounded for the first time by warmth and acceptance. "SIU was so different from anywhere I'd ever been — it was like heaven," Jackson says.

Jackson began to develop new friendships that would last for many years to come. "There was such a large group of African-Americans at this school, and I had never seen that many blacks before — especially going to college!" he remembers. "We really thought we were going to change the world — the whole idea of oneness and putting an end to racism — we were on the cutting edge, and we knew it was going to be over soon."

He often looks back on the fond memories of relationships he developed at SIU. "I can remember listening to the Little Rascals song "Groovin'". I would listen to that song and walk down University Avenue, past the Fuller Dome...those were the best times of my life."

Jackson credits many professors with teaching him not only about art, but about dignity and respect as well. "We were all so close, these people were my mentors. They genuinely cared," he says. Milton Sullivan, who spent 37 years teaching art at SIU, remembers Jackson as an exceptional artist and wonderful individual. "His curiosity was manifested in everything that he did," he recalls. "He far exceeded what is not true of many young artists. He exceeded craft and created art."

Sullivan agrees that SIU provided an accepting and open-minded atmosphere in which young artists, from any background, were permitted to grow during the turbulent 60s. "I can't really speak for everyone on the campus during that time," he says, "but certainly within the school of art, the talent and ability of the person was the only consideration."

Following closely in the footsteps of his mentors, Jackson eventually became an art professor as well, after attending graduate school at the University of Illinois, Urbana. After teaching at both Millikin and Western Illinois University, Jackson took over his current position as professor of sculpture at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. In addition, he also acts as Head of the Figurative Area within the art school, where he has been a professor for the last 12 years.
Teaching others gives Jackson the chance to make a difference in the lives of his students, just as his instructors did for him. "It is so rewarding to watch young people develop into sculptors, into artists," he says.

While at the Art Institute, Jackson has made a concerted effort to bring greater diversity to both the staff and the student body, in an attempt to reach a much broader audience. In his classes, emphasis is not only placed on the process of creating art, but also on why the art is being created.

Jackson also exerts a great amount of time and energy into the creation of his own artwork, which often centers on the issues of diversity he has encountered throughout his lifetime. "It is so important that we understand who we are collectively, not separately," he says. "We need to open our eyes to the effect we have on each other."

Much of Jackson's artwork reflects the dangers of racism and discrimination he sees in the world today. "There is so much destruction that comes from excluding people from other groups," he says. "I'll never rest until we realize that we all breathe the same air. In so many ways, we are very much related to each other."

In the early 90s, Jackson's art began to reflect how he felt about all the violence and negativity he saw around him. "I started to do art that expressed my thoughts on drive-by shootings and killings and all the craziness that began to happen around that time," he recalls. "And then, all of a sudden, there was this thing called AIDS. When I was younger, I never thought things could happen like that, but times have changed."

However, Jackson does remain optimistic about the future. "The next generation is so much more intelligent and aware about these things than we were."

A great deal of Jackson's recent artwork communicates social messages from a historical point of view. Casting sculptures from bronze and iron, Jackson says he uses his art to tell untold stories. "For the past several years, I have researched the personalities, the stories

and the events that have not been taught in our schools, and I have attempted to portray this little-known history through pictorial tales," he says.

One recent piece of artwork that reflects this sentiment is a 30-foot stainless steel ship that was created using a combination of many different sailing vessels from all around the world entitled "Haints and History." The structure incorporates a time span from the early 1800s in Africa through the 1960s and includes representations of the people who traveled to the U.S. during that time under adverse conditions to escape persecution.

"The whole idea is the fact that we have all shared common wishes, longings and the desire to escape being tormented by so-called superior groups throughout the years," Jackson explains. "This has been going on for so long -- starting with the Jews leaving Egypt back in the days of the Old Testament and all the way up until today."

Jackson specializes in bronze and steel sculptures that capture the history of various ethnic groups in America and depict the movement of people from other countries to the U.S. "Outside History" is fabricated of stainless steel and cast bronze images and was first shown at Chicago's Navy Pier in 1997.
Another historical exhibit, *Bronzeville to Harlem*, has been touring throughout the United States for the past eight years. This original work consists of a number of painted steel buildings, trains and cars, as well as 300 small bronze figures and vehicles. Jackson explains that the exhibit was designed to “teach the history of the Harlem Renaissance period, a time of energy and creativity, which occurred all across the U.S., not only in Harlem.”

Each time the exhibit is unveiled in a different gallery, Jackson creates a new piece to commemorate the city. “It just continues to grow and grow,” he says. What started out as an 80-foot long installation now measures over 125 feet long and includes at least 500 images.

In 1995, Jackson was able to open The Raven Gallery along the riverfront in Peoria, Ill., which has come to house the city’s Contemporary Art Center. Jackson explains, “The Art Center is devoted to exhibiting the art of local, regional and national artists, as well as to promoting art education in the area.” On weekends, he can often be found at the gallery teaching art, music and tai chi classes to children and adults.

His artistic contributions to society have not gone unnoticed. In 1998, Jackson was named Laureate of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, one of the highest honors given to individuals in the state. “It came as somewhat of a shock,” Jackson recalls of the award. “I don’t usually think of myself in those terms — I’m very humble about my work — so it came as a great surprise.”

As he has done throughout his career, Jackson looks back to SIUC as the place where it all began. “I grew up there; it’s where I became a man.”

With his exhibits being shown all over the United States, Jackson looks forward to someday returning to Carbondale to display some of his work. “It would be nice to make it back to southern Illinois sometime,” he says. “I’d like to come back home.”
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SIUC Police Dispatcher Dives Into Underwater Adventure

by Paula Davenport

Like all good mer-girls, Sherry Smith loves to play in the sea. And she's found a novel, new way to make it pay.

Smith, a full-time police dispatcher for Southern Illinois University Carbondale, moonlights as an underwater model. She gets paid to glide through pictures in dive magazines, catalogs and stock shots by one of America's foremost underwater photographers.

A graceful 32-year-old, Smith has always been an aqua-nut. "Mom could never get me out of the water. She used to say' 'Get out of the bathtub, Esther Williams,'" Smith, who's got more than 250 dives under her weight belt, says with a laugh.

Smith fell into this latest gig when Chris Crumley spotted her poolside in Cozumel eight months ago. Her underwater camera had failed on an earlier dive, and she dismantled it to make repairs. The photographer kindly offered his help — and asked her if she'd like to do a test shoot just offshore.

She has now become Crumley's underwater model of choice.

"Finding a great underwater model is like wishing for your favorite four or five stars to line up. You could go years and it not happen," says Crumley, who photographs for Skin Diver Magazine, The Travel Channel Caribbean Travel & Life and scores of other commercial clients.

Most folks tend to look, well, ratty when they're wet. Smith sparkles.

After being "discovered" last year by a photographer, police dispatcher Sherry Smith fell into her new part-time career as an underwater model. A full-time staffer with SIUC's public safety department, she spends her vacations on photo shoots in exotic diving locales. Here, she drifts past pillar coral just off Cozumel.

"Sherry's ability is extremely rare. Her most important attribute is attitude — a desire to create beautiful underwater photographs. Then, a willingness to do what it takes to make the photos happen," says Crumley, whose Virginia Beach studio even boasts a special pool for indoor aquatic shots.

Smith's latest assignment for ScubaPro's catalog due this fall proves she's no chicken of the sea. She and three other divers swam alongside 50 wild black-tipped Caribbean reef sharks 60 to 122 feet down off the Bahamas. Just off camera, locked crates of bloody fish heads ensured the sharks would slice through the shots.

"Sharks were coming through our legs. They were coming over our heads. They were coming around our bodies. Some of them were eight feet long. They were huge! And because they know there's food in the water, they are very excited. We did two-hour-long dives around the bait box — without the sharks getting fed," she says.

Just how do you stay photogenic when surrounded by fish with fangs?

"Models must be comfortable interacting with marine life," explains Crumley, "and they need to operate underwater almost without being conscious of being underwater. If they feel awkward on scuba, it's impossible to concentrate on other, artistic things."

So far, her assignments have taken her to coveted diving locales off the Turks and Caicos Islands, the Bahamas and Mexico.

And while she's not about to quit her day job at the SIUC police department, she's getting more and more modeling assignments, both in the water and topside.

Part of the thrill is "creating a photo of what I'm seeing down there and bringing it back to say, 'This is what I find so beautiful. This is what I'm consumed with, why I want to dive every day. Most people don't get to see the beauty and the colors underwater. 'I just love it,' she says. 'I wish I could do it more."

Southern Alumni 25
Fred Huff Retires With A Proud Legacy Of Promoting The Dawgs

Intently focused on a question during a 1967 press gathering at Madison Square Garden, Fred Huff (back row, second from left) was literally at Coach Jack Hartman’s side when the Salukis invaded New York and shocked the nation by winning the NIT.

Black and white NIT photos by Rip Stokes
by Gene Green

When the SIU men's basketball team helped put the University on the map in 1967 by winning the National Invitation Tournament, Walt Frazier and Jack Hartman became household names across the country. But before the Salukis made this unlikely feat a reality by knocking off major programs in The Big Apple, a "snake oil salesman" of sorts quietly arrived in New York a week before the team to stir the media pot with plenty of real information — and a few tall tales.

SIU Sports Information Director Fred Huff was in his own element, with the 40-45 daily newspapers then in the New York area gobbling up all he could feed them about this oddly named team coming into town to foolishly challenge the giants of the game.

Huff, 72, retired from SIUC in July following more than three decades of service to the University. The memories and experiences of that tenure are countless, but all pale in comparison to the NIT explosion he participated in 34 years ago.

"You have to remember that at that time, the NIT was actually more prestigious than the NCAA Tournament," Huff recalls. "Only 14 teams were invited, and SIU was the first college division team ever included. Plus the NCAA Tournament had only 32 teams, making SIU one of only 46 teams involved in major postseason play.

"Prior to the tournament, the Salukis had been featured in Sports Illustrated, and that is when all hell broke loose," he says. "Soon, papers from all over the country, as well as Time Magazine, The Sporting News, and others, were finding their way to Carbondale. All of this publicity was the big reason why the NIT committee went out on a limb and invited this college division team that few knew much about."

Knowing that the Frazier-led Salukis could back up the bravado, Huff went to then-athletics director Don Boydston and asked if he could go to New York in advance of the team to "stir things up a bit." With Boydston's blessing and University photographer Rip Stokes at his side, Huff journeyed to Manhattan to introduce the Dawgs to the East Coast media.

Most of what he peddled that week was legitimate, although part was folksy fiction to exploit the team's small-town angle he was marketing to the national media. "Suffice to say," Huff recalls with a grin, "we became media darlings and the ultimate Cinderella story of sports that year."

Ron Hines, the long time SID at Southeast Missouri State, was on the trip as SIU's assistant SID/team broadcaster. He still marvels at what he saw Huff accomplish.

"Most people in his position — especially venturing into New York for the first time from a small town — would not have gone to the trouble of calling on all the media people he did that week," Hines remembers. "But he did — and as the tournament progressed, you could clearly see it all start to pay off."

With Huff having earlier set the bait, the nation's media anxiously awaited the Salukis' arrival. The coach at St. Peter's, SIU's opening round opponent, even helped fan the fire Huff had ignited earlier in the week.

St. Peter's was the top offensive team in the country that year, and their coach complained at the pre-tournament news conference about playing SIU, which he termed "a slow-down team." Hartman, evidently not impressed with the reference, turned his team loose during a 103-58 rout in the opener — at the time the largest point spread in the tournament's history.

"They were hooked for good after that performance," Huff recalls. Wins over Duke, Rutgers and Marquette would follow and shepherd the 24-2 Salukis into their own place in basketball history.

Huff, who also enjoyed publicizing the likes of the 1983 1-AA National Championship Salukis, the seven-year post season basketball run orchestrated by Rich Herrin, four NCAA championships by the men's gymnastic teams, various College World Series appearances by the baseball team, the impressive performances of the men's track and field teams, and many other events too numerous to list, first arrived at SIU's campus in August of 1960.

Huff worked a staggering 371 football games for the Salukis, and was on press row for 967 basketball games during his long career.
With a newspaper background gleaned from years of working at the Du Quoin (Ill.) Evening Call, Huff was thrilled to get a chance to work full time publicizing an athletic program. He served as the men's SID for more than a decade, leaving in 1971 to return to his native Du Quoin, as vice president/general manager of the Du Quoin State Fair. He served in that capacity until 1977, when a unique proposal brought him back to SIU.

“Gale Sayers had started as athletics director, and he and his assistant, John Novotny, were wanting to have a fund-raising event in Du Quoin,” he recalls. “I helped them line the event up at the fairgrounds. That is how we first met.”

Novotny soon returned to a position at the University of Kansas, and “an off the wall call” came from Sayers asking Huff to return to SIU as his assistant. “I was flattered, terribly surprised, and not all that interested,” he says. “I really liked what I was doing at the fair, and told Gale that I didn't think I would accept his offer.”

Sayers wouldn't take no for an answer, told him to think it over, and Huff eventually decided to get back into collegiate athletics. “I know former Assistant Athletics Director Bill Brown was in my corner and probably played a large role in them being interested in me,” he notes.

Serving as assistant athletics director, all men's sports except football and basketball, as well as men's sports information, reported to Huff — at least for a while.

“In 1980, Gale called me into his office and told me that he had just fired the SID. I asked him what his plan was for the statistics, media guides and publicity the office produces, and he said we just wouldn't have anyone in that role. I think the world of Gale, but he sometimes made rash decisions, and this was certainly one of them.”

Huff, knowing the key role the SID plays in an athletic program, told Sayers he could not eliminate the position. The former football legend told him he already had, however, “should you have extra time to do some of the work in the SID office, feel free, but you don't have to.”

In a year that Huff says he’s “not real proud of,” he grabbed as many students as he could coax over from the School of Journalism to help the SID office stay together. “Sports Information at SIU survived, but just barely,” he admits.

The next year, Sayers left and was replaced by Lew Hartzog. Huff continued in this dual role until Jim Livengood replaced Hartzog in 1986, merged the men and women's athletic departments, and started a major reorganization process. Long entrenched with the extra title of assistant athletics director, Huff had a simple request of his new boss.

“I told Jim Livengood I just wanted to be an SID again and did not want the assistant AD title anymore — plain and simple — and he agreed.”

Huff stayed in that role for the next 15 years, also working under athletics directors Dean Stuck (interim), Charlotte West (interim), Jim Hart, Harold Bardo (interim), and current department head Paul Kowalczyk.

Now after 35 years of promoting the Dawgs, the SIU Hall of Famer has the free time to finish a project on his plate for the last decade: a book on the history of Saluki Athletics.

“I've completed a great deal of research, and it has been a real labor of love,” he admits. “SIU has been very kind to me and my family, and it is a privilege to work on a project like this...I owe it to the University.”

Not only was Madison Square Garden the site for the 1967 NIT, but the facility also served as training headquarters for Cassius Clay (now Muhammad Ali) as he prepared to defend his heavyweight boxing title. Huff surveys the contingent of media, while a puzzled Ali appears to be trying to figure out who the Saluki SID is.
He and his wife, Ann, have been married for 51 years, and have three children: Carol, Susan, and Fred, Jr. Both daughters are products of SIUC. Carol lives in Stamford, Conn., serving as Director of Public Affairs for UBS Warburg in the Americas – one of the largest financial services firms in the world. Susan lives in Carbondale and is now working for the SIUC Parking Division following a ten-year stint as the ticket manager for Saluki Athletics. Fred is a chip of the old block, having been in the sports information profession for 13 years since graduating from the University of Illinois. He is currently lives in Tampa, Fla., and is the associate SID at the University of South Florida.

As Huff looks back on over three decades of memories, one thing is clear: “Things like the NIT, the 1983 football championship and the other events I’ve described bring back wonderful memories, but the true highlights of the past 35 years are the relationships I’ve had with former assistants, interns and students,” he says. “Nothing about the job meant more to me than that.”

Former Co-Workers Pay Tribute

While Fred Huff notes his affection for former co-workers in the SIU Sports Information Office, the feeling obviously goes both ways. Recently, almost 40 former assistants, interns, students and University co-workers paid tribute to his long service at the University.

Many are either now employed in the SID field or have been in some form of professional public relations.

“Seeing our former interns and students do well in the business world means a great deal to me,” Huff says. "Percentage-wise, we’ve done a pretty remarkable job helping place people in the profession over the years, and I get great satisfaction from that. What little bit I had to do with any success they have had provides me with more pride than you can believe.”

Dan Wallenberg, a 1990 SIUC graduate and the first-ever intern in the SID office, returned to the farewell party from Ohio State University, where he is now the assistant director for Athletic Communication. He perhaps summed up the feelings of many when he told the gathering: “I know that I would not be in the business right now if it wasn’t for Fred Huff,” he said. “He gave me my first chance, and then convinced someone else to hire me when I left SIU. He’s done that for so many, and I thank him for caring about us even after we leave the University.”

—Gene Green

While many other former co-workers sent messages and contributions for the event, several people were able to be on hand this summer to provide Huff with a send-off. Front row from left (with the role served at one time with Huff): Gene Green (assistant), Dan Wallenberg (intern), B.J. Sohn (student worker), Michael DeFord (intern), Jackie Mueller (SIU printing and duplicating), Doc Holladay (SIU printing and duplicating), Jerry Trickie (intern), Charles Staniszewski (intern), and John Smith (stat volunteer). Back row: Jeff Honza (assistant), Ron Hines (assistant), Greg Scott (student worker), Geary Deniston (assistant), Scott Coffman (SIU printing and duplicating), Gerald Strothmann (SIU printing and duplicating), Karyn Viverito (student worker), Katie Ahrens-Smith (student worker), Mike Reis (radio voice for SIU), Steve Cunningham (beat writer for SIU), and Huff with his wife, Ann, and daughter, Susan.
Connie Price-Smith To Coach Women’s Track And Field Program

Four-time Olympian and former SIUC track and field basketball standout Connie Price-Smith has been hired to head the Salukis women’s track & field program. She replaces her former coach, Don DeNoon, who recently retired after 18 years with the program.

The SIUC athletic department also announced the hiring of another former Olympian, LeShundra “Dedee” Nathan, as women’s track and field assistant coach.

“It has really worked out well,” says Price-Smith of the transition. “It was really a strange turn of events because Don resigned so late. It was really hard, he was my track coach when I was here and to come in here and have to fill his shoes that he left will be challenging.”

Price-Smith, who graduated from SIUC in 1985, is a four-time Olympian and a 25-time national champion in the shot put and discus.

Home Game Versus Indiana Highlights SIUC Men’s Slate

The Saluki men’s basketball team will play six opponents in 2001-02 that made the NCAA Tournament last year. While SIUC boasts a schedule featuring the likes of Big Dance participants Iowa State, George Mason, Cal State-Northridge, and Missouri Valley Conference foes Indiana State and Creighton, the game most fans are gearing up for will be a home tilt against Big Ten heavyweight Indiana University on Saturday, Dec. 1.

The last Big Ten opponent to play at Carbondale was Purdue in 1985. Other non-conference home matchups include Belmont, Illinois-Chicago and Southeast Missouri State.

The regular season opener is a Nov. 16 home battle with Belmont, while a Jan. 2 contest at Evansville will open the Valley schedule for Southern. Coach Bruce Weber’s squad logged a 16-14 record last season, but return several key members of that contingent. Kent Williams, who paced the Dawgs with a 17.6 scoring average last year, will again be looked to for offensive leadership.

Fellow junior Jermaine Dearman returns at a forward spot, and will be bolstered by transfer Rolan Roberts, a 6-6, 240-pound forward who averaged 14.1 points two years ago at Virginia Tech.

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Saluki Women's Basketball Looks For Marked Improvement

Big XII standout Nebraska highlights the SIUC women basketball team’s non-conference slate, as the Salukis open the regular season Nov. 16 in Lincoln, Neb. The regular season home opener will be Nov. 19 when St. Louis University comes to the SIU Arena.

Other non-league opponents include several Ohio Valley Conference schools (Tennessee-Martin, Tennessee Tech, Eastern Illinois, Tennessee State and Southeast Missouri) and action at the Navy Tournament in Annapolis, Md.

“Our non-conference schedule starts with a tough game against Nebraska, but it will be a good test to see where we are at that time,” says second-year head coach Lori Opp.*

Southern opens the Missouri Valley Conference campaign Dec. 30, hosting Creighton University. The Salukis play their first three league games at home, and are looking to improve on last year’s injury marred 7-20 season.

Junior guard Molly McDowell returns with her 12.3 scoring average, while senior guard Holly Teague is back after being named MVC Newcomer of the Year last season. Teague was tops on the Salukis with 117 assists, averaged 9.4 points, 3.2 rebounds, and played a team-high 34.4 minutes per game. She ranked fourth in the MVC in assists.

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SIUC Grad Provided Big Assist To NCAA All-Time Scoring Leader

by Gene Green

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Featuring the look of a Secret Service Agent, Michael DeFord '97 is shown searching for a path to lead NCAA career scoring leader Jackie Stiles out of a crowded airport.

DeFord, a former sports editor at the Daily Egyptian and an intern in the SIU Sports Information office, is now the Associate Sports Information Director at Southwest Missouri State. As the public relations contact for women's athletics at SMS, his main focus last season was promoting — and at times protecting — all-time NCAA women's scoring leader Jackie Stiles.

Stiles, who led the Bears to the NCAA Final Four in St. Louis, scored 3,393 career points, was named national player-of-the-year, and earned an almost bizarre cult following in the Springfield, Mo. area.

"It may be hard for people outside of the Springfield area to really appreciate or understand this, but Jackie is like a rock star down here," DeFord says with a smile. "She is on the cover of the current Springfield area phone book. Only two athletes have ever been afforded that honor — her and Payne Stewart.

"When we came back from winning last year's West Regional, there were 1,200 people waiting at tiny Springfield/Branson Regional Airport — most to see her, touch her, and get her autograph. The problem was, however, that we had to quickly get her out of there and on to St. Louis for Final Four preparation. It was a crazy scene. There were many small kids in the crowd, and we wanted to make sure no one got hurt."

SMS Athletics Director Bill Rowe eyed the bedlam at the airport and told DeFord that it was his job to get Stiles safely out of the fray and onto the bus. The Bath, Ill., native, who had joined the service out of high school and would eventually serve in United States Embassies in Austria, Mexico, Cuba, and Barbados, accomplished his mission with flying colors.

"Last year was my first season at SMS, and it was unlike anything I've ever experienced or probably will ever experience again," DeFord says of his days with the likeable Stiles. "From going with her to the ESPY Awards in Las Vegas, to watching her simply deal with mountains of media on a daily basis with her genuine, humble style, it was all a wonderful ride."

As national media descended on Springfield and into DeFord's office, it was also a learning experience.

"Nothing like this had ever happened around here before," he explains. "It isn't like there was a manual or something I could go to."

With Stiles now with the WNBA's Portland Fire (she recently won the league's rookie of the year award), DeFord knows his next basketball season will be much more subdued. If there are some quieter moments, however, the memories of last year will quickly fill the void.

"It was an experience I wouldn't trade," he notes. "Not only was it a great deal of fun, but it certainly tested my ability as far as being prepared, patient and organized."

DeFord's former commanding officers would be proud he still has those traits.

Gymnastics Reunion Held This Summer

Eighty-four former members of SIU's storied men's gymnastics program and their families returned to Carbondale in July for a reunion. They joined legendary head coach Bill Meade (pictured at far right), who led his teams to four national championships and five runners-up finishes, reminisce about the glory days of the program. The group enjoyed a reception, banquet, wine and golf outing. "The highlight of the weekend was when Tony Calabrees (a former SIU gymnast and gymnastics coach in Chicago) asked how many people had coached gymnastics," says Meade, who still lives in Carbondale. "Ninety-five percent of those in attendance had coached or taught gymnastics in some form or fashion. That meant a lot to me, because other than my wife and two children, gymnastics was the most important thing in my life."
Driven To Succeed
Coaching Boys Is No Big Deal For Former
SIUC Women's Standout Amy Rakers

by Rick Underwood
Southern Illinoisan Sports Editor

Amy Rakers '91 doesn't consider herself a gender bender. She isn't about breaking down barriers or advancing causes. Rather, the former Southern Illinois University Carbondale standout is a basketball coach who just happens to instruct young men instead of young women.

"I really enjoy coaching boys," says Rakers. "I like their intensity and competitiveness."

Maybe that's because Rakers is nothing if not intense and competitive herself. So competitive and intense that she isn't about to rest at the top of the mountain. Just the second woman to coach a boys basketball team in the state of Alaska, she led the Kodiak Bears to a 28-0 season last winter, capped by a state championship among Alaska's 28-0 season last winter, capped by a place finish, Rakers approached this season with some trepidation.

"I think once you reach this level of success - we had one good year - it's a challenge to continue that," Rakers adds. "I feel like I have a big challenge this year, with the kids I have coming back and with what everyone expects."

Rakers either has extremely high expectations or a ton of modesty. Maybe both. She took over at Kodiak four years ago after serving two years as the junior varsity coach. The Bears, who last won a state title in 1952, seven years before Alaska was granted statehood, were a struggling bunch.

But Rakers forged a 9-14 mark her first season, and turned that into an 18-7 record her second year.

Kodiak went 21-7, finishing third in the state 2000, before winning it all last season. "At first, the boys were probably a little scared of me or nervous with me," Rakers says. "But they found out I get my point across and work hard at my job. Now, I'm just their coach. They don't look at it as male or female."

Geoffrey Agmata, a junior point guard who was instrumental in the Bears' title run, said he heard whispers before coming out for the team.

"Everyone just thought she was mean," he told the Anchorage Daily News. "Rakers isn't mean, but she is demanding. The first rule for making her team is to perform - in the classroom."

"I run a pretty disciplined program," Rakers said. "Academics come first, and then, you have to work hard at every practice. You won't do well in the games if you're not intense in practice." It was that intensity that paved the way for the Bears' championship season. That, and 7-footer Nick Billings. After that third-place finish, Rakers approached this season - in the classroom.

"Anytime you have a 7-footer, there are some expectations," she stresses. "I was nervous at the beginning of the season because I didn't feel we had the shooters we needed to win. But the kids did whatever was necessary to win. If one guy had that hot hand, they got him the ball. And if we could pound it inside, we did that."

Rakers may have had her doubts, but her players never did.

"After the first six games of the season, we're 6-0 and the kids were telling me they didn't expect to lose a game the whole year," Rakers says. "They think they should win every game, and I was worried about the next weekend, not the whole year."

Kodiak is a small fishing village of 6,500 and is also home to a Coast Guard base. It is situated on Kodiak Island, about 50 miles long and 20 miles wide, just south of the Gulf of Alaska. There are no road trips, just plane trips.

Rakers would take her Bears, fly to the mainland to play the same team back-to-back on Friday and Saturday nights, and fly home.

And as the Bears drove deeper into the season undefeated, the legion of Kodiak fans followed. When they played Anchorage East, a perennial power for the state title, it was the Bears' fans who shook the roof off Anchorage's Sullivan Arena. Rakers, of course, was the toast of the town.

"Everyone thinks you're a queen if you win a few games," she says with a laugh. "Everyone thinks you know everything. You have to keep that perspective."

Rakers took a circular path to her present situation. After setting a career scoring mark at SIUC with 1,538 points, the 1990 Gateway Conference player of the year took her game to Japan in 1991. The Japanese were intense, too, but maybe a little too intense.

"I would never trade that experience for anything, but it was difficult," Rakers says. "They ran their teams much different than we do. They believe in repetition of everything. Repetition is good, but sometimes, they take it to the next level. They didn't understand how much it affected how you played, that if you were tired, it affected your game physically and mentally."

So one year of that was enough, and Rakers was looking for something new. She had just finished her degree in elementary education, when a friend encouraged her to visit Alaska. She visited, and she stayed - and a coaching situation came looking for her.

Rakers was a substitute teacher in Soldotna when that school's freshmen
coach left with a month to go in the season. Rakers filled in, and eventually, became Soldotna’s varsity boys coach. But the school did not have a full-time teaching position available, and Rakers was hired at Kodiak to teach English and coach the junior varsity.

“At first, the other coaches were a little leery of me, not knowing that much about me,” she says. “Some may have thought Kodiak had to be desperate to hire a women. But I developed a good relationship with some other coaches, and the rest of the coaches came around.”

Rakers doesn’t remember a lot about her first game, but she does recall her second. Her Bears played Anchorage East, led by Trajan Langdon, the former Duke standout now with the NBA’s Cleveland Cavaliers. “I think he scored more points than my entire team did,” Rakers notes.

But Rakers got things turned around, stressing teamwork and effort over execution. It was those qualities that allowed Kodiak to rally from 12 points down in the second half against Anchorage East in the championship game.

“I’m more into chemistry, what makes a team run, than I am into X’s and O’s,” Rakers said. “It’s when games are on the line that you find out if you’ll be successful or not.” It didn’t hurt the Bears’ motivation that Anchorage East coach Geno Morgan said during a radio interview that Kodiak had built its gaudy record against inferior opponents.

So, despite its undefeated record, Kodiak went into the title game, in some people’s eyes, as the underdog. That didn’t faze Rakers. “You just put your kids on the floor and do your thing. You try to be competitive and do what you need to do to win.”

Now that her team has won it all, Rakers won’t do a lot different. She recently made her annual two-month vacation back to the Midwest, staying with family in Belleville, Ill. “I like coming home each summer, seeing family and friends,” she says, “and thawing out a little bit.”

It’s hard to imagine how she could get a much warmer reception than she’s getting back on her little island of the world.

Former Saluki women’s basketball standout Amy Rakers and her Kodiak Bears celebrate during the final seconds of their state championship victory over Anchorage East last March.
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“The increase reflects the expansion of services that we have initiated over the past few years,” says SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger. “Services like the addition of the Saluki Pride newsletter, the upgrades to *Southern Alumni* magazine, and hosting approximately 65 alumni events each year around the nation, are programs we know our alumni feel strongly about.

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As always, the replies are inviting to read. Many attribute the contribution to finding their spouse, making lifelong friends, or getting a great job. In fact, several ended up making their careers at SIU. Here is a sample of their answers.

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A Homecoming Pioneer

by Greg Scott

Although she often returns to her native Carbondale to visit family and friends, Hazel Scott-Miller had never attended SIUC's Black Alumni Group Reunion. At the urging of her brother, Kenneth, a fellow Southern graduate, she participated in the festivities this summer. Scott-Miller, who enthusiastically proclaimed that she would become a regular at the event, says she reveled in the opportunity to reminisce with old classmates and friends.

The camaraderie of SIUC's African-American alumni this summer was like a trip down memory lane for Scott-Miller. Some 34 years earlier, a similar bond formed among the student population on Southern's campus, which resulted in her attaining an honor that had never been bestowed on an African-American woman.

In 1967, Scott-Miller broke a significant barrier by becoming SIUC's first-ever African-American Homecoming Queen.

"It was really a special time because we worked so hard as a group to make that happen," Scott-Miller says. "The Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity selected me as their sweetheart and then sponsored me as their Homecoming queen candidate. Once this occurred, I received support from the other fraternities and sororities on campus. This demonstrated what could happen when African-Americans work together as a group."

Although she acknowledges that this accomplishment was special, Scott-Miller says it took her several years to realize her significance as a pioneer.

"Through the years I became aware of how important it was to become the first African-American Homecoming Queen at a predominantly white university," she says. "As a matter of fact, the year after my reign, another African-American won."

Scott-Miller, who works for the Dallas School District, flew to Chicago to meet her brother before the two journeyed to Carbondale for the reunion. She shared memories with several close friends, including lifelong pal Deloris Henry, and Derryl Reed '70, her campaign manager in 1967.

But Scott-Miller became acquainted with another person who shed even more light on the significance of her becoming Southern's first African-American Homecoming queen. During the reunion picnic at Evergreen Park, she met Nikki Hornsberry, an African-American student at SIUC and the University's reigning Homecoming Queen. The two embraced upon being introduced and visited about their experiences in Carbondale.

"Nikki and I connected immediately," says Scott-Miller, who notes meeting Hornsberry was a highlight of the reunion for her. "She has a down-to-earth demeanor coupled with a radiant personality. We shared viewpoints that compared SIU during the 1960s to the way it's been during her time on campus. Nikki and I agreed that we enjoyed our experiences at Southern and could not have chosen a better learning environment.

"It's easy to see why Nikki was voted Homecoming queen. She is a beautiful and intelligent young lady."
Following coronation ceremonies, Hazel Scott’s mother, Lonnie, is pictured congratulating her daughter at the queen’s reception.

This admiration was mutual. Hornsberry spoke highly of the lady who blazed a trail for her and other African-American women who have held SIUC’s Homecoming queen crown.

“I admire her so much,” Hornsberry says. “She is beautiful and doesn’t even look like a 1968 graduate. She looks so much younger.”

Scott-Miller grew up in Carbondale, the second youngest of 10 children. Her mother was a devoted housewife, while her father toiled as a construction worker. She is thankful for the values her parents instilled in her at an early age.

“My parents were very protective of me. They sheltered me because I think they had goals and aspirations for me that I didn’t even realize at the time,” she says. “They guided me and expected me to go to SIU so I could stay close to them. Our entire family was close, and church and school were synonymous in our lives as well.”

During her years at Southern, Scott-Miller worked as a cashier at Bowen’s IGA in Carbondale. She graduated from the University in 1968 with a degree in special education.

Upon graduation, she began her teaching career in Joliet, while living in Chicago. She got married during this time and moved to Detroit, where she continued to teach and also received a master’s degree from Wayne State University. After moving on to Knoxville, Tenn., and doing some additional postgraduate work at the University of Tennessee, Scott-Miller moved to Dallas, where she has been a fixture in the school district since 1980.

She taught special education classes for 13 years before leaving the classroom in 1986. Scott-Miller currently serves five schools as a special education resource liaison, working closely with teachers to ensure that the needs of students are being met. She also manages a wellness program for Dallas Public Schools and is a certified aerobics instructor.

“I really enjoy working with the special education population,” says Scott-Miller. “Sometimes during the summer, I work with a troubled youth population to maintain my teaching skills. It keeps me grounded and assists me in knowing the needs of our youth. At times I feel their needs aren’t being met in a traditional classroom setting.”

Scott-Miller, who has two sons living in Dallas and four granddaughters, says she is already looking forward to the next Black Alumni Group reunion in 2003.

“I’m happy that I returned for the reunion and saw familiar faces of people I went to school with,” she says. “I remember how close-knit the African-American students were when I was in school. We shared things as a group, and the camaraderie was special. This reunion brought a lot of that back to me.”

Hazel Scott-Miller says meeting Nikki Hornsberry, SIUC’s reigning Homecoming queen, was one of the highlights of attending the Black Alumni Group Reunion activities in July.
SIU Day At Busch Stadium

More than 300 alumni and guests attended the SIU Day at Busch Stadium in May, enjoying a pre-game picnic prior to watching the St. Louis Cardinals-Chicago Cubs game. The group met in the right field picnic area prior to the game. Here SIUC's Bob McGlinn (right) enjoys the pregame buffet with new Saluki assistant football coach Patrick Poore.

Williamson County Scholarship Banquet

The Williamson County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted its scholarship banquet June 8 in Marion. The chapter recognized its four scholarship recipients, from left, Krista Atkinson of Carterville; Rachael Green of Herrin; and Timothy Ditch of Johnston City. Joab Henderson of Marion was not present.

Denver Dawgs Meet At Coors

The SIU Alumni Association hosted 54 alumni and guests at its annual SIU Alumni Day at Coors Field in Denver. The group attended a pre-game reception at Jackson's All-American Sports Grill before watching the baseball game between the Colorado Rockies and St. Louis Cardinals.

Central Florida Watches The Rays

Fifty-four alumni and friends attended a pre-game social at Tropicana Field in Tampa Bay before watching the Tampa Bay Devil Rays play the Texas Rangers. The Central Florida contingent continues to express enthusiasm and exhibit interest in their alma mater. The group is planning to return to Carbondale for Homecoming festivities in October.

Perry County Scholarship Banquet

The Perry County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted its scholarship banquet June 3 at Alongi's Restaurant in Du Quoin. Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management, was the guest speaker for the program. The chapter honored its scholarship recipients and the Alongi Legacy Scholarship award winner.

Jackson County Barbecue

The Jackson County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 86 alumni and guests at a barbecue dinner at the Mississippi Flyway Restaurant in Carbondale. The group attended a Sunset Concert at Carbondale's Turley Park afterward.
Peoria Tri-County Chapter

The fourth annual Peoria Tri-County Chapter Golf Scramble took place in June at Lick Creek Golf Course in Pekin.

Tournament proceeds are used to establish scholarships for students from the Peoria Tri-County area who plan on attending SIUC.

Kane County Chapter

Thirty alumni from the Kane County area of Chicago enjoyed a picnic and baseball game in June at the Kane County Cougars minor league baseball facility. The Cougars played the Peoria Chiefs, who are managed by former Saluki baseball standout Joe Hall. After the game, Hall visited with Southern alumni and posed for this photo with the great grandchildren of Dorothy and the late Delyte Morris.

Chicagoland SIU Saluki Golf Scramble Draws 144

One hundred and forty-four golfers participated in the 12th Annual Chicagoland SIU Saluki Golf Scramble in July at Arrowhead Golf Club in Wheaton. The event, co-sponsored by Saluki Athletics, the SIU Foundation and the SIU Alumni Association, raises funds for the athletic department. Following golf, the group enjoyed a banquet.

SIU Alumni Association Seeks Award Nominations

The SIU Alumni Association presents an Alumni Achievement Award for Service each year at the Board of Directors Homecoming luncheon. This award is given for outstanding service to the Association, and, therefore, the University. Nominees may be graduates, former students, or friends of SIUC who have demonstrated their commitment to alumni by their service. The current president or current board members may not receive the recognition while serving on the board.

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

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

Black Alumni Group Reunion

Alumni returned to Carbondale in record numbers this summer to attend the eighth Black Alumni Group Reunion. This year’s theme was “Connections: Building on Our Legacy; Meeting Global Challenges.” Activities during the reunion included a mixer and splash party, African-style open market, campus tours, golf and tennis outings, bowling, picnic, banquet and brunch.

The reunion focused on legacy talents and creative abilities. Displays promoting African-American heritage were set up throughout the weekend. Alumni and their children demonstrated their creativity by participating in a performing arts showcase, global exposition and international fashion show.

A highlight of the reunion was provided by SIU President James E. Walker (above right), who delivered the keynote address at the banquet. Alumni and guests reveled in the opportunity to meet and welcome SIU’s first-ever African-American president, as Walker received a rousing ovation. The Black Alumni Group also presented Walker with an engraved clock during the event.
**In Memoriam**

**Alumni Deaths**

**Summer 2001**

McGinnes, Helena C., '23  
7/27/01, Chicago, Ill.

Holloway, Thora, '27, '55  
5/13/01, Carbondale, Ill.

Uhles, Ralph S., '33  
5/05/01, Benton, Ill.

O'Malley, James L., '35  
6/30/00, Champaign, Ill.

Harper, Leonard, ex '36  
6/03/01, West Frankfort, Ill.

Hughes, William Rudd, ex '36  
4/12/01, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Maloney, Woodrow Glenn, '37  
5/26/01, Pinckneyville, Ill.

Fox, Hubert W., '39  
5/04/01, Springfield, Ill.

Milner, Shirley L., ex '40  
6/29/01, Marion, Ill.

Ridgway, Herschel F., ex '40  
7/04/01, Herrin, Ill.

Young, Winifred F., '40  
1/18/01, Benicia, Calif.

Bird Sr., William Carl, '41  
7/30/01, Jonesboro, Ill.

Fry, J. Robert, ex '45  
7/05/01, Chesterfield, Mo.

Covington, Loyal Olen, '46  
6/02/01, Longmont, Colo.

Cloydfielder, Austin Bryan, ex '47, 5/14/01, Lawrenceville, Ill.

Ott, Carlyle "Corky," '49, M.S.Ed. '51  
Emeritus, Department of Technology  
Engineering College of Engineering  
2/04/01, Carbondale, Ill.

Boyd, Harry E., M.S.Ed. '49, Ph.D. '67  
6/17/01, Sesser, Ill.

Sanders, James LaVern, ex '49  
6/05/01, West Frankfort, Ill.

Akin, Homer "Mack," ex '50  
4/22/01, Ferguson, Mo.

Conn, Iolene, ex '50  
5/13/01, Elizabethtown, Ill.

Mann, Billy Dean, '50  
4/04/01, Herrin, Ill.

Stout, Harry Thomas, ex '50  
4/14/01, Cairo, Ill.

White, Myrtle Louise, ex '50  
6/08/01, Bridgeport, Mo.

Milliner, Malcolm L., '50; M.S.Ed. '51  
4/09/01, Lake Worth, Fla.

Cloydfielder, Amelia B., ex '52  
10/06/99, Lawrenceville, Ill.

Herrmann, William L., '55  
7/16/01, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Miller, Carl Wayne, ex '55  
3/30/01, Macedonia, Ill.

Millikan, Tom, '55; M.S.Ed. '58  
5/01/01, Harrison, Ark.

Albright, Donald W., '56;  
M.S.Ed. '57, 6/28/01, Energy, Ill.

McCarthy, J.D., '56  
4/24/01, Energy, Ill.

Roy, Gen W., '56  
7/25/01, Aurora, Ark.

Stahlheber, Rudolph B., '56;  
M.S.Ed. '59; S.P. '63  
4/30/01, Decatur, Ill.

Doty, Marguerite A., '57  
6/22/01, Moline, Ill.

Pruet, Virginia M., '57  
4/16/01, Jacksonville, Ark.

Wilkinson, Joe, '57; M.S.Ed. '64  
6/29/01, Buckner, Ill.

Harlow, Ruth Pearl, '58; M.S.Ed. '62  
7/03/01, Woodlawn, Ill.

Darby, Richard Allen, '59  
4/26/01, Marion, Ill.

Weindorfer, G. Leroy, '60  
4/23/01, North Aurora, Ill.

Johnson, Sylvia Taylor, M.S. '61  
8/10/01, Silver Spring, Md.

Pomerleau, Leroy, '61  
5/02/01, Chicago, Ill.

Tolliver, Jeanne, '61; M.S.Ed. '75  
5/12/01, Christopher, Ill.

Klaus, Ralph A., '62; '77  
5/15/01, Valrico, Fla.

Frantz, Robert L., M.S.Ed. '64  
5/01/01, Largo, Fla.

Baker, Mary Eleanor "Whoopee," '66  
6/01/00, Murphysboro, Ill.

Fluck, Phillip August, '66  
4/17/01, Marion, Ill.

Winfrey, Maybourne "Naomi," '68  
7/17/01, Carmi, Ill.

Nicke, Leonard W., '69; M.S.Ed. '70  
5/16/01, Carbondale, Ill.

Geyer, Robert I., M.S.Ed. '70  
5/20/01, Wheaton, Ill.

Mertz, Werner H., '70  
4/21/01, Boynant Beach, Fla.

Malkovich, Connie, '72  
7/22/01, Benton, Ill.

Turley, Robert Henry, ex '73  
5/03/01, Waukegan, Ill.

Hofeld, Roger L., '74; M.A. '77  
6/10/01, Clarendon Hills, Ill.

Genz, Ann Owen, M.S.Ed. '76  
5/17/01, Marion, Ill.

Claviera, Orlando B., Ph.D. '79  
7/22/01, Rapid City, Mich.

Johnston, Kathleen A., '80  
6/19/01, Orlando, Fla.

Wiley, Kevin S., '81  
6/04/01, Hayward, Wis.

Buescher, Ruth Ann, '82  
5/19/01, Chester, Ill.

Kropchak, John, '87  
4/10/01, Buckner, Ill.

Smith, Edward Dale, '87  
3/30/01, DeSoto, Ill.

Wilson, Ronald Dean, '87  
6/01/01, Steeleville, Ill.

McCord, David, ex '87  
5/17/01, Carbondale, Ill.

Gleason, Christopher Michael, ex '96  
4/22/01, Carbondale, Ill.

Skidmore, Ryan Charles, '97  
7/21/01, Chicago, Ill.

**Faculty & Staff**

Bedwell, Robert "Ralph,"  
Ph.D., '69; Emeritus, Director, Small  
Business Institute  
5/18/01, Sun City, Ariz.

Biggs, Virginia F.  
Emerita Civil Service  
Housekeeping Food & Nutrition  
4/30/01, Carbondale, Ill.

Branch, Marilyn Maxine Lanton  
'74; M.S.Ed. '78, Business Manager  
II Student Recreation Center/Office  
of Intramural Recreational Sports  
5/18/01, Carbondale, Ill.

Davis, George H.,  
Emeritus Civil Service, Athletics  
Department, 6/10/01, Harrisburg, Ill.

Eagan, David Noah "Squeak"  
Emerita Civil Service, Information  
Technology, 7/02/01, Marion, Ill.

Fleming, Jack D., '75  
Emerita Civil Service, Police  
Department  
4/28/01, Johnston City, Ill.

Heckie, Dorothy  
Emerita, Professor's Assistant, SIU  
Library 7/04/01, Port Charlotte, Fla.

Kesseler, Constance Lewis  
Emerita Civil Service, WSIU-TV/FM,  
WSUI-TV/FM, Membership  
Coordinator  
5/01/01, Carbondale, Ill.

Kutschy, Charles E.  
Emeritus Civil Service, Building  
Services College of Technical Careers  
5/01/01, Marion, Ill.

Persinger, Tonya  
Accountant, University Press  
7/18/01, Cobden, Ill.

Ramsey, Pauline Gallimore  
Emerita Civil Service, Purchasing  
Department & Student Financial Aid  
4/27/01, Carbondale, Ill.

Russell Jr., Lonnie Dee  
Professor, Department of Physiology  
School of Medicine, 7/11/01, Vienna, Ill.

Saunders, David, '77  
Emeritus, Director of Enrollment  
Services College of Technical Careers  
8/1/01, Marion, Ill.

Snyder, Herbert H.  
Emeritus, Professor of Mathematics  
5/18/01, Tappahannock, Va.

David Arey, Former Geography Chair

David Arey, professor emeritus, former chair of the department of  
geography and former assistant director of the SIU Coal  
Research Center, recently passed away at the age of 64.

Arey began his career at SIU in 1971 when he moved from  
Pittsburgh to Carbondale for a faculty position in the department  
of geography. He served as chairman of the geography department  
from 1982 until 1986, then as assistant director of the SIU Coal  
Research Center until his death in June 2001. He also continued to  
teach until spring 2000.

He served as adjunct faculty from 1989-2000 to the University of  
Chicago and as a consultant to the Environmental Sciences and  
Information Services Division at Argonne National Laboratory. He  
was well-published and was affiliated with numerous local and  
statewide environmental commissions and advisory committees.

A memorial fund has been established by Arey's family and friends  
to benefit the department of geography in his name. Alumni and  
friends who would like to honor Arey may send contributions to:  
David G. Arey Endowment Fund, SIUC Foundation, Colyer Hall,  
Mailcode 6805, Carbondale, Ill. 62901.
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- Jan. 5: SIU Alumni Member Appreciation Basketball Game and Chili Supper
- Jan. 16: SIU Men's Basketball at Bradley Pre-Game Reception
- Feb. 16: SIU Men's Basketball at Illinois State Pre-Game Reception
- Mar. 1-4: Missouri Valley Conference Basketball Tournament in St. Louis

### Student Center To Host 40th Anniversary Open House On Homecoming Saturday

Alumni Association members received a full list of homecoming activities in the August issue of Saluki Pride. Now add another item to your fun-filled weekend, as the SIU Student Center will hold a “Forty Years of Service Reception” from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6. This event is open to the public. Feel free to tour the Student Center and see student center memorabilia (original dining service uniforms and more) and original furniture spanning the last four decades.

The event will be hosted by newly named Student Center Director T.J. Rutherford.
1950s

John Friend M.S. '58, director of the Purdue University Calumet athletics program for 21 years, has retired. Friend joined Purdue in 1980 after a 16-year career as coach and athletic director at Munster High School. He was instrumental in developing a nationally respected fitness and wellness program at Purdue, where he taught classes in fitness, health and coaching.

1960s

George Miller '64, although semi-retired, still does contract management consulting work for several firms in the Atlanta area. He is a U.S. Tennis Association sectional chair umpire and lives in Alpharetta, Ga.

Larry Lorenz M.A. '65, Ph.D. '68 became the first educator to receive a lifetime achievement award from the Press Club of New Orleans. A professor of journalism at Loyola University, New Orleans, Lorenz is host of the weekly public affairs program, *Informed Sources*, which is broadcast on WYES-TV in New Orleans.

Norman Pence '65, M.S. '69 received his Ph.D. in management science/operations research from Colorado School of Mines in Golden. He has taught business statistics and computer information systems at Metropolitan State College in Denver for 24 years.

J. Phillip Bennett '67, Ph.D. '75 has been named associate dean in the Teachers College at Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan. He was formerly dean of the school of education at Lander University.

1970s

Richard Roth, Southern's Business Hall of Fame Member

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Reunion In Tucson

Van Matre Shafer '54 and her husband, John, recently spent time with friends and former classmates Rob ex'50 and Kate '47, M.S. '52 Davis in Tucson, Ariz. The Davises were involved in a *Fabulous Forties* production at the Rincon Country West Playcrafters in Tucson. Pictured at a reception after the show are, from left, Robert, Kate and Nan.

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1970s

Lt. Col. Robert Aikman (USMC Ret.) '70 recently administered the oath to his son, Robert Aikman II, as he was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. The younger Aikman recently graduated from the Colorado School of Mines in Golden. Lt. Col. and Mrs. Aikman live in Norman, Okla.

Gene Roth '71, M.S. '73, Ph.D. '78, professor in the department of counseling, adult and health education at Northern Illinois University, is a Presidential Teaching Professor for 2001. Candidates receive a salary boost and $5,000 grant for their four-year appointment and are recognized as outstanding teachers and for their long-term service. Roth has been at NIU since 1985.

Idazio Bavares M.A. '72 has been named among the 100 best poets of the century in Brazil by the Cervaco Publishing House. Bavares, who lives in Salvador-Bahia, Brazil, has published 19 books and is coordinator of a collection of 10 books by the Secretary of Culture in the State of Bahia.

Lawrence Rafferty '73 has opened his own law office in Woodstock, Ill. His wife, Annette '74, who teaches at Lundahl Middle School in Crystal Lake, recently received her master's degree at Aurora University. The couple's son, Patrick, will be attending SIUC this fall. The family lives in Woodstock.

Joseph DiLillo Ph.D. '74, a retired educator, has had "two very successful seasons" coaching soccer at Lincoln Community High School in Lincoln, Ill. He writes that he is the "one-legged soccer goalie who coached and played for the SIUC soccer team in 1970, resulting in coverage by NBC's *Real People* television show." DiLillo has written a book, *Soccer: My Life, My Passion*.

Roy Gilbert '75 and his wife, Janet, adopted an 11-month-old baby girl from China in March. Gilbert graduated from the SIU School of Law last May.

Roland Long '75, '78 M.D., is an emergency physician for Muskingum Emergency Physicians Inc. in Zanesville, Ohio.
John Martin '75 is a police officer for the city of Tulsa, Okla., and is president of two companies — Hill Street Properties, which buys and restores old houses and sells them, and Badge Boys Construction, a company currently building new homes.


Grewe and his wife, Jane, live in Mt. Vernon, Ill. He and his wife, Marla Jean, make their home in Mt. Vernon.

Joe Crain '88 is program director for Saga Communications in Springfield, Ill., where he runs the day-to-day operations of two radio stations, WTXA-AM, a news/talk station, and 93.9 FM, a music station. He writes that the job is made easier because his staff is mostly made up of SIUC radio/tv grads. Crain and his wife, Ann, daughter Megan and son Thomas live in Springfield.

Earl Lee Loschen M.S. '88 is president-elect of the Illinois Psychiatric Society. He is professor and chairman of the department of psychiatry at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield.

Tim Pickering '88 has been city manager of

Eight Begin Residencies

Eight SIUC alumni graduated in the Class of 2001 from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine last May and have started their residencies.

Clare Fadden M.S. '96 and David Hartman '83 are doing family practice residencies at SIU’s Carbondale Family Practice Center.

Kelly Higgins '96 is at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis for an internal medicine residency; Andrea Miller '97 is at Cox Medical Center in Springfield, Mo., for a family practice residency; and Renee Mueller '96 is in a general surgery residency at the SIU School of Medicine's affiliated hospitals in Springfield.

Gregory Pate '97 is a general surgery resident at Portsmouth Naval Medical Hospital in Portsmouth, Va.; J. Ryan Staley '97 is an obstetrics-gynecology resident at St. Louis University School of Medicine; and Derrick Ward '97 is doing an internal medicine residency at St. John’s Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis.
Olivette, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis, for the past four and a half years. He received his M.S. in public administration also lead vocalist in a band called Swing Cat Swing.

1990s

John Kelly '90 is the "2000 Builder of the Year" in Gilbane Building Company's Midwest region. He was named for his work as project manager during construction of East Middle School in Waukegan, Ill. Kelly, who is currently managing the construction of the 89,000-square-foot McCormick Tribune Campus Center at Chicago's Illinois Institute of Technology, lives in Rolling Meadows, Ill. He has worked for the Chicago company since 1993.

U.S. Air Force Capt. Jeffrey Juhnke '91 graduated from the Joint Military Intelligence College with a master of science degree in strategic intelligence. His thesis received the "2000 Lt. Col. Kuszewski Outstanding Thesis Award for Operations-Intelligence Partnership." Capt. Juhnke, who works on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, was recognized by Gen. Henry Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for assisting in the production of a briefing for President Bush and his senior national security staff during the 2001 White House transition.

Ken Cooley Ph.D.'92 has retired after 33 years of teaching philosophy at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha. Cooley began work on his doctoral at SIUC, leaving before its completion in 1968 to join the faculty at UW-Waukesha. He completed the degree in 1992. Cooley and his wife, Jill, have been married 44 years. They have four children and 12 grandchildren.

Susan Eastwood Phoenix '92 owns her own business, Phoenix Educational Consulting. She lives in Ava, Ill., with her husband, Nathan Phoenix '87, and daughter Carolyn. Before entering the consulting business, Susan taught and tutored in Murphysboro and Steeleville, Ill. Her Website is www.phoenixeducationalconsulting.bigstep.com.

Jeff Kibler '92 has been named a brand manager for the Peachtree Companies Inc., Norcross, Ga. He will work in marketing and business development for the group of businesses that manufactures windows, patio doors and siding.

Dale Williams Ph.D.'92 is an associate professor in the department of communication sciences & disorders at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. A frequent speaker, Williams' parable titled "The Match of a Lifetime" was presented at the 2000 International Stuttering Awareness Day Online Conference and was recently reprinted by TennisONE magazine.

Alumni At The Olympics

SIUC alumni will be involved in the XIX Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, in February of 2002.

Robert and Silvana Richardson are taking year-long sabbaticals from their jobs in LaCrosse, Wis., to work with the curling program. Robert '69, Ph.D. '85, associate professor in the department of educational studies at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, will serve as sport administrator for the competition. Silvana Ph.D. '85, Dean of the School of Nursing and professor at Viterbo University will be a member of the program's medical team.

Martha D. Shaub '82, director of environmental health and safety at the University of Utah, writes that she and her husband, Fred Louis, a public information officer for the Salt Lake City Police Department, are both involved in planning for the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics 2002. The university will host opening and closing ceremonies and the athlete's village.
Alice Patterson Williams, Longtime Member Of Foundation Board

Alice Patterson Williams, who, during a long and distinguished career at SIU served as secretary of the SIU Alumni Association, executive secretary to the Board of Trustees, executive secretary of the SIU Foundation, and an administrative assistant to two University presidents, recently passed away in Winchester, Va.

Williams, a 1932 graduate of SIU, was instrumental in collaboration and planning of the Mitchell Art Gallery at Southern. She also served 15 years as a member of the SIU Foundation Board (1958-73), receiving the Foundation's Service Award in 1968, and in 1973 was honored with the SIU Alumni Achievement Award.

Active in numerous civic activities and memberships, Williams was also a classically trained pianist. Musical pieces of special meaning were played at a memorial service.

To honor her memory, contributions may be made to the Alice Patterson Williams Memorial Fund, SIU Foundation, Colyer Hall, Mailcode 6805, Carbondale, Ill. 62901.

Capt. David Welge '93, magna cum laude, was chosen by Air Education and Training Command as "Aerospace Physiology Officer of the Year."

This is the first time in more than 10 years that an officer from Sheppard AFB has been chosen. David and his wife, Carla, live on the Texas base. His parents, John and Nancy Welge '64, live in Layton, Utah.

Paul James '95 retired from the U.S. Navy in 1998 and is working as a technician in the utilities/facilities department of M & M Mars in Hackettstown, N.J. He and his wife, Deborah, live in West Easton, Penn.

Jason Parcover M.A. '95, Ph.D. '99, a psychologist with the Counseling Center at Loyola College in Baltimore, Md., received the "Outstanding New Professional for 2001" award given by the Jesuit Association of Student Personnel Administrators. His score on the national licensing exam for psychologist was the highest in Maryland and second highest in the nation.

Amanda Varner '95, M.A. '96 is risk manager of the Carbondale Clinic and has been admitted to member status in the American College of Healthcare Executives. She lives in Herrin, Ill.

Carsten Henningsen '96, retired Coast Guard commander, earned a master of arts in business and human resource development from Webster University in 2000. He is a certified senior professional in human resources and is associated with the Northeast Florida American Society for Training and Development (ASTD).

Siwon Cho '96 has earned a master of science degree in clothing and textiles from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Cho, from Seoul, Korea, plans to continue her studies as a doctoral student in the College of Near Environments at Virginia Tech.

David Johnson '97 is a professor at Rend Lake College, and his wife, Elaine Johnson M.S. '94, is working at Shawnee Community College while completing her doctorate in community college executive leadership at the University of Illinois. The couple lives in West Frankfort, Ill.

Jerry Reedy '97 has completed requirements for a master of education degree from Framingham State College in Framingham, Mass.

Stephen Miciak '98 is education director for Associated Builders and Contractors Inc. and is living in Tampa, Fla.

Timothy Glover '99 works as a medical clerk in Hines, Ill., and is writing a book on trials and tribulations in the work force.

2000s

Tim Chamberlain '00 is a computer programmer at the University of Texas in Austin. He writes that he would like to hear of other Salukis who get together in Austin.

A Saluki At The Pentagon

General Henry Shelton (left), Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is pictured recently with Captain Jeffrey Juhnke '91 at the Pentagon. Juhnke currently works on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon and was recognized by Shelton for assisting in the production of a worldwide "hotspots" briefing for President George W. Bush and his senior national security staff during the White House administration's transition this January. Juhnke, USAF, recently graduated from the Joint Military Intelligence College with a Masters of Science in Strategic Intelligence. His thesis, "XML and MIDB: Implications of Database Management on Targeting Support to Military Operations," received the Lt. Col. Kuszewski Outstanding Thesis Award for Operations-Intelligence Partnership at the college for the year 2000.
A Step Back In Time

1951 Homecoming Committee

It was 50 years ago that the 1951 SIU Homecoming Committee gathered to plan activities for the annual festivities. Shown above is the committee, from left to right: Front row – Dorlis Krug, Dorothy LaBash, Freda Gower, and Dorothy Hanagan. Middle row – Jim Throgmorton, Paul Morris, Wayne Davis, Glen Bean (chairman), Jim Schmulbach, Jim Campbell, and Jim Walker. Back row – Joe Brown, Al Trtanj, Don Bean, and Jerry Fear.
Robert Mees began his education in kindergarten at the SIU University Training School, where his father was principal, and finished with a Ph.D. in educational administration. "Essentially I went to SIU - kindergarten through Ph.D.," says Mees, whose distinguished career in education has spanned more than 34 years. In June of 2000 he was named president of John A. Logan College in Carterville, Ill., where he served as vice president for instruction for nine years.

The Mees family tree is rich with Salukis. His parents, John D. and Ada Mees, got their degrees in 1931. His late father led the University School for 20 years, also teaching in the college of education, and his mother, who still lives in Carbondale, did some teaching in the public schools. His two brothers, the late John Paul, and David, who lives in Frederick, Md., both hold SIU degrees.

Following in his parent's footsteps, Mees began teaching mathematics in the Carbondale schools after getting his bachelor's degree in 1967. At Lincoln Junior High School he met his wife, Karla, a Spanish teacher. She also earned three degrees from SIU — her bachelor's degree in 1970, a master's in 1972 and Ph.D. in 1987.

After 14 years in the Carbondale schools, Mees served as superintendent of the Carterville School District for 10 years before being named vice president for instruction at Logan. His leadership there has contributed to three major building projects and to an increase in the number of full-time faculty by more than 40 percent. He has been instrumental in creating a mentoring program for faculty, an academic assessment program, and in the expansion of educational programs and other services at the college.

For the past seven years Mees has collaborated with educational and government leaders in the People's Republic of China in an effort to form a community college system there. In 1994 Mees met Qichang Huang, a visiting math professor at SIU and past president of Northeast Normal University in China. As the relationship developed, Huang ask Mees to help him work on his lifetime dream of having a community college system in his country.

As part of that collaboration Mees has written two papers that have been translated, printed and circulated throughout China on the American community college system and has done a series of lectures.

Recently Mees was honored for his work in education with the Distinguished Alumni Service Award given by the Williamson County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association (see article on page 40). He has served both the chapter and the association as president.

For his contribution to the field of education, to SIU, and to the southern Illinois community, the SIU Alumni Association proudly salutes Robert Mees.

"Growing up in Carbondale, I personally observed the transformation of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, from a small teacher's college to a great international university. Now as a lifetime member of the SIU Alumni Association, I would urge everyone to support the new administrative team at SIUC in guiding the University into the 21st century."

Robert Mees '67, M.S. '69, Ph.D.'79
President, John A. Logan College, Carterville, Ill.
Lifetime Member, SIU Alumni Association
Saluki ‘Fans’ Favorite At Fairs

A different kind of Saluki “fan” has attracted quite a bit of attention throughout the state.

These Saluki fans, traditional hand-held devices used to beat the heat on a hot day, were all the rage at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield. The item was then available later in the month at the Du Quoin State Fair.

The Saluki fans found favor with Ellen Warren and Terry Armour, who write the Chicago Tribune’s “The Inc. Column.”

“Our favorite state fair giveaway was at the Southern Illinois University tent,” wrote Warren and Armour, in a column on fair fun in the Sunday Aug 19 edition. “Officials passed out fans that were a colorful, life-size head of that cute SIU mascot, the Saluki.”

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler says the University hoped the fans would make their mark. “We like the fans, and we love the attention they’ve received,” Wendler notes.

So why were the fans so popular? “They really stood out,” says Armour, who made two visits to this year’s fair. “People love freebies, this one was fun, and it really captured my attention. In the midst of all the political signs and slogans was a fan featuring this funky little dog. It was a fun little item.”

The Saluki pictured on the fan is Tut, a 10-year-old dog owned by John and Linda Saunders of Chester. As the SIUC mascot, Tut attends select Saluki athletics events such as football and basketball games and special events such as Homecoming parades.

The idea for the giveaway originated on campus. Last year Anita Hutton, an academic adviser in SIUC’s College of Liberal Arts, suggested the University should give out fans. Terry Svec, director of University Photocommunications, came up with the idea to put Tut’s face on the front of the fan, and then staff members from the Publications Office put the narrative and a final design together.

For these youngsters, the Saluki fans were just the ticket for a leisurely ride around the Illinois State Fair. Hannah Puzey (granddaughter of SIU Alumni Association President Don Magee and his wife, Karen) and her friend Haley Cole (right), proudly show off their new acquisitions.