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A PENCHANT FOR SUCCESS

Early values continue to inspire Coca-Cola executive Constance Holmes
A Korean immigrant who became a successful American businessman is making educational opportunities possible for students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where he received his master's degree in economics.

Thomas Chung has given $430,000 in fiscal year 2000-2001 to SIUC's College of Liberal Arts to augment the Thomas and Chaney Chung Endowment for Scholarships in Economics. The total value of the endowment stands at $466,918.

Three SIUC students – Hongtao Wang, Valerica Vlad and Yuqing Chen – each received $1,700 scholarships from the endowment this year. Wang and Chen are from China, and Vlad is from Romania. All three are pursuing master's degrees in economics. The exact amount of the scholarships will vary slightly from year to year.

Shirley Clay Scott, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, expressed her gratitude for Chung's generosity and support of SIUC students. "Endowments for scholarships are important to our College, and this is certainly one of the largest. It will be a valuable resource for students who need a financial boost," she says.

Chung immigrated to the United States from Korea in 1958 and received his master's degree in economics from SIUC in 1962. His experiences living in a new country and acquiring a new language while working and going to school made him aware of the problems that non-native speakers of English face. He is particularly interested in helping to support students who have to overcome language barriers as they master a discipline.

"I value the time I spent at SIU, both for the education I received and for the lifelong friends I made. Now my wife and I want to give back to the institution and its students," says Chung, who resides in Hollywood, Calif.

Chung is the founder, president and CEO of His and Her Hair Goods in Los Angeles. He is also chairman of the board of NaraBank/Nara Bancorp, a Korean-American banking corporation based in Los Angeles that serves minority-owned businesses and minority consumers. In addition, he is founder and chairman of the board of Bitro Telecommunications and president and CEO of Evergrow Industrial Co.
A Penchant For Success

Despite humble beginnings growing up in a small community, Constance Holmes always relied on her parents for inspiration and drive. Now an executive for Coca-Cola, she says her satisfaction is now derived from mentoring talented people she works with in the business world.

The Right Chemistry

World-renowned chemist Fred Basolo continues to be a force in his field. Having recently received the American Chemical Society's Priestley Medal, he is recognized around the world for his expertise and love of teaching. Now 81-years-old, Basolo talks about the trek that has taken him to the top of his profession.

The Free Throw Kings

During a magical 1971-72 season, the SIU basketball team had two players take aim at the NCAA free throw crown. Greg Starrick and Mouse Garrett molded the seemingly unglamorous act of shooting free throws into an art form. "When either one of us missed from the line that season," Garrett recalls, "it was news."

Dorothy's Magic Kingdom

When Dorothy Stratton was a student at Southern, she used an outgoing personality to excel as a Saluki cheerleader and an assistant in the SIUC Athletics marketing department. She hasn't missed a beat since leaving the University, and has found her dream job working with the Walt Disney Corporation.
Very issue of Southern Alumni hopefully offers something to touch alumni in a special way. We never know, however, what stories will elicit feelings strong enough to generate letters from our readers.

One recent article that created a mountain of response was our feature on Dave Mullane and his fight against cancer. Between letters delivered to our office and those sent through Dave's good friend Bob Hardcastle, the feedback was overwhelming. Some of those letters - including a response from Mullane - appear on the following pages and serve as a testament of sorts to our alumni base.

SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger, a student at Southern during the same time Mullane played football for the Salukis, was not amazed by those who wrote, called and e-mailed regarding the story.

"I'm not surprised by the generosity our alumni have shown in helping Dave Mullane," Buerger notes. "If ever an SIU alum embodied the spirit of a 1960s era Saluki, it's Dave.

"Like so many SIU students, Dave was the first from his family to attend college. He will be the first to tell you that his time on campus was among the best in his life and among his best friends are those made while at Southern. It is also obvious from the numerous letters we received that many alumni feel the same way about him.

"There was more than one Saturday night when he struck "fear in the hearts" of those around him. There was never a day, however, when he didn't create a bond of trust and love in the hearts of the many children he helped. In either situation, Dave was - and remains - a campus legend. Most importantly, he remains a dear and beloved friend to all alumni that know him."

Perhaps you noticed the "SIU Connection" in the recent Winter Olympics. Former Saluki track and football standout Garrett Hines '92 earned a silver medal in the four-man bobsled, and helped end a 46-year medal drought for the United States in men's bobsled competition.

While athleticism and regimented training played a key role, simple perseverance was also tantamount to the 32-year-old's success.

He missed winning the 1998 four-man bobsled bronze in Nagano, Japan by two-hundredths of a second, and was denied a medal in this year's two-man bobsled by three-hundredths of a second. With one chance left, the frustration ended on Feb. 23 when the U.S. claimed the silver with a time of 3:07.81.

Hines and teammate Randy Jones also stamped their names in the record books, becoming the first African-American males to win a Winter Olympics medal.

"After getting so close in 1998, I stepped away for a year and then came back to start again," Hines said. "My nature is to do it right - to come back from all types of adversity."

That kind of intestinal fortitude paid off and permitted SIU alumni the world over to enjoy a large dose of Saluki pride.
Friends Of Touch Of Nature Look To Serve And Support

We certainly appreciate the recent article in Southern Alumni on the Friends of Touch of Nature. Publicity and marketing is a new facet for our group, and this kind of coverage better informs people of the facilities and services at Touch of Nature.

Since the organization's inception 15 years ago, "Friends" has maintained a focus on fund-raising, services and facilities. Recently we have expanded that role to continue to effectively serve and support Touch of Nature. The coverage in your magazine is a terrific positive step in the right direction.

On behalf of all members of the Friends of Touch of Nature, thank you for all your help.

Dennis Brock '67
Murphysboro, Ill.

Editor's Note – If you are interested in joining the efforts of this organization, call 618-453-1121, e-mail them at tonec@siu.edu, or visit the Touch of Nature web site at www.tonec.siu.edu.

Florida Alum Enjoyed December Issue

The Southern Alumni magazine seems to get better with each edition. The December issue featuring Coach Bruce Weber was excellent, and I particularly enjoyed the story Greg Scott did on Dave Mullane. His feature was a true, accurate, no-holds-barred account of an SIU legend to those of us who attended Southern in the 1960s. I was fortunate to know Dave on campus and at Little Grassy. Saying he had a heart of gold was an understatement for "Captain Dave." He gave them joy, purpose and love. As for the on-and-off campus ventures, Scott's story was refreshing in that it told all – I know, because I was often a witness. As a result, fond memories of the SIU years always include "Captain Dave."

I was saddened to read that Dave was fighting cancer and hope all that know and love him will join his fight with prayers and financial assistance through contributions to the Bob Hardcastle Charities. Hats off to Bob in helping a Saluki who has helped so many of us.

Jim Greenwood '63, M.S. '68
Venice, Fla.

Reading Story Brought Back Plenty Of Memories

I just finished reading the article about Dave Mullane in the recent issue of Southern Alumni. Never did I ever think I would hear that name again. It brought me back to my role as a Resident Fellow in Dowdell Halls during my senior year of 1960-61 and my subsequent assignment the following year as Head Resident for the area.

The stories of Dave's antics brought back many of my own memories of late-night experiences when he and others would return to the halls after most of us were in bed. The walls in the building were made of a fiber material that was not as strong as wood. There were a few occasions when I would be awakened by the sounds of someone's fist going through the wall.

Yes, Dave was the guilty party, but he always admitted his responsibility. I can't remember if it cost $5 or $10 to replace and repaint a panel ... maybe Dave will remember.

I am so pleased that Dave has had such a positive effect on children. And I'm pleased Greg Scott wrote the story and made me aware of Dave's battle with bone cancer. I have enclosed a check to assist paying his medical bills and send him my wishes for a speedy recovery.

I have recently retired from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill after a career in student affairs work. My wife, Sharon Mills Kuncl '61, M.S. '62, is still having fun teaching kindergarten.

Wayne Kuncl '61, M.S. '63
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Article Appreciated On Driver Education Efforts At Southern

I appreciate Southern Alumni publishing the article and picture about SIUC receiving the $10,000 grant from Kemper Insurance Company for the purchase of new driving simulators. I have been involved in driver education at SIUC since 1965. Since Dr. James Aaron's retirement in 1988, I have been responsible for overseeing the driver education program as well serving as director of the SIUC Safety Center, where the program is housed.

All programs throughout the country – in high schools, commercial schools, and universities – are referred to as driver education. In addition to the 600-plus persons in our teacher preparation program in driver education, we have taught "how-to-drive" to some 1,000 persons.

I appreciate the support of Kemper in providing us with the $10,000 grant. We still have some $50,000 (not the total cost of $92,065) yet to raise to meet our goal of purchasing new Doran Driving Simulators. We also appreciate the ongoing support provided to the program by Dean Keith Hillkirk, College of Education and Human Services.

Dale Ritzel, Ph.D.
Professor, Health Education Director, Center for Injury Control and Worksite Health Promotion (Safety Center)
Southern Illinois University

A ‘Kitten Around Kids’

I have such fond memories of my days in Carbondale and remember Dave Mullane as a character – fun, crazy, wild, big and all with a heart of gold. He also has the gentleness of a kitten around little kids.

Good luck to him.

Lynda Berkbiger Loy '68

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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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Colyer Hall
Mailcode 6809
Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, Ill. 62901

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.
Fortunate To Know Him

I want to pass along my best to Dave Mullane. He is indeed one special person. I truly feel fortunate that I can say: "I know Dave Mullane!"

Bill McMinn '77
Director, SIU Office of Intramural-Recreational Sports Carbondale, Ill.

Alumni Appreciation Event Enjoyed

The Alumni Appreciation event featuring Saluki basketball tickets and a chili luncheon was very much appreciated and enjoyed. The location of the luncheon tables was ideal; the chili was good and spicy; and the men's team followed with a win.

My wife and I took time between the games to visit the Engineering and Technology complex – much has changed there since 1972.

Thanks again to the SIU Alumni Association and the Jackson County Chapter. Don '71, M.S. '72 and Pam Maurer Metropolis, Ill.

Fellow Alum Sends His Wishes

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Dave Mullane and was shared with Southern Alumni.

Dear Dave:

I've never met you, but I like what I read about you in Southern Alumni's December 2001 issue. Sorry to read about your illness, as I hope for the best for you and have you in my prayers.

I am a leukemia survivor of a type known as multiple myeloma. This causes the white blood cells to go bad and damages the skeletal system. I went through chemotherapy and total body radiation from November 1996 through July 1997. I am still in remission – knock on wood – and I know that every day is a gift.

I attended SIU in the early 1970s in the Aviation Maintenance Tech program. The first time I visited Southern or the area was as a high school senior in 1964. I will always remember leaving Chicago's Meigs Lakefront Airport and arriving at the Carbondale-Murphysboro Airport about 30 minutes past sundown. Leaving Chicago, the sky was clear and the temperature very cool. When we landed, I opened the airplane door and the wonderful warm evening air of southern Illinois enveloped me!

With the air came the scent of wild onions – so prevalent down there at that time of year – and wet soil and water in the drains along the runways. My hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Metcalf, drove me around campus. I saw the SIU Arena, which was brand new, and then we drove into the Shawnee National Forest and areas south of Carbondale like Alto Pass and the cross at Bald Knob. The area was still quite rural, and the local folks' speech – to this Southside Chicago boy – was different and interesting.

After three years in the Army and a return to Chicago, I finally returned to SIU as a student in 1971. I had a very enjoyable time, as we caught and ate countless bluegill, crappie and bass out of beautiful Devil's Kitchen and Little Grassy Lakes.

Dave, you have a fight on your hands. Just give it a good shot, and we accept where the river of life will take us. It is all just an adventure, like Tom Sawyer and friends on a raft, wide-eyed and carefree late in the afternoon on a warm day.

Sincerely,

Tom Mahler '73
Chicago, Ill.

Mullane Responds To His Saluki Family

I would like to thank SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger and assistant director Greg Scott for the fine article about me that was recently in Southern Alumni magazine.

There are many people to thank. Wayne Williams and his wife, Janet, were my role models at SIU, along with Bill Cornell and his wife, Rosie. I want to thank all of the SIU Alumni Association members, who called, wrote letters, sent cards, e-mailed messages, and sent donations to my benefit.

Thanks to Gary Threw and Pat Signorrello for sending the e-mail messages back and forth from Carbondale to St. Louis. They delivered all your messages to me, and while I was going through two operations, you all kept my spirits up and will going to fight this cancer. It was a long haul, but your prayers were heard.

I want to also thank the coaches and teammates for their prayers and help, and to all of you who came to St. Louis for the benefit. Over 300 people were there, including my high school coaches, teammates and many class members. I was so touched that I cried – I could not believe all those who cared about me!

The benefit was hosted at Pooh's Corner, and a friend from my high school days who owned Phil's BBQ provided food for everyone. Jim Hart was so gracious to come and sign autographs and footballs, and former Blues player Tony Twist was also here doing the same thing.

Thanks as well to Bob Hardcastle, Warren Owens and their staff for all the much needed help. I had my last checkup on Nov. 29, 2001, and was due to go back again around the end of February. Things look good and I pray to God they stay that way. I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart – if you need anything, just ask and I will try to help in any way I can. God Bless and keep each of you and all those you love.

Last – but not least – I want to thank the University for the opportunity to find my place in life.

When I came to Little Grassy Camp II to work with my children, it was the greatest time of my life. When I saw all my handicapped and special needs children on the beach that first day, they became my heroes. All they needed was love, and I had all the love in the world to give.

I found out that the most precious thing you can give is your heart – they gave me theirs and I gave them mine. I have never forgotten SIU or the children who need me.

Thank you SIU for all the things you gave me in life.

David J. Mullane '66
St. Louis, Mo.
University Looks Ahead With 'Southern At 150'

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler's plan to improve the overall quality of the University moved forward during a recent two-day conference at the SIUC Student Center. Members of the "Southern at 150" leadership council, executive committee and theme groups discussed the initial findings of a report designed to identify issues and priorities that pertain to the planning process. "I'm looking forward," Wendler says. "There are many things to deal with right now, but if we get bogged down by those, we will never take a long-term course. I have a good feeling about this. It will produce something great."

The "Southern at 150" initiative, announced by Wendler at the annual fall faculty meeting, seeks to identify overall concerns and individual areas that will move the University forward in the years leading up to 2019 – SIUC's 150th birthday.

The Phase Zero Advisory Committee report touches on almost every aspect of SIUC. It covers 10 thematic areas, including faculty, research and infrastructure, graduate studies, undergraduate academics, campus infrastructure and plan, library and information technology, student life, locale, leadership/governance/organization, and financial resources.

With completion of the initial report, the taskforce begins a three-phase process to fashion a final document, targeted for completion at the end of July. Phase four of the initiative begins in August and will include groundwork for future fund-raising efforts.

Journalism Students Win National Honors

Two SIUC student journalists scored among the nation's top talents in Hearst Journalism Awards contests recently.

Brett Nauman (Bloomington, Ill.) bagged 3rd place in the Hearst feature writing competition, which drew entries from 110 young reporters at 63 undergraduate journalism schools around the nation. His story, "Waiting for Answers," looked at the murder two decades ago of an SIUC co-ed and appeared Aug. 21 in the Daily Egyptian. Working journalists at the Los Angeles Times, Philadelphia Inquirer and the San Diego Union Tribune judged the contest.

The award carries a $1,000 scholarship for Nauman and an equal match for the SIUC journalism school scholarship program. A senior in the journalism school's news-editorial program, he became DE editor-in-chief in January.

Kerry Maloney (Peoria, Ill.) finished in the top 20 in the national Hearst photojournalism competition. The contest drew 51 entries by college photographers at 100 colleges and universities around the country. She tied for 18th for her four photographs, two of which appeared in the Daily Egyptian, and two more that ran in the Peoria Journal-Star, where she did a recent stint as a photo intern.

Photographers from the Los Angeles Times, Philadelphia Inquirer and The Associated Press bureau in Miami judged the competition. Maloney completed her bachelor's degree in cinema and photography in December.

John Jackson Joins Public Policy Institute

John Jackson, a nationally known political scientist and former interim chancellor of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, joined the SIU Public Policy Institute in January as a visiting professor, institute director Paul Simon recently announced.

"I have known and greatly respected John Jackson for more than a quarter of a century as he established himself as an expert in politics and public policymaking and also served effectively and honorably in several university administrative positions. This appointment brings to the institute an uncommon blend of scholarship and practical experience," lauds Simon.

One of Jackson's major assignments will be to help develop a long-range strategic plan for the institute. He also will assist in shaping and implementing ongoing and future institute initiatives, and enters into a one-year term appointment with the Public Policy Institute. "I'm thankful we're able to do this within our existing budget because of endowment dollars raised by the institute," Simon says.

As part of his involvement with the institute, Jackson also will assist in administrative matters, while Simon transitions into fewer day-to-day responsibilities at the institute and the University.

"I have declined offers over the last five years to spend time on other university campuses and engage in international volunteer activities that could take me away from our campus for more than a week or two. I want to begin accepting a few of those invitations," Simon stresses. "Mike Lawrence, who has been my partner in launching the institute as our associate director, will also take on additional responsibilities in day-to-day administrative matters."
SIUC Music Major Wins Congressional Award

Patrick Novak, a junior majoring in music education at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, received the Congressional Award Silver Medal during a ceremony held recently at Shryock Auditorium.

The award, presented by Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, recognizes Novak’s countless hours of community service work while serving in the U.S. Air Force. Stationed at Kaduna Air Base on the island of Okinawa, Novak worked with young people, mentoring them in music and religious studies.

Novak also volunteered his time to help youngsters while stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base near Del Rio, Texas. He thanked his military commanders and his professors at SIUC for their guidance.

“I think that serving one’s country is not something one should be recognized for,” says Novak, a native of Orland Park, Ill. “It is something that one should just do.”

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler noted that the award is an example of the quality of students at the University.

“Patrick is one of our own,” says Wendler. “The time he has spent working with young people will no doubt carry over into his studies here at the University.”

On behalf of his constituents, Costello also presented Novak an U.S. flag that had flown over the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

From left, Chancellor Walter Wendler, Representative Jerry Costello, Patrick Novak, and President James Walker.

On The Side

De Luca To Head Recruitment Efforts

Anne De Luca, associate director of admissions and new student enrollment at the University of Arizona, has been named SIU’s first assistant vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management and director of admissions.

De Luca will oversee Financial Aid, Admissions and Records (including New Student Admissions), the Bursar’s Office and Orientation, says SIUC’s vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management, Larry Dietz.

“I’m delighted that Dr. De Luca has agreed to join us,” Dietz says. “She has strong experience in student recruitment work with her staff to enroll the largest freshman class in the University of Arizona’s history this fall. She comes from an institution with a reputation for strong student services and has had responsibility for administering University and donor-funded scholarship programs.”

De Luca has worked at the University of Arizona since 1992. She served as program coordinator and senior program coordinator of the University’s Honors College from 1992 to 1996. For the next two years she served as an assistant director of admissions and new student enrollment and was promoted to her present position in 1998.

She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in higher education and student services (1998) and a bachelor’s degree in interdisciplinary studies from the University of Arizona (1992.)

University Museum Names New Director

Donna Bachman, director of the Schingoethe Center for Native American Cultures at Aurora (Ill.) University, is the new director of SIUC’s University Museum. She replaces longtime museum director John “Jack” Whitlock, who retired after 22 years. Lorilee Huffman, museum curator, had been acting director since Whitlock’s departure.

Bachman’s work with museums began when she accepted a job as an educator and volunteer coordinator at Wyoming State Museum in Cheyenne.

“I started working with educational programs and volunteer groups and doing public relations and gradually worked my way into a new career,” she says. She eventually became director of the Wyoming State Museum.

“Museums have so much to offer visitors, from the most casual drop-in to the scholarly researcher,” Bachman says. “A collection as varied and as rich as that of SIUC’s museum presents us with a wonderful opportunity for sharing and learning.”

Harpalani Named Mining Department Chair

Satya Harpalani is the new chair of the Department of Mining and Mineral Engineering at Southern. He succeeds Hasan Sevim, associate dean of the College of Engineering, who had been serving as interim chair.

Harpalani comes to SIUC from the University of Arizona, where he had been a faculty member in the Department of Mining and Geological Engineering since 1985. At Arizona, Harpalani taught courses in mine ventilation, underground environmental engineering and mining methods. While at the University of Arizona, he served as principal investigator for a number of grant projects related to mining engineering and engineering education.

Creative Writing Professor Earns Prestigious Award

Joel Brouwer, an assistant professor in SIUC’s English department, is one of 10 people nationwide to receive a 2001 Whiting Writers’ Award. The award, presented on an annual basis to emerging writers of exceptional talent and promise, carries a $35,000 prize.

“This is really quite an honor, and it came as quite a surprise,” says Brouwer. “This is not something you apply for; you just get a call informing you that you’ve won. It was a pretty mind-blowing call.”


“The creative writing program at SIUC has an excellent reputation,” Brouwer notes. “It’s a pleasure and an honor to be a part of it.” The award winner taught at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Alabama before recently coming to SIUC.
Wilson Retires After 30-Year Career At Southern

by Bonnie Marx

Now it can be told.
Don Wilson has carried on a 30-year love affair, and his wife, LaLeeta, knew about the whole thing. He was up early, home late, and had a standing date every month. Wilson readily admits to his longtime passion – for Southern Illinois University.

There’s a staggering amount of responsibility that comes with being SIUC’s chief financial officer, but Wilson skillfully managed it for two decades. And as of Dec. 31, he left it behind, retiring to his Carterville, Ill., home and another passion – as a master’s level certified track and field official and as a member of the board and executive committee of United States Association Track and Field Illinois.

At a recent SIU Board of Trustees meeting Wilson attended, board members paid tribute to his acumen and spoke of their trust in him.

A sampling of Wilson’s accomplishments over the years:
• Established the University Risk Management and Self-Insurance Program. According to current estimates, the program is saving the University community more than $5 million annually.
• Initiated and directed bond refinancings, which saved the University and its students $10 million.
• Rejuvenated new and existing housing at SIUE.
• Developed new cash and investment programs that included major revisions to policies and, for the first time, use of external investment managers and consultants. The list could go on and on. But through it all, in a job where a misplaced decimal point could cost $100,000, Wilson remained unflappable.

“I tried to make every decision based on what is best for the University. Ninety-eight percent of the time that sets well with people,” Wilson says. It has remained his firm belief that “the University should be about people. We’re not here to generate paper; we’re here to educate students.”

Wilson’s history with SIUC dates back to his days as an accounting student when his student janitorial job included cleaning SIU President Delyte Morris’ office. Except for a couple of Vietnam-era years with the Army, he’s been a Southern loyalist ever since and a firm believer that most people don’t appreciate what they have in their own back yards.

“I’ve been blessed in many ways,” Wilson says. “And I believe you must practice giving your best effort. In the long run, you’ll be rewarded appropriately.”

Wilson’s personal mantra was always displayed in his office with paper copies available to share with others. It said, “Integrity is fundamental. It should always come first and never under any circumstances be compromised.”

The low-key Wilson speaks almost reluctantly of his contributions to the SIU system over the years, pointing instead to the “good bosses and good staff” he has worked with. “My strength is that I can explain complicated financial activities so others can understand them.”

For those who break into a sweat balancing a checkbook, Wilson’s career is an amazing accomplishment. Typically, he downplays it.

“What makes a good administrator is no different that what makes a good teacher. You analyze information in the time you have available.”

As a retiree, Wilson, the avid sports fan, looks forward to being even more involved in track and field as an official and board member. He and his wife are the parents of four adult children, the youngest of whom is a senior at SIUE.

“My family has made my career possible,” he says. “Especially my wife, who is my best friend and supporter.”

SIU President James Walker, left, shares a laugh while presenting Don Wilson with a retirement gift at a recent ceremony honoring the long-time SIU administrator.
A PENCHANT

FOR SUCCESS

BY GREG SCOTT

Despite humble beginnings and growing up the youngest of eight children in a small community in the South, Constance Coleman Holmes never doubted she would become a success.

From her days on the family farm in Mound Bayou, Miss., to enrolling in college and attaining her first job, Holmes was inspired by parents who taught her to strive to be the best at whatever she chose to do. These values continued to play a prominent role in Holmes' life and career long after leaving Mississippi. Today, as an executive with one of America's corporate giants, she is realizing her goals. However, as Holmes has progressed in her professional career, she no longer measures success by her own accolades or achievements.

As the director of national network development for Coca-Cola North American Fountain in Atlanta, she derives much more enjoyment from helping people around her attain their aspirations. It is their professional growth and development that drives Holmes in her management position at Coca-Cola.

"Like many people, my initial goals were to become financially secure and make my mark in the business arena. But ultimately, my success is a product of the assistance I provide to the people I manage," she says. "I benefit by helping my team members do their jobs. I focus on them as opposed to myself. As a result, I get taken care of in the process."

In her position with Coca-Cola, Holmes and her team are responsible for creating policies, procedures and performance tools for the network of 1,000 agents and professionals who install and service Coca-Cola fountain equipment.

Through the work of her team, she ensures that fountain customers are able to profitably and efficiently dispense the products of the company.

Prior to joining the company's operations team, Holmes, who initially joined Coca-Cola in 1994, was director of Learning and Education for Coca-Cola USA. In this position, she created educational programs that prepared company associates to market and sell Coca-Cola products and create value for customers.

"I've been blessed with a good career. The most important thing to me is being in a position to help people along the way," Holmes says.

She is particularly proud of expanding the internship program of Coca-Cola's operations department. While the company often recruited its interns from larger, well-known universities, she encouraged her vice president to create opportunities for students from smaller schools with solid business programs.

The company has subsequently hired some of these students, who would have otherwise been overlooked.

Holmes' penchant for helping others began at the previous organization for which she worked. While directing management development education at Arthur Andersen's worldwide organiza-
Constance Holmes, pictured with her husband, Ronald, says attending Southern prepared her for career success.

Holmes realizes first-hand the importance of a role model. While her childhood could be described as humble, Holmes’ parents provided the inspiration that continues to spur her success. Although each of her parents only reached the seventh grade, they were committed to education. Holmes’ father sent his children to a private school and ensured that each of their children earned a college degree.

“My father felt that education was the key to success. He required us to focus on education,” she says. “When I think about my heroes, I think about this man who gave so much to his children, despite never making more than $10,000 a year.

With this in mind, it’s easy for me to tell people that attaining an education is a must to make it in this particular world.”

Holmes describes her father, a church deacon, as a “very special man who taught me the values of hard work, self-esteem, and honesty.” She says the church was also prevalent during her childhood. Holmes, whose father died when she was 14, also credits her mother for support.

“My mother took care of us and made sure we continued to focus on my father’s dream,” she says. “There were three of us in college at the same time, and she was still running the family farm. She has provided an outstanding support system.”

Holmes appreciates the fact that despite being the youngest child, her mother never placed restrictions on her.

“By the time I was 6 years old, I had already traveled out of Mississippi. She realized early on that I was going to be a traveler, and that I wasn’t going to live in Mound Bayou,” she says. “My mother encouraged me to finish high school early and go on to college.”

Holmes earned an academic scholarship at Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss., with a mindset of pursuing a career in broadcasting. During her third year at JSU, she discovered that one of her professors owned a radio station. Although the professor discouraged his students from asking for a job, Holmes boldly made the request when the semester concluded and was hired.

A year after graduating from Jackson State, Holmes had moved on to work at two other radio stations, ascending to
news director in her last job. But she soon decided to investigate alternative interests.  

“I had become well-known in the community but wasn’t making much money. Also, I realized that staying in the media meant I was going to have to move from market to market to be successful,” she says. “That wasn’t the life I wanted.”

Holmes starting considering graduate school. She says that through various contacts, including former SIUC Vice Chancellor Benjamin Shepherd, she heard about Southern’s curriculum, instruction and media program. She enrolled at the University in 1980 after receiving a graduate stipend.

“Benjamin and his wife, Anne Marie, became good friends and supporters of mine as I progressed through the program,” she says. 

At Southern, Holmes says one of her professors, William Coscarelli, became instrumental in her professional development.

“Bill wasn’t just concerned about your learning various aspects of the curriculum. I saw him as someone who took interest in you as an individual,” she says. “His philosophy is that his success came when he knew his students were doing well in and out of the classroom.”

Holmes says Coscarelli’s philosophy is similar to that of her husband of 10 years, Ronald, a high school principal. Her mentor still remembers when Holmes initially arrived in Carbondale. Coscarelli, who continues to serve as an instructor in the program, says memories of watching Holmes proceed through the program reminds him of the joys of teaching.

“I remember her being overwhelmed initially. But Constance absorbed everything that was available to her and gained focus quickly,” he says. “It’s really what a university is all about: watching students grow as adults and professionals. When you witness that, it’s gratifying because you feel like you are a part of that process.”

RACE AND GENDER AREN'T BARRIERS FOR HOLMES

Constance Holmes once wrote an article titled “What It’s Like to Be an African-American Woman in the Workplace.” Having grown up in one of the few all-black cities in the country, and subsequently learning to excel in a corporate environment where she is a minority, Holmes provides a unique perspective to this issue.

As she has ascended to a chief management position with Arthur Andersen and Coca-Cola, Holmes says being the only African-American in a meeting, classroom, or boardroom isn’t an issue for her.

“There are times that I go in to meetings, and I’m the lone African-American and the only woman. Early in my professional career that probably bothered me,” she says. “But I don’t think anyone was sitting there thinking, ‘She is the only African-American in the room.’

“The bottom line is that they look at me as an operations manager. The only things that matter are the ideas I bring to the table.”

In her article, which she wrote during her stint as director of training at Arthur Andersen, Holmes writes: “It is important to me that my employer and my managers value my talent and not be influenced by the color of my skin.”

Her talents have earned Holmes respect from peers. She has received numerous honors including YWCA of Atlanta’s Women of Achievement, America’s Best and Brightest Men and Women by Dollars and Sense magazine and Ebony magazine’s “Speaking of People.”

While she is appreciative of the accolades bestowed upon her, Holmes says maintaining focus is her top priority.

“It’s about how to help the company be successful,” she says. “I’ve never been obsessed with issues regarding my color or gender. I focus my energy on the job at hand.

“When you do run into bias issues, it’s important to have a support system. You need people to share their perspectives. I’m lucky to have a number of people here I can talk to.”

Holmes takes pride in opening doors for others, regardless of their race or gender. She has spent numerous hours on community service, such as serving on advisory boards and conducting professional development seminars. She has contributed her training and management talents to the United Way of Atlanta, the Urban League of Chicago, INROADS Inc., Junior League of Chicago, American Red Cross, and the Nu Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

“I’m comfortable in my skin and take great pride in being a black woman. My father instilled a lot of faith in me,” she says. “In reflecting back on my childhood, even riding in the truck with my father on the farm was preparing me for something. He may not have known it at the time, but it all makes a difference. I’ve had a great career and I wouldn’t change anything.”

— Greg Scott
Holmes recalls the first bit of advice she received from Coscarelli. She interviewed for an internship with Arthur Andersen in January of 1982, prior to completing her master's thesis. The organization wanted to immediately hire the eager Holmes, who was considering putting her thesis on hold until the summer.

Upon sharing her thoughts with Coscarelli, he urged her to stay in Carbondale to complete her thesis.

"Bill said, 'Constance, if they want you now, they will want you later.' His experience was that people would leave the University, get a job and continue putting their thesis and the degree on the back-burner," she says. "I took his advice, and it was some of the best advice he had given me. And sure enough, after completing my master's, they still wanted me to work for them."

Holmes says working with Coscarelli on her thesis honed her writing and editing skills, which became useful when she went on to work at Arthur Andersen.

"Bill and I had weekly meetings to discuss my thesis. He would return my document with red marks denoting the errors I had to correct," she says. "It would deflate you initially. But at the end of the meeting, you were pumped up to do what you had to do to prepare for the next week.

“When I went to Arthur Andersen, I was writing evaluation reports that were reviewed by Anderson partners and managers. SIU was a great experience that prepared me to be a better writer in my professional career. In turn, the people who have worked for me over the years have profited by becoming better writers.”

Coscarelli says Holmes continued her relationship with Southern after attaining her master's. She often returned to campus to recruit students for Arthur Andersen.

“I remember the first time she returned and made a presentation to my class. I nearly broke down and cried,” he says. “She had become so polished and was growing professionally.”

Some may feel that Holmes had a humble beginning. But in reflecting on her career, she feels blessed to have profited from role models like her parents, and the mentorship of people like Coscarelli.

And today, she is focused on returning the favor for people who aspire to follow in her footsteps.
It has been a busy year so far, and it started with a bang. First, I was on campus July 19-21 attending meetings, but primarily to attend the Black Alumni Group Reunion. I provided a welcome at the formal dinner at the Student Union and enjoyed President James Walker's inspiring speech. If you ever get a chance to hear him deliver a formal address, I would highly recommend you do so—he is an eloquent speaker.

Next came my usual run at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield. This year's exhibit grew by another 15 feet of frontage, and our counts were up again—we had nothing but positive comments about the exhibits. The SIU exhibit won the Chicago Tribune's "Best Give Away Award" with the TUT II SIU Fan. SIU's exhibit was a great success, and I want to commend SIU's Terry Svec and his staff at Photocommunications for another outstanding job at both Springfield and DuQuoin.

I thought perhaps my schedule would slack up a bit after the fairs—that was a misguided thought. My wife, Karen, and I attended the annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field, and as Cub fans enjoyed the Chicago win over St. Louis. Fellow Saluki George Loukas and his staff always make SIU Alumni feel welcome at the pre-game reception at the Cubby Bear Lounge.

President Walker was scheduled to throw out the first pitch in the pre-game show, but when we arrived, I was informed that his plane was grounded in Peoria due to bad weather, and I was going to have to "pinch pitch" for him. Karen and I, along with another couple that we do events with, were whisked across the street to Wrigley, got signed in and were told that when the rain stopped I would be up. This was an unbelievable experience for me, as my father (a Bradley alum) went to school with former Cubs' announcer Jack Brickhouse—dad was a Cubs fan from way back.

I know my dad was smiling down from above as the clouds parted and the sun came out and his one and only son went out to the mound and one-hopped a pitch to Cub rookie Juan Cruz. Thank you President Walker for getting stuck in Peoria and providing that opportunity!

October started in style, with the first weekend being SIU Homecoming. Between board meetings, luncheons and dinners, there was not a spare minute the entire weekend. It was truly an honor to serve as master-of-ceremonies at the luncheon, introduce the SIU Distinguished Alumni recipients, and host the Half-Century Club Banquet on Friday night. The Homecoming Parade—with all of the live Salukis saluting the 50th anniversary of the dog being SIU's mascot—was great. A special thanks go to John and Linda Saunders for all the work they did to make that celebration a success. Several of the Saluki owners and breeders said they would come again—we do not need a special event to get them back.

Oct. 20 was the Alumni Appreciation football game. The tailgate before the game was great, and I want to salute the Alumni Association staff for all the work they did throughout the busy fall season.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, Karen and I joined more than 50 other alumni in Las Vegas. We attended the Las Vegas Invitational Basketball Tourney, with the highlight being SIU's spirit-

ed three-point loss to the University of Illinois in the championship game. Coach Bruce Weber and his Salukis should be congratulated! While in Las Vegas, Karen and I also renewed our wedding vows. We did it at "A Hollywood Wedding Chapel." The ceremony was performed by an Elvis impersonator and was attended by many of our alumni friends. We no sooner got home from Las Vegas than we attended the SIU/Indiana basketball game in the SIU Arena. The start of that game with the pyrotechnics and the dimming of the lights ran chills up and down my spine. I knew Karen was impressed, because she hasn't squeezed my hand that hard in years. The win was a crowning glory.

In December I had the pleasure of attending the pre-game reception at Cal State-Northridge and also again saw some great basketball. President-Elect Mimi Wallace and her husband, Julian, were part of the pre-game reception on Sunday.

January was a busy month. We attended the Bradley basketball game in Peoria and the SIU Night at the St. Louis Symphony.

I can truly say that SIU alumni are among some of the most loyal people around. As I have traveled around these last several months, I am amazed at the hunger our alumni have in finding out what is occurring on campus. I have been telling people to go to the SIU Alumni Association web site and click on the links that take you to the Daily Egyptian or the Southern Illinoisan. Send e-mails to the Alumni Association office if you have questions, and I am sure the staff will do all they can to assist you.

I want to thank you, the members of the SIU Alumni Association, for allowing me to be your president. It is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that words can not express. To reach out and meet fellow alumni and to be your voice on campus is awesome. I appreciate President Walker and Chancellor Walter Wendler speaking with me about some of the issues that concern our alumni. I strongly feel if we continue working together, SIU will have a brilliant future, and the best times are still to come.

If you ever have a chance at one of our events or a University event to speak with either of these men, please do so. They both are interested in your opinions.

Assisted by the "King of Rock and Roll," Don and Karen Magee took time during their stay in Las Vegas to renew their wedding vows. The ceremony was attended by many of the SIU alumni in town to see the Salukis play basketball in the Las Vegas Invitational. Note the dog bones around the neck of "Big Dawg."
Having always wanted to be a teacher, I derive my excitement from knowing or believing that I have been of some help in getting students started on their careers be it in chemistry or elsewhere.

An active 81-year-old, Basolo still keeps office hours at Northwestern University.

Photo courtesy of Chemical & Engineering News
Fred Basolo recalls that "we went barefoot in the summer and saved our shoes for the winter to save money." He is shown, barefoot, at left, with a cousin and a family dog.

by Marianne Lawrence

Fred Basolo's life has been blessed with a combination of good timing and the right chemistry.

Last year the 81-year-old world-renowned scientist and 1974 SIU Alumni Achievement Award winner received the American Chemical Society's highest tribute: the Priestley Medal given for distinguished service to chemistry.

In an address accepting the honor, Basolo talked about how he happened to go to high school in the first place and how his journey into the world of chemistry began in the small southern Illinois mining town of Coello.

His parents had immigrated in the early 1900s to escape hard times in Northern Italy, but soon their adopted town, just 25 miles north of Carbondale, was devastated by the Great Depression and subsequent closing of the town's coal mine. The family's older siblings worked to help make ends meet, but since he was too young to work, Basolo was sent to school.

He realizes what might have happened had he not been the one sent to school and the only one of his 15 classmates to go on to college. "The others took jobs in our small village or in other nearby towns. Three of them became coal miners, suffered from the black lung, and died at an early age. Chemistry kept me from taking the same paths as my classmates."

The young home economics teacher who taught his chemistry class explained to the class that she knew nothing about chemistry, but then neither did Basolo. "Until I took the chemistry course in high school, I had never even heard the word chemistry, nor did I know its meaning," says Basolo.

As he and his fellow classmates studied the textbook pretty much on their own and conducted their experiments in the high school lab, Basolo found a niche that would eventually become his life's work.

Urged by his high school principal to attend college, Basolo enrolled at Southern Illinois Normal University. "My parents and I decided that I would complete the four years so I could qualify for a teaching job in some nearby town, since a high school teacher was looked upon as one making a good salary and having the respect of the community."

Basolo began work in 1936 on his bachelor of education degree, which was the only one offered at SINU. However, he continued his study of chemistry and, during his senior year, Chemistry Department Chair James Neckers asked Basolo to come to his office. "He told me that since I had done well in my chemistry courses he thought I should go to graduate school. My first response was, 'What is graduate school?'"

Neckers remembers Basolo well: "Gee whiz, he expected to go back and be a science teacher in that little mining town. I suggested he might like to get to a higher level and get an assistantship at the University of Illinois. I remember when he came back after he'd gotten his master's degree there and told me they thought he should get a Ph.D., and I said, 'Well, Fred, go ahead and get your Ph.D.'"

When Basolo returns to southern Illinois to visit family, usually over Memorial Day weekends, he frequently visits the professor who sent him on to...
In April of 2001 Basolo gave his Priestley Medal address during the American Chemical Society’s 221st national meeting in San Diego. His address was titled “Service To and From Chemistry.”

In graduate school, “I think he appreciated what I did,” says Neckers, who will soon celebrate his 100th birthday. His former student says, “I wouldn’t be here if it hadn’t been for Neckers.”

Between Neckers, who taught analytical and inorganic chemistry, and Basolo’s mentor at the University of Illinois, John C. Bailar Jr., his focus became inorganic chemistry, even though it was not nearly as popular as organic chemistry at that time. Basolo would later say, “Choosing Bailar and inorganic chemistry was one of the best decisions I’ve made.”

At the time Basolo completed his research and successfully defended his thesis, World War II was raging. “The service decided it would rather have me do classified research than have me as a G.I.,” he recalls. So for three years Basolo did work that included the preparation of synthetic mica and the use of zirconium compounds to develop fireproof and waterproof fabrics.

With the war over and his desire to become a teacher still strong, Basolo accepted a position with Northwestern University. “My choice was influenced by my desire to be in the Midwest, near family and friends. Having spent most of my life in a small village, I felt it would be exciting to live near Chicago and to become an avid fan of the Cubs and the Bears,” says Basolo.

The ensuing years at Northwestern would bring Basolo enormous success. His list of honors and achievements are long and include the SIU Honorary Doctor of Science Degree given by his alma mater in 1984. His election to membership in the National Academy of Science and being named a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences are most meaningful, says Basolo. “These are the highest honors in the U.S. that a scientist can receive.”

He also counts his election as president of the American Chemical Society as a high point in his career. The ACS, with its 110,000 members, is the largest scientific society in the world.

Although honored for his work in research, Basolo is widely acknowledg-
Although retired for many years, Basolo (right) still keeps office hours in the Department of Chemistry at Northwestern University and attends the traditional Saturday morning BIP meeting. He is pictured above in his office with a fellow colleague, Professor Fred Hawthorne of UCLA.

edged as a truly gifted teacher. He developed an approach to teaching descriptive chemistry, making it more palatable for students, and also wrote a book for beginning students in a language they could understand. The book was eventually translated into seven different languages.

"Having always wanted to be a teacher, I derive my excitement from knowing or believing that I have been of some help in getting students started on their careers be it in chemistry or elsewhere," says Basolo. His influence through teaching and research helped build Northwestern's inorganic chemistry program into one of the strongest in the U.S. and among the best in the world.

"U.S News & World Report calls Northwestern's program one of the top four in the nation," says Basolo. Few could disagree that he has played a large part over the past 55 years in this program reaching its present stature.

Perhaps the highest tribute paid to the unassuming professor is the Fred Basolo Medal established by his former students in appreciation of his contributions to inorganic chemistry at Northwestern. The medal has been given since 1991 for outstanding research in inorganic chemistry and is now endowed to perpetuity.

Other resume highlights include the 2000 SIU Obelisk Leadership Award, his 1996 inclusion in the SIU Chemistry Department Hall of Fame, the 1992 George C. Pimentel Award in Chemical Education given by the American Chemical Society, and honors from chemical societies in China, Italy, Japan, South Korea and the United Kingdom.

An article written about Basolo that appeared in the April 2, 2001, issue of Chemical & Engineering News points out that in some chemistry laboratories, graduate students work closely with postdoctoral researchers and seldom come in contact with their advisers. But Northwestern students remember that was not true of Basolo.

The article quotes one of his former students: "We didn't have to go looking for Fred for help. He was always there giv-
ing us advice — whether we asked for it or not. He was concerned about the personal lives of his students. And he often talked with us about career choices.”

Basolo still keeps office hours at Northwestern, where he is the Charles E. and Emma H. Morrison Emeritus Professor of Chemistry. On Saturday mornings he comes back to campus to attend a group meeting that has become a tradition in the inorganic chemistry division. BIP, which stands for the last initials of professors Basolo, James Ibers and Ralph Pearson, is known in national and international inorganic chemistry circles. Students and professors have gathered at BIP over a half century to review ongoing research, hear doctoral students’ research reports, ask questions and discuss chemistry.

Basolo has recently completed his autobiography titled From Coello to Inorganic Chemistry: A Lifetime of Reactions and featured on the cover is a photo of his parents in the yard of their home in Coello. Basolo wants this book to be a tribute to his family — his parents and siblings, his late wife, Mary, their four children and 11 grandchildren.

Basolo has always acknowledged his humble beginnings and the role his family played in his worldwide success. “I can truthfully say that I marvel at what has happened to me during my life. Not in my wildest dreams could I have expected I would become a successful chemist.

“This success could not have been mine had it not been for my family.

The Priestley Medal

The Priestley Medal has been given annually since 1922 by the American Chemical Society to recognize distinguished services to chemistry.

The gold medal was designed to commemorate the work of Joseph Priestley, an English philosopher and scientist who is best remembered for his discovery of oxygen. He died in 1804.

Fred Basolo received the Medal for his pioneering research in inorganic chemistry reaction mechanisms, for his guidance of many undergraduate researchers and doctoral students, and for his influential books on mechanisms of coordination compounds. He was also recognized as president of the American Chemical Society and chair of the ACS Division of Inorganic Chemistry.

Coello Is Still Close To His Heart

Although Fred Basolo has often visited his hometown of Coello, Ill., much of his life has centered on extensive travel. By fulfilling obligations on a myriad of committees and serving as a visiting professor and lecturer, the renowned chemist has literally crisscrossed the globe.

Still, a small southern Illinois community is never far from his thoughts.

“There were times when I felt as though I were spending all my time in airports, due to delayed or canceled flights,” he recalls. “Once I told this to my brother, Martin, who owned the only store in Coello — Basolo’s Groceries. Martin, who had never left Coello — nor ever seen an ocean or a mountain — said to me, ‘Fred, you are crazy running all over the world when you could have just stayed here and taken it easy.’

“There have been times waiting in airports that my brother’s words made a great deal of sense!”

— Marianne Lawrence
Photo On Alumni Web Site Delights Grad, Brings Back SIU Memories

by Mary Alice Newsom Dell ’50
Boerne, Texas

I was much amazed and delighted (no pun intended) to see my picture with Dr. Delyte Morris in the composite picture featured on the Saluki Links page of the SIU Alumni Association's new website. I am the coed looking over President Morris' shoulder, and was chairman of the Weekend Social Committee.

That picture was taken by the Chicago Sun in 1949 when they came to Southern to photograph the Weekend Social Committee (WSC) Dance in the Halls of Old Main. That coverage brought to the attention of the state legislators the need for buildings at SIU and ultimately resulted in the funding for the first new building on campus in 25 years.

WSC was responsible for the first "big name" band appearance on campus, as SIU had a Spring Carnival every year, with a parade, carnival booths and a dance. The WSC committee was asked to be responsible for the dance in the spring of 1949, and we agreed.

Harry Dell (whom I later married) had been booking our other sponsored dances with local bands and discovered through that agency that Benny Goodman was going to be passing through the area at carnival time. So he booked him for an afternoon concert and evening dance. We held our breath that we would break even on the finances and were elated to show a profit.

Four men formed the original Weekend Social Committee. The four were Harry Dell, Harry Reinert, Marshall Smith and Denzel Berry. The first activity had been a Christmas Dance Dec. 10, 1948, held in the gym. We gave away a free 1949 Model Ford, and the winner was a bit disappointed to find it was indeed just that — a model. After that dance, we had several other students join our committee.

In January, the basketball coach refused us the use of the gym for our next dance because of potential damage to the gym floor. After the Dance in the Halls event, he relented and some future dances were held there, including the "Sock Hop" where everyone removed their shoes.

During this time, I also served as editor of the Egyptian (1949-50). I was awakened one Saturday morning by a call from the president's office advising me that Dr. Morris wanted to see me in his office as soon as possible. My first thought was "what has the Egyptian done now?" I was much relieved when I learned he wanted to share with me the new scale model he had just received showing the campus with all its buildings as proposed to be in 25 years.

I have been thrilled to see Dr. Morris' dream realized and all those buildings constructed — and more. I feel grateful to have played even a minor role in helping Southern's growth.
A trip to the line was serious business for Garrett (5) and Starrick (15).

Thirty years ago, two Saluki guards took aim at the NCAA free throw title, drawing on similar experiences growing up to share the spotlight of an unforgettable 1971-72 season.

by Gene Green

In the early 1960s, John "Mouse" Garrett could often be found outside his Centralia, Ill., home bouncing a basketball in all kinds of weather. As the youngest of Carroll and Dorothy Garrett's six children, he might have had to battle older siblings for the ball, but he still found a way to follow a personal edict before trudging inside for supper.

"I never wanted to end on a miss," Garrett still remembers with a smile four decades later. "You just couldn't do that."

Fifty miles south in Marion, Ill., Greg Starrick was practicing free throws under the watchful eyes of his father, Wendell. A veteran prep basketball coach, the elder Starrick taught his son discipline and respect for the game at an early age.

"Dinner's ready," Greg's mother, Rosemary, yelled out the door. Wendell, a 1954 Southern grad that in his lifetime would rebound countless thousands of his son's shots, turned to Greg and said, "Make 20 free throws and then we'll go out."

Sometimes the shots fell quickly, and sometimes they didn't — but the task would be completed.

"Where have you guys been? Food was on the table 10 minutes ago," Rosemary said.

With a slight smile, Wendell answered, "If your son could shoot a little better, we'd have been here when it was hot."

In the next few years, Garrett and Starrick managed to make most of their meals and grow into basketball stars at the prep level. That success would forge a path that would eventually cross at Southern Illinois University.

High School Heroes

After growing up in Centralia, Garrett moved to nearby Patoka after his sophomore year of high school. Playing for his brother, Chuck — who would serve as his teacher and mentor in the game of basketball — he was an offensive juggernaut for Patoka High School during a brilliant 1968 senior season.
Nicknamed “Mouse” as an infant by his oldest brother, Mac, he used brilliant free-throw shooting, penetrating drives, and a hook shot he mastered with either hand. Included in the record books is a 53-point explosion he produced in a win over Carlyle.

Starrick was a long-range shooting phenom for Dick Jones’ Wildcats. He once scored an incredible 70 points – in a loss no less – against West Frankfort.

Although the duo never faced one another in high school, they both exhibited similar preparation for the seemingly unglamorous act of shooting free throws. It was nothing for each to shoot 300 per day, with Garrett once making 94 straight before a miss.

Starrick would see how many he could make without hitting iron. If he made the shot, but hit the rim, he started over. “Shooting free throws on my own, I figured out ways to make it a game – and it was important,” he recalls. “My father used to say, ‘That’s why they’re called free throws. Learn to take advantage of them.’”

Both were highly recruited, widely respected and – so it appeared – not headed to SIU.

“In addition to the Salukis, I was recruited by Alabama, Iowa, and New Mexico,” Garrett recalls. “When I went on my trip to Alabama, I had supper one night at Bear Bryant’s house, and was introduced to star quarterback Ken Stabler. That was some pretty heady stuff for an 18-year-old kid from Patoka.”

Wanting to be close enough for his family to see his games, however, shifted the weight in SIU’s favor. Garrett immediately turned heads at Southern, leading

the freshman team in scoring and sharing school "Freshman of the Year" honors with SIU track standout Gerry Hinton. He also flourished under the continued guidance of his brother, Chuck, who was by now assistant coach for Jim Smelser’s freshman Salukis.

Starrick was courted by a variety of schools, but chose to start his collegiate career at the University of Kentucky. After his freshman season, he played only seven varsity games for legendary coach Adolph Rupp before deciding to transfer to Southern to be closer to friends and family.

In a precursor of things to come, the talented guard made 13 of the 14 free throws he took in a Kentucky uniform.

**The Paths Cross**

After transferring, Starrick became eligible to play for the Salukis in January
Anatomy Of A Free Throw

There were many keys to the success Mouse Garrett and Greg Starrick had at the free-throw line. First and foremost was practice, but after that came little things each used as a trigger point.

“I always bounced the ball five times and put my hands across the seams,” Garrett says. “With my feet parallel, I would take a deep breath, bend my knees, shoot, and finish on my toes. Every single time I shot, I went through that same routine.”

For Starrick, things started a bit differently. “I would always have the trademark of the basketball facing me,” he recalls. “My left foot was a little farther back, and my right foot was lined up to the center of the rim. I bounced the ball twice, never taking my eye off of the back of the rim. Same release, same follow through – each and every time.

“My mental approach was the same whether it was early in the game or in double overtime for the win,” he adds. “It had nothing to do with a hostile crowd, the score, how I was fouled, or whether two timeouts had been called to ice me at the line. I just took the ball and went into the routine that I had been practicing for years.”

Both former Salukis have their guesses on why some modern-era players struggle at the line.

“I don’t think players see it as a glamorous thing to work on,” Garrett states. “You have to take a great deal of pride in shooting free throws to put in the kind of time Greg and I did.”

Starrick adds that it also is one of the few parts of the game that a player can do on his own.

“Basketball is a team game, but shooting free throws is a solitary act,” he explains. “Once you go to the line, no one on your team can help you. Working on your ability at the line is something you can do all by yourself.”

Even though the duo attempted more than 700 collegiate free throws, few were last-second game winners. “We went to the line a great deal,” Starrick laughs, “but no one wanted to foul us late in a close game.”
A Record Accomplishment

Although he has held the NCAA Division I career free-throw shooting record for more than 30 years, Greg Starrick is often startled when the subject comes up. "To be real honest with you, I'm somewhat in shock that after three decades the record still stands," he says. "I do think it will be broken, but until then, I enjoy having my name attached to it."

Starrick is not only reminded of the accomplishment by friends and family, but by total strangers as well. "Years ago a player at Nebraska was closing in on the record," Starrick recalls. "A reporter from up there called me at home one evening and asked if I was feeling any pressure about the record being in jeopardy. I told him I had caught me laying on my coach and reminded him that I didn't have to shoot any more free throws — the pressure was on the young man at Nebraska."

Jack Moore fell just short of Starrick that season (see graph below), and no current NCAA senior is in position to challenge the mark in 2001-02. The record, it appears, will survive into its 31st year.

"Still having the NCAA record is something I'm really proud of," Starrick admits, "because it just didn't happen by chance — I know how many hours of preparation were logged in to allow it to occur."

All-Time NCAA Division I Career Free-Throw Leaders

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they got even better. Starrick paced the Dawgs with a 22.4 average and made 119-132 charity tosses for a gaudy .902 percentage. Garrett finished third in scoring (12.7) and made 93-109 from the line for a .853 mark.

All those years of shooting free throws on their own was certainly paying off. What the two would do for an encore, however, would be one for the books.

Sports Illustrated Comes Calling

When their 1971-72 senior season began, the two teammates had already combined to make 490 of their 547 collegiate free throws. That .869 percentage offered little chance of improvement, but Garrett and Starrick had other ideas. "We both got off to great starts that season," Starrick recalls, "and then the streaks began."

As amazing as it seemed, Southern would soon have a pair of teammates pace one another in a quest for the NCAA free-throw shooting crown. Garrett at one point tied the school record with 31 in a row before missing his first attempt at South Florida, while Starrick sat at 32 straight entering the same game. That perfect 63-made in 63 attempts during a single stretch is perhaps unmatched in NCAA history by two players on the same team.

While Garrett led the nation in shooting early in the season, Starrick's streak kept on going. He made all four of his shots that night in Tampa and eventually took over the NCAA's top spot. Soon he was at 40 straight, 45 straight, then 50.

The NCAA record for consecutive free throws made was 60, and the SIU duo was ranked first and second in the country. With this story line in place, Sports Illustrated soon made a rare visit to campus.

"A reporter came to Carbondale and spent four or five days interviewing people," Starrick recalls. "We were told that the story would be our streaks and the chase going on for the national record. If
Mouse Garrett '73 may have been widely recruited, but he never strayed too far from home. He has worked in southern Illinois for the past three decades, and is currently employed in his hometown of Centralia as a financial advisor for Raymond James Financial Services.

Garrett and his wife, Martha, have two children. Chuck, a 23-year-old senior at Eastern Illinois University, was also a high school basketball player and MVP his senior year at Patoka. Leanna, 20, played volleyball and basketball in high school, and is planning to enroll this fall at Southern. Both earned athletic scholarships at Kaskaskia College.

Greg Starrick '72 also stayed in the area. Drafted by the ABA's Miami Floridians and NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers, he worked in the public relations field for a number of years at John A. Logan College. Now in private business as owner of Jay-Bee Sales and U-Save Office Furniture in Johnston City, Ill., he continues to stay involved in the field of broadcasting as color commentator on SIU basketball radio broadcasts.

Starrick and his wife, Sherry '72, have a 25-year-old son, Ryan. He played golf and basketball at Marion High School and golf at John A. Logan College before earning a degree at Murray State University in 1998. Ryan and his wife, Sara, now live in Champaign, Ill., where he is an Illinois State Police Officer.

I got it, there was a good chance Mouse and I would be on the cover.

In the next game against Texas Tech, the 6-2, 170-pound senior missed his first and only attempt to end the string at 50. SIU fans responded with a standing ovation.

"As soon as I missed, the guy from Sports Illustrated was packing his stuff up and heading north," Starrick says with a laugh. "Two weeks later, Northern Illinois' Jim Bradley was on the cover, so I guess he headed in that direction."

Starrick says he can't remember whether the shot was long, short, or wide — it just missed. "All I could think of was it was time to start another streak." He responded in his next three games by sinking 23 of 24 attempts.

With Garrett nipping at his ankles, the two continued their pursuit of the NCAA free-throw title.

"There was never any competition between us," Garrett says. "We fed off one another, helped one another, and pulled for one another. I can honestly say there was never an ounce of animosity between us."

Starrick concurs. "Mouse was a guy who knew how much hard work went into what was happening," he says. "We weren't both over 90 percent because of luck. Countless hours of practice was on display every time either one of us went to the line."

Ending In Style

When the season ended and the dust had cleared, Starrick led the Salukis in scoring (23.8) and the nation in free-throw shooting with a mind-boggling .925 percentage (148-160). Andy Denny of South Alabama slipped in second with a .914 mark, while Garrett was third in the nation at .890 (130-146).

Starrick's three-season total of .909 (328-361) was — and still is — the all-time NCAA career record (see accompanying story). Garrett's three-year mark of .853 (297-348) finished as fourth-best in Saluki history, and gave the teammates a combined career mark of more than 88 percent from the line.

Both were named Honorable Mention "Converse All-Americans" that season, and each garnered all-conference honors as well. Starrick, despite playing only two-and-a-half seasons — and without aid of the three-point goal — finished with 1,428 points (10th place on SIU's all-time list entering this season) and was voted into the SIU Hall of Fame.

Labeled by Coach Lambert as "the quickest guard in the nation," Garrett just missed the 1,000-point club (995) during his three varsity seasons.

"We were fortunate to earn some great individual awards that year, but nothing was as exciting as the free-throw chase," Garrett says. "People got into it, and it was fun making the free throw interesting to fans again.

"They saw firsthand what Greg and I had known for a long time — it is a real important part of the game."
Attucks Mural Brought Back To Life By SIUC Professors

by Marianne Lawrence

A sometimes forgotten mural painted in the early 1950s by Attucks High School art students has captured the imagination of two professors in the SIUC School of Art and Design.

In 1951, Attucks' art instructor, the late James Lightle, began a class project with four of his students. Together they painted a mural depicting African-American figures in sports, science, music and history. Over the next half century, the mural survived several moves and some years of neglect before community leaders decided to have it restored.

Najjar Abdul-Musawwir MFA ’97, art history and drawing lecturer in SIUC’s School of Art and Design, spent nearly three months repairing damage and coaxing back the mural’s intense colors. “The painting was in bad shape,” says Abdul-Musawwir. “There was heat and water damage, rust and missing paint.”

His biggest challenge was the swath of nails embedded across the back of the 10-foot wide mural, causing the canvas to sag in the middle. “There were so many tacks I should have saved them to use in some kind of artwork,” he mused.

Meanwhile Abdul-Musawwir’s colleague, Peter Chametzky, associate professor of art history, plans to focus more on the mural’s history. “I want to know about the art teacher who inspired his students to create the mural. I wonder how his idea surfaced in the early 1950s, how the painting was hung, and what effect it had on students,” says Chametzky. He is also interested in finding similar examples of murals in African-American schools and how they influence students.

Both SIUC professors have drawn heavily on the memory of one of the mural’s original artists, Raymond Wise, now a retired Carbondale police officer. Wise recalls that the work took a full year to complete. “We weren’t able to work on it every day,” he explains. Each student was assigned an area to paint. Wise’s area was sports, and his signature is the only one to survive the painting’s long journey after it was literally thrown out when Attucks High School closed in 1964.

As Abdul-Musawwir began to work on restoring the mural, he also began to learn its history and about the people who were involved in saving it.

He says that when the school closed, the painting was thrown out. Enos McKinley, whose son, James, was an Attucks student, grabbed the painting out of the trash and took it to the Bethel AME Church.

Hardin Davis, a member of the church, eventually took it to Thomas Elementary School where he was principal, thinking it belonged in a school with...
Painstaking work on the painting took nearly three months to complete and artist Abdul-Musawwir frequently relied on the memory and help of Wise to accurately restore its details. The mural was unveiled on Black History Sunday at the African-American Museum of Southern Illinois located at the University Mall in Carbondale.

The mural's damage is evident in these photos below that were taken before the restoration work began. The years of storing the painting resulted in heat and water damage, rust, and missing paint.

its historic figures such as Joe Lewis, Crispus Attucks, Duke Ellington, Jackie Robinson and George Washington Carver. So there's all this history represented in the painting — even the blue Attucks colors and a section that depicts slavery.

"It was good for the students at Thomas school to look at the painting and ask, 'what's this about?'" says Abdul-Musawwir. He emphasizes that it is the hope of everyone involved with the mural that it someday be placed in a museum, preferably in Carbondale. Davis retired and returned the painting to the church, where it was stored for several years before he contacted the Southern Illinois Achievers, hoping they would take up its cause. Abdul-Musawwir calls Davis a caretaker. "I love that man. He really cared about what happened to that painting."

Founders of Southern Illinois Achievers, Milton and Corene McDaniel '60 of Carbondale, did become interested in the mural and contacted Abdul-Musawwir to do the restoration work, who completed the mural in time for display at the July Attucks High School Reunion.

According to Milton, the Southern Illinois Achievers' mission is to make sure the public as a whole shares the rich history of African-American contributions to southern Illinois. "The mural is a connection to our past, but it also can connect our future."

Southern Alumni
The day the Grand Canyon fire "blew up," part-time firefighter Beth Davis had little more than two seasons of wildfire experience under her belt. She remembers it as one of the most frightening days of her life.

"We were in there with a Native American crew working above us," says the 5-foot-2-inch Carlyle native, a graduate student in Southern Illinois University Carbondale's forestry program and a key player in the Saluki Fire Dawgs, SIUC's student fire management crew. "I was driving a fire engine and was sent down to check a fire line we had dug. The smoke was getting higher and blacker, which means the trees were torching out.

"I got down there and saw that the fire had jumped our control line and was racing up the slope toward the crew. I got a call on the radio telling me I had to get that crew out of there. That's when you feel your heart race — when you have the responsibility for other people."

"I got up there, and the smoke just kept rolling up the hill. Five minutes later and we might not have gotten out. I had three people jump in the cab, and six others jumped on the engine. We made it to a safe zone and then just watched the fire roll."

You might wonder how a slip of a girl from the flatlands of the Midwest would wind up in hill country, earning her living by facing down fire.

"I finished my bachelor's degree in botany in 1997 and thought, 'Well, what can I do?'" Davis recalls. "I didn't want a lab job or a desk job, and I knew I wanted to travel."

She found a federal job board on the Internet, saw some postings for seasonal workers to fight a few fires and oversee planned burns aimed at restoring forested areas in the country's national parks. "I wanted to do something in natural resources, was interested in restoration ecology, and it was an opportunity to see absolutely beautiful wilderness areas that nobody else gets to see," she notes.

"I knew (firefighting) was a male-dominated career, but I thought, 'If I have to bear down and grit my teeth for a while and get hazed for being a small woman trying to do these things, I can do that.' I don't want to sound arrogant, but I think I can do anything if I put my mind to it."

Davis signed up and away she went to Zion National Park, a 229-square-mile cliff-and-canyon wilderness in southwest Utah. She knew nothing about working with fire, admitting she was "green as grass."

She first was sent to fire school, a week-long program of classes and hands-on work. "They load you up with all this gear that you don't understand, and you get instruction from old fire dogs with a coffee cup in one hand and a chew in the other. You're just in awe of these old guys who've been doing this for 20 or more years."

"When you graduate, they go out and light a fire for you. You're assigned to squads, and you have to work as a crew to put it out. Does it completely prepare..."
you for wildfire? Absolutely not – just like going to college doesn’t completely prepare you for real life – but it helps.”

Davis headed back to Durango and her new husband when SIUC’s fall semester ended. Snugged down in the mountains in the dead of winter, she has plenty of time to finish her thesis before the springtime fires arrive.

“I think I might like to get involved in the policy aspects of fire management, make sure that these programs are actually accomplishing what they should, but as you move on up the ranks, you get a desk instead of a tool, a computer instead of a chainsaw,” she says.

“Maybe I’ll be like Charles (Ruffner). He is a perfect example of a person who combines teaching and research,” she stresses. “This is definitely something I would like to do for the rest of my life. I think fire is one of those things that gets in your blood. You just can’t kick it.”

**Contemporary Blacksmiths Don’t Do Horseshoes**

*by Bonnie Marx*

During the time he was artist-in-residence at Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina, Richard “Rick” Smith gained at least a few admirers while showing his work all across the country.

One of those connections paid off this year when Smith, assistant professor of art and design at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, won a substantial grant from a private foundation – the largest ever for the SIUC School of Art and Design – that will be used to beef up SIUC’s metalsmithing program.

The foundation providing the $192,000 prefers anonymity; because it is a matching grant, SIUC will supply the same amount. Smith already has some new machinery, tools and equipment.

University architects have finished the blueprint for an expansion of the blacksmithing studio, located in the basement of Pulliam Hall, which will add about 35 percent more space.

In the studio, Smith’s students can learn to create everything from intricate jewelry to custom tools to architectural ironwork. They don’t do horseshoes. Instead, SIUC’s program emphasizes aesthetic values and technical skills to create both functional and nonfunctional metalwork. And SIUC has the only university-affiliated graduate metalsmithing program in the country that focuses on blacksmithing.

Blacksmithing, Smith says, “is much more diverse in today’s world. There are toolmakers and architectural smiths.”

This is the contemporary context for blacksmithing.”

It must be working. Even SIUC’s undergraduate students, who learn such techniques as fabrication, casting, forging and enameling, are bringing home prestigious awards for their research and creations.

Smith, who earned his undergraduate degree in metalsmithing at SIUC, also is reaching out to the program’s current and former students. He created a student group - Southern Illinois Metalsmith Society—and is looking to alumni for advice and support.

“One of those connections paid off the past and invent the future within a visual context.”

*Student Doug Moore of Belleville, Ill., (left) and Rick Smith, head of the blacksmithing program at SIUC, work in the University’s blacksmith studio.*
SIU Baseball Outlook

Expectation and excitement surround the 2002 SIUC baseball program.

Head coach Dan Callahan returns starters at all eight positions and has five returning pitchers. A total of 17 returnees and 17 newcomers give Callahan the blend he hopes will propel his team into the upper echelon of the Missouri Valley Conference.

Last year's club was disappointing (19-36, 10-21 in MVC), but Callahan is optimistic about this year's contingent.

"We return all position players (los­ing only Second-Team MVC designated hitter Roman Schooley), providing us with a solid chance to have a good sea­son," he says. "Last year we played well with a solid chance to have a good sea­son..."
SIUC’s softball team heads into the 2002 Missouri Valley Conference season with an abundance of youth. Head coach Kerri Blaylock believes that can be her team's key ingredient to an exciting and successful campaign.

"I think we’re young, and we’re going to be exciting because anytime you have youth in the program, you feel a sense of rejuvenation," says Blaylock.

Refreshing this year’s team are five returning starters and nine letterwinners who join forces with six spunky freshmen. Tabbed by Blaylock as "one of the best recruiting classes in SIU softball history," these talented newcomers have openly and willingly accepted the challenge of helping fill a huge gap left by six graduating seniors.

Finishing the 2001 season with an overall record of 36-19, 17-9 in the MVC, Blaylock’s Salukis will look to ride their momentum into this year’s league play.

Probably the biggest challenge they will face is filling the hole left by 2001 Valley Pitcher of the Year and third-team All-American Erin Stremsterfer who rewrote the Saluki record books throughout her four-year collegiate career.

Despite the loss of Stremsterfer, freshman Amy Harre and juniors Katie Kloess and Renee Mueller will handle pitching responsibilities. A local product from Nashville, Ill., Harre will most likely be Blaylock’s ace hurler after posting an undefeated 4-0 record this past fall.

Southern must toy around with its infield lineup, which centers on twin sisters Adie and Haley Viefhaus. Both versatile athletes, the Viefhaus tandem will assume new roles this season as Adie moves from catcher to shortstop and Haley move from short to third.

What caused this year’s juggling act between the Viefhaus twins, however, was the void left by added shortstop Jenny Doehring who is required to sit out this season after her former team (Southeast Missouri State) wouldn’t sign off on her transfer.

Senior Karrie Fortman returns as the team’s starter behind the plate. Four players will fight for playing time in the outfield where only one position was determined prior to this year’s term.

Freshman Maria Damico will start in center field after batting .294 with a second-best 10 hits this past fall. While Damico’s position is her’s to maintain, that leaves two other spots up for grabs, which will be fought over by senior Elisha Hopkins, sophomore Tara Glasco and junior Kendra Moore.

Hopkins, who is primarily a right-fielder, made 27 starts last season batting .217 with two home runs. Closing out the arsenal of outfielders is freshman Karen Brannan.

Five Inducted Into SIU Athletic Hall Of Fame

Five former Salukis were recently inducted into the SIU Athletic Hall of Fame. The inductees were Tom Baugh (Football, 1982-85), Larry Tucker (Baseball, 1959-62), Bob Sprengelmeyer (Men's Tennis, 1960-64), Roy Sprengelmeyer (Men's Tennis, 1960-64) and Sue Wittry Rashid (Women's Swimming, 1984-87).

Baugh was an Honorable Mention All-American and All-Gateway Conference performer in 1985 and a key member of the 1983 Saluki football team that won the I-AA NCAA Championship. He went on to play four years in the NFL with both the Kansas City Chiefs and the Cleveland Browns.

Tucker was one of the most successful pitchers in school history. Nearly 40 years after his career at SIU ended, he still ranks among the top five in innings pitched (285.2), strikeouts (262), wins (27) and ERA (1.98). In 1959, he had a 0.73 ERA, the second-best in school history.

The Sprengelmeyer brothers helped lead SIU to the NCAA College Division National Championship in 1963. Both were All-Americans that year for a tennis team that defeated the likes of Iowa, Northwestern, Iowa State, Wisconsin, Indiana and Notre Dame.

Wittry Rashid was a nine-time All-American in four different swimming relay events and was a key member of the 1985 team that finished fourth in the nation in the 400 Medley Relay. She was also a Third Team GTE Academic All-American and a Coaches Association All-American in 1986.
**Play Ball With The Dawgs**

**SIU Alumni Member Appreciation Day At Abe Martin Field**
April 20 – Evansville Aces vs. Southern Illinois University Salukis. Current and new members of the SIU Alumni Association are invited to attend the Saluki baseball double-header. The first game begins at noon, and members are invited to enjoy complimentary lunch and beverages under the SIU Alumni Association tailgate tent beginning at 11:30 a.m. on “The Hill,” along the first base side of Abe Martin Field. To make reservations, call the SIU Alumni Association at (618) 453-2408.

**SIU Day At Wrigley Field**
June 22 – St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs. Game starts at 2:05 p.m. (time subject to change due to national television considerations), with pre-game reception hosted at The Cubby Bear beginning two hours before the first pitch. Tickets are $20 each for SIU Alumni Association members (limit eight) and $30 for non-members (limit three). Buffet tickets for The Cubby Bear are $8 each. This event has sold out the last few years, so please contact our office as soon as possible to secure your tickets.

**SIU Day At Kane County**
July 20 – Burlington vs. Kane County in Class A minor league action. Chicago area alums are invited to come out to the ballpark and enjoy a pre-game picnic at the stadium, and fireworks after the game. The game starts at 6 p.m., with the picnic two hours before the contest. The picnic, game ticket and fireworks are all included for $20 each for SIU Alumni Association members, while non-members may purchase this package for $25.

**SIU Day At Busch Stadium**
July 27 – Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals. Game starts at 12:15 p.m. (time subject to change due to national television considerations), with pre-game reception at the stadium beginning two hours before the first pitch. Combination tickets for the game and buffet are $42 for SIU Alumni Association members and $50 for non-members.

**SIU Day At Tampa Bay**
Aug. 3 – Chicago White Sox vs. Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Game starts at 6:15 p.m., with pre-game reception at the stadium two hours prior to the first pitch. Your package for this event includes game ticket, hot dog, soda, and a Devil Rays cap. The cost for SIU Alumni Association members is $18, while non-members will pay $25.

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**Dawgs Throttle Hoosiers In Sold-Out SIU Arena**

There were fireworks before - and during - SIU basketball’s 72-60 win over Indiana. The Salukis defeated the Hoosiers on Dec. 1 in front of a sold-out and frenzied SIU Arena crowd, helping them start a 20-plus win season and earning the team national recognition. At right, freshman guard Stetson Hairston shuts down Indiana star Tom Coverdale in front of the huge crowd. Look for a season wrap-up, as well as MVC Tournament highlights, in the April issue of *Saluki Pride.*
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Your Saluki Pride Keeps Getting Stronger

Congratulations to the SIUC College of Education and Human Resources. This college ranks first regarding alumni membership, as 4,079 from their ranks are members. The College of Liberal Arts comes in second at 2,384, while the College of Business and Administration is third with 1,625 members. Remember, 10 percent of your Alumni Association dues goes back to support your college. We do appreciate your continued commitment and loyalty to the University.

New Super Benefits

Best Western River North Hotel in Chicago is now offering a room rate of $119 for all alumni and friends who are SIU Alumni Association members. The address for this hotel is 125 W. Ohio St., Chicago Ill. 60610, and the business may be reached by calling (312) 467-0800. In the last edition of the Southern Alumni, we listed National Property Inspections as a new benefit partner. The correct name is Hometown National Property Inspections Office.

The Class Of 2002 T-Shirts Are In

If you have a son, daughter, relative or friend who will soon be graduating, why not spoil them with an early graduation present? The Class of 2002 commemorative shirt is only $15, and with that purchase, your special graduate will receive a full year’s membership in the SIU Alumni Association.


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If you renew your SIU Alumni Association membership on the first renewal notice, you will receive an Airline Ticket Discount Certificate redeemable for up to $100 off your next flight. This offer for members only is valid on all six major airlines. Call the SIU Alumni Association for details.

Obelisk Yearbooks Available

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

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The Class Of 2002 T-Shirts Are In

If you have a son, daughter, relative or friend who will soon be graduating, why not spoil them with an early graduation present? The Class of 2002 commemorative shirt is only $15, and with that purchase, your special graduate will receive a full year’s membership in the SIU Alumni Association.


We also have other class T-shirts available if you are interested in becoming an annual member for just $40 – or if you use any of our other payment plans. Make sure to specify on the membership application which class T-shirt you would like sent to you. Please contact the Colyer Hall office at (618) 453-2408 for more details.

Renewing On First Notice Pays Off

If you renew your SIU Alumni Association membership on the first renewal notice, you will receive an Airline Ticket Discount Certificate redeemable for up to $100 off your next flight. This offer for members only is valid on all six major airlines. Call the SIU Alumni Association for details.

New Super Benefits

Best Western River North Hotel in Chicago is now offering a room rate of $119 for all alumni and friends who are SIU Alumni Association members. The address for this hotel is 125 W. Ohio St., Chicago Ill. 60610, and the business may be reached by calling (312) 467-0800. In the last edition of the Southern Alumni, we listed National Property Inspections as a new benefit partner. The correct name is Hometown National Property Inspections Office.
Has Its Privileges
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Check Out The Benefits!

CAMPUS PRIVILEGES/DISCOUNTS
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• Saluki Bookstore discounts (20% life members, 15% annual and student members)
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• Old Main Room-SIU Student Center (10%)
• The Pasta House Company (20%)
• El Bajío (10%)
• Garfield’s (20%)
• K’s Cakes, Cones & Catering (10%)
• Enterprise Rent-A-Car (10%)
• Saluki Central (15%)
• Mastercuts ($1.00 off all haircuts)
• Solis Corporate Express (10%)
• Mugsy McGuire’s (10%)
Du Quoin, Ill.
• Red Hawk Country Club (20% off greens fees)
Marion
• Ruby Tuesday (10%)
• Carlson Wagonlit Travel Agency (5% on all preferred cruises & vacations) in Marion & Herrin
• Wal’s Pizza (10%)
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• Keller Williams Realty (ask for Steve & Judy Scott)
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• Best Inns/Best Suites of America (15%)
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• Carbondale Days Inn (10%)
• Ramada Inn Limited (10%)
• Ho Jo Inn West Frankfurt (10%)
• Seasons Resort located in Rend Lake (10%)
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We help you remember your college days through the Southern Alumni magazine, Saluki Pride newsletter, reunions, homecomings, alumni events, and programs. If you are not yet a member, we invite you to look at the benefits offered. Continue your ties to Southern, Join the SIU Alumni Association today!

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New SIU Alumni Association Life Members

NEW LIFE MEMBERS
Between 10/24/01 and 1/23/02
The SIU Alumni Association thanks the following individuals for their long-term commitment by becoming life members with the Association. Thanks Again!!

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Mr. Douglas A. Backstrom
Mr. David R. Barge
Mr. Gary N. Barker
Mr. Robert A. Beach
Mrs. Patricia A. Beck
Mr. William R. and Mrs. Maudelle L. Bell
Mr. Richard A. Benjamin
Mr. James H. Bernal
Mr. Brian J. Bentz
Mr. Paul V. and Mrs. Susan L. Bishop
Mr. Donald A. and Mrs. Carolyn Borst
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Dorothy’s Magic Kingdom

by Greg Scott

Imagine waking up every day and going to work at a location that is perceived by many as the marquee vacation spot. This occupation is something you might have begun dreaming about as a teenager.

If you talk with Dorothy Stratton ’92 for any amount of time, it doesn’t take long to discover that she is experiencing her dream. Pardon her for beaming while discussing a journey that has taken her from Roxana, Ill., to a speech communications degree from SIUC and, now, to a successful career at The Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, Calif.

Since beginning her Disney adventure in 1994 as a hotel front desk hostess, Stratton has ascended to various key roles, including a stint as Disneyland Resort Ambassador in 1998. As ambassador, she was the official Disney employee representative of more than 14,000 cast members to the local community and the world, and was the official host for resort guests. In addition, Stratton working with the world’s most loved mouse – Mickey Mouse – represented the company during radio and television interviews, community events and public speaking situations.

“Disney is just a perfect fit for me because its mission and values parallel what I think is important,” says Stratton. “As Disney employees we receive an opportunity to make people happy. I have so much fun with the people I work with. This environment is different from any other corporation.

“Every position I’ve had at Disney has been enjoyable. I feel blessed to be in a position where I love going to work every day.”

Stratton, who is currently the manager of guest services for three hotels at the resort, particularly enjoyed serving as ambassador, a one-year appointment that she refers to as her “dream come true.”

She initially set this position as a goal while attending Southern, and upon her hire at Disney, Stratton quickly aligned herself with professionals who could prepare her for this role. She says the position helped her grow professionally.

“At times, on the spur of the moment at large functions, someone would ask me to speak about the resort and our community efforts,” she says. “This job helped me so much because I was thrown into a lot of pressure situations that taught me how to focus and think on my feet.”

In particular, Stratton recalls an excursion to Japan with Mickey and Minnie Mouse. She says Disney’s characters have a worldwide appeal.

“I remember stepping off the plane and walking hand in hand with Mickey and Minnie. We were preparing to meet the press because Disney was coordinating a partnership with an airline in Japan,” she says. “I tell people that this was the one and only time I actually felt like a rock star. The place went absolutely crazy. It was really neat to see how people on the other side of the world respond to them. They were just going nuts over Mickey and Minnie. It didn’t have anything to do with me. People just love you because you are with them.”

Another highlight of her ambassadorship was coordinating Disney’s Super Bowl MVP promotion. In the long-standing commercial, the standout player from the National Football League’s championship team is asked following the game what he will be doing next. The reply is an emphatic: “I’m going to Disneyland!”

Stratton, an avid sports fan, says she had to do research on potential MVPs in preparation for the promotion, pending the winner of the game.

“We had scripts for about five players who were potential Super Bowl MVPs. During the week prior to the game, I was researching the statistics and background on each of these players,” she says.

Stratton watched the game featuring the Denver Broncos and Green Bay Packers. Afterward, she was informed that Denver’s star running back, Terrell Davis, had garnered MVP honors and would be visiting Disneyland.

“I met Davis during what proved to be a whirlwind tour for him,” she says. “Disney flew him up from San Diego, and a special parade was organized for him with Mickey, Minnie and myself. It was a wonderful opportunity – he seemed like a real nice guy.”

The roots of Stratton’s dream began as a high school student in Roxana. She discovered the Walt Disney World College Program through a close friend’s sister. Through this program, college students can work at Walt Disney World in Florida in various positions during the summer months.

Stratton applied for the program her sophomore year at Southern when Disney recruiters visited the campus.

“It seemed like an exciting place to work during the summer. I listened to their presentation and interviewed the following day. Six stressful weeks later, I found out that I had been accepted,” she says.

Stratton was one of 1,200 students selected nationally to participate in the program. She initially served as lifeguard hostess at the resort, taking on the responsibility of safety for more than 5,000 guests per day. She was also a part of the operations team for the world’s largest water park.

It didn’t take long for Stratton to decide where she wanted to spend her professional career.

“After my second day of lifeguard training, I knew that Disney was the place I wanted to spend the rest of my life,” she says. “I continued to work there during summer breaks (at Southern).”
As part of Disney's hiring process, employees also take part in a professional development seminar series. Upon successful completion of these courses, candidates receive either a Mouser's or Ducktorate degree in resort studies from Disney University.

"That is one of the most exciting awards I've received," says Stratton, who earned a Ducktorate from Disney. "When people review my resume, that always seems to catch their attention. Many times during interviews, the first thing people ask me is, 'What's a Ducktorate?' It's the equivalent of a doctorate — but it's completed the Disney way.

In addition to her experience in Walt Disney World's College Program, Stratton also worked as a student volunteer in the SIUC Athletics Marketing Department. She assisted in organizing special events, local-market sales and promotions for multiple university athletic events.

Stratton says the mentorship she received while participating in these activities led to her success at Disney. "There are so many people who helped me as a student at SIU," she says. "Teachers and mentors make all the difference in the world. It's one of those things you don't realize until a later stage in life. Sometimes they may not even realize how much of an influence they have on you."

Stratton mentions speech communications professors Mary and Ronald Pelias, Suzanne Daughton and Elyse Pineau as positive influences. She particularly recalls the guidance and support she received from SIUC marketing directors Mike Trude and Tom Davis.

"Mike and Tom provided great support and were mentors for me. I had always been a sports fan growing up and watched what our marketing department did during games," she says. "They gave me practical advice that I continue to use in my day-to-day interactions at Disney."

Trude and Davis fondly remember Stratton's contributions to the department. "Dorothy was as conscientious a person as you would want working for you. She was great with people and would do whatever needed to be done," Trude says. "For instance, during the Great Saluki Tailgate, her job was to make sure everyone was in the right position. She did this in a volunteer capacity. I knew that she would do well in her professional endeavors."

Trude says Stratton, who was also a Saluki cheerleader, often visited his office to ask what needed to be done. Davis, who currently creates sports sponsorship strategy for DIRECTV in Los Angeles, says Stratton was a quick study and was an asset to the marketing department.

"Dorothy was one of those people who just got it from the beginning. She understood what Mike and I were trying to accomplish almost immediately," Davis says. "She did her job with the same enthusiasm she brought to cheerleading and the classroom. She was an important part of the success of the Great Saluki Tailgate back in the early 1990s."

"I've had the fortune to work with student interns across the country in my various jobs. Dorothy still ranks up there as one of the best."

Upon graduating in 1992, Stratton worked as a nanny in California, which enabled her to travel and take care of kids prior to returning to work at the company. She worked a short stint at a public relations firm in 1994, before being hired full time by Disney. Much like she did at Southern, she made her presence felt immediately.

"Within three months, I started documenting ideas that I thought would improve the company. I shared these suggestions with my manager because I wanted to learn as much as possible," she says. "At that point, I found a mentor at Disney who educated me about various aspects of the company. Fortunately, that person is my boss and continues to serve as my mentor today. There are a lot of opportunities at Disney. I just continued to take advice and feedback from a lot of people. That's really all it took."

A little passion for her dream job hasn't hurt either.
The Southernmost Saluki

by Kelly and Paula Davenport

A few things you ought to know about Key West, Fla.: Hemingway, sunsets and a wily gypsy juggler and tightrope walker named Will Soto.

Soto, 55, is as much a part of this Cuban-flavored island community as the surf and sand. You could call this SIUC alum the "Southernmost Saluki."

For 25 years, Soto has stretched his tightrope on the water's edge at Mallory Square as sunburned tourists and mel­low locals drift in for an impromptu sunset celebration. It's here that folks shuck their inhibitions like a pair of black wool socks. At twilight, with his gray hair raked into a ponytail, Soto shakes out his sinews and tosses out one­liners risque enough to raise eyebrows and rum­s soaked guffaws.

"He juggles pins, knives and a life as husband to wife, Amy, and dad to teenage son, Nick. The shows are lucrative, he says, and Soto supplements his tips working at a local martial arts school.

A Lincoln Park, Ill., native, Soto tum­bled through gymnastics classes as a kid before serving in the Navy. Then he rode the G.I. bill to SIUC.

"Bucky Fuller was teaching in those days, and I wanted to study in the design department with him," Soto explains. "Besides, it was the farthest away from where I lived and still in-state - and it was the only school that would have me."

As a student, Soto noshed at Mary Lou's counter a few mornings a week and lived for nude sunbathing at Giant City.

He didn't finish his degree but found work as a sculptor. Still, something didn't feel right for this free spirit.

"Right before my 30th birthday, I had one of those life-changing visions. My life was rushing before me. I always wanted to perform, so I gloriously announced to all my friends I was quitting my job to be a juggler," Soto says. "Everyone except my parents told me to go sober up."

The Key West that Soto found was not the Hard Rock Cafe haven it is today. "It was all fishermen, smugglers, artists and dropouts," he says. "A lot of people come here to nurture their own free spirits and to live their Hemingway dreams. It turned out to be the best decision of my life."

This southernmost city also nurtures a ragtag street­theater tradition. On any night, bagpipers in kilts bellow, craftsm­en string beads into bracelets and comedians, acrobats and others compete for bucks and audience's attention.

A night touring Mallory Square is a far cry from an evening in front of the TV, and Soto likes it that way. "As Americans, we get schooled on electrical entertainment. We're losing our sense of audience," he says. "I feel a responsibility to educate people and take them back to their roots. Street theater has been around since the beginning - it goes deep into our collective ethos."

The rhythms of the street theater still sigh with ritual. The sun sinks low. The escape artist jingles his chains and smoothes his straitjacket. Palm­readers whisper their predictions. Will Soto blows his whistle and cracks a bullwhip - and corny jokes.

"What do you call a person who trades sex for spaghetti?" he cries. "A pasta­tute."

After he juggles, jokes, quips and dazz­les, Soto packs up his pins and lowers the Jolly Roger pirate flag from the tip of his tightrope. The sun is a gold memory beneath the sea.

"There's electricity like no other on the streets here - the exchange with the audience, the spontaneity," he says. "Some nights you're on and they're not, and you can give that energy to them. And some nights they're on and you're not, and you can suck that electricity from them."

He looks at you straight, an emerald earring winking from his lobe, and ponders Key West's mysteries and his long trip from Saluki to pirate.

"The nights you're both off are awful­ly long," he says. "And the nights you're both on - you live for."

Paula and Kelly Davenport are SIUC alums and mother and daughter. Paula earned a bachelor's in journalism in 1975 and finished her master's in education in December. She works at the University's public affairs office. Kelly attended SIUC for two years and is now finishing a degree in journalism in the University of Missouri. The Davenports have vaca­tioned in the Keys for the last seven years.
Jackson County Scholarship Banquet

The Jackson County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association honored its scholarship recipients and Service to Southern Illinois Award winner at the SIU Student Center Ballrooms in November. Pictured left to right are: SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler, Tyler M. Myers, Adam Gerrit Ploegman, Kirsten Marie Propst, Kacie L. Stearns, Rachelle Wories, Shannon Kathleen Rinzel, and Kitty Mabus, president of the Jackson County Chapter. Debbie Moore, executive director of the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau, was the recipient of the Service to Southern Illinois Award.

Central Florida Alumni Meet

Thirty-five Central Florida area alumni attended a gathering at the Hyatt Regency Westshore in Tampa. The group enjoyed a business card exchange and "Saluki" social. The Central Florida Alumni Club continues to host programs in an effort to attain chapter status.

California Alumni See A Win

One hundred thirty alumni and guests enjoyed a pre-game reception prior to the SIU basketball game against Cal State-Northridge. Following the gathering, the group enjoyed another crucial Saluki victory over a squad that advanced to the NCAA Tournament last year.

Peoria Alums See MVC Victory

Eighty-eight alumni and friends attended a pre-game reception in January at the Pere Marquette Hotel in Peoria. Following the gathering, the group watched the Salukis battle Bradley at the Peoria Civic Center. The Salukis held off a Bradley rally to pick up a key Missouri Valley Conference victory.

Vegas Invite Gets Alumni Boost

Fifty-seven alumni and guests traveled to Las Vegas during Thanksgiving to support the Saluki men's basketball team Nov. 20-25 at the Las Vegas Invitational basketball tournament. The trip was hosted by the SIU Alumni Association and included three basketball games, a team banquet and an opportunity to enjoy the city.

California Alumni See A Win

The Salukis, who finished second in the tournament, earned national attention with a victory over defending Big 12 Champion Iowa State, and a near upset victory over the University of Illinois – ranked second nationally at the time.

St. Louis Dawgs Watch SIU Down Billikins

The SIU Alumni Association hosted 50 alumni and guests at the 14th and Clark Street Bar and Grill in St. Louis. The group attended the pre-game reception prior to SIU's basketball game against St. Louis University. It was an enjoyable evening for Saluki fans, as SIU defeated the Billikins.

Southern Grads Enjoy Symphony

Sixty-five St. Louis-area alumni enjoyed a performance of the St. Louis Symphony with Art Garfunkel at Powell Symphony Hall in January. The Alumni Association also hosted a reception for its guests prior to the performance.

SIU Alumni Association Seeks Award Nominations

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

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

Members of the association are asked to submit names with resumes and background material of those whom they feel qualify for this honor. Send the material to SIU Alumni Association, c/o Nadine Lucas, Colyer Hall, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901-6809.
Virginia Area Salukis Cheer On Team
The SIU Alumni Association ventured to the East Coast to host 116 alumni and guests at a reception at Brions Grill in Fairfax, Va. Following the reception, the group watched SIU defeat a strong George Mason team at The Patriot Center. The game was a homecoming of sorts for Virginia native and Saluki center Rolan Roberts, who brought 50 family members and friends to the game.

SIU Alumni Member Chili Supper A Big Hit
The Student Alumni Council, Jackson County Chapter, and SIU Alumni Association hosted 350 alumni members and guests at a chili supper on the south concourse of the SIU Arena in January. The event was part of the Association's Alumni Member Appreciation activities, which included a Saluki basketball doubleheader. Association members were also eligible to receive two free tickets to watch the SIU women's and men's teams play.

Alumni members enjoyed a bowl of chili, salad, beverage and dessert. While the Saluki women came up short in their game against Evansville, the SIU men defeated Illinois State in the nightcap.

Five former Alumni Association national board presidents were in attendance at the function, including (pictured left to right): Bruce Joseph, Don Magee, Doris Rottschalk, Robert Mees, Wes Wilkins and Ed Buerger, executive director of the Alumni Association.

Pulliam Memorial Scholarships
The SIU Alumni Association's Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarship Fund awards four annual scholarships valued at $1,000 each. Applications are available from the Alumni Association and must be postmarked by May 31 to be considered.

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

Admitted freshmen must rank in the upper 10 percent of his/her high school graduating class and score a minimum 26 on the ACT exam or minimum 1170 on the SAT. Currently enrolled students should have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and provide a current transcript. Transfer students should have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 for all colleges attended and provide all transcripts.

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

For an application and more information, contact the SIU Alumni Association, Student Center, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. 62901-6809 or call (618) 453-2417.

A Note To The Class of 1952
With Homecoming 2002 set for Oct. 4-5, the 50-year reunion banquet will be held on Friday night at the SIU Student Center Ballrooms. Please note that the reunion is not for graduates only, but also for those who started to attend Southern in 1948 but never graduated - or graduated after 1952 - or who started at SIU but graduated from another college or university. All are invited back for this event.

A mailing with Homecoming information and reservation forms will be mailed out later in the year, but it is not too early to make reservations now at the Super 8 Motel, 1180 East Main Street, Carbondale, Ill., 62901. You can phone in a reservation by calling (618) 457-8822.

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Guinna Cotter Boren, SIU's 1938 Homecoming Queen

Guinna Cotter Boren, the SIU Homecoming Queen in 1938, recently passed away in Fairfax, Va. After graduating from Southern Illinois, she taught high school English in southern Illinois, and married Carterville native James "Rusty" Boren '39. Her husband was a B-17 pilot shot down over Berlin, Germany, and held prisoner from 1944-45. He later retired as a Major in the Air Force, and this position took Guinna to many different Air Force bases. While at Offutt AFB, Neb, she was part of the Red Cross "Gray Ladies" organization. In later years, she worked as a legal and executive secretary in Washington, D.C., until her retirement in 1978. Her only child, Gwenda Lynn Boren Wytenbach of Annandale, Va., and two grandchildren, survive her. While at SIU, Guinna lived at Anthony Hall and was nicknamed by all who knew her as “the Duchess” for her regal style.

Guinna Cotter shown in the gown she wore for the 1938 SIU Homecoming Queen coronation.
**Alumni Calendar Of Events**

**APRIL**

3  Saluki Baseball at Southeast Missouri State, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 3 p.m.
3  Saluki Softball at Evansville, Evansville, Ind., 3 p.m.
4-6  Journeys, Christian H. Moe Lab Theater, 7:30 p.m.
5  Saluki Men’s Track and Field, at All Sport Relays, Cape Girardeau, Mo., TBA
5  Saluki Men’s Track and Field, at Texas Relays, all day
5  Saluki Baseball at Illinois State, Bloomington, Ill., 4 p.m.
6  Saluki Baseball (DH) at Illinois State, Bloomington, Ill., 1 p.m.
6  Saluki Softball (DH) at SW Missouri State, Springfield, Mo., noon
6  Saluki Women’s Track and Field, at All Sport Relays, Cape Girardeau, Mo., TBA
7  Saluki Softball at SW Missouri State, Springfield, Mo., noon
7  Saluki Baseball at Illinois State, Bloomington, Ill., 1 p.m.
7  SISO: Jean Sibelius’ First Symphony, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
12  Saluki Women’s Track and Field, at Sea-Ray Relays, Knoxville, Tenn., TBA
12  Saluki Baseball at SW Missouri State, Springfield, Mo., 7 p.m.
12  Saluki Men’s Track and Field, at Arkansas Invitational, Fayetteville, Ark., TBA
13  Saluki Baseball (DH) at SW Missouri State, Springfield, Mo., 2 p.m.
13  Saluki Softball (DH) vs. Indiana State, home, noon
13  Saluki Baseball at SW Missouri State, Springfield, Mo., 1 p.m.
14  Saluki Softball vs. Indiana State, home, noon
17  Saluki Baseball vs. Southeast Missouri State, home, 3 p.m.
17  Saluki Softball (DH) vs. Evansville, home, 2 p.m.
19  Saluki Men’s Track and Field, at Mt. SAC Relays, Los Angeles, Calif., TBA
19  Saluki Women’s Track and Field, at Sycamore Invitational, Terre Haute, Ind., TBA
19  Saluki Baseball vs. Evansville, home, 3 p.m.
20  Saluki Baseball (DH) vs. Evansville, home, noon
20  Saluki Softball (DH) vs. Creighton, home, noon
20  Saluki Baseball vs. Evansville, home, 1 p.m.
21  Saluki Softball vs. Creighton, home, noon
23  Saluki Baseball vs. Murray State, home, 3 p.m.
24  Saluki Softball (DH) at SE Missouri State, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 3 p.m.
24-27  The Beaux Stratagem, McLeod Theater, 7:30 p.m.
25  Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
25  Saluki Track and Field (Men and Women), at Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa, TBA
26  Saluki Women’s Track and Field, at SIUE Pacesetter Invitational, Edwardsville, Ill., TBA
26  Saluki Baseball at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 6 p.m.
27  Saluki Baseball (DH) at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 2 p.m.
27  Saluki Softball (DH) at Bradley, Peoria, Ill., noon
28  Saluki Baseball at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 1 p.m.
28  Saluki Softball at Bradley, Peoria, Ill., noon
28  Riders in the Sky, Shryock Auditorium, 3 p.m.
28  The Beaux Stratagem, McLeod Theater, 2 p.m.

**MAY**

1  Saluki Baseball at Illinois, Champaign, Ill., 6:30 p.m.
1  Saluki Softball (DH) at Wichita State, Wichita, Kan., noon
3  Saluki Softball at Red Hawk Country Club, Tamaroa, Ill., TBA
4  Saluki Softball at Wichita State, Wichita, Kan., noon
4  Saluki Baseball vs. Tennessee Martin, home, 1 p.m.
4  Saluki Men’s Track and Field, at Georgia Invitational, Athens, Ga., TBA
4  Saluki Women’s Track and Field, at Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., TBA
9-11  Saluki Softball at MVC Tournament, TBA
10  Saluki Baseball vs. Indiana State, home, 3 p.m.
11  Saluki Baseball (DH) vs. Indiana State, home, noon
12  Saluki Baseball vs. Indiana State, home, 1 p.m.
14  Saluki Baseball vs. Saint Louis, home, 3 p.m.
15  Saluki Track and Field (Men and Women), at Missouri Valley Outdoor Championships, Cedar Falls, Iowa, TBA
17  Saluki Baseball at Wichita State, Wichita, Kan., 7 p.m.
17  Saluki Softball at Wichita State, Wichita, Kan., 1 p.m.
19  Saluki Baseball at Wichita State, Wichita, Kan., 1 p.m.
22-25  Saluki Baseball at MVC Tournament, TBA

**JUNE**

2  Perry County Scholarship Awards Banquet, Du Quoin, Ill.
14  Williamson County Scholarship Awards Banquet, Marion, Ill.
19  Saluki Men’s Track and Field, at USA Championships, New Orleans, La., TBA
22  SIU Day at Wrigley Field, Chicago Cubs host the St. Louis Cardinals. Pre-game gathering at the Cubby Bear Lounge. Game time 2:05 p.m. (Due to ESPN and Fox network scheduling, game time is subject to change.)
29  Peoria/Tri-County Golf Scramble, Pekin, Ill.

**FUTURE DATES**

July 27  SIU Day at Busch Stadium. Pre-game picnic. Game time 12:15 p.m. (Due to ESPN and Fox network scheduling, game time is subject to change.)

Aug. 9-18  Illinois State Fair, Springfield, Ill.
Aug. 23- Sept. 2  SIU Alumni Association Homecoming Celebration. Pre-game tailgate east of McAndrew Stadium. Family Weekend

**Saluki Alumni See The World**

Many SIU alumni and friends continue to take advantage of the great travel packages offered through the SIU Alumni Association. These photos show some of the "travelling Salukis" on recent trip to Austria and Switzerland. At far right, Nancy Neumann, Dale Crites, Richard Pautler, Pat Pautler, and Alma Adams enjoy some time in the mountains. At right, Angelina and Michael Howard take in the plaza area in Einsiedeln, Switzerland. To find out more information on these tours, or to get a brochure on alumni travel, contact the SIU Alumni Association at 618-453-2408.
1950s

James Sharp '56, founder and chairman of Sharp Seminars in New York City, has relocated his business because of the Sept. 11 tragedy. A provider of training to Wall Street security analysts and portfolio managers, the business was located near the World Trade Center Towers and became inaccessible. His new space is now located in midtown Manhattan.

1960s

Marvin Kaiser '63 has assumed the post of chief administrative officer in addition to his duties as chief financial officer for the Doe Run Company of St. Louis. Kaiser joined Doe Run, an international natural resource company, last year. He formerly worked at Amex Gold Inc. in Golden, Colo., and has been in the mining industry for the past 24 years.

Andrew Bernhardt '67 has joined NLSB Bank as president. He had been CEO and president of Harris Bank in Frankfort, Ill., since 1991 and prior to that served as executive vice president of Old Kent Bank in Chicago and president of the State Bank of Antioch, Ill. Bernhardt served on the SIUC College of Business and Administration Advisory Board and is a member of the college's Business Hall of Fame. He lives in Frankfort with his wife, Joan.

Mary Lee Hu MFA '67 has received a 2001-2002 Award for Visual Artists from the Flintridge Foundation. The award, given to six artists from California and six from Oregon and Washington, is an unrestricted grant of $25,000. Hu uses traditional textile techniques of weaving, twining, wrapping and braiding gold wire to create jewelry. She has taught metalsmithering at the University of Washington in Seattle since 1980.

Larry Nuhn '67 of Austin, Texas reports that his daughter, Melissa Nuhn recently graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a bachelor's in English and will now work on her master's in English at that school. His son, Michael, has completed a year and a half at the Austin Community College and will be transferring to Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas in January 2002, pursuing a degree in business while also playing on the Texas Tech Lacrosse team.

Robert Chamberlin '68 has been elected to the SJU Foundation Board of Directors. Chamberlin retired from BP Amoco after 30 years and has a real estate consulting business that keeps him busy "between rounds of golf." He and his family reside in Lemont, Ill., and have a summer home in Syracuse, Ind., on Lake Wawasee. He is also current chairman of the Chicagoland Advisory Board of the Foundation.

William Davis Ph.D. '68, professor of teacher education at State University of New York Potsdam, has been named "Distinguished Service Professor" by the university's board of trustees. The rank is above that of full professor and recognizes extraordinary service to the community, region, state, nation or world. Davis has directed and coordinated the school of education's reading and language disabilities center since 1975. He is coordinator of the Graduate Reading Diagnostic Test Program, serving the literacy needs of more than 40 public and parochial school children in the area of Potsdam and is a member of the New York State Migrant Education Consortium.

David Wasmund Ph.D. '69 has been appointed to the Adolph Krause Professorship at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas. Wasmund, professor of chemistry and department chair, has been with TLU since 1976.

1970s

The Cjercaos Publishing House has named Iladazio Tavares M.A. '72 among the 100 best poets of the century in Brazil. Tavares, 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.

Richard VanDiver Ph.D. '72 is new director of the Court Research and Service Division in the Oregon Office of the State Court Administrator. He has been in the Oregon office since January of 1998. VanDiver has served as law clerk in the court and criminal justice systems for more than 20 years in Florida and Montana. He lives in Salem, Ore.

Dal Smilie J.D. '78 has been named chief of the Montana Consumer Protection Office. This is in addition to Smilie's duties as chief legal counsel for the Montana Department of Administration. He lives in Helena.

Sandra Webster '73, Ph.D. '79 is professor and chair of the psychology department at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa. Webster recently conducted research while a Fulbright Lecturer at Korean University. While there she studied the Korean emotion of Han, a process of resolving stress when a person is dealing with uncontrollable pain. She is recipient of two Fulbright Scholar Grants and is author of numerous publications.

James Hardin Ph.D. '74 was recognized for outstanding teaching, scholarship and service last fall at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Hardin has been named the outstanding faculty member in the College of Natural Resources four times and received the campuswide teaching award in 1982. He served 10 years as adviser to the Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society, which has been recognized three times as the best student chapter in the country.

Philip Jacobs '74 has authored a new book titled The Life and Photography of Doris Ullman which has been published by the University of Kentucky. Jacobs lives in New Kent, Va.

Johnnie P. Evans Ph.D. '75 has written a book for children titled When We Were Young'uns. A retired teaching, Evans lives in St. Louis.

Carl Flowers '75, Rh.D. '93 is an honorary "National Mary E. Switzer Scholar in Rehabilitation" for 2001, one of 20 individuals nationwide chosen for leadership, expertise and achievement. Flowers is program director of the Region X Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program in the Center for Continuing Education in Rehabilitation at Western Washington University in Seattle, Wash. Former program manager of SIUC's Rehabilitation Institute, Flowers is president of the National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns.

Karl R. Kerchief '76, M.S.'81 has taken command of the Reynolds Army Community Hospital at Fort Sill, Okla. Col. Kerchief received his medical degree in 1982 from the Uniformed Services University
Higher Ed Honors
Two SIUC graduates have been honored for their service to the University of Delaware. John F. Rabolt ‘74, chair of the department of Materials Science and Engineering, has been named Karl W. and Renate Boer Professor of Materials Science Engineering. He was with the IBM Almaden Research Center before joining the UD faculty in 1996. Carol Vukelich M.S. ’70, Ph.D. ’72, who joined the UD faculty in 1972, has been appointed the L. Sandra and Bruce L. Hammond Professor in Teacher Education. Since 1996 she has served as director of the Delaware Center for Teacher Education and as co-director of the Delaware Writing Project.

Medical School and a master’s degree in health administration in 1997 from the Army-Baylor Health Care Administration Program. He most recently was deputy commander for clinical services at Martin Army Community Hospital at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Joe Boor ’77 and his wife, Amanda, proudly announce the birth of their son, Samuel Smith Boor, on Dec. 17, 2001. The family lives in Atlanta.

Mel Vineyard ’77 reports from Washington, D.C., that the area is getting back to doing business for the people of the United States. “The Pentagon is being rebuilt, and construction workers vow to complete things by Sept. 11, 2002,” he says. Vineyard says one of his colleagues lost his best friend in the Pentagon, and a former employee was lost in the World Trade Center. “We all have gotten back to some sense of order, although stringent requirements are in place for getting to work on base at the Washington Navy Yard,” he adds. “Blessings to you and your family and peace on Earth in the coming year.”

Alan Cureton M.S. ’79 has been named eighth president of Northwestern College & Radio, a nondenominational Christian liberal arts college in St. Paul, Minn. Cureton formerly served as vice president for university advancement at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark. He and his wife, Gayle, have three children.

1980s

George Sehi ’81, Ph.D. ’90, dean of engineering and industrial technologies at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio, since 1993, has been elected to the executive council of the Engineering Technology Leadership Institute. Sehi, who lives in West Chester, Ohio, was given the Frederick J. Berger National Award from the American Society for Engineering Education in 1999. The prestigious award is given to engineering technology educators.

Eleanor Taylor Bland ’82 is the author of a series of mystery novels that have been published by St. Martin’s Press. Bland lives in Waukegan, Ill., and recently retired as cost accountant for Abbott Laboratories, where she worked for 17 years. She has received several writing awards and serves on the board of Mystery Writer’s of America. Bland has two sons and four grandchildren.

A painting by Jim McLean ’82 titled “Spring Cleaning” was included in the American Artists Professional League’s 73rd Grand National Exhibition held last fall at the historic Salmagundi Club in New York City. McLean is a resident of Hickory Hills, Ill., and is a current member of the Pallet and Chisel Academy in Chicago.

Kyu Ho Youn M.A. ’82, Ph.D. ’85 is a professor of journalism and law at Arizona State University. He was featured in the "preeminent Korean scholars of the world" special series of the Munhwa Ilbo newspaper in Seoul on Nov. 22, 2001. He gave invited lectures at the Seoul National University College of Law in May and at Oxford University in August 2001. His 2002 Federal Communications Law Journal article was noted by the Superior Court, Appellate Division, of New Jersey in Arons vs. New Jersey Network in July 2001.

Jim Balistsis ’84 is director of cartography for CommunityLink, a division of Craig Williams Creative Inc. in Pinckneyville, Ill. Balistsis also owns Lick Creek Cartographic Works, a freelance business he founded in Carbondale to do cartography and develop and publish local atlases. Since joining CommunityLink, Balistsis has closed his Carbondale office, but continues to do cartography, provide maps for the WIU news programs, and publish the atlas series.

Doug Kennedy M.S. ’84 received the 2000 Samuel Nelson Gray Distinguished Teaching Award at Virginia Wesleyan College for the second time. He is coordinator and professor in the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies at the college. Individual students nominate, and a committee of students selects the winner.

Look for a mention soon on the Sally Jessy Rafael show about Shirley Washington ’84, a radio-television graduate who has a book coming out this month called The Motherhood Club. Washington lives in Grand Prairie, Texas with her husband, Curtis Walls ’85.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Charles W. Stoudemire ’86 has retired from active duty after 22 years of service. He most recently served with the Tactical Training Group Pacific in San Diego.

David Estrop Ph.D. ’87, superintendent of Wooster, Ohio, City Schools, has received the Buckeye Association of School Administrators’ Exemplary Leadership Award, given to members who have demonstrated outstanding educational leadership. Estrop has been superintendent for five years.

Maher Shehadah ’87 writes to say that since graduating from SIU, he appreciates receiving magazines from the SIU Alumni Association and keeping up with university events and issues. He is pictured with his wife, Cindy, and their 6-year-old son, Alexander. The family lives in Brentwood, Mo.

Cindy Pieper Moy ’89, an attorney and writer in Golden Valley, Minn., is author of the recently published American Bar Association’s Guide to Health Care Law. Moy is also co-author of the ABA Legal Guide for Small Business and contributes to several law-related publications. She can be reached at cindy.moy@att.net.

1990s

Eric Hansen ’91 is part owner of a new production company in Chicago called "IdealProductions." The company provides corporate and event marketing communities with a high level of production with technical expertise and hands-on experience. Hansen and his partner, Todd Petersen, worked together at the “House of Blues” Chicago for more than two years, winning the entertainment industry’s Pollstar Nightclub Venue of the Year Award.

Susan Weider M.S. ’93 has accepted the position of dean of student services at Bastyr
University in Kenmore, Wash. She previously held the position of associate dean of students at Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore. Bastyr University is internationally recognized as a pioneer in the study of natural healing and is the leading university for natural health sciences in the U.S.

Jim Zimmer '93, MPA '95 is owner of Advantage Aviation Insurance located at the Southern Illinois Airport. Zimmer has 20 years of experience in aviation insurance and has also worked as a pilot and airport manager. He recently returned to southern Illinois with his wife of two years, DeeAnn. His business web site is www.ijflyaa.com.

Roby Thomas '94 has joined the faculty of Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Ill., as an associate professor in the Center for Business and Economics. Thomas lives in Oak Park, Ill.

Rose Bailey '95, a kindergarten teacher in Kankakee, Ill., School District #111, received her master's degree in education from Olivet Nazarene University in August 2001. She has taught the last three summers in the Kankakee-Iroquois Summer Migrant Program and teaches English as a Second Language evening classes for a local community grant program. Bailey is also active in the Bi-National Teacher Exchange Program.

Vanessa Smith '95, a certified public accountant and tax manager with KPMG, has been elected to the board of The Community Forum in Phoenix, Ariz. Smith is also a 2001 member of the Black Board of Directors Project, an 18-year-old advanced leadership organization.

Will Casey M.S. '96 was one of two recipients of the Harold Grad Memorial Prize awarded by the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences at New York University, where he is a candidate for his Ph.D. The prize is given for outstanding performance and promise as a graduate student.

Matthew Bellaver '97, Marine Corps 1st Lt., was designated a Naval Aviator while serving with Helicopter Training Squadron Eight at the Whiting Field Naval Air Station in Milton, Fla. Lt. Bellaver has also earned his "Wings of Gold." A helicopter pilot, he is stationed at Marine Corps Air Station New River in Jacksonville, N.C., learning the CH-53E Super Stallion. Lt. Bellaver and his wife, Jennifer, will move to San Diego this summer where he will join his fleet squadron at MCAS Miramar. He writes: "We are doing well and are very proud to have attended SIU and look forward to getting back for a Homecoming someday."

Natalie Branca '97, M.S. '01 is working as an academic adviser at Illinois State University in Normal.

Michael Elkins '97 has been promoted to associate professor at Texas A&M University in Kingsville. Since 1997, he has served as an academic chair of the department of Communications and Theatre Arts.

Robert Fenwick '97 is a project engineer for Reikel United in St. Louis and his wife, Dawn '96, is teaching fourth grade at Valley Park Elementary School in Valley Park, Mo. The couple had a baby girl in November 2000 and the family lives in Fenton, Mo.

Ryan Anthony '98 has been appointed as an associate in the Chicago office of the McTigue Financial Group of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. Anthony, a Chicago resident, participated in the company's college intern program. He is actively involved in the Boys & Girls Club of Chicago and the Chicago Golf Association.

Casey Herschler '98 has joined Forum Studio Inc. in St. Louis as an architectural technician. Herschler, a resident of Quincy, Ill., is a member of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI). Forum Studio is a full-service architecture, interiors, graphic design and planning collaborative.

Sally Turner Ph.D. '98, an associate professor in the department of English at Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan., has started a two-year term as national vice president for member services for College Media Advisers (CMA). In addition, she has been selected to attend the American Society of Newspaper Educators' Institute for Journalism Excellence this summer. Turner, who also oversees the university's journalism program, has been on the ESU faculty since 1995.

2000s

Four SIUC alumni have received their Naval commissions after completing Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla. They are Ensign Brian Harvill '00 and Ensign Brian Sauerhage '00, Ensign Robert Aranha '01 and Ensign Christopher Holzner '01. During the 13-week training program, they received specialized instruction on navigation, ship handling, engineering, naval warfare and management.

Brian Huelsmann J.D. '01 has joined Rabbitt, Pitzer & Snodgrass Attorneys at Law, St. Louis. While in law school, Huelsmann was a member of the Health Law Society and the Environmental Law Society. He was also recipient of the Donnie J. Schmeder Scholarship.

Thomas Mogle MFA '01 has joined the faculty of Denison University in Granville, Ohio, where he will teach as an assistant professor of cinema.
SIU Alumnus ‘Walks The Dawgs’ Down Memory Lane

by Rich Davis '71
Staff Writer, Evansville Courier & Press

I was thinking about Mr. Trobaugh’s store, Gus Bode and “dawgs” the other day after my Southern Alumni magazine arrived in the mail.

The “Southern” refers to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, not a way of speaking sprinkled with “cain’t” and “how’s your mom ‘n’ em?” Anyway, this is one slick publication and I always find an item that intrigues me. But let me digress.

When I was attending SIU in the late ’60s, dining on Moo & Cackle burgers or at Trueblood Dining Hall (yummy, named after a big donor or former professor named Trueblood), Mr. Trobaugh was in his 90s with white hair, wire-rim glasses and a squeaky voice.

He sold “poorboys” and pop out of a World War II barracks sandwiched between the student center and the graceful, shaded home of Delyte Morris, SIU’s president from the late ‘40s to early ‘70s. No matter the weather, students lined up to buy a sandwich heated in his tiny oven. “Thank you, come again,” he’d say to each customer.

Years before, when the growing university needed the land where Trobaugh was operating a store, SIU cut a deal: As long as Trobaugh was alive, he’d have a place somewhere on campus to run his confectionery. Thus, the barracks.

SIU also reveres its “dawgs;” both the student dressed up like a Saluki to the real thing – “Tut II SIU” – owned by John and Linda Saunders of Chester, Ill.

Fifty years ago, in 1951, students voted to dump the name “Maroons” as SIU’s mascot in favor of Saluki, a sleek Egyptian hunting dog. It made sense: the area has long been known as Little Egypt. The original Tut is buried under a concrete pyramid at the north end of SIU’s football stadium.

I don’t think there’s a better mascot, so don’t tell me about Zips, Billikens or Banana Slugs, OK?

What caught my eye in Southern Alumni was a piece about Don Magee, a Springfield, Ill., biomed technician who heads the SIU Alumni Association. When Magee and his wife, Karen, were dating at SIU in the early 1960s, he belonged to a service fraternity that handled several Salukis housed at the university farms.

Magee would lead a Saluki through the “S” created by the marching band on the football field or, when Morris’ secretary called, take one of the dogs over to Morris’ home for an event or reception. Six years ago, with their daughter grown, the Magees were “ready to become parents again.” They heard about a Saluki breeder who had some dogs available and it rekindled happy college memories.

They brought home a male and female (Ciiva, now 13, and Merlin, 7) and this past year added Fabian, a 16-month-old pup whose colors and features translate well at dog shows.

“Salukis are very aloof,” says Magee. “Some people say they’re catlike. Fabian will put his head on my lap (while Magee’s using his computer at home) and make a sound. I’ll pet him a few times and he’s happy. They’re very loyal, but you take them on their terms.”

SIU’s basketball team and fans will be puttin’ on the dawg at Roberts Stadium during a Missouri Valley Conference game against the Evansville Aces. I doubt the Saluki mascot will show up, but one can always hope.

Editor’s Note: Davis is a columnist for the Evansville Courier & Press. His Saluki roots spurred this column days before SIU played at Evansville in late January.
50 Years Ago…
This was a typical campus scene between classes in 1952, as students congregated around—and poured out of—Old Main. It was also a year featuring construction of new dormitory space to help the University handle what was at the time, the largest freshman class in the institution's history.
Proud Alumna Looks Forward To Her First Look At SIUC's Campus

Sonja Wilson received her bachelor of science degree in work force educational methodologies in 1995 and became a lifetime member of the SIU Alumni Association. But unlike many of her fellow alumni, she has never seen the beautiful Carbondale campus.

A resident of the Lake Elsinore and Wildomar, Calif., area for 34 years, Wilson attended classes through the SIUC Office of Military Programs at March Air Force Base in Moreno Valley. "There were a lot of good people who took those classes and we all supported and helped one another receive our degrees. We did not have all of the school spirit that I am sure we would have enjoyed on the SIU main campus, but I was happy just to earn my degree," she says.

Wilson adds that it would be important for her to someday visit the campus. The Military Program she was enrolled in offers seven bachelor of science degrees to more than 2,000 students at 45 off-campus military and civilian locations in 20 states.

Wilson has retired from teaching but is anything but inactive. Recently re-elected to the Lake Elsinore Unified School District Board of Trustees, her civic and community commitments are endless. An active speaker and poet, she has been listed in Strathmore’s Who’s Who several times and is a lifetime member of that organization.

An active member of the International Society of Poets, she writes for a variety of publications and her poems are published in several anthologies. She is a charter member of her NAACP chapter, recently serving as president. Active with Girl Scouts of America for 15 years, she was honored with the “Outstanding Service 2000” award by the Girls Scouts of San Gorgonio Council.

Wilson has been deeply involved in the Lake Elsinore school district for 34 years, where her six now-adult children all went to school. She has worn many hats in her service to the district as instructional aide, attendance clerk and principal’s secretary. She taught adult education instructor and business education for six years – all while serving on the school board.

For her many contributions to education, her community and family, the SIU Alumni Association proudly salutes Sonja Wilson.

"Being an alumna is special to me, as I earned my degree off site at March Air Force Base. I have not yet been to the Carbondale campus, but I look forward to coming to visit soon. May the Lord bless all SIU alumni."

Sonja Wilson '95, Bachelor of Science Degree in Educational Methodologies
Retired teacher, school board member
Lifetime Member, SIU Alumni Association
SIUC students are shown (inset below) in mid-February enjoying the bazaar in the Student Center during “International Festival 2002.” Also shown is a performer in the cultural show, which features a variety of live performances by students in full-native costume. These performances are among the most popular events each year during the annual International Festival at Southern.