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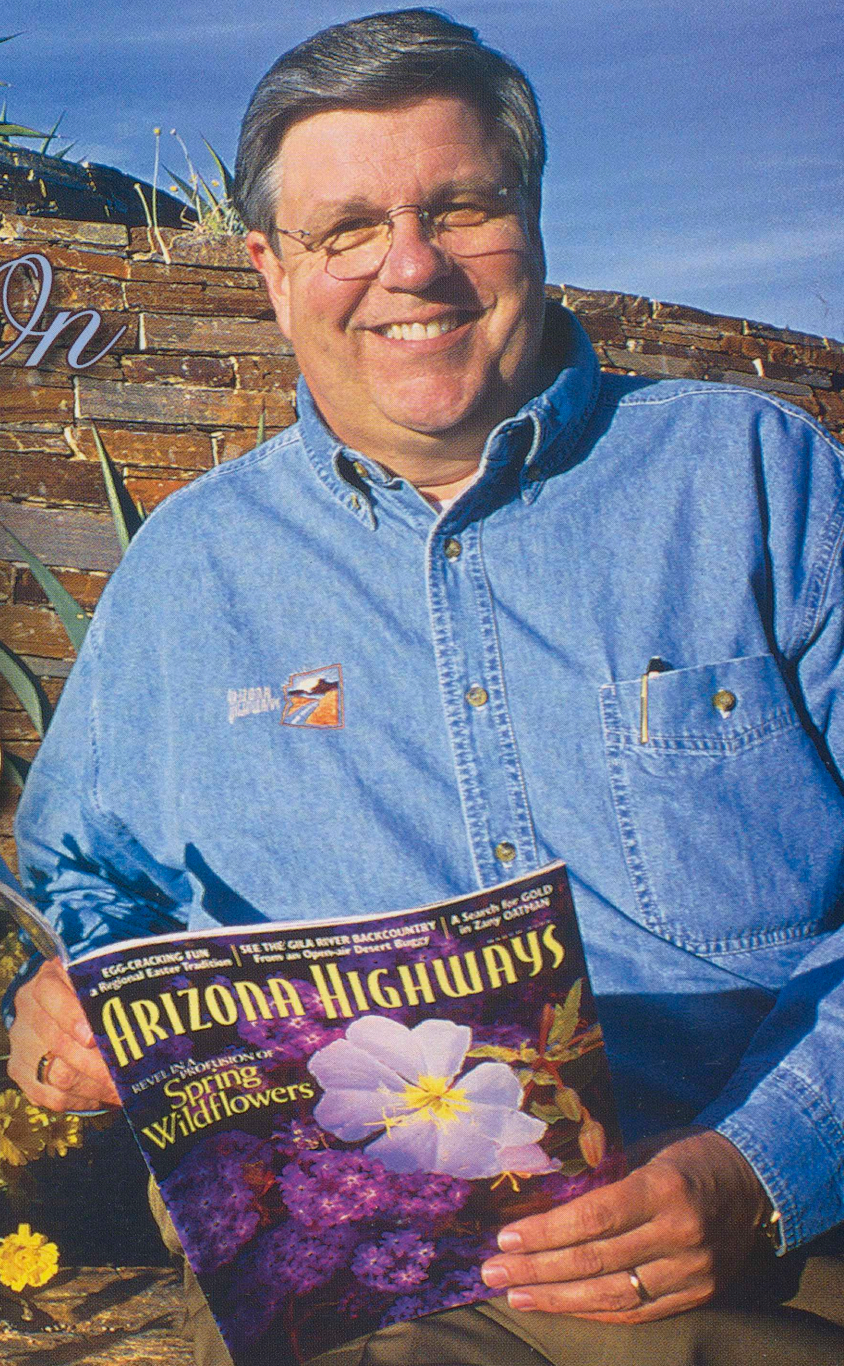
Southern Illinois University

# A L U M N I

*Traveling On*

# ARIZONA HIGHWAYS

Win Holden –  
from *Daily Egyptian*  
reporter to premier  
travel magazine publisher



Inside: Alumni Profiles, Southern Memories, Class Notes, Extern Program, and more...

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# Public Policy Institute's Work Is Far Reaching

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When high visibility personalities like former First Lady Barbara Bush, Coretta Scott King, or the legendary Studs Terkel appear on SIU's campus, most people know that the Public Policy Institute is responsible.

But the institute's work, under the direction of former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, frequently delves into matters that do not capture headlines or large audiences – but do make a difference in people's lives.

"Poor children in southern Illinois are receiving dental care that they did not receive before we acted, more attention is being paid nationally to adult illiteracy because of the actions generated by the symposium we held, and the Illinois legislature passed the first meaningful campaign finance reform in 24 years because of our leadership," says Simon, in recounting just a few of the institute's accomplishments in its first five years.

Then-Gov. Jim Edgar signed the far-reaching campaign finance measure at the institute in recognition of its leadership in engineering a bipartisan agreement.

Its dental care initiative was just one of several projects in which the institute has partnered with others in the university community to make a positive difference in the region, the state and the nation.

In that initiative, the institute worked with the Health Professions Department to establish the Heartland Clinic on the SIUC campus. Student dental hygienists and technicians gain valuable experience while providing dental care to disadvantaged children and adults in southern Illinois.

In another pioneering effort, the Illinois Department of Public Health tapped the institute to spearhead development of a model program to combat smoking among college-age women.

With a \$900,000 grant from the state agency, the institute has marshaled the resources of SIUC's College of Applied Sciences and Arts, College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, College of Liberal Arts, Center for Rural Health and Society Service Development, Student Health Programs, SIU Broadcasting, and the Jackson County Health Department to create strategies for the program.

"This initiative has allowed us once again to tap the expertise on the SIUC campus in an effort to make a positive difference well beyond our region and even the state," says Mike Lawrence, the institute's associate director.

With assistance from the Department of Political Science, the institute annually organizes and sponsors Youth Government Day, which attracts high school and community college students from across the state to hear leading state political figures talk about politics and the importance of public service.

To assure it continues its nationally and internationally recognized efforts and remains a premier public policy center, the institute is laying the groundwork for a major endowment fundraising effort.

Matt Baughman, the institute's development officer, explains, "we've received pledges totaling \$2 million from three donors who want to see this effort succeed as well as hundreds of thousands of dollars in large and small gifts from others. We hope to attract even more so that we can build momentum for a full-fledged campaign."

Learn more about the Public Policy Institute on its Internet web site at [www.siu.edu~ppi](http://www.siu.edu~ppi) or contribute to its endowment effort by contacting Baughman at 618-453-4001.



Public Policy Institute staff includes, from left, Tarachel Benjamin, tobacco project coordinator; John Jackson, former SIUC interim chancellor and nationally-known political scientist; Mike Lawrence, associate director; former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon; and Matt Baughman, development officer.

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### ON THE COVER

Win Holden, holding a copy of *Arizona Highways*, stands in front of some of the beautiful scenery he features each month in his renowned travel magazine.

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### On Arizona Highways



Now publisher of the oldest travel magazine in the United States, Win Holden feels his days at *Southern* paved the way for his success. "What SIU didn't do was force me into a niche they had created," he recalls. "I had experiences in many different areas, and that was extremely helpful in the real world." Holden talks about his current role in *Arizona Highways*, and shares some of the fabulous photography the magazine is famous for.

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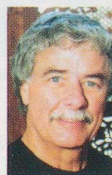
### Back To His Roots



As SIU's Vice Chancellor for Administration, Glenn Poshard wears many different hats in a position requiring him to "shift gears many times each day." The three-degree Southern product handles these chores with pride, and is honored to be serving an institution he first fell in love with years ago. "I was the first member of my family to go to college," Poshard explains. "Education is extremely important to me – and SIU continues to play a major role in my life."

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### About Face



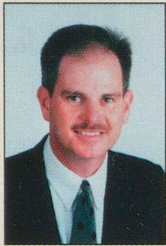
Superb artistic talent, spiced with a long stint as a Senior Disguise Specialist in the CIA, guided Bob Barron to an amazing vocation as owner of Custom Prosthetic Designs. Sculpting ears, eyes, noses – and even whole faces – the Du Quoin native provides miracles of sorts to people suffering from the effects of birth defects, accidents and illness. "The good Lord gave me a gift," he says. "I'm just lucky I've found a way to use it to serve others."

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### Will To Succeed



Although Jim Greenwood has had his share of challenges, the Florida resident never lets adversity slow him down. From his first days on campus 40 years ago, he sensed SIU was going to be a special place. Few schools in that era adjusted its architectural makeup for people with disabilities. "Due to Delyte Morris' wonderful vision, however, SIU was one school that did," Greenwood says.



by Gene Green

Anyone who has lived or vacationed in Arizona knows the natural wonders the state affords. Featuring six of the world's seven climatological zones within its borders, a short drive can transport you from mountain snows to plus-100 degree temperatures at the rim of the Grand Canyon.

While this environment courts countless tourists, one SIU alum has found a vocation in spreading the message of the state's beauty. As you will see in our cover story, Win Holden '70

says his varied experiences at the University prepared him to eventually become publisher of *Arizona Highways* magazine.

With 350,000 subscribers in all 50 states and 122 foreign countries, *Arizona Highways* lays claim to being the oldest travel publication in the United States. For those who have seen the magazine, the photography is arguably second to none.

"Our mission," Holden says, "is to promote travel to – and through – the state of Arizona."

I hope you enjoy our account of this former *Daily Egyptian* reporter who now spreads the word regarding some of America's natural wonders. His passion for this venture – and the photos you will see inside – might even plant a seed regarding a future trip down some Arizona highways.

He says there's always room for a few more Salukis.



Arizona's Superstition Mountains

I received a number of calls and e-mails following last issue's "Free Throw Kings" feature on the shooting prowess of former basketball stars Mouse Garrett '73 and Greg Starrick '72. Most expressed how the account brought back memories from those years of Saluki Basketball, and admitted they knew the duo shot free throws well – but were taken aback by the gaudy numbers in the article.

Starrick shot almost 91 percent from the line (still an NCAA career record), while Garrett was over 85 percent at SIU. Combined, the two made more than 88 percent of their **career** attempts, prompting one reader to challenge me to "go check the record books again – surely that isn't right."

It indeed is correct, and as many of you pointed out, the feat is an amazing accomplishment for Saluki fans to remain proud of three decades later.



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## Southern Alumni Magazine Is Read In Its Entirety

We would just like to praise the staff and contributors of the *Southern Alumni* magazine for the consistently wonderful publication they produce. We look forward to receiving the magazine and wish it was published more often.

We also receive alumni magazines from the private university and the land-grant university we attended. However, SIU's publication is far superior to the other two we receive. In fact, it is one of the few magazines we receive that is worth reading in its entirety.

It makes us so proud to read about fellow alumni who are so successful in their careers and are committed to making a difference in others lives, as well. Our careers are still relatively young but your inspirational articles assure us that with the foundation we received at SIU and hard work, we will be able to reach our goals like so many alumni before us.

Thank you and keep up the good work.

**Jennifer Kantrovich, M.S. '97**  
**Adam Kantrovich,**  
**B.S. '93, M.S. '97**  
**Sioux City, Iowa**

## Recent Memoriam Brought Back Memories

In the March issue of *Southern Alumni*, there was an announcement on the death of one of my high school teachers, Mrs. Guinna Cotter Boren. The accompanying photo of her brought back memories from my high school days in the early 1940s.

In the fall of 1940, I entered Mounds (Ill.) Township High School as a freshman. James

Boren, a graduate of Southern Illinois University Normal, had just been hired to teach and coach at the high school. He brought with him his new wife, Guinna, who would also teach in the Mounds School system.

After the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941, Boren enlisted in the Army Air Corps, and as it was stated in his wife's death announcement, he was shot down over Germany. She stayed in Mounds after "Rusty" left for service, and during the 1942-43 school year was my American History teacher and acted as class sponsor for the Mounds High School Class of 1944.

Having been the beautiful homecoming queen at SIU in 1938, Mrs. Boren was able to give the junior class a lot of help with the planning and carrying out the homecoming activities. I also remember how she helped us with our junior-senior banquet and prom in the spring of 1943.

The members of the Mounds High School Class of 1944 will never forget her. What a nice lady!

**Marion "Bill" Tally '50, M.S. '58**  
**Altamont, Ill.**

## Magazine's Message 'Touched A Chord'

Gene Green's comment in the last issue of *Southern Alumni* touched a chord: "Enjoy Your Magazine." Indeed I do. I congratulate you on trying to inspire alums to respond to the features and news carried in each issue.

Some issues back, I read a letter from Selena Halter Hoover, not in my graduating class, but a name familiar to me since I am a Carbondale native. I wrote to her, introducing myself, and since then we have had a fine correspondence, mostly reminiscing about SIUN and Carbondale.

I was the youngest of the four Brown siblings who graduated from the University. My two

brothers, Dr. Leo and Dr. Martin Van Brown, were active in the Alumni Association and both served as presidents of the Board.

I think I probably attended every production in Shryock Auditorium from my early childhood until graduation. I belonged to the Zetetic Society, and under the remarkable direction of Julia Jonah Neely, I remember vividly appearing in Molnar's "The Swan," Shaw's "Arms and the Man," and Barrie's "Holiday."

The Socratic Society, the rival organization, also presented plays during the same week in the spring. Given the very limited facilities, the crowded schedule, the hundred demands on students' time, and Neely's full teaching load in the English Department, her skilled production of these high-quality plays still amazes me.

These two literary societies met on the third floor of what was then the new science building, each society occupying large meeting rooms at either end of the hallway. But my memory goes back further than that, to the days when my sister, Martha Brown, was a member of Zetetic Society more than 10 years earlier than I. Occasionally she would take me with her to their weekly

programs on the second floor of Wheeler Library. These organizations played a large part in the cultural life of the campus.

At one point in my life when I was involved in a big move, I foolishly jettisoned my *Obelisks* for the years 1933-36. I would give anything for a copy of one of those years!

By the way, I was one of two Marjorie Browns in my class. The other girl came from Creal Springs, while I was born in Carbondale. My father was W.O. Brown, who founded the Rural Education program at SIUN.

**Marjorie Ruth Brown**  
**Shackford '36**  
**Mt. Vernon, Iowa**

## Legal Eagles Go To The Dawgs

I was being deposed weeks ago, and our Dawgs had just beaten Georgia the previous evening in the NCAA Tournament. The attorneys who were deposing me asked about my educational background. I proudly stated that my undergraduate degree was from Southern Illinois University.

"Go Salukis!" said one of the lawyers. "Yay, SIU!" said the

*Continued on next page.*

## Dear Readers...

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

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You can e-mail your letters to [alumni@siu.edu](mailto: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.

other. The first attorney then turned to the court reporter and added, "Uh, strictly off the record, of course."

I can't wait to see the transcript!

**Edie Reese-Gordon '77**  
**Deerfield, Ill.**

## Former Egyptian Staffer Likes Magazine's Blend Of Stories

I attended SIU a long, long, long time ago. While there, I had the privilege of working on the school newspaper, then known as the *Egyptian*. I believe it was published week-

ly back then and recall it was printed on papyrus. It was a scrawny little thing, but we were proud of it.

You must be proud of the *Southern Alumni* magazine. Each quarter it seems to get even better and brings back fond memories for thousands of alumni. It is smooth and professional, has great photography and feature articles, plus an intriguing mix of information about the past, present and future of a great University.

If there is ever an Olympic event for the best performance by writers of a major university alumni publication, Mr. Green and his staff will be on the podium with the gold!

**Rod Kraatz '49**  
**Escondido, Calif.**

## Proud To Be A Saluki

Many thanks to Gene Green and writer Brooke Johnson for your article, "The Great Outdoors." The kind things you said about my teaching career are appreciated. In February I got to shake hands with "Mr. Waterfowl Biologist," Frank Bellrose, and it was an exciting experience.

The main purpose of this letter is to express my sincere appreciation to *Southern Alumni* and SIU. Becoming a charter member in the Illinois Outdoors Hall of Fame is great, but let's give credit to its source. Without the foundation of professors like George Waring, Lawrence

Matten, Harold Hunderford, Troy Edwards, Don Tindle, and the amazing Robert Mohlenbrock, there would not be a hall of fame plaque on my mantle.

Thank you SIU. I am proud to be a Saluki!

**Gene Morgan M.S. '71**  
**Benton, Ill.**

## They 'Love' Saluki Pride

Our congratulations on the April edition of *Saluki Pride*. We continue to love the layout and color of this alumni newsletter. The last one was outstanding!

**Terry '65 and Mary '67**  
**Atchison**  
**Platte City, Mo.**

# SIU Alums Protecting The Environment

The photo of New York-area alumni who got together when **Randy Daniels '73** was sworn in as New York Secretary of State that appeared in the September *Southern Alumni* caught the attention of **John Perrecone '73**. So he decided to submit a photo of his own group of SIU alums that collectively have worked together for approximately 109 years in the U.S. Environmental Protection Office in Chicago.

Perrecone, who has been with EPA for more than 21 years, is regional team manager for Ecosystem Protection. "We are developing a new approach at EPA to protect high-quality ecosystems (including those down in "Little Egypt") from further degradation." His favorite memories of campus include activities around Thompson Lake and hiking at Garden of the Gods.

Like a good reporter, Perrecone interviewed his fellow workers and sent in the following update.

**Susan (Matechick) Pastor '76** and **Ray Urchel '76**, both journalism majors, started working at EPA on the same day in 1987. She is in the Office of Public Affairs and probably recently relived her favorite SIU memory of driving to Wichita with five friends in her '67 Cadillac to cheer on the Saluki men's basketball team in the first round of the 1978 NCAA. Urchel's specialty is drinking water, and he helped write the booklet *Water on Tap*, found on the agency's Web site. His favorite SIU memory is making lifelong friends at Thompson Point.

**Maria Gonzalez J.D. '87** has worked at EPA for 14 years in the Office of Regional Counsel and has "enjoyed learning about state programs, enforcing environmental requirements and assisting with cleanups." Her favorite Southern memory is her wedding.

**Jean Chruscicki '81** recalls "lunch at Campus Lake and the campus woods in the fall." She has been with the EPA since 1990 and works in the Watersheds and Wetlands Branch of the Water Division.

**Carolyn Bury '80**, with EPA since 1986, currently works in



Saluki alums working together at the Chicago EPA office are, from left: Steve Faryan, Ray Urchel, John Perrecone, Sue Pastor, Maria Gonzalez and Jean Chruscicki. Not pictured is Carolyn Bury.

Wetlands Protection and Watershed Management. Her memory is the Halloween she glued a macabre finger puppet to her forehead.

**Steve Faryan '81** recalls liking to "climb, hike and camp in the beautiful parks in the vicinity, especially Panther's Den and Devil's Kitchen." He has worked at EPA 16 years in the Emergency Response Program. "My father is a retired Chicago Fire Battalion Chief, and the 'master of disaster' lives in our blood," says Faryan.

# Board Of Trustees Approves Tuition Hike At Southern

**S**outhern Illinois University Carbondale will charge 18 percent more for tuition this fall, but its rates will remain lower than Illinois State University, Northern Illinois University, the University of Illinois-Chicago and the University of Illinois.

The SIU Board of Trustees recently approved the increase that will bring SIUC's tuition-and-fee package to \$4,864.80 next year, up from \$4,253.80 charged this academic year. Figures are for full-time undergraduates carrying a 15-hour load each semester.

Trustees also approved a 16 percent tuition increase for SIUC undergraduates for the academic year that begins in August 2003. The University projects a 7 and 8 percent increase for the following two years. The plan gives students and their families a four-year projection for college costs.

The SIU Alumni Association and the SIU Foundation recently passed resolutions supporting the general concept of increasing tuition in order to maintain a quality educational experience.

"This decision will let us bolster scholarships for undergraduates and start a new workshop program that will let students find on-campus jobs that relate to their field of study," says SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler. "It will also let us fund need-

based grants that will reach some of those in the middle – families that don't necessarily qualify for strict need-based federal programs, but still need assistance to pay for college."

SIU's system expects to receive \$15 million less in state funding in the fiscal year that begins July 1. The bleak state financial outlook is expected to force the University to cut staff, postpone faculty hires, reduce programs and defer purchases of classroom equipment and research supplies.

Wendler says that SIUC's historically low tuition rates have effects that may not impact the University favorably. "We have an excellent product, but our pricing often signals something different to students and their families," he explains. "Right now our tuition and fees are so low, they fall below the state's monetary award cap for financial assistance.

The increase will generate about \$8.5 million more this next fiscal year if enrollment remains stable. SIUC will put \$1 million into scholarships for undergraduates, \$1 million into need-based grants, \$1.2 million toward assistantships for graduate students, and \$1.5 million to set up workshops – opportunities for students to work in major-related positions on campus.

Another \$1.4 million will support Illinois Board of



Higher Education priorities, \$400,000 will go to SIU's Law School, and \$2 million will help offset some of the budgetary constraints caused by the state's fiscal crisis.

The SIUC Faculty Senate, Graduate Council, Graduate

and Professional Student Council, and the Administrative-Professional Staff Council on campus have backed the increase. The Undergraduate Student Government did not support the tuition plan. ■

## On The Side

### Curkin Wins Lindell Sturgis Award



*Paulette Curkin M.S. '78* is the recipient of the "Lindell Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award." The award is presented to an employee as recognition of his or her contributions to the community, area, state or nation, based upon activities unrelated to job responsibilities.

Curkin, who is a coordinator of student leadership programs for the Office of Student Development, has worked for the University for 15 years. The award, she

says, "left me speechless. I was really quite surprised."

She is involved in countless civic projects, including serving as the co-chair of the Jackson County Relay for Life, and is on the board of several area groups.

The SIU Board of Trustees presents this award.

### Nakajo Begins 15th Year

On May 16, 2002, the Southern Illinois University campus in Nakajo in the Niigata prefecture of Japan, began its 15th year. Funds provided by the Japanese government in the amount of \$980,157 (108 million yen) provide academic programs to about 100 students, of which 50 are freshmen.

To date, more than 2,100 students have taken classes at the Nakajo campus, and of that number, 854 transferred to SIUC. Of those, 634 earned bachelor's degrees, 15 earned master's and one completed a doctorate.



## SIUC Safety Center Gets Permanent Home

Over the years, the Safety Center at Southern Illinois University Carbondale has provided training for hundreds of motorists and motorcycle riders, given advice on avoiding workplace injuries and helped raise awareness of home safety issues.

Now, after 34 years in a "temporary" location in the Physical Plant, the Safety Center has a permanent home. The building, finished for a little less than its \$400,000 budget, is located off

Douglas Drive across from the Campus Beach entrance.

Construction began in September, and staff members were able to move in over spring break. Plant and Service Operations did all the work on the 4,500-square-foot building, from design to construction to the last wall outlet.

Dale Ritzel, director of the center and professor of health education and recreation, says, "I'm more than happy with how

it turned out. It shows we have some highly capable people here on campus. The building is a good example of that."

For nine years, the center has gone by the title Center for Injury Control and Worksites Health Promotion, but Ritzel says he plans to revert to the Safety Center title for "historical and logistical reasons."

The Safety Center is the third oldest center on campus, right behind the Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory and the Illinois Fisheries and Aquaculture Center.

Ritzel says his new goals include having the driving range resurfaced, improving the Web site for the motorcycle rider program and getting more graduate students to work on research and related projects. The center deals with more than just cars and motorcycles. It tackles pedestrian and motor vehicle safety, road rage, drinking and driving by high school students, workplace ergonomics and home safety, especially to prevent falls by the elderly.

The motorcycle rider course, launched in 1969, was the first of its kind in the United States. Michael Ashner, a visiting assistant instructor who is in charge of the motorcycle rider program, says the program offers 125 beginner classes and 12 experienced rider

classes in 56 counties across Southern Illinois.

"We teach the students from A to Z," he stresses. "Starting, turning, swerving, braking, where the controls are and how they work. We also give them driving tips and how to deal with different road surfaces."

The classes are free, but a refundable deposit is required to guarantee a spot in a class. "It's amazing – we get people who have already purchased motorcycles and have them at home, but they don't know how to ride them," he says. "The best part of teaching the courses is taking someone who knows nothing about a motorcycle, and they're actually having fun with it by the end."

The Safety Center also administers the advanced driver education or crash avoidance program, overseen by Dan Shannon. This is a class for four-wheel vehicles, where police and other emergency personnel come to campus to learn how to deal with skids and other unexpected obstacles.

"They get hands-on practice," Shannon says. "When it happens in real life, there's not time to think, you just have to do it. I love watching adults learn things they've never knew before, even though they've been driving for 10 or 15 years."

### On The Side

#### Suarez, Whitfield, Receive 'Women Of Distinction' Award

Two SIUC alumnae have been selected to receive a prestigious University award.

*Carmen Suarez '80, M.S. '83* is the A/P staff member selected for the "University Women of Distinction Award." The award is designed to recognize women who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to diversity, including racial/ethnic, gender, sexual preference, disability and/or class. Commitment is defined as demonstrated leadership, vision and action in their profession or area of expertise as well as being in service to their university and community.

The faculty honoree for this award is *Wenona Whitfield J.D. '77, M.S. '78*, an associate professor in the School of Law. She also is an adjunct professor for the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Humanities for SIU's School of Medicine.

#### College Of Education Honors Alumni

Seven accomplished alumni returned to Southern this spring to receive honors from the College of Education and Human Services.

R. Keith Hillkirk, the college's dean, says honorees have distinguished themselves by making significant contributions to their fields. During their stay, the alumni visited college classrooms to talk to students, faculty and staff in what Hillkirk hopes will become an annual tradition.

This year's honorees, by hometowns, their positions and degrees earned at SIUC:

Harrisburg: *Mary Jo Oldham Morgan*, president of Southeastern Illinois College, three-degree graduate in home economics (1964, 1966 and 1976); Marion: *Stan Stout*, mathematics instructor at Marion Junior High School and a national board certified teacher, master's in mathematics (1996); Springfield: *Hazel Loucks*, Illinois' deputy governor for education, bachelor's in elementary education (1966); *Carmen Pfeiffer*, division administrator for student assessment with the Illinois State Board of Education, doctorate in education (1985); Atlanta, Ga.: *Ronald McCage*, executive director of Vocational-Technical Educational Consortium of States, or V-TECS, master's in vocational education (1966); St. Louis, Mo.: *Cleveland Hammonds*, superintendent of the St. Louis School system, bachelor's in history and master's in education (1958 and 1963); and *Jim Hart*, special assistant to the SIUC vice chancellor for institutional advancement and formerly the University's athletics director and a quarterback for the St. Louis Cardinals football team, bachelor's in physical education (1967).



Dale Ritzel, director of the Safety Center and professor of health education and recreation at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, sits behind the wheel of one of the 30-year-old driving simulators.

# James Neckers Celebrates 100th Birthday

by Mark Lambird

James Neckers celebrated his 100th birthday April 16 in Carbondale, a long way from New York, where he was born in 1902. The route he took to get here included stops at Hope College in Holland, Mich., and the University of Illinois, where he received his doctorate in chemistry. When his journey concluded, he was in Carbondale and became one of the first teachers with a doctoral degree at SIU.

When he first set foot in Carbondale in 1928, there was no Neckers Building to house the school's science departments. In fact it was no doubt difficult for him to imagine how the small teacher's college would grow into a major university before he retired.

Neckers first arrived in Carbondale with Southern serving approximately 2,000 students. That was 20 years before another giant in the University's history, Delyte Morris, took over the helm. When Neckers retired 40 years later, the University had increased enrollment to more than 20,000 students.

A lasting tribute was paid to this giant after his retirement. The \$6 million Physical Science building was renamed after its completion in 1970 for the person who was the most influential in developing the chemistry program the building would house.

Neckers agreed on one condition: "All the other buildings were named after people who were dead," he recalls. "As long as I didn't have to meet that qualification, I was fine with it."

During his tenure at SIU, Neckers witnessed many improvements, including the accreditation of the chemistry program in master's and doctoral degrees. Gerard Smith, chairman of chemistry and biochemistry, says Neckers is still a figure who is looked up to and revered in the science program.

"In the study lounge [in Neckers] we have a picture of the four horsemen – those guys sent students to places such as

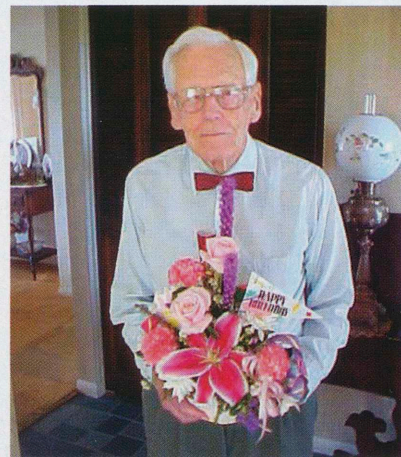
Harvard and Cal Tech," he notes. The four horsemen were all chemistry professors who helped turn the University's program into a renowned center of learning and higher education. The quartet includes Neckers, Kenneth VanLente, Talbert Abbott and Robert Scott.

Neckers not only played a role in the development of SIU's chemistry program, but also a statewide retirement plan for those in higher education.

While compliments paid by fellow faculty are nice, a professor's real reward comes from the accomplishment of his students. Ed Buerger, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association, says the first thing that comes to his mind was Neckers' dedication to teaching. Buerger was one of Neckers' student and remembers the unique touch he had with students.

"He never lost touch of being an educator," Buerger says. "That is one of the strengths of this University." He adds alumni still call to see how Neckers is doing – 30 years after his retirement. "James Neckers has probably touched more lives than just about anyone at this University."

— Lambird is a reporter for the *Daily Egyptian*



Neckers today.



Neckers in 1958.

## 'Neckers Centennial Year' To Be Observed

The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at SIU will hold a number of special events in the coming year to mark the 100th birthday of James Neckers, who chaired the department for 36 years.

"We're calling it the 'Neckers Centennial Year,'" says Gerard Smith, chair of the chemistry department. "We are planning several special events to recognize Dr. Neckers and his years of service to the department and the University."

In April, the department honored Neckers at its annual banquet and announced a fund-raiser to increase the endowment in the James and Jean Neckers Fund. Samuel Stupp, professor of materials science at Northwestern University, delivered the annual lecture.

Other honors are also in the works.

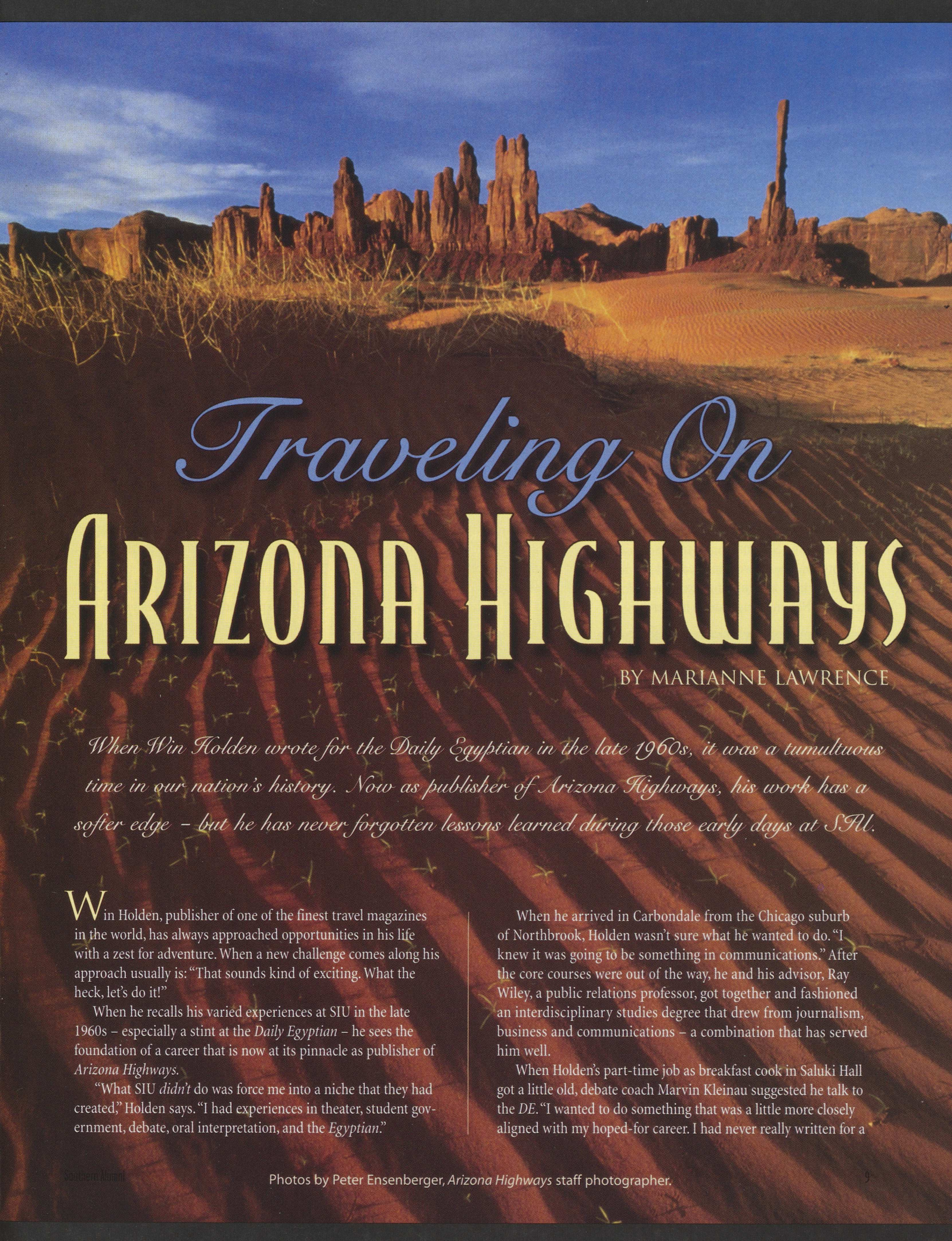
"The department will solicit faculty and friends to dedicate their publications to Dr. Neckers," says Smith. "We will collect the reprints and publish a book in his honor."

On Oct. 4, the department also plans a one-day symposium and poster session. Preliminary plans include a morning session with several invited speakers. An afternoon poster session will include a presentation of the posters on the walls of the chemistry research section of the Neckers Building.

"Naturally, we hope members of the Neckers family will be able to attend the October symposium," says Smith. "We are confident that many alumni and friends will also participate."



Holden is in own element when surrounded by Arizona's natural beauty.



# *Traveling On* ARIZONA HIGHWAYS

BY MARIANNE LAWRENCE

*When Win Holden wrote for the Daily Egyptian in the late 1960s, it was a tumultuous time in our nation's history. Now as publisher of Arizona Highways, his work has a softer edge – but he has never forgotten lessons learned during those early days at SIU.*

**W**in Holden, publisher of one of the finest travel magazines in the world, has always approached opportunities in his life with a zest for adventure. When a new challenge comes along his approach usually is: “That sounds kind of exciting. What the heck, let’s do it!”

When he recalls his varied experiences at SIU in the late 1960s – especially a stint at the *Daily Egyptian* – he sees the foundation of a career that is now at its pinnacle as publisher of *Arizona Highways*.

“What SIU *didn't* do was force me into a niche that they had created,” Holden says. “I had experiences in theater, student government, debate, oral interpretation, and the *Egyptian*.”

When he arrived in Carbondale from the Chicago suburb of Northbrook, Holden wasn't sure what he wanted to do. “I knew it was going to be something in communications.” After the core courses were out of the way, he and his advisor, Ray Wiley, a public relations professor, got together and fashioned an interdisciplinary studies degree that drew from journalism, business and communications – a combination that has served him well.

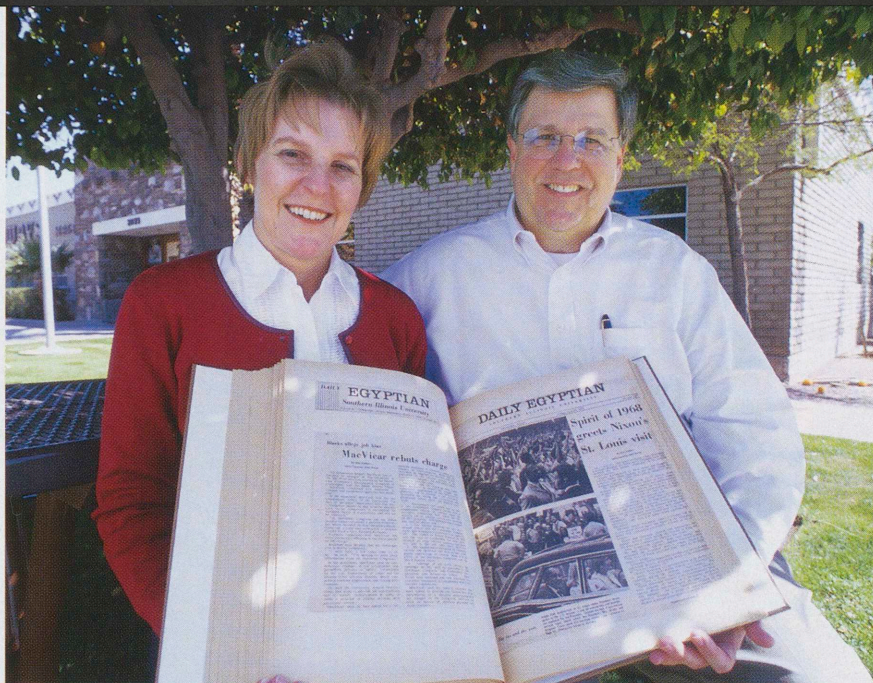
When Holden's part-time job as breakfast cook in Saluki Hall got a little old, debate coach Marvin Kleinau suggested he talk to the *DE*. “I wanted to do something that was a little more closely aligned with my hoped-for career. I had never really written for a

newspaper and had only done a lot of radio work.”

In the two years he spent at the *DE*, Holden experienced some memorable things. “The paper sent three writers and two photographers to cover a speech that Richard Nixon was giving to the U.S. Jaycees Convention in St. Louis, and I got to write the lead story. What a great experience.”

Another memorable experience at the newspaper was covering the riots that closed the university in 1970. “Harry Hicks was unbelievable,” he beams. “He got us all in a room and said, ‘Here’s what you’re going to do, and here’s what you’re not going to do.’”

Holden vividly recalls a bunch of students amassed in front of Old Main and milling around Woody Hall. “We heard a whistle blow, and around both sides of Old Main came National Guard troops in full riot gear. The crowd panicked and started to run. I was running next to a girl, and a National Guardsman hit her



Carolyn and Win Holden display a collection of *Daily Egyptian* articles they have bound as a keepsake from his SIU days.

on the back of the head and she went down in a heap.”

Tear gas, the eventual burning of Old Main, a big story about Delyte Morris heating his driveway so he wouldn’t have to shovel snow, and an

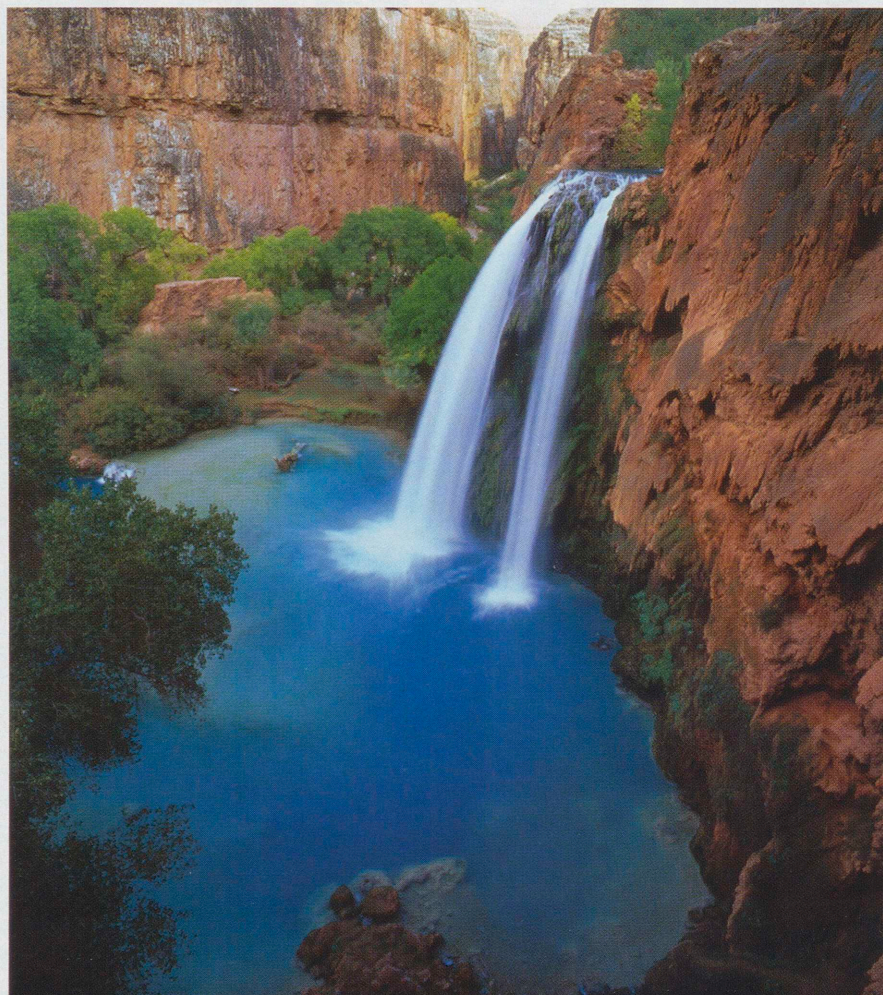
exposé piece about people stealing books out of the library all contributed to the young reporter’s experience with life and writing.

Holden reflects on those days: “Of all the experiences I had, the *Egyptian* was probably the most compelling from a career perspective: realizing what a good story was, effective communication, the rigors of grammar and punctuation, headline writing that was crisp and quick, and the camaraderie.”

“About 10 years ago, my wife, God love her, who went to Northern Illinois University, took the shopping bags full of *Daily Egyptians* and clipped all my pieces and put them into scrapbooks,” says Holden.

After graduation in 1970, Holden was offered a job at a small Cape Girardeau newspaper but turned it down. “The money was just so bad, I felt like I could do better,” he recalls. The aspiring reporter moved back to Chicago thinking he could snag a job at the *Chicago Tribune* “just like that.” When he couldn’t land the job, he joined an advertising agency and was immediately thankful for the SIU interdisciplinary degree.

When his new agency sent him to Phoenix in 1976 for what it compared to



Havasu Falls in the Grand Canyon.

# More Than A Magazine

*Arizona Highways* is more than just a magazine. It is big business.

Publisher Win Holden leads the organization in a complex web of activity centered on the magazine that includes book publishing, e-commerce, product development, catalog marketing and retailing – a \$13.5 million a year enterprise.

The magazine boasts 350,000 subscribers in all 50 states and 122 foreign countries. Founded in 1929, Holden says it is arguably the oldest travel publication in this country and, along with *National Geographic*, the most collectible. In fact, in the *Arizona Highways* Catalog, you can purchase either magazine binders for personal copies or a year of bound copies with an embossed cover that can be personalized.

Products sold online or through the catalog include calendars, holiday cards, puzzles, note cards and coffee table, travel and guide books, all featuring the incredible images found in the magazine.

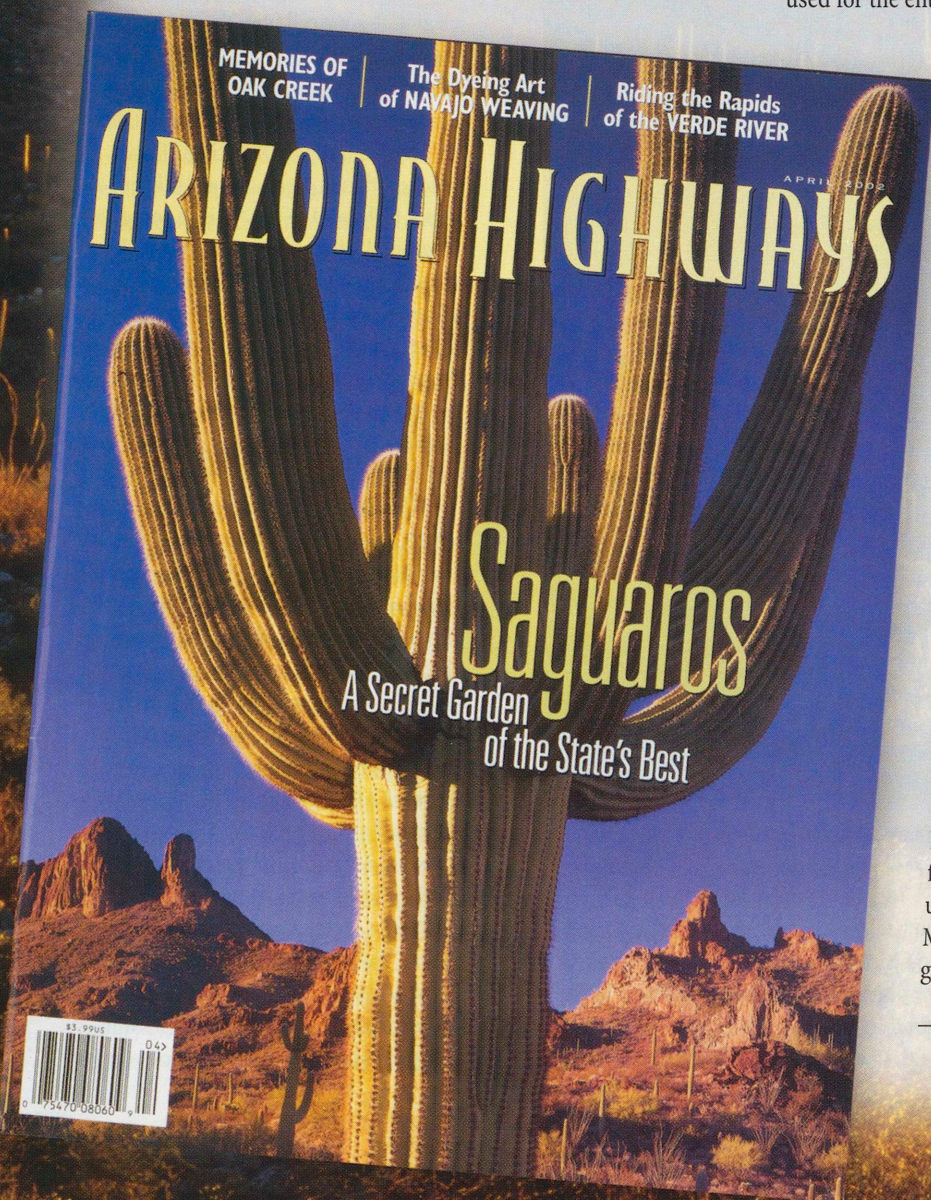
Holden explains that the magazine employs no staff writers but uses contributors. Two on-staff photographers serve as photography editor and director of photography. However, there are between 180 and 200 contributors used for the enterprise's books and calendars.

WitWorks™, a trademark in the magazine's book division, publishes books of jokes, cartoons, humorous essays and anecdotes. "This is a key component of a strategy to expand our books from regional titles to national topics," explains Holden.

Exploring the Web site at [www.arizonahighways.com](http://www.arizonahighways.com) is like taking a magic carpet ride through Arizona. Click the visual attractions link on the home page and enjoy a QuickTime virtual reality panorama that lets you stand on the rim of the Grand Canyon or see the red rocks of Sedona from a 360-degree perspective. Portfolios allow you to learn about Arizona wildlife and feature large format images from previous magazines.

Visitors to the Friends of *Arizona Highways* site can sign up for the hike of the month and photography workshops given by the magazine's experienced photographers. The site also contains information concerning current exhibitions by the magazine's contributors such as "Take Only Photographs: Images of Ancient Cultures from *Arizona Highways*," which will be open until March 1, 2003, at the Pueblo Grande Museum and Archeological Park in Phoenix – good information for timing a trip to Arizona.

— Marianne Lawrence





The beauty of the area is reflected on the surface of Lake Powell.

“a hitch in the army,” he, his wife, Carolyn, and their young son looked at it as an adventure. “When it came time for us to return to Chicago after a little less than two years, we really didn’t want to

go back,” recalls Holden. They returned to Chicago for three years before having an opportunity to return to Phoenix for good in 1980. By this time he was armed with a little more education from the

Wharton School and Northwestern University.

As executive vice president and general manager of Phillips-Ramsey Advertising & Public Relations, Holden helped the agency become the largest in Arizona. “It was a wonderful time,” he recalls. “It was all entrepreneurial; we were growing like a weed with lots of employees. It was great, great fun.”

When the agency was swallowed up by a larger one out of New York, Holden and his creative director tried to buy the Phoenix component of the business but couldn’t meet the asking price. So Holden said, “OK, that’s it; I’m done. I’m just going to start my own agency.”

As he began laying the groundwork for his own business with a couple of small clients, he got a call from the general manager of the ABC television affiliate who said he’d heard Holden was forming his own consulting company and wanted to talk.

Holden hung up thinking, “Holy smokes, this is great. I’ve got this huge client right off the bat. This is going to be awesome!” When the executive explained that they really wanted Holden to run *Phoenix Magazine* for them, he was taken aback. The magazine, part of MAC America Communications Inc., a family-owned company primarily concerned with the operation of television and radio stations, wasn’t doing so well.

When Holden tried to explain that he wasn’t a publisher but a marketing guy, they simply convinced him that he was the man for the job. He and Carolyn viewed the move as another adventure and something that was actually a return to his roots.

He spent eight years as general manager of the publishing division of MAC and as publisher and editor-in-chief of *Phoenix Magazine*. During those years he launched the company’s Web site and oversaw development of what is today the largest Internet site-design firm in Arizona, serving both local and national clients. He also restored the magazine’s good health, which it enjoys today.

It wasn’t long before the successful company was offered more money for its

Yellowed and tattered three decades later, Holden's *DE* press card still holds a valued spot in his wallet.

enterprise than it could afford to turn down, and Holden realized he probably wouldn't be staying with the new owners.

He was in the process of re-creating his consulting business when the publisher of *Arizona Highways* informed him she was accepting another post and urged him to talk to the magazine's owner, the Arizona Department of Transportation. Holden didn't need to be talked into this one, and in May of 2000, he took over the reins of the magazine and its diverse group of businesses.

He recalls *Arizona Highways* long-time publisher Hugh Harelson, who has a special place in Holden's heart: "Hugh Harelson is legendary in Arizona," he says. "When I first went into publishing and didn't know anything about it, I called him. I sat in the very office I occupy now and said, 'Hugh, I'm in over my head and need some help.' So over a period of five years he coached and mentored me."

It was Harelson's brilliance, according to Holden, that developed the concept behind the related products enterprises that pay for production of the magazine and promote it and the state of Arizona to the world. "The opportunity to walk in his footsteps is really just remarkable."

Holden points out that the \$13.5 million business, although owned by the state of Arizona and housed in the Department of Transportation, receives no tax dollars. It runs like a business that includes a robust e-commerce Web site, gift shops, a publishing component, and marketing partnerships with AAA Motor Club and Arizona shopping center properties. The new mall in nearby Chandler features a 90-foot wall illustrating a timeline of the magazine's history and three 30-by-30-foot blowup images from the magazine. There is more



of the magazine's marketing outreach presence at the Prescott, Ariz., mall and visitor's center.

Holden's pride in the magazine is easily observed as he looks at a long wall in the production area where the August edition of the magazine is laid out. The writing and photography finished, the polish work begins. He notes the mission of the magazine is simple: to promote travel to and through the state of Arizona.

He can tell you that Arizona contains six of the seven climatological zones in the world, the seventh being the rainforest. "In fact, in our December issue, we will repeat something we did several years ago where we feature 50 different photographs in the magazine, each representing a place in Arizona that looks like every other state in the union."

In between running this complex and creative enterprise, Holden finds time to be involved in myriad community service projects. His resume contains several paragraphs of such involvement, including president emeritus of Valley Big Brothers/Big Sisters, past president of Silent Witness, past president and current board member of the Fiesta Bowl,

and president of the executive council of King of Glory Lutheran Church, to mention only a few.

"My mother was active in volunteering. She instilled in my brother, sister and me that you give back to the community. Hopefully that's what we're teaching our kids."

Holden and his wife, a practicing nurse at Camelback Pediatrics, have three children: Chris, 28, a sports anchor at KAIT-TV in Jonesboro, Ark.; Allison, 23, a choral music teacher in the Tempe school district; and Emily, 21, who is studying business at the California Lutheran University.

Holden's parents, Win Sr. and Alyce, have retired and moved to Phoenix where they are still volunteering. "Mom must have 10,000 hours of volunteer work," he says. "She and my dad are both more active with volunteer work now than when they both worked."

Holden has accomplished what his mother advised, giving back both professionally and personally to his state and community. ■



# Back To His Roots

**A winding road led Glenn Poshard back to SIU – now he is anxious to help guide the campus into the future.**

Poshard stands in front of a current University project – the renovation of Altgeld Hall.

**by Gene Green**

**S**ometimes while sitting at his desk in Anthony Hall, Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Poshard surveys his surroundings and shakes his head in wonder. His path, forged on a small southern Illinois farm, has taken him overseas, through rural schools, to the United States Congress, and to the doorstep of the Governor's mansion.

However, he now finds himself at a place that holds special meaning – Southern Illinois University.

“I’ve done many things in my life, but one constant has been the special feeling I hold in my heart for SIU,” he says. “To be able to serve this institution is a privilege I think about every day.”

Poshard, who has earned three degrees from SIUC, grew up on a farm in southern White County. He was the youngest of five children – and the first in his family to go to college.

“I graduated from Carmi High School in 1962, and like many kids from that era, went straight into the U.S. Army,” he recalls. “After spending three years in the service – about half of the time in Korea – I came back to the states and started college in 1966.

“When Dad and I drove to Carbondale that day, it was hard to tell who was more excited. He brought me over in a 1955 Ford and dumped me off right in front of Woody Hall so I could get admitted into college.”

For Louis Ezra Poshard, a proud farmer who also hunted and trapped on the Wabash River to make ends meet, the sight of his youngest child starting at SIU was a special moment in time. It also was special for Glenn.

“During my years in the Army, I was dreaming about this exact moment,” he remembers. “By saving as much as I could while in the service, and with the help of the G.I. Bill, my SIU experience was *finally* going to begin.”

### **Building His Resume**

When Poshard was in college, he held several student work positions to help pay the bills. Ironically, one of his jobs was at



Stopping in front of the entrance to Shryock Auditorium, Poshard is framed in front of some of the flowering trees nearby. “After all these years, I still get excited walking across campus,” he notes.

the SIU Physical Plant – a unit that three decades later is now under his supervision. School demands, coupled with his workload, left little idle time. What he did observe when he walked around campus, however, was pure excitement.

“Being here in the late 1960s was quite an experience for a country boy,” he now

says with a smile. “The war protests, the expansion of campus facilities, the emotion everywhere – everything at SIU during that period was laced with pure energy and was a time I will never forget.”

After earning his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1970, Poshard went straight into teaching and coaching. He



After a period of recuperation following a traffic accident, Poshard was welcomed back this spring by his staff.

landed a job at tiny Galatia High School teaching five subjects and coaching the junior varsity and varsity squads in three sports: baseball (his first love), basketball, and cross-country.

“There were only 86 kids in the school, and I was the only coach in those sports,” he laughs. “It was exhausting – tons of preparation and time required – but I enjoyed it. I also realized I might starve to death if I didn’t get additional education, so I started working toward my master’s degree while I was there.”

Persistence in that area paid off in 1974, when Poshard earned a Master of Science Degree. Ten years later a doctorate would follow in Administration of Higher Education.

“My first two degrees from SIU were enjoyable, but my doctorate was exhilarating,” he says. “I was being taught by some of the greatest professors in the field of higher education and came into contact with many international students during this time. Having lived overseas and experienced another culture when I was in the service, it was wonderful to see the diversity in action here. With people like Dr. Jack Graham involved – who had organized programs all over the world – it was a true education for me.

“I earned three degrees from SIU, working at various positions en route,” he says with a smile. “To some degree or another, I was in school here for 18 years.”

### The Public Servant

Politics was something that had always intrigued Poshard. His father was a precinct committeeman, and Glenn started working in precincts back home while still an SIU student. With both his parents working in the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the Roosevelt Administration, the seeds of public service were planted.

Poshard’s first major foray into elected office came in 1982, when he ran in the Democratic primary for the Illinois State Senate – and lost. “As soon as the election was over, I went out and started working to help support the person who had won the election,” he recalls.

The winner, Gene Johns, would succumb to cancer two years later. Remembering the teamwork approach shown by the young challenger, the county chairman selected Poshard to fill the remainder of the term.

“That was a great opportunity for me,” he admits. “I served in the state senate for five years, and then was elected to

Congress in 1988. What would follow would be 10 of the most exciting years of my life.”

After a distinguished decade as a congressman, Poshard became the Democratic Party’s candidate for Governor of Illinois in 1998. Running a campaign laced heavily with issues relating to education, small business, and agricultural and economic development, he narrowly lost to George Ryan by a slim 52-48 percent margin.

“It was an exhausting, yet tremendous, experience,” he says of the run for governor. “Politics can be a territorial business, and that can be the case on a college campus as well – in that respect, it was probably helpful training for working in higher education.”

### Back To His Roots

After losing the race for governor, Poshard came back to the area and took a position at neighboring John A. Logan College in Carterville, Ill. After serving in an administrative position for a short time, he “came home” to Southern in 1999.

“Many things I learned in government have helped me as Vice Chancellor for Administration,” he says. “Problem solving skills learned there have been invaluable here at SIU.

“You must have the ability to change gears five times a day. I direct my division with this basic formula: Understand the problem, understand what resources you have to bear on the problem, and then build a consensus among the people you serve to get something done.”

One area he is heavily involved in is the University’s Land Use Plan. With a long-range philosophy to what Southern will look like in the years ahead, a plan is now moving forward to provide the campus with a greener, more pedestrian-friendly design.

Changes at McAndrew Stadium create the linchpin of the plan, calling for a new stadium to be flanked on both sides by buildings to house Athletics, the SIU Alumni Association, the SIU Foundation, Institutional Advancement and Public

Affairs, Admissions and Records, Financial Aid and other student service offices now located at Woody Hall.

"SIU is still a beautiful campus, but we want to make certain we maintain that beauty," Poshard says. "The Land Use Plan is a key component. It solves many of our space problems, addresses needs for the future, and shapes the way people perceive this University."

Current state budget constraints have made this vision more of a challenge, but Poshard is optimistic the plan will prevail.

"Under Dr. Walter Wendler's guidance, we are starting to address not only Southern's present state, but future existence as well," he says. "We are long overdue to see some shovels put in the ground around here."

Wendler has augmented his strategy for SIU's future by forming the "Southern At 150" committee, bringing together various groups to produce a compelling plan for the years ahead.

### Things Taking Shape

"Showing progress, sticking to a proposal, and getting some new buildings up on campus are all important factors in bringing more students to SIU," Poshard adds. "Moving forward and having a vision for years to come can be a great drawing card for this campus."

Some aspects of Phase One can already be seen, as street work on Route 51 is beginning to highlight a new and attractive way to enter the campus. Poshard says other phases, stretching over the next decade, involve projects like the aforementioned construction at McAndrew Stadium, renovations of general classroom buildings and Woody Hall, addressing needs for student housing, and the restoration of Thompson Woods and Campus Lake.

"There are countless components involved in an undertaking of this magnitude, but our strength is that we are looking ahead. Needs on this campus will be much different 10 or 20 years from now, and we have to be ready for the change."

**"I've known Glenn for 15 years, and he is a person of considerable ability and great integrity."**

—Gene Callahan,  
SIU Board of Trustees  
Vice Chairman

The task of staying on top of this project can be daunting, but Poshard loves the challenge.

"I have all the goals and objectives of our division set in a time frame, and every day I study a board in my office to make sure we are where we need to be. I monitor it constantly to track projects and stay on task."

SIU Board of Trustees Vice Chairman Gene Callahan is delighted Poshard has taken on the task.

"I've known Glenn for 15 years, and he is a person of considerable ability and great integrity," Callahan says. "When he tells you something, you can take it to the bank."

"Southern Illinois University is quite fortunate to have a person of his stature working for the betterment of the institution."

Former U.S. Senator Paul Simon, now director of SIU's Public Policy Institute, views Poshard's enthusiasm and drive as key factors in assisting Southern in the years ahead.

"Anyone who knows and works with Glenn has to be impressed by his hard work and dedication," Simon notes. "He did an excellent job in Congress and is doing a *superb* job here at SIU."

While Poshard realizes there is a great deal of work ahead, he sees optimism where others see obstacles.

"Compared to a few years ago, this

## Take Me Out To The Ballgame

**S**pare time has never been in great supply for Glenn Poshard, but a quiet evening at a baseball game provides a relaxing elixir that is hard to equal.

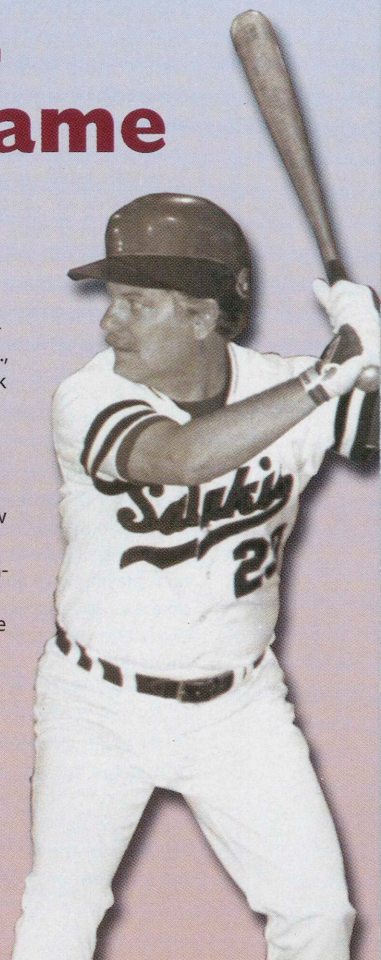
"My family has long known of my affection for sports in general – but I love baseball," he says. "When I was in Springfield, Ill., in the Senate, there was nothing like going out to Lanphier Park after a tough day, getting a hot dog, a soda, and watching the Cardinals' AAA team. That really is how I relaxed."

Poshard's family (wife Jo, son Dennis, and daughter Kristen) now can find him at SIU athletic events. "Being in politics for as long as I was, I rarely could get to Saluki games," he notes. "Now I relish the opportunity to be at as many events as I can."

On a personal note, he and his son (now living in Alaska) continue to share a dream.

"One of these days, we want to take off for a summer and see how many minor league ballparks we can visit in the United States," he says. "We've talked about it for years, and who knows, maybe it will happen. What a treat that would be."

Playing in the annual Congressional ballgame in 1990, Poshard proudly donned Saluki baseball apparel for the occasion.

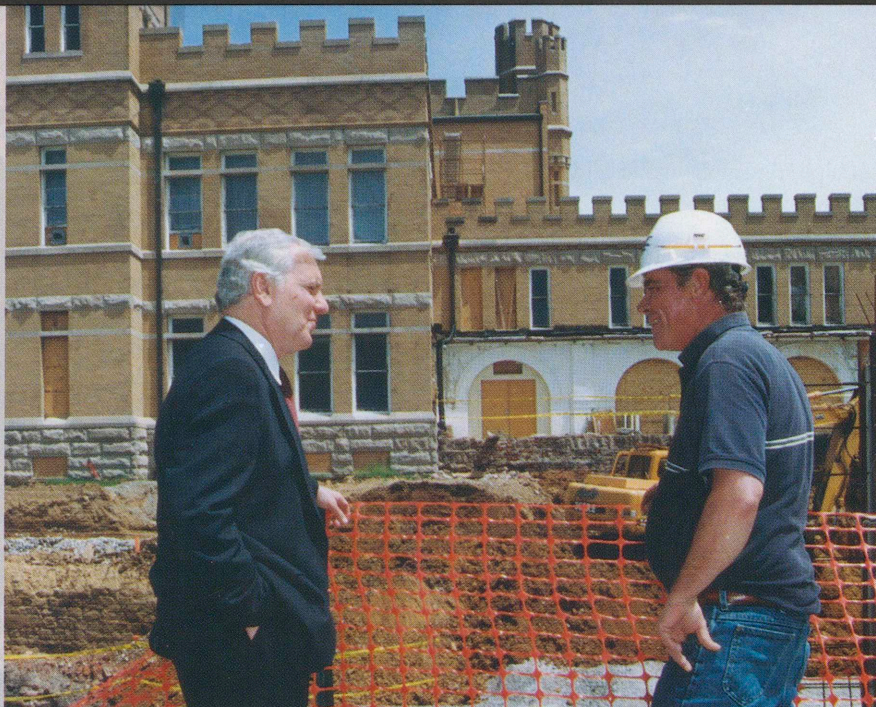


campus has enjoyed a 180-degree turnaround," he notes. "Dr. John Jackson was such a steadying influence during a transition period, and now Dr. Wendler has shown great courage and vision concerning the future of this University."

"We are headed in the right direction. I'm not being Pollyannaish with my comments. I'm a realistic person who sees great things at SIU."

And anything he can do to facilitate great things on campus is just fine with Glenn Poshard.

"I love this University. Whatever opportunities I've had professionally have come about because of the education and training SIU gave me. I want students two decades from now to feel the same way."



Poshard meets with Harold Hennis, superintendent for Janko Building Company, to discuss progress at the Altgeld Hall project.

## For The Children

In the early 1960s, Glenn Poshard was stationed in Korea as a member of the U.S. Army. He and fellow servicemen were quick to notice prejudice and hardship endured by many children in the area.

"The offspring of American servicemen and Korean women were outcasts in that society," Poshard recalls. "I was just an 18-year-old kid myself, but it bothered me to see the way they were treated. Some buddies and I started working with kids at a local orphanage, and it was a turning point in my life."

The servicemen collected money for the Korean children of Song Jook Orphanage, and spent spare time playing with and helping take care of the group. The experience triggered something deep inside of Poshard.

"I've worked with children all my life," Poshard says. "After being involved with the orphanage in Korea, I became an educator, then managed the Behavioral Disorder Program for the state (serving the southern 36 counties in

Illinois) for a number of years. The kids we came into contact with were almost always abused in some way or another.

"My wife, Jo, and I are great advocates for any child who has been abused or neglected."

They formed the "Poshard Foundation For Abused Children" in 1999 to provide money to help six shelters in southern Illinois assist children in need. The foundation helps agencies in the struggle for funding – and nearly every cent raised goes directly to the children.

"John A. Logan gives us an office, and the only expense we have is the office manager's salary. Everything else is used to help kids," he says. "We have various fund-raising events devoted to the foundation, and the involvement has grown every year."

Long before this foundation was in place, the Poshards were already trying to make a difference.

Eighteen years ago, Jo came home one night from her teaching position at Tunnel Hill, Ill., with some-

thing weighing on her mind. She told Glenn, then in the state senate, that a child came to school that snowy day with no boots or coat, wearing only tennis shoes with holes in the bottom and an old sweater.

"We sat down that very night to figure out something we could do to help kids like that."

The Poshards devised a plan to raise some money, allowing the six regional superintendents of schools to act as a board. With this system in place, any teacher in the region who saw a child in need could simply take the youngster somewhere to buy appropriate clothing, and give the bill to the board for payment.

"We have purchased thousands of new shoes and coats over the years, and no one ever knows anything about it except for the teacher, student and parents," Poshard says. "It is something I am proud of."

Though countless groups and individuals in the region have contributed to Poshard's endeavors, union workers in



Shown with one of the Song Jook orphans nearly 40 years ago, Poshard was determined to try and make a difference in the lives of children.

the area have been especially supportive.

"They hold a golf tournament every year that raises between \$10,000 -12,000, and many take money out of their own pockets to help these kids. These children benefit because countless unsung heroes feel a passion to help the most vulnerable members of our society."

And for Poshard, special memories of a Korean orphanage continue to fuel a passion still burning brightly nearly 40 years later.

— Gene Green

# Extern Experience Allows Nakajo Native To Receive 'Big League' Training

by Greg Scott

Florida is a popular destination for college students during spring break. Shoji Kuwabara, a senior majoring in physical education at Southern, ventured to the Sunshine State for his break. But Shoji did much more than have a little fun in the sun.

Shoji, who is specializing in athletic training, completed a week-long internship with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization while the team conducted its spring training in March. A baseball enthusiast and native of Nakajo, Japan, Shoji worked closely with the organization's training staff, including head trainer and SIU alumnus Kent Biggerstaff, during his stay. Shoji says working with a professional organization has always been a goal.

"I remember asking Sally Perkins (former SIU athletics women's trainer) if we had any SIU alumni serving as trainers in the major leagues. She told me about Kent Biggerstaff," he says. "I also spoke with Kim Little (extern coordinator in the College of Education), who helped make this possible. I was lucky to receive this opportunity."

Shoji didn't regret making the decision to join the Pirates in Florida.

"Their trainers gave me a view of how major league athletic trainers work for a professional organization," he says. "They told me to report in at 8 a.m. when the players arrived. But I wanted to see and do everything. So I got to the training room at 6 a.m. every morning. It was a great experience."

Shoji received this opportunity through the Extern Program, sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association in cooperation with the University's undergraduate colleges and the Student Alumni Council. The award-winning program places students in professional work



Shoji Kuwabara, right, with former SIU student trainer Kent Biggerstaff '69, the veteran head trainer of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

environments during the week of spring break. Alumni and friends of the University sponsor the students and provide their understudies with real-world job experience in their chosen fields.

This year, a total of 125 students were matched with 113 sponsors through the Extern Program.

As one of the participants in this program, Shoji says he discovered first hand the life of a professional baseball trainer.

"It was hard work – harder than I anticipated," he says. "From setting up everything in the training room for the players, to conducting treatment and attending practices, we would work until 8 or 9 p.m.

"The trainers I worked with were great. Anytime I asked a question, they would teach me by providing detailed answers. Everyone treated me well. They encouraged me to apply for a summer internship and invited me to come back next year."

Shoji says he gained the majority of his knowledge through observation. "I did some simple care for players. But the


team had to be cautious with what they would allow me to do for insurance reasons," he says.

One of the highlights during Shoji's stay was the brief interaction he had with Jason Kendall, Pittsburgh's all-star catcher. "He thought that I was part of the full-time staff. So one day, he asked me to tape his thumb," Shoji says. "At first I thought, 'Oh my God! Jason Kendall is asking me to tape his thumb!' But I explained to him that I couldn't do it for insurance reasons. He understood and was really a nice guy."

Although he witnessed a number of fans asking Kendall and other players for autographs, Shoji chose not to follow suit. "I didn't feel that was appropriate for me. I was too close to the situation at that point," he says.

Shoji's aspirations to become a trainer began in high school. After attending SIU's campus in Nakajo for two years, he transferred to Carbondale. He is a part of

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ABOUT

FACE

by Ann Ruger

# Sculpting ears, eyes, noses – and even whole faces – Bob Barron is providing miracles of sorts to people suffering from the effects of birth defects, accidents and illness.

**T**he summer Robert Barron '62 was five years old, his father installed a new swing set in his DuQuoin, Ill., back yard. The youngster was so enthralled by the shiny red color that when it began fading, he took a brush and a can of water and meticulously “painted” the entire set to restore its luster.

“Then it dried, and I painted it again,” recalls Barron. “And again and again and again. It went on like that all summer.”

Another of the preschooler's obsessions was coloring books.

“I'd spend hours at the kitchen table, coloring one page after another, going through boxes of crayons and stacks of books. I think my mom must have wiped out the entire supply at the local dime store. It was very important to me to get just the right shading with the colors, the transitions from light to dark. I couldn't stand it, though, when I got out of the lines. When that happened, I'd tear out the page and throw it away.”

By high school, Barron's artistic talent had flourished, and he was challenging himself to more and more difficult projects. Senior year, he decided to tackle a large oil painting of the Grand Canyon

that would be as realistic as he could make it. It took him six months to complete, but his teacher, Miss Irene Brock, was so impressed with the piece that she suggested he enter it in the state fair.

“I didn't want anyone to touch it,” he remembers, “so I stretched a piece of Saran Wrap across it before I submitted it. When I went back later in the week to see if I'd won anything, I couldn't find it. ‘Where the heck is my oil painting of the Grand Canyon?’ I asked the judge. ‘That was an oil painting?’ he said. ‘Oh my goodness, we put that in the photography!’”

“When I went back the next day, they moved it to where it should have been and had given it a blue ribbon.”

It would not have been hard, given the 18-year-old's prodigious talent and his obsession with perfection and realism, to have predicted a traditional career for him in some area of commercial art, perhaps advertising or magazine design. But no one could have predicted the path Barron's life would actually take or the work he would end up doing.

And no one could have predicted, more than 50 years later, how his current work as a creator of exquisitely sculpted prosthetic ears, eyes and noses would

change the lives of Ashley Karst, a bubbly 10-year-old from Herman, Minn., and Zahida Parveen, a young mother from a remote village in rural Pakistan.

Barron himself, though, might have had an inkling of some of the strange twists his life would take. He knew early on that his life would be far from routine. “I was never interested in the ordinary way of doing things,” he remembers. “I always wanted a challenge. For me, things had to be difficult, or I just didn't want to do them.”

In 1960, Barron entered SIU's Vocational Training Institute, majoring in commercial art. Although he knew he'd been blessed with unusual artistic talent, he also knew he had a lot to learn about how to use it.

“I didn't go to college to learn to be an artist,” he says. “I was already an artist. I went to learn the various techniques I'd need to be a success.”

“Dr. Dan Bozza was head of the department then, and he was just a great teacher. I remember the first day he walked in and said, ‘All right, ladies and gentlemen, this class is where you're going to learn to be a commercial artist. If you think it's going to be easy, there's the door.’”





Barron as an SIU undergraduate in his Theta Xi blazer.

And if you don't have the necessary artistic ability, you shouldn't be in here."

"Some of the students left right then. Two weeks later, about half the class had quit."

Barron thrived in the course, though. When he graduated in 1962, Bozza told him he was one of the best students he'd ever had, adding, "You can write your own ticket!"

At the time, Barron hoped that ticket would be a career with Hallmark, designing cards that would showcase his realistic illustrations. But the Vietnam War intervened, and to avoid the draft, he enlisted in the Marines.

"Given its spit and polish," he says, "the Marines was perfect for me. And, of course, I always wanted the toughest path."

Although the Marines recognized Barron's talent, it took some time to find meaningful work for him to do. One of his first assignments was at the Training Aids Library at Quantico, "pasting little diagrams and doing simple graphs and slides that didn't take much talent at all." He was later transferred to the Navy-

Marine Corps Exhibit Center in D.C., where he found great challenge in designing recruiting materials that were sent all over the country.

In 1966, he left military service with an honorable discharge and began working as a civilian for the Pentagon, first as an illustrator and then as art director for two Navy magazines. He found the work challenging, but was bothered by the long walk every day to and from his assigned parking space more than a mile away. He decided to take matters into his own hands, a decision that would profoundly change his life.

"I 'borrowed' a parking permit from the car of one of the top brass and forged a copy," he admits. "It worked perfectly for a while - I could park real close to the building - until a disgruntled fellow employee turned me in."

He appeared in court, paid a \$50 fine, relinquished the forged permit, and went back, dejectedly, to his remote parking space. But Barron's life was about to take an even stranger turn. The judge was so impressed with the masterful forgery of the fake permit that Barron thinks he sent it to a friend, suggesting that he might be able to use someone with these skills.

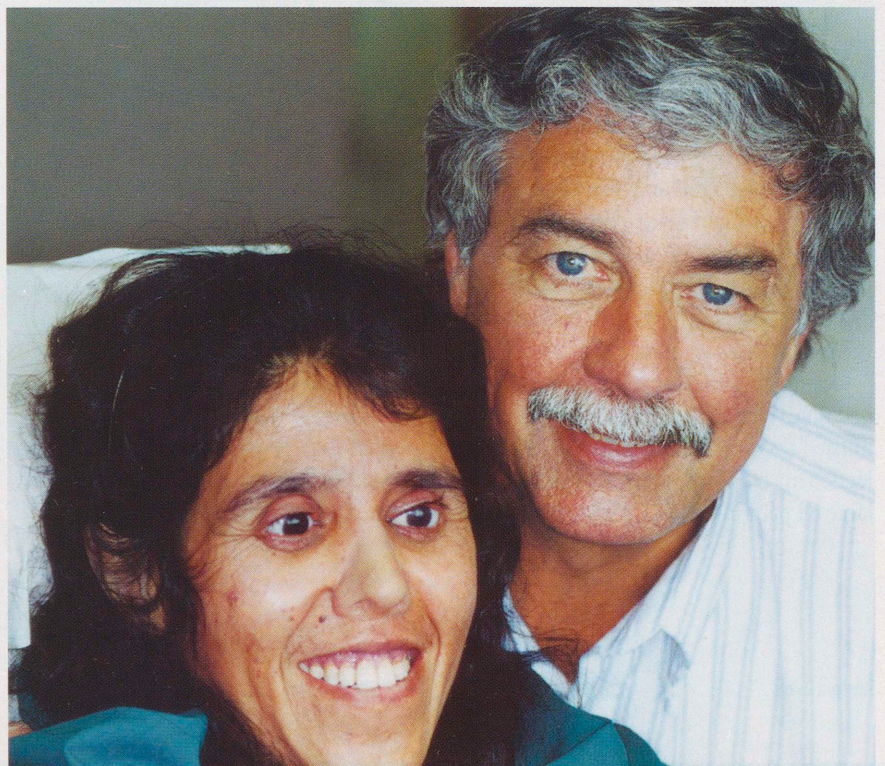
Several days later, Barron got a mysterious call asking if he would consider an artist job at another government agency. He met "Terry" and "Steve" at an unidentified office to talk about the possibility. A month later, he was summoned to more secretive meetings and asked to fill out long forms and submit to psychological tests.

Three months after he was caught with the fake permit, Barron began work for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), forging various documents that made it possible for agents to move freely within the world of international espionage. "Terry," it turned out, headed the agency's graphic art department, and "Steve" supervised the production of the required documents.

This was a challenge perfectly suited to Barron's skills. "I loved it!" he says. "Anything that could be reproduced was part of our job. Some of the things I was working on, I didn't know what they were. I'd ask and they'd say, 'You don't have the need to know. Just do it!'"

A few years later, he was being assigned overseas to posts where he needed to become a jack-of-all-trades, commonly known in CIA terms as a "singleton."

After suffering terrible facial abuse at the hands of her husband, Zahida Parveen was left for dead. Shown below, she is all smiles after Barron's remarkable work literally rebuilt her face.



"In Washington," he says, "the CIA had different departments lined up down the hall, with specialists in each who did only one particular thing. You had to have the right credentials to go in each of these top secret areas, and there wasn't much sharing of skills among departments. When I went abroad, I needed to wear seven different hats all at once. I learned a lot on these assignments because I had to!"

In 1982, the CIA brought him back to Washington where he was promoted to Senior Disguise Specialist, working with one or two others to oversee the CIA's disguise work throughout the world.

"I began developing more sophisticated disguises, using my own techniques to give the agents more protection. I took my work very seriously, because the agents' lives depended on the realism and perfection of my disguises. Even from a few inches away, no one could tell they were false. If I slipped up, the agents could die.

"I saw this work as my sole purpose in life," he remembers. "I was in the business of changing people's identities. If I did my job well, they could do theirs."

Barron became known throughout the agency as the senior advanced disguise specialist, the creator of "Mission Impossible" disguises for agents on assignment in Europe, Asia, South America and Africa.

"In many ways," he says, "the success of my work today depends on the expertise I developed with the agency, creating disguises real enough to stand up to close scrutiny."

Prompted by an insatiable desire to keep improving, he went to Hollywood, gathering tips from the industry's make-up artists. At the same time, he started learning about the use of modern prosthetics that were being developed to help people with disfiguring injuries.

It was at a symposium of the Association of Biomedical Sculptors in 1982, as he listened to the tragic stories of those who had lost eyes, ears and noses to trauma or cancer, that he began thinking about how his skills could help these people.

"The disguise work I was doing for the agency had always seemed like enough," he says. "But then I started to think: If the techniques I've developed can change an agent's identity so completely that he's no longer who he was, why can't these same techniques be used to give people back the identities they'd lost to disfigurement? It was just the reverse of the same process: in one case making someone what he's not, in the other, making someone what he is.

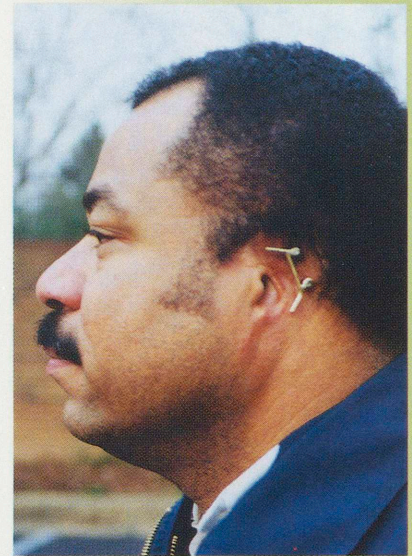
"That was a turning point for me. I still loved my work with the agency, but I began to think of how I could help these people, too."

In 1993, Barron retired from the CIA. For his 24 years of service with the agency, he was awarded the Career Intelligence Medal by then-director James Woolsey, who described him as "an extraordinary artist and master of the highly specialized craft of personal disguise [whose] competency and artistic skills were unmatched."

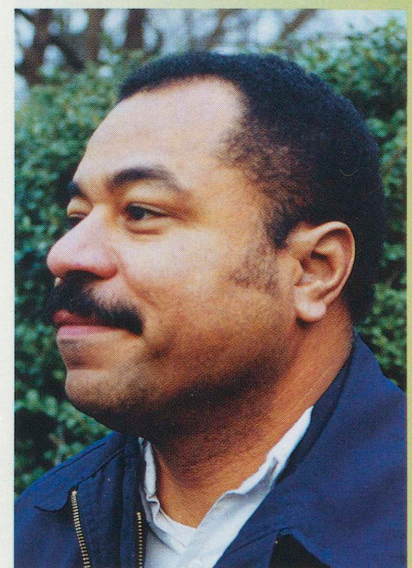
Within a few months, Barron had established his own firm, Custom Prosthetic Designs Inc., to serve private patients. At first, it was a struggle, as he went knocking on doors of Washington-area doctors, trying to convince them of what he could do. He couldn't share his portfolio of CIA work, of course, impressive as that would have been. In fact, he could say little at all about what he'd been doing for the past 15 years.

Finally, a few patients began coming to him, having exhausted all other avenues of help. He began sculpting ears, eyes, noses – even whole faces – for people suffering from the affects of birth defects, accidents and illness. Within a few years, as his reputation spread within the medical community, he had more than enough work to keep him busy, and now he can hardly keep up with it. A recent feature on Barron's work on ABC's *Primetime* with Charles Gibson has brought in almost 3,000 e-mails from all over the world asking for help.

Dr. Craig Dufresne, a prominent Washington plastic surgeon, has an expla-



Donald Williams' prosthesis attaches to surgically implanted titanium rods, allowing him to wear it for long periods of time and even go swimming. "I can carry on conversations with total strangers now, knowing that they are listening to what I am saying, instead of judging me on looks alone."





A birth defect left Ashley Karst without a natural outer ear. After trying almost everything to help her daughter, Karen Groneberg read about Barron in *Reader's Digest* and made a call that changed their lives.



nation for Barron's success. "Bob fills an important and long-empty niche," he says. "He makes it possible to join medicine and art, surgery and sculpture." His prostheses are "miracles for individuals where little hope was present before."

Fortunately, the work has never become routine or boring. That, for Barron, would be intolerable.

"Each prosthetic device requires its own creativity, demands its own inspiration," he says. "I take great pride in doing the hundreds of small steps involved in each of them as precisely as I can. The work never gets easier, but with each challenge, I learn something. You have to feel it, you have to want to do it. That's what keeps me going."

That, and the satisfaction he gets every time he sees someone reclaim a life.

"My work," he says, "allows people to return to their normal lives, to interact and socialize with the public. When they feel good about how they look, they can escape the prisons of their homes and become functioning, contributing members of society once again. It's just a great feeling."

Last year, he had two cases that made him feel especially good.

Ashley Karst was born with microtia, a birth defect in which the external ear canal is missing and the outer ear is nothing more than a nub of flesh, shaped rather like a peanut shell. In addition to the obvious hearing problems, the youngster had to suffer the cruel consequences of being different, often enduring the stares of strangers. These difficulties, minor problems when she was very young, became more pronounced as she got older. Her glasses kept slipping off, she was embarrassed that she had only one pierced ear, and, worst of all, she couldn't wear her hair in pig tails.

Ashley's mother, Karen Groneberg, had been told that reconstructive surgery to attempt to build a new ear for her daughter would be painful and slow, requiring skin and bone grafts from several parts of Ashley's body. And after all that, the ear that plastic surgeons could produce would not look much like the

real thing. Groneberg decided not to subject her daughter to these procedures.

Fortunately, Ashley's grandmother read an article last summer about Barron in *Reader's Digest* and called her daughter immediately to tell her about it. Although the descriptions of his work sounded too good to be true, Groneberg e-mailed him, describing her daughter's situation.

"He called me the next day," she says, "not his secretary or any other person; *he* called. He has been attentive and kind from the first contact."

Ashley and her mother flew to Fairfax, Va., where Barron has his office. During this first visit, he took pictures of Ashley's ears, made impressions of the congenital defect and the normal ear, and set up an appointment a month later, when the prosthesis would be ready for its first fitting.

What Barron did then was to make a mold of Ashley's good ear and, using that as a model, sculpted a new ear in reverse. The prosthesis is made of medical silicone, a material so flesh-like and pliable that it is hard to distinguish from the real thing. The difficulty of such work is what appeals to Barron, who says he likes creating ears best of all.

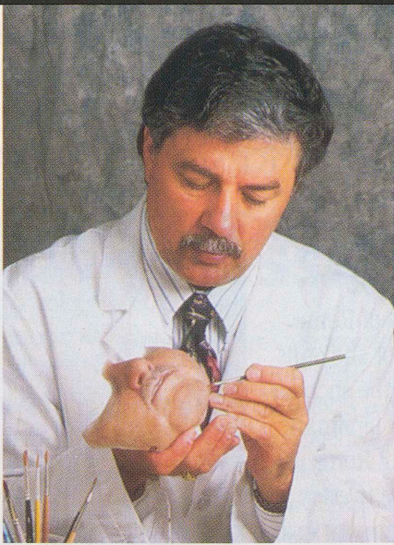
"When I sculpt an ear in reverse, I know I've accomplished quite a feat."

During Ashley's second visit, Barron tried the ear on for size, making sure the sculpture was anatomically correct. When she went back a third time, the ear was ready for hand tinting. Barron used several colors from his palette to make sure it matched the normal ear to perfection and blended in perfectly with the skin surrounding it. Finally, he showed Ashley how to attach her prosthesis with adhesive. The 10-year-old was thrilled – and still is.

"I really love it!" she says. "The kids in school think it's really cool."

Ashley has no problems taking her ear off at night or attaching it the next morning. Her glasses no longer slip off, and Barron even pierced the ear for her. And best of all, she can finally wear pig tails!

A few months before Ashley got her new ear, Barron faced one of the most



Barron applies final coloration to a mid-face prosthesis.

challenging cases of his career, helping a young woman from Pakistan whose face had been horribly disfigured.

In 1996, Zahida Parveen's husband thought he saw his beautiful young wife looking at another man. Enraged, he locked his two children in a closet and hung his wife upside down by her ankles in the adjoining room. Zahida was three months pregnant with their third child at the time. He then cut off her ears and nose and gouged out both her eyes, leaving her to bleed to death.

This horrific act of violence was condoned by most of the men living in Zahida's tiny village, where poverty and illiteracy are rampant and where the male-dominated society promotes "honor killings," allowing men to freely mutilate – or even kill — their wives if they feel so inclined. Most of the victims who survive spend the rest of their lives hidden in their homes, ashamed to show their faces.

But Zahida was different. A woman of strong will, she first recovered enough to give birth six months later to a healthy daughter. Then, with the help of her brother, she began the difficult job of trying to bring her husband to justice. Every day for more than a year, the two of them would take an hour-long bus ride to the courthouse and wait outside, trying to convince a lawyer to take the case. Zahida covered her entire head, including her face, whenever she left the house.

Finally a lawyer took pity on her and, against all odds, won the case against Zahida's husband. He is now serving an extended jail sentence.

The trial attracted the attention of a Pakistani doctor who had trained in D.C., and last year he arranged for Zahida to travel to the U.S. for medical treatment. Her brother came with her.

"When she arrived," Barron recalls, "she weighed only 78 pounds. She rarely smiled."

Barron, Dr. Dufresne, and prosthodontist Dr. Michael Singer teamed up to give Zahida back her identity, each donating his time. During an initial six-hour surgical procedure, Dufresne cleaned away scar tissue obstructing the nasal passages and repaired what he could of the tissue surrounding the eyes, readying her face for the prostheses.

Then Barron and Singer went to work. Using a single photo of the young woman before the attack, Barron sculpted new ears and a nose for her ravaged face, and Singer created hard acrylic eyes that completed the transformation. As each piece was fitted in place, she listened intently as her brother described the changes.

"Zahida," he'd say, "you're starting to look like you used to! Zahida, you look pretty again."

"Each time we'd finish a part of her face, she'd smile more," Barron remembers. "Even though she couldn't see her eyes, her brother made sure she realized how beautiful they were. And by the time we attached her ears and she reached up and felt them, she was just beaming. They felt so real to her."

Four months after she arrived, Zahida was ready to return to her children; and to life outside the prison of her home. She was once again a woman who laughed.

"There isn't a much better feeling than that, giving people back the quality of their life," says Barron. "The good Lord gave me a gift, and I'm just lucky I've found a way to use it to serve others." ■

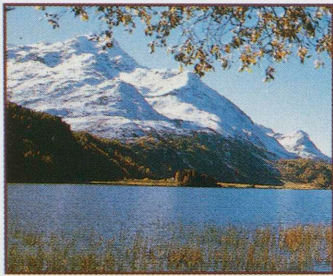
For more information on Barron's work, go to [www.prosthesis.com](http://www.prosthesis.com) or call 703-723-4668.



Pauline Milliner lost her eye, eyelid, lashes, brow and surrounding tissue to radical cancer surgery in 1980. Nineteen years later, Barron's prosthesis has given her a new life. "My friends are amazed," she says. "They think it's just part of me!"



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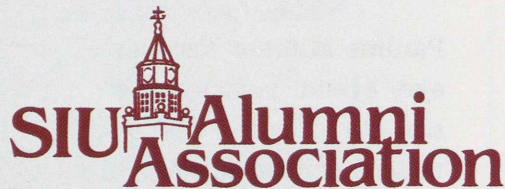
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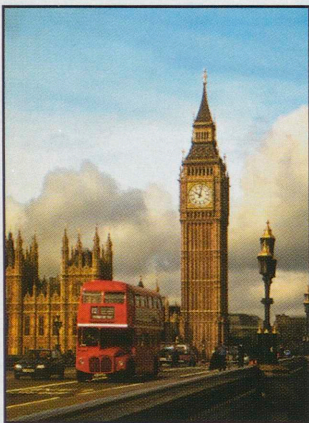
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## Confessions Of A Home Ec Major

In the mid-1960s, Jim Cash was feeling some heat. For two years he had been able to avoid declaring a major which, according to him, “meant getting serious about college.” Cash was fond of saying he “hadn’t let education interfere with his college life.”

But things were changing.

His counselor had given him an ultimatum, saying if Cash hadn’t made a decision in a week, he would be assigned to the liberal arts program. This is how Jim Cash wound up in home economics.

“Liberal arts would have been the worst,” he laments, “very few electives, no way to avoid languages or math and wasn’t it considered a prelude to graduate school?” Cash dedicated himself to finding a suitable major by going through the college catalog with a fine-tooth comb. “I had to find a way to graduate. My Dad’s career at SIU almost 30 years ago was cut short by World War II, so I owed it to him. And besides, I needed to stay in school to avoid the draft!”

Cash put some serious thought into the decision. “I searched my interests, weighed the difficulty of the curriculum, considered my motivations, and was happy with my final decision. Clothing and Textile Merchandising almost sounded like a business major. I liked new clothes, there would always be jobs in retailing, and after all, what better way to meet girls?”

Being the first male student to apply for a degree in Clothing and Textiles elicited whispers and giggles from his

female classmates and considerable ribbing from his fraternity brothers. Although the dean had assured Cash that class procedures would not be changed just for him, his instructor of clothing construction counseled her female students, saying, “If any of you feel overly modest you may use the screened area in the back of the room for fitting purposes.”

Cash settled into the class routine quickly, and, surprisingly, his grades began to improve. For the first time in his college career, he achieved a 4.0 GPA. “I was becoming an above-average student,” says Cash.

In his junior year, Cash was approached by Chicago menswear conglomerate Hart Schaffner and Marx, asking him to join their management training program upon graduation, making him the first of his class to secure a position. Cash has fond memories of those days and says, “Thank you, SIU.” ■

### Doing The Things He Loves

by Marianne Lawrence

After a long career in the insurance business, Jim Cash is doing the things he truly loves: teaching, writing and sailing in the California sun.

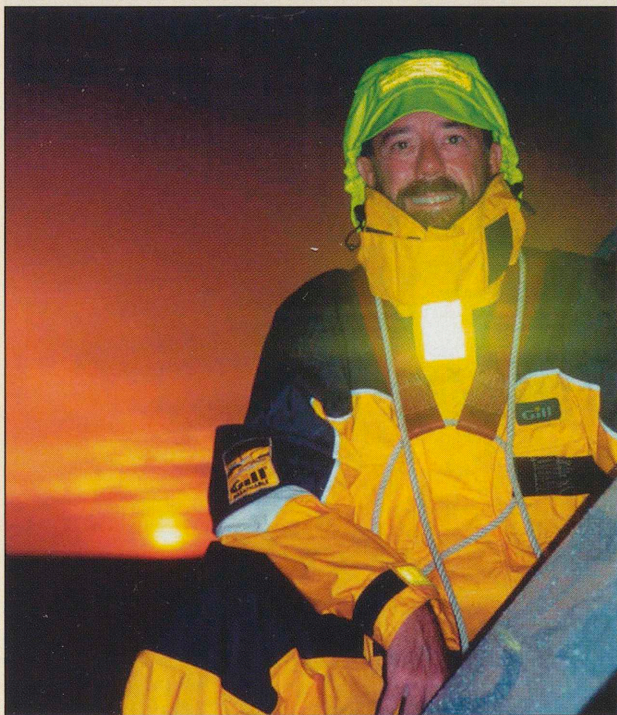
The 1968 graduate made a name for himself at SIU as the first male student to enroll in home economics classes and get a degree in clothing and textiles merchandising. He ended up in this all-female domain because he just couldn’t make up his mind about what he wanted to do with his college career.

He loved his fraternity life, sailing on Crab Orchard Lake, and being the carefree college student of the 1960s. “The hard fact was that I wanted to accept nothing but future greatness but was not ready to do the hard things to make it happen,” recalls Cash. “I found creative arts came easy and managed to periodically ace an art course to bring my sagging GPA back up to mediocre.”

But success was going to find Jim Cash in spite of Jim Cash. He found a creative outlet in fashion design, and soon his GPA began to climb. When Hart Schaffner and Marx, the Chicago menswear conglomerate, offered him a job with the company upon graduation, he was only a junior.

After collecting his diploma, he spent a year and a half with the company and while in Chicago picked up some experience teaching tailoring and dress design classes at a local adult education program. But things

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Watching spectacular sunsets in exotic parts of the world has become the norm for Jim Cash.

## A Will To Succeed

*Born with a muscle disorder that eventually led to his being confined to a wheelchair, Jim Greenwood has encountered his share of challenges. But he has never allowed life's adversity and obstacles to stop him.*

by Greg Scott

During a photo shoot for *Southern Alumni* magazine, Jim Greenwood couldn't help but reminisce about his initial days as an undergraduate on campus. More than 40 years ago at this location, northwest of the Student Center near Thompson Woods, he was registering for his first classes at SIU.

On a warm August day in 1961, Greenwood recalls being in line at the University barracks. A native of Maine in just his second day on campus, he had never been on southern Illinois soil.

"I remember waiting outside to get in. There was no automation in those days – everything was done with paper and pencil," he says. "It did provide an opportunity to get to know people quickly."

The friendships Greenwood developed at Southern is just one reason he is fond of the University. A Venice, Fla., resident who retired in 1994 after spending his entire 26-year professional career at IBM, Greenwood says SIU opened its doors to him while most institutions in this country didn't exactly roll out the welcome mat.

It is hard to believe that an honors student who was president of his high school class all four years would have difficulty finding a college to accept him. But this was the case for Greenwood.

He was born with an undefined muscle disorder that gradually deteriorated his walking skills. By the age of 11, Greenwood was confined to a wheelchair. He says the toughest challenge came when he tried to gain admittance to a university.

"I was one of the top students in my

graduating class. But I was rejected at every school I applied to out East simply because I was in a wheelchair, and I was told as much," he says. "A lot has changed in that regard.

"It forced me to conduct some research and look beyond the New England area. In those days, there were very few schools that would adjust their architectural makeup for people with disabilities. Due to (former SIU President) Delyte Morris' wonderful vision, SIU was one of those schools."

A self-professed sports fanatic, Greenwood says his knowledge of Saluki athletics also made Southern intriguing.

He discovered that Harry Gallatin, a former member of the NBA's New York Knickerbockers, coached the Saluki basketball team. He was also aware of star player Charlie "Chico" Vaughn, SIU's all-time leading scorer.

"I had never been here and attended Southern sight unseen. The athletics gave me something to look forward to," Greenwood says. "Things worked out for me. I met some wonderful people here."

Several of his Southern memories are rooted in athletics. He began a lifelong friendship with former Saluki quarterback and NFL great Jim Hart. He remembers watching SIU hoops star and

The beauty of Thompson Woods makes Jim Greenwood feel right at home.



NBA legend Walt Frazier, in addition to great eras for the gymnastics and wrestling teams.

"We had some wonderful games with Jack Hartman as head coach. In particular, our rivalry with Jerry Sloan and Evansville was special," Greenwood says. "During the 1964-65 season, we lost three games to Evansville by a total of five points. I was at all three games. It was unbelievable."

Greenwood lived in Thompson Point and served as a resident fellow, which financed his education. He pledged the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity in the spring of 1962 and says this fraternity afforded him some unique opportunities.

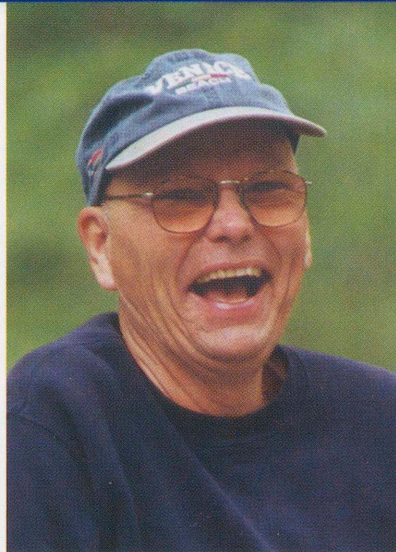
Sigma Tau Gamma, which Greenwood says was referred to as the "animals before the *Animal House* movie was ever produced," was placed on probation and later kicked out of the University for an off-campus incident. Although he was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct himself, Greenwood even derives positive feelings from this experience.

"It gave me a unique opportunity to meet Ike Clarke Davis (dean of students) and Tom Leffler (head of security). I became acquainted with some high-level people that I wouldn't have met otherwise," he says. "Overall, it was really educational."

After completing his bachelor's degree in political science/economics in 1965, Greenwood, at his own admission, says he hadn't prepared himself for the job market. He decided to return to enter graduate school at Southern and attained a master's degree in higher education/college student personnel in 1968.

But the job market, in part due to his disability, didn't afford Greenwood too many opportunities. "I liked working with people. With a master's degree, I didn't get one job opportunity at any university?"

He finally received that opportunity from IBM, which he interviewed with on campus. "I met with IBM for kicks. In those days, computer science was nonexistent as a curriculum at universities," he



The Venice, Fla., resident shares a laugh about his SIU days.

says. "IBM would train people and within a year they were ready to become programmers. They were aware that I had a background in higher education and thought it would be a good match."

Greenwood packed his belongings into his 1963 Valiant and headed to IBM's offices in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He served as a programming system/education specialist for his initial two years with the company, and a series of promotions elevated him to five different posts from coast to coast. Greenwood moved on to Chicago, where he was a college-recruiting representative for the Midwest region for two years prior to attaining several management positions in IBM's human resources and personnel departments.

He was both west and south regional manager for IBM's national recruiting organization prior to concluding his career as a recruiting consultant for an upstart IBM subsidiary in 1994.

"I have a great affinity for both SIU and IBM," Greenwood says. They provided opportunities and opened the door for me when others didn't."

Now retired and living in Venice, Fla., with his wife of 25 years, Martha, Greenwood is giving a little something back to the University. He is Vice President of the Central Florida chapter of the SIU Alumni Association. The group was officially chartered in April at

the Alumni Association's national board of directors meeting.

"When I first moved to Florida, we started discussing the possibility of establishing a chapter down here," Greenwood says. "Terry Gannon, Clem Vericker and I pushed the University a bit. It was a slow process initially. But we worked with the Alumni Association office and got it done."

"It's exciting because there is great potential for the University in Florida. We have 6,000 alumni in this state. A number of our Florida alumni could be helpful in recruiting students or raising funds for scholarships."

Active in church and community youth activities, Greenwood has been a mentor at Venice High School and is a big brother with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. Greenwood also chairs the Mayor's Accessibility Advisory Board in Venice. The National Organization on Disability recently honored Venice as the most accessible city in the United States.

From his days as a student at Southern to a successful career at IBM and now as a contributing volunteer in his community, Greenwood has never allowed adversity to stand in his way. Greenwood, whose parents both died before he left home, boarded with another family his last two years of high school. These unfortunate circumstances set a tone for his life.

"Things happened to me when I was very young, and I just took on the responsibility of managing my life. There was no one there to make me do my homework or anything else," Greenwood says. "When my parents died, it forced me to become extremely independent and goal driven."

"My philosophy is that you're dealt the hand you get in life, and it's up to you to make the best of it." ■

*Jim Greenwood would love to hear from old friends and classmates. You can reach him through his e-mail: [flasaluki@att.net](mailto:flasaluki@att.net).*



## Spring Sports Wrap-up

### Saluki Baseball

Logging the most wins by an SIU baseball team since the 1990 Valley Tournament champs, the 2002 Salukis enjoyed a banner season. Head coach *Dan Callahan's* squad finished the campaign 32-24 overall and 17-15 in the MVC, earning the fourth seed in the league tournament. They entered the action fresh off a weekend split of a four-game series at ninth-ranked Wichita State, making the contingent the first team to win two games at WSU since the 1990 squad.

Southern, however, was quickly bounced from the tournament by the two league teams that would earn NCAA Tournament berths. The Salukis fell to Southwest Missouri 14-7 in the opener and then lost 17-1 to Wichita State in a rain-delayed contest.

For the season, SIU was paced by a blend of veteran leaders and talented newcomers. Junior college transfer *Toby Barnett* was named the Valley's first-team catcher, as well as the league's "Newcomer of the Year," hitting .306 while leading the Salukis with 45 RBI. First baseman *Jeff Stanek* (.322, 7 HR, 37 RBI) was also on the



Luke Nelson won the 2002 Abe Martin Award.

first-team, while freshman hurler *Ryan Welch* (5-4, 4.24 ERA) earned second-team honors. Outfielder *Cory Newman* (.301) and third baseman/pitcher *Luke Nelson* (6-6, 6.44 ERA) were named honorable mention all-conference. Transfer outfielder *Ross Kowzan* paced the team in hitting with a .361 average, while fellow outfielder *Sal Frisella* led the club with 10 homers and was second with 43 RBI. Freshman hurler *Eric Haberer* was the top reliever, showing a 4-0 record and four saves to go with a stellar 4.12 ERA. He appeared in a team-high 21 games.

Nelson and fellow senior *John Clem* were honored with two of the three Saluki annual team awards for their leadership roles on the field, in the clubhouse and in the classroom. Nelson was presented with the Abe Martin Award, and Clem, who made an amazing catch to seal SIU's regular season finale win over Wichita State, received the James J. Mundo Award. The Itch Jones MVP Award was shared by Valley first-team recipients Barnett and Stanek.

### Saluki Softball

Sparked by five freshmen, the young and talented Saluki softball team exceeded expectations this season and, as a result, jumped from its pre-season fifth-place ranking to a third-place finish among league contenders.

Under the direction of head coach *Kerri Blaylock* and her staff, the Salukis completed their third straight 30-plus win season (31-17, 17-7), while making their 19th trip to the MVC Softball Tournament.

SIU's pitching, which led the Valley and ranked nationally in ERA for its sixth straight season, was once again the foundation of the team's success. Freshman right-hander *Amy Harre*, who was named MVC Pitcher of the Week five times, led the Saluki staff to an impressive 1.23 ERA.

Boasting a stellar 0.89 ERA alone, Harre struck out 169 batters in 189.2 innings of work en route to an 18-9 record. In addition, she was named MVC Rookie of the Year, first-team all-MVC and second-team all-Great Lakes Region.

While Harre sparkled on the mound, senior *Jen Guenther*, sophomore *Adie Viefhaus* and freshman *Katie Jordan* shined at the plate. Jordan capped off an impressive collegiate debut batting .279 with both a team leading five homers and 25 runs

scored. Named to the MVC All-Tournament Team, Viefhaus was the Salukis' third leading offensive threat batting .276 with a team-high 40 hits. Guenther then rounded out the top-five leading hitters with a .252 average that included a team-best seven doubles and 25 RBI. Additionally, all three were named second-team all-MVC for their solid efforts.

Blaylock and assistant coaches *Buddy Foster*, *Mark Cosgrove* and *Andrea Harris* were tabbed as this year's MVC Coaching Staff of the Year.

### Saluki Men's Golf

The SIU men's golf team finished among the top five in three of its six tournaments this spring. Posting a season-best first-place finish at the Illinois State Intercollegiate, the Salukis also placed fourth at the New Orleans Classic and third at the Eastern Kentucky Invite.

SIU shot a score of 298 to clinch its only title of the spring at the Inaugural Bullet Illinois State Intercollegiate where senior *Brian Kolmer* fired a season-low round of 70. Kolmer, who was named MVC Golfer of the Week for his efforts, clubbed a 35 on both the front and back nine en route to capturing the individual title. In addition to winning the tournament, he was named to the All-State Team.

Like Kolmer, senior *Brad Dunker* was also named MVC Golfer of the Week this season. Dunker, who led the Salukis with a 75.0 stroke average, clubbed 26 rounds in the 70s and registered four top-10 individual finishes.

At the MVC Men's Golf Championship, SIU improved its third-round score by 20 strokes to overcome last place and finish seventh among the nine-team field.

### Saluki Women's Golf

SIU's women's golf team won its second Saluki Invitational title in four years to mark its only first-place finish in six tournaments this spring.

Senior *Alison Hiller*, who posted back-to-back individual championships at the Saluki Invitational and Illini Spring Classic, tied for 22nd among 108 individual competitors at the NCAA Central Regional in East Lansing, Mich.

Both an all-MVC and scholar-athlete all-MVC pick, Hiller became the first SIU women's golfer to qualify for an NCAA

Regional since Hall-of-Famer *Sandy Lemon* (1976-80) did it in 1978.

Holding a team-best stroke average of 76.4, Hiller also finished second at the 16th Annual Snowbird Intercollegiate where she shot a school record of 68. Her all-time low, which surpassed her own mark of 69, tied the tournament's single-round record.

Junior Jennifer Shutt and senior Kendra Hood supported Hiller. Shutt, who was named all-conference after tying for 10th at the MVC Championship, finished the spring as the team's second-leading golfer with a 79.3 stroke average, while Hood posted a season-best tied for second finish at the Saluki Invitational. Additionally, both were named scholar-athlete all-MVC.

After being picked to win the 2002 MVC Women's Golf Championship, the Salukis placed fifth with a score of 967 to conclude the spring.

## Saluki Men's And Women's Outdoor Track

Both track squads had disappointing results in the MVC Outdoor Championships, as the women finished fifth, and the men logged a sixth-place



Judge

mark. The event was held in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

*Korto Dunbar* (100-meter hurdles-14.03), *Latrice Gray* (high jump-5-8 3/4) and *Danielle Lawary* (shot put-49-6 3/4) claimed individual titles for the women. *Kellen Allen* (high jump-6-10 3/4) and *Jeff Young* (110-meter hurdles-

13.96) claimed crowns for the men.

Other top performers for the women were second-place finishes by *Kelsey Toussaint* (400), *Noa Beitler* (1,500), and third-place efforts by *Mariann Ahuna* (triple jump) and *Marian Appiah-Kubi* (400). The men boasted third-place marks by *Jaanus Uudmae* (triple jump), *Marvin Primo* (200), and *Kevin Mills* (100).

All top-three finishers earned all-MVC honors.

Junior *Adam Judge* then capped an outstanding season in late May when he placed 10th in the nation in the hammer throw at the NCAA Outdoor Championships with a toss of 205-4.

## Saluki Men's Tennis

The Saluki men's tennis team defeated Evansville (4-13, 2-8 MVC) 4-1 in the preliminaries of the Valley Tennis Championships then lost to top seed and #34 ranked Indiana State (19-9, 9-0 MVC) 4-0 in quarter-finals played in Springfield, Mo.

SIU ended the season 5-13 overall and 3-8 record in conference play.

## Saluki Women's Tennis

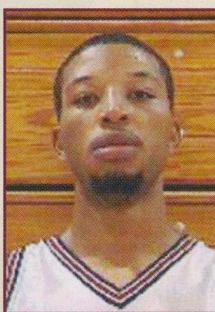
The Saluki women's tennis team was forced to forfeit its last two matches of the spring after injuries narrowed the ros-

ter to just three players. Finishing at 1-19, 1-8 overall, the Dawgs posted their only win of the season at home versus Evansville.

In the midst of all the adversity, senior *Erika Ochoa* ended her career on a high note. As the No. 1 singles threat, she was a unanimous all-MVC scholar-athlete pick for the second year in a row. Earning

"All-Select" all-MVC honors as well, Ochoa finished at 11-7 this spring to boost her overall record to 18-10. Additionally, her 18 wins this season added to an all-time singles mark of 88-42, which currently ties for 11th in school history. ■

## Salukis Sign 6-11 Center



Jones

Alumni holding their breath during SIU basketball's attempt to sign a center can now relax.

Southern head coach *Bruce Weber* recently added junior college transfer *Levy Jones* to the Sweet 16 Salukis. Jones, a 6-11, 245-pound post player, will transfer from Minneapolis Community and Technical College. He averaged 13.3 points, 7.1 rebounds and 4.3 blocks per game last season, connecting at a 59 percent clip from the field and 70.3 percent from the free throw line.

"Levy's offensive skills are good – he can score in a variety of ways," says Weber. "He has great hands, a nice shooting touch, and is bigger than anyone we currently have on our team."

Just as important as Jones' skills, Weber adds, is his attitude.

"He's a good, quality kid. We expect to have a strong team coming back, and we didn't want to sign someone who might hurt the chemistry of our team."

Oklahoma State and Pittsburgh – among many schools – courted Jones this spring. A product of Minneapolis North High School, he signed with South Carolina State and red-shirted his first year at SCS before transferring to MCTC.

Jones blossomed after transferring last year, where head coach *Jay Pivec* specializes in tutoring big men. MCTC finished 27-7 last season, third at the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 13 tournament.

"Levy is the most efficient post player I have ever coached," Pivec told the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. "He could play anywhere in the country."

The signing of Jones completes the Salukis' 2002 recruiting class, which also includes forward *Blake Schoen*, and guards *Ryan Walker*, *Bryan Turner* and *Tony Young*. ■

## Scott, Pendergrass Sign Free-Agent Contracts

**S**IU senior linebacker *Bart Scott* and senior safety *Jon Pendergrass* recently signed free-agent contracts in the National Football League.



Scott

Scott signed with the Baltimore Ravens, choosing the Ravens' offer because of their pressing need at the linebacker position.

"It came down to Baltimore and Kansas City," Scott says. "I just thought it was a better situation and a better opportunity for me."

He says the Ravens kept in contact with him throughout the draft, informing him of their intentions and their willingness to sign him to a free-agent contract. Scott, who had a personal workout with Ravens' scouts in Carbondale, was the Salukis' leading tackler last season and a First-Team All-Gateway Conference selection.

Pendergrass signed with the Seattle Seahawks, as the Honorable Mention All-Gateway Conference performer impressed scouts at a workout in DeKalb, Ill., in March. He ran a 4.31 40-yard dash and recorded a 40-inch vertical leap.

"I was really nervous watching the draft, because I didn't know where I fit in," Pendergrass notes. "After the draft, the Jets offered me a tryout, but Seattle was willing to sign me to a contract." ■

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the Saluki athletics training staff, working primarily with the men's and women's swimming and diving teams.

"There isn't any certification program in Japan. I wanted to attend college in the United States, but I couldn't speak any English at the time," he says. "While I was attending SIU's system school in Nakajo, I learned English. I also found out about the athletic training program. Also, all of my credits transferred from Nakajo to Carbondale."

Ed Thompson, SIU's head athletic trainer, says in addition to being an asset to the program, Shoji is beloved by Southern's student-athletes.

"Shoji is an outstanding young man with motivation and drive," Thompson says. "He is a great student who has been persistent during his time here."

Rick Walker, SIU's head men's swimming coach, also speaks highly of Shoji. At the conclusion of the team's season, he wrote a letter to Thompson complimenting the team's young student trainer. "He did an outstanding job and is a classic example of professionalism," Walker says. "Shoji is one of the best trainers we've ever had."

Shoji credits Thompson and Brenda McVinue, assistant trainer, for their leadership. "Ed and Brenda do a great job with our training program here at SIU. I recognized that fact even more through my extern experience with the Pirates," he says. "I understood what was going on because I was educated through the program here. Our staff here had prepared me. I'm grateful to them for that knowledge."

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# Beating Baseball Opponents – And Cancer

## Saluki Hall of Famer Itch Jones

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**I**tch Jones '61, M.S. '66 didn't tell too many people. His wife. His boss. His assistant coaches and secretary. A handful of friends. That's about it.

Otherwise, the 64-year-old baseball coach at Illinois and legendary player and coach at Southern Illinois University kept the fact that he was fighting breast cancer to himself last season.

Jones underwent two surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy after he was diagnosed with cancer in December 2000. It didn't keep him from leading the Illini to their sixth straight appearance in the Big Ten Conference Tournament a year ago.

"I was fortunate," he says. "I never missed a practice and never missed a game. I was more worried for my wife than for me. I told her, 'I've had 63 years of good health. Whatever the diagnosis, we'll deal with it.'"

Jones has won more than 1,150 games during his 36 seasons as a college coach, with more than 400 of those wins in 12 seasons at Illinois. He's in the twilight of his career, although he doesn't know when he'll call it quits. But his enjoyment of the game and his job keeps him coming back for more.

Jones underwent surgery twice before the 2001 season to remove a tumor and 24 lymph nodes.

Radiation treatments ended the day before the Illini left on their spring break trip to Florida. Chemotherapy extended through the season. Jones didn't go public with the news until last July.

Jones shaved his head and told his team it was for good luck. He kept a towel over the scar on the right side of his chest when he showered with the team. He told the Illini he had arm surgery when Jones uncharacteristically didn't throw batting practice.

"At Michigan, I was pulling my hair out after chemotherapy," Jones says. "I told an assistant to shave my head the next day. I

told the players that it was because I had a feeling we were going to go on an eight-game winning streak?"

The Illini won seven of their next eight games, and everything appeared normal. Doctors now tell Jones he's cancer free, and now he's concentrating on continuing to coach his team.

When Jones moved to Illinois from SIU in 1990, he left behind a solid program and a stable work environment. He led the Salukis to a second-place finish in the College World Series and two third-place finishes. His final team at Southern came within one win of reaching the CWS.

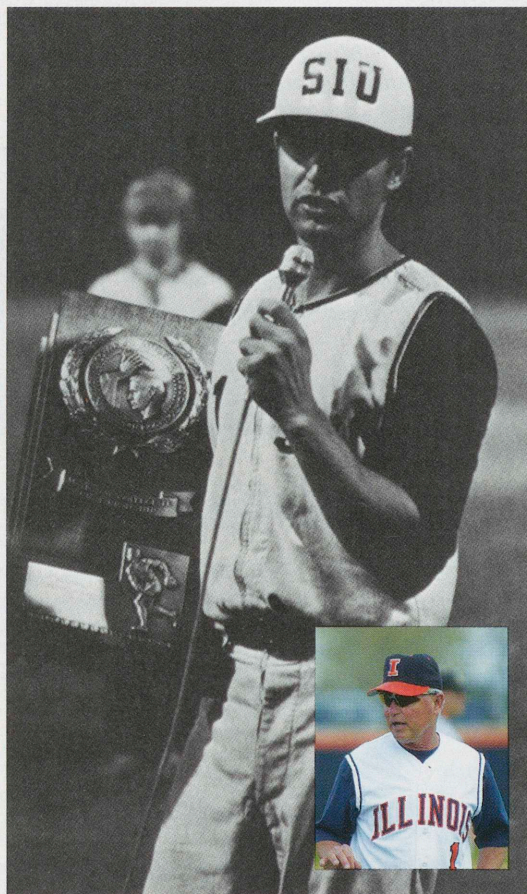
Jones led the Illini to the regular-season conference title in 1998 – the school's first in 25 years – and the conference tournament title in 2000. The 1998 team came within two outs of reaching the CWS. But Jones doesn't sound satisfied with his record at Illinois, where he feels he has the budget and resources to reach the college national finals.

There aren't any plans to retire, Jones says, and he also has options in professional ball.

"A lot of it has to do with (athletic director Ron Guenther) and myself," Jones says. "At the end of each year, we'll kind of look at it, discuss it and go from there. It kind of depends on his goals and my goals. I hope to quit one year too early rather than one year too late. I hope I'm smart enough to listen to the right person."

*Nothing* has stopped him from coming to the ballpark. Not even cancer. ■

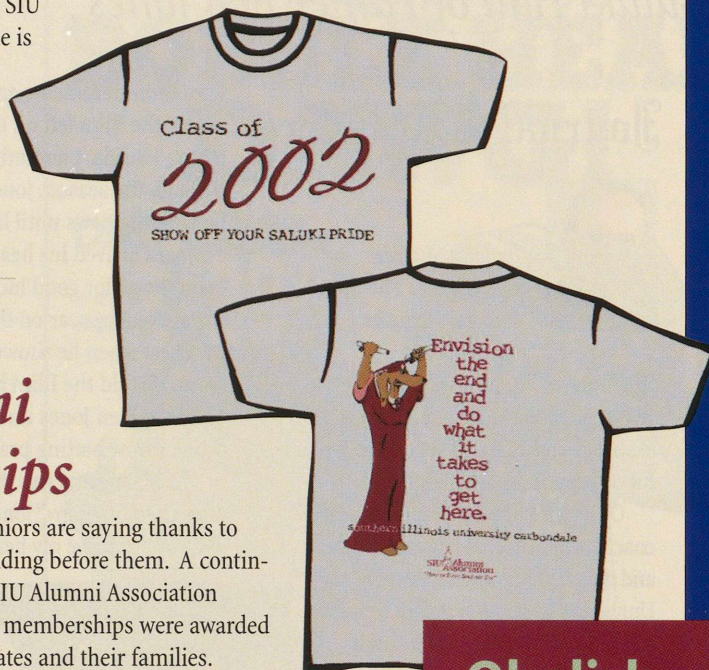
— Supinie is a 1984 SIU graduate and a former writer for the *Southern Illinoian*



Jones (inset at Illinois) addresses the crowd at the College World Series after SIU finished second in the nation in 1971.

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Mr. James E. Richison  
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Mr. James S. Ritter  
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Mr. Kenneth L. Robinson  
Mr. Michael F. Rummel  
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Mrs. Marcia E. Sallsbury  
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Mr. Gregory T. Sielepkowski  
Mr. Marc A. Silverman  
Mr. Daniel F. Simon  
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## Two Southern Grads Share Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Award

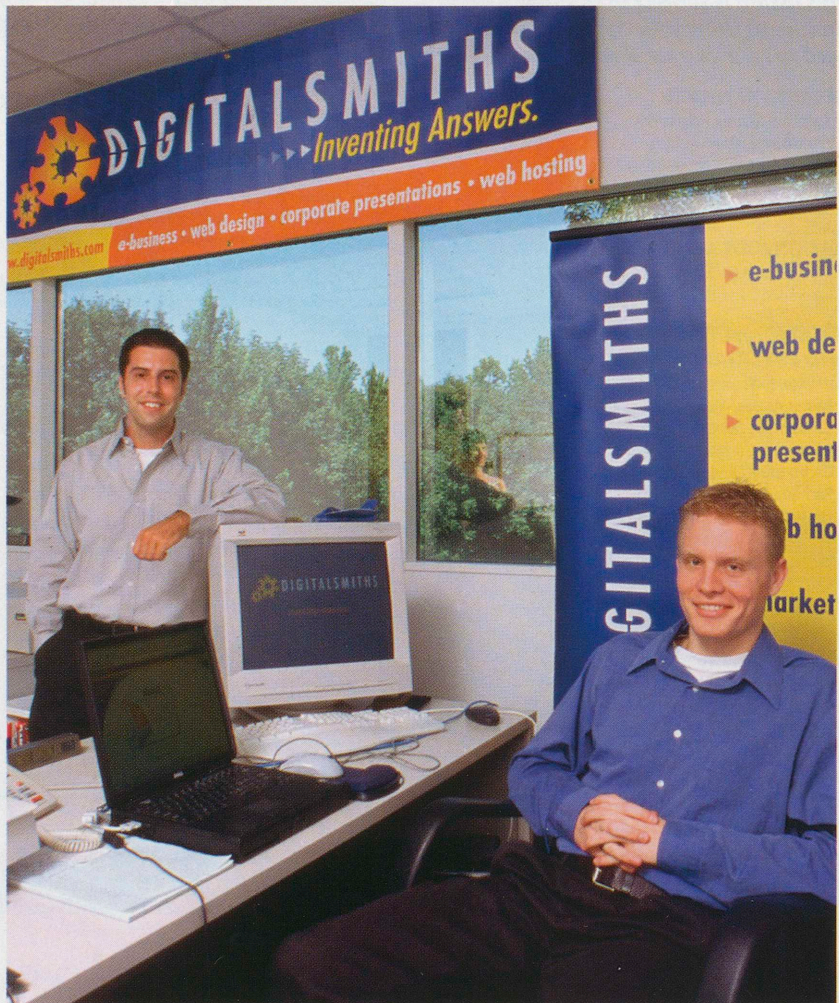
**T**odd Clemens and Ben Weinberger, co-owners of Digitalsmiths Inc. of Carbondale, recently received the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award during the Governor's 2002 Small Business Conference in Springfield.

The firm, housed in SIUC's Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center, provides high-level expertise in online development and server solutions for small and medium-sized businesses. Among their endeavors while students at Southern was the design and maintenance of the SIU Alumni Association Web site.

Emily Carter, assistant director of the Small Business Development Center, nominated the duo for the award after serving as business counselor to Clemens and Weinberger and helping develop their business plan. In nominating them for the award, she wrote that the entrepreneurs have "the motivation, intelligence and practical business sense that I have rarely encountered in my eight-plus years as a business counselor. I admire and respect their innovative thinking and can-do approach to customer service."

Clemens and Weinberger met on an Amtrak ride from Carbondale to Chicago in 1997. Realizing they had similar business interests, the two became roommates. The company originated in March 1998 in their Smith Hall dorm room, thus the name "Digitalsmiths." Clemens, an aviation flight management major, and Weinberger, a radio-television major, completed their degrees while simultaneously developing their business.

Digitalsmiths' sales totaled \$2,000 in 1998. Last year, the bottom line reached roughly \$200,000. The company's primary services are Web site production, Web site hosting, computer/Web consulting,



Ben Weinberger, left, and Todd Clemens, met during a train ride five years ago, little knowing that moment would lead to a successful business relationship.

graphic development, multimedia presentations and online/wireless application development.

Clemens noted the growth has come with little marketing. "Ninety-nine percent of our business comes from word of mouth," he says. "We've had absolutely positive responses from our customers and have weathered the dot-com thing just fine. A lot of dot-coms didn't follow a

solid business structure. We learned from their mistakes."

Digitalsmiths' annual growth has been between 30 and 40 percent.

Weinberger says they are "excited to be part of the digital revolution in Illinois. The company defines itself not as a dot-com, but rather as a high-quality service provider for the Internet industry." ■

## Blazing A 'Well-Oiled' Trail

**S**ue Feigenbaum-Ackley has blazed a trail in the male-dominated fast lube business, winning awards and making her influence felt.

In 1995, Ackley, M.S. '76 and her husband, Gene, a pilot for Trans World Airlines (now American Airlines), purchased a Texaco Xpress Lube in St. Louis as a kind of insurance policy against the uncertain airline business.

However, as Ackley explains, when the airline and Gene's career were revived, she was left to run the day-to-day business operation, a task she handled so successfully, the couple is now in the process of purchasing their fourth facility in the metropolitan St. Louis area.

Ackley quickly mastered all phases of the business. "I learned how to change oil and operate a small business, as well as do the bookkeeping," she says. Now she fills in for absent employees, plans marketing strategies, serves on local and national committees and, in the process, wins awards.

Being a stickler for details has been a key attribute in the success of this energetic businesswoman who was named "2001 Operator of the Year" by *National Oil & Lube News*. According to the December 2001 issue of the magazine, Ackley won the award "for her success as an operator, for her tireless efforts in helping her community and educating those around her about the importance of auto maintenance, and for the fresh ideas that she has brought to the industry as a whole."

Ackley's priorities of customer service and honesty are supplemented with plenty of her personal touches. "If you provide great service and are honest and credible, customers will keep coming back, and they will tell all their friends," she says.



Ackley proudly displays her "Operator of the Year" award.

Making sure all her facilities are immaculately landscaped with fresh flowers planted with each change of season has added community landscaping awards to her list of accomplishments. "I believe that customer service starts from the first time a person sees your facility," she said, "therefore it must be clean and attractive."

In 1997 she began a three-year term on the Texaco Xpress Lube Advisory Council, and as the only woman on the panel, she was able to influence changes in the company's businesses nationwide.

"I felt like I had something to offer," she says. With a background in child development, Ackley knew that a 10-minute wait could be a long time for a child. Many fast-lube facilities across the country now use her idea of having a child's play table and toys in a corner of the waiting room.

Not surprising, in 1999 the *St. Louis Business Journal* named her one of the "25 Most Influential Women" in the St. Louis metro area.

Last year, Ackley was elected to a three-year term on the Automotive Oil Change Association Board of Directors and chairs the Leased Vehicle Task Force. Recently, she was elected as Vice President of AOCA. She rounds out an already full schedule by voluntarily teaching auto maintenance at an area high school and doing charity work such as local school fund-raisers and leukemia research.

Always ready to give more, Ackley set aside \$5 from every job during the month of October to honor those who died in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. However, her desire to have the funds go to an individual rather than an organization turned out to be complicated. She ended up donating the \$5,000 her facilities had raised to help the family of a local firefighter who

had died at age 28 of a heart attack. The funds will establish a college fund for his children in honor of the New York City firemen who lost their lives.

A Carbondale native, she attended the University High School and received her undergraduate degree at the University of Southern Mississippi. She earned her master's degree from SIU in 1976, after which she completed work toward her doctorate.

Ackley's father, Robert Feigenbaum, owned Turco Manufacturing Company and Charmglow Industries in DuQuoin, and her mother was a corporate pilot for the companies. "Growing up, I learned from my parents to do everything as well as possible," she says. "They always told me that if something is worth doing, it is worth doing right."

Sue Feigenbaum-Ackley is *definitely* doing something right. ■



## Alumni Association Board Grants Two Chapter Charters

The Alumni Association national board of directors voted to charter two new chapters at its spring meetings. Charters were granted to the Central Florida Alumni Chapter and the Greater Michigan Alumni Chapter in April. Both groups use their communication tools, such as e-mail and the Internet, to communicate with alumni in their respective areas regarding upcoming activities and events.



Central Florida representatives from left: Ed Buerger-executive director of the SIU Alumni Association, Clem Vericker, Terry Gannon-president of the Central Florida Alumni Chapter, Don Magee-president of the SIU Alumni Association national board of directors, Dave Ardrey-assistant director of the Association, Martha Greenwood, and Carol Gannon. Seated are Cheryl Vericker and Jim Greenwood.

For more information about the Central Florida Alumni Chapter, check out its Web site at: <http://geocities.com/cfsalukis>. The Greater Michigan Chapter can be reached at [siu\\_alumni@hotmail.com](mailto:siu_alumni@hotmail.com).

Representatives of the chapters were in attendance at the board meetings to accept the official charters.



Greater Michigan representatives from left: Magee, Dale Tripp, Rich Pershell-president of the Greater Michigan Alumni Chapter, Jack Greer-SIU Automotive Technology Director, Ardrey, and Buerger.

## MVC Basketball Tournament

The SIU Alumni Association hosted alumni, students, and guests at receptions throughout the Missouri Valley Conference



Basketball Tournament March 1-4 in St. Louis, Mo. SIU fans gathered during pre-game and at half-time of Saluki games in the

14th and Clark Street Bar & Grill at Savvis Center.

The Alumni Association also hosted a hospitality suite before and after SIU games on the 22nd floor of the Marriott Pavilion Hotel downtown.

## Saluki Basketball In Normal

One hundred twenty alumni and guests attended a reception the Alumni Association hosted prior to the SIU-Illinois State men's basketball game Feb. 16 in Normal. A festive crowd enjoyed pre-game food, beverages and fun discussing Saluki basketball.

## Central Illinois Chapter To Host Alumni At Decatur Celebration

The Central Illinois Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association will host fellow alumni and their guests Aug. 2-4 at the "Dawg Rock Café" as part of the 17th annual Decatur Celebration. Guests are invited to meet fellow SIU alumni, renew Saluki friendships, volunteer to work at the Café, and enjoy the "dawg-hawking" antics of other SIU alumni. The Café is located at Main and Water streets near the kids' stage and roasted corn vendors.

"Foot-long Saluki Dawg" hot dogs will be sold during the fun-filled weekend, with proceeds supporting scholarships, recruitment and other programs. For more information, contact Mark Sturgell at (217)422-9266 or e-mail him ([msturgell@mail.millikin.edu](mailto:msturgell@mail.millikin.edu)).

## 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.

## Three Alumni Elected To Association Board

Jeannette Tolley Fromm '60, M.S.'64 and Robert Kraatz '58 were recently elected to the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors. Kraatz, from Calabasas, Calif., and Fromm, from Rockford, Ill., will serve four-year terms.

Also, Ray Serati '59, a Herrin, Ill., native, was named to the national board of directors. He is completing the term of Leroy Wright. Serati will serve the two years left on Wright's term.

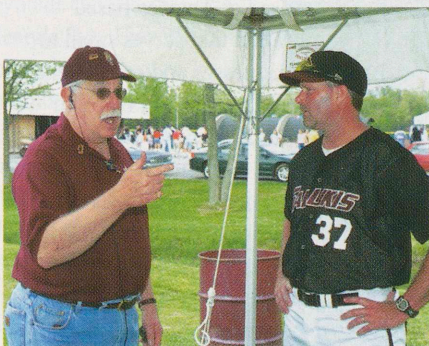
Fromm is now retired, after serving as a psychologist at the South Beloit Senior High School.

Kraatz has devoted his career to the food packaging and processing industry. He ascended to various executive positions, including the presidential post at the Los Angeles Custom Packaging and Sugar Foods Corporation. Kraatz, who served the military as a Navy pilot from 1953 to 1957, currently remains involved in the food-packaging industry while running his farm near Ullin, Ill.

Serati, who was a reporter for *The Egyptian* as an undergraduate at Southern, joined United Press International in its Springfield, Ill., bureau in 1960. In 1965, he became the bureau chief in Springfield for the Copley News Service and remained in this position until his retirement in 1998. He worked for the City of Springfield briefly and became Deputy Press Secretary in 2001. ■

## Alumni Member Appreciation Baseball Games

The Alumni Association Member Appreciation Baseball Games took place April 20. Approximately 130 alumni members and guests enjoyed food, beverages and socializing with fellow alumni and University dignitaries before and during the Saluki baseball doubleheader against Evansville.



Don Magee, left, chats with head coach Dan Callahan between games of the twinbill.

Attendees received an additional treat as SIU's "Sweet Sixteen" basketball team was in attendance. The Salukis signed autographs as commemorative Sweet Sixteen posters were distributed prior to the game. Also, the first 225 people in attendance received a Saluki baseball T-shirt, compliments of the Athletics Department. Bruce Weber, Saluki head basketball coach, and his four graduating seniors threw out the first pitches. ■

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## SIU Alumni Association/ Alongi Legacy 6th Annual Golf Tournament Raises Funds

One hundred thirty-five participated in the 6th annual SIU Alumni Association/Alongi Legacy Golf Tournament in May at the Red Hawk Country Club in Tamaroa. The event raises funds for a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a Perry County high school graduate.



The Alongi Family and SIU Alumni Association selected Brittanie Nicole Jenkins (at left) as the recipient of this year's \$1,000 Alongi Legacy Foundation Scholarship. Jenkins also received a \$750 scholarship from the Perry County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association.



From right, tournament co-sponsors Guy Alongi and John Alongi pose with fellow teammates Curt Metten and Chad Sims.

Prize winners included **Rosalie Alongi** for longest drive and **Chad Cruthis** for closest to the pin.

The top finishing teams in the scramble were as follows:

### CLASS A

**First Place (Score – 57): Bill Wilson, Josh Wilson, Charlie Rainwater and Jerry Rainwater**

**Second Place (58): Chad Rushing, Mike Isaacs, Mike McCullom and Eric Meinkoth**

**Third Place (58): Chad Cruthis, Shane Boyett, Mike Cors and Jeff Eldred**

### CLASS B

**First Place (Score – 68): George Ciganovich, Wayne Bigham, David Ciganovich and Ralph Hemmer**

**Second Place (68): Allen Humphries, Dave Pugh, Dave Butze and Tracey Davis**

**Third Place (69): Larry Ohlemeyer, David Graham, Eric Graham and Bobby Webb**

## Distinguished Seniors Recognized At Super Student Honors Banquet

The SIU Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council presented 25 of Southern Illinois University's elite students with the Distinguished Senior Award in April.

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

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

The following students received the Distinguished Senior Award. The list includes the students' name, college and major:

**Alessa Altenbach**

College of Science  
Therapeutic Recreation

**Amanda Bartnicki**

College of Business and Administration  
Accounting

**Lisa Bell**

College of Business and Administration  
Management

**Jill Carbaugh**

College of Science  
Chemistry

**Leslie Chiaventone**

College of Education and Human Services  
Communication Disorders and Sciences

**Madalyn Davidson**

College of Applied Sciences and Arts  
Dental Hygiene/Pre-Dental

**Bethany Dobbels**

College of Mass Communication  
and Media Arts  
Radio and Television

**Phillip Florey**

College of Applied Sciences and Arts  
Aviation Management

**Britten Follett**

College of Mass Communication  
and Media Arts  
Radio and Television

**Timothy Freeman**

College of Business and Administration  
Accounting

**Jennette Guenther**

College of Business and Administration  
MIS

**David Helfrich**

College of Applied Sciences and Arts  
Architectural Studies

**Jessica Jefferson**

College of Agricultural Sciences  
Animal Science/ Pre-Vet

**Stephen Leavell**

College of Agricultural Sciences  
General Agriculture

**Joshua Mandrell**

College of Science  
Biological Sciences

**Rick Mitchell**

College of Applied Sciences and Arts  
Aviation Management

**Megan Monroe**

College of Mass Communication  
and Media Arts  
Radio and Television

**Allison Newsom**

College of Engineering  
Civil Engineering

**Julia Roundtree**

College of Liberal Arts  
English

**Niambi Rowland**

College of Mass Communication  
and Media Arts  
Radio and Television

**Isidoro Ruiz**

College of Applied Sciences and Arts  
Aviation Management

**Emily Smith**

College of Agricultural Sciences  
Plant and Soil Science

**Jerri Uhrig**

College of Education and Human Services  
Social Work

**Kimberly Wisniewski**

College of Agricultural Sciences  
Food and Nutrition

**Heather Wright**

College of Liberal Arts  
English

## Commencement Ceremonies Honor Successful SIU Alumni

Southern Illinois University Carbondale hosted its commencement ceremonies on campus in May. Ten ceremonies were conducted from the University's major academic units. During the weekend, nine prominent alumni received the Alumni Achievement Award. Photos and career biographies of the recipients follow:

The College of Agricultural Sciences presented its Alumni Achievement Award to **James Pettigrew '67**. Pettigrew is faculty excellence professor of animal science at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

**Laurence Staples '75** received the Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Staples is chair emeritus of SIU's Department of Aviation Technologies.

**Kenneth Hannah '90** received the Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Business and Administration. Hannah is vice president of financial planning and analysis for The Boeing Company in Chicago.

**Matthew Stephens '82,'84, Ph.D.'91** received the Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Education and Human Services. Stephens is an industrial technology professor and University Faculty Scholar at Purdue University.

The College of Engineering presented its Alumni Achievement Award to **Osbert Lomax '79**. Lomax is assistant plant manager at AmerenUE's Labadie, Mo., generating station, one of the largest coal-fired producers of electricity in the Midwest.

**J. Timothy Eaton J.D. '77** was the recipient of the School of Law Alumni Achievement Award. Eaton, a partner with the Ungaretti & Harris law firm in their Chicago offices, is also president of the Illinois State Bar Association.

The College of Liberal Arts selected **Thomas Chung M.S. '62** for the Alumni Achievement Award. A self-made businessman and successful entrepreneur, Chung is chairman of the board of Nara Bank/Nara Bancorp, a Los Angeles-based Korean-American banking corporation that serves small to medium-sized, minority-owned businesses and consumers. He is also founder, president and CEO of His and Her Hair Goods in Los Angeles, and president and CEO of Evergrow Industrial Company.

The College of Mass Communication and Media Arts presented its Alumni Achievement Award to **Steve James M.F.A. '84**, a film director and producer. James is best known as the award-winning director, producer and co-editor of *Hoop Dreams*, the widely acclaimed documentary that won virtually every major critic's prize and journalism award.

The College of Science presented its Alumni Achievement Award to **Marcin Majda Ph.D. '80**. He is professor of chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley and associate faculty scientist in the Materials Sciences Division of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

## Briggs Wins Association's Outstanding Thesis Award

A Waverly, Iowa, native majoring in psychology has won the Southern Illinois University Alumni Association's annual outstanding thesis award.

Chad Briggs, who received a master's degree in psychology last August, received a \$500 reward from the Alumni



Chad Briggs accepts the award as his advisor Dr. Jody Sundt looks on.

Association at its national spring board meeting in April. Briggs was also the winner of the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools' Distinguished Master's Thesis Award.

Briggs' paper, "Supermaximum Security Prisons and Institutional Violence:

An Impact Assessment," examined a corrections model in use for more than two decades designed to house and control the "worst of the worst." Using a sophisticated statistical analysis model, Briggs found that the high-security facilities do not produce a significant decrease in institutional violence. Briggs offered possible explanations for the failure and suggested directions for future research.

"Even as a dissertation, it would be an excellent piece of work. As a thesis, it is nothing short of extraordinary," wrote Alan Vaux, chair of the psychology department, in a letter nominating Briggs for the award.

"It addresses an extremely important policy issue, builds upon extraordinarily thorough and thoughtfully assembled literature review, employs a sophisticated and difficult analysis and draws controversial conclusions with the greatest care."

Thomas Castellano, director of SIUC's Crime Study Center, says the Briggs research "represents a truly outstanding contribution to the existing body of knowledge in the areas of applied statistics, psychology and administration of justice. It is clearly the best thesis I've ever been associated with at SIUC." ■

## OIRS Alumni Meet In Texas

An SIU Alumni Breakfast was held this spring during the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association National Conference in San Antonio, Tex. Current and former graduate assistants at the Office of Intramural-Recreational Sports (OIRS) at SIU who now hold full-time positions across the country, met to share stories of Southern and renew friendships. Those attending were, from left: **First Row:** Shane Ravellette (SIU), Laura Sutter (University of Maryland), Mike Keup (Bradley University), Amy Allaire (Ohio University), and Bill McMinn (SIU). **Second Row:** Kevin Linker (Eastern Illinois University), Rhonda Cox (University of Texas), Amy Swingle (Sam Houston State University), Lisa Haake-Shea (University of Michigan), Lori Lynn (Southeast Missouri State), Kelly Lafer (Arizona State University), Amy Johnson (University of Washington), and Gearld Ashley (University of Michigan). **Back Row:** Mike Warren (SIU), Brian Lukes (SIU), Steve Waden (Mississippi State University), Karen Mones (24 Hour Fitness, Houston, Tex.), Matt Specht (Southeast Missouri State), Sarah Hardin Specht (Southeast Missouri State), Shane Bennett

(Western Illinois University), Andy Braun (SIU), Jason Reynolds (SIU), Scott Levin (Georgia State University), Roy Inglis (Vincennes Community College), Doug Tammen (University of Virginia), Tony Franklin (SIU), Jodie Hawkins (University of Rhode Island), Jason Lipe (Bosie State University), Mike Dunn (Ohio State University), and Herman Williams (SIU).

### Attending But Not

**Pictured:** Greg Burdette (University of Illinois), Dale Carruthers (University of Illinois), and Laurie Klein (North Texas State University). ■



## Ashner Wins Outstanding Student Advisor Award



Ashner

The advisor for the student chapter of the SIU Alumni Association is the recipient of the Registered Student Organization Outstanding Advisor Award.

Tuesday Ashner, an assistant director at the SIU Alumni Association who advises the Student Alumni Council (S.A.C.), received this honor at the University's Leadership Awards Program in May. Ashner was cited for demonstration of outstanding advisement with S.A.C., a student service organization that

strives to bridge the gap between students and alumni.

Ashner, who directs student and college relations activities for the Alumni Association, earned her bachelor's degree in speech communication at Southern in 1992. She received her master's in education in 1999.

Student Alumni Council coordinates various recognition programs to support their fellow students. The organization honors the "25 Most Distinguished Seniors" for their academic achievements and contributions to campus life while attending the University. The group also coordinates the "Super Student" scholarship program, which assists two outstanding students of junior status in financing their education.

S.A.C. provides support to the Alumni Association in hosting numerous activities, including Homecoming, Alumni Member Appreciation and scholarship banquets. They are active in the Carbondale community. This year, the group supported a blood drive, collected clothes for the Good Samaritan House, assisted the Newman Center staff in preparing for their annual Thanksgiving meal, walked in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and sponsored a needy family's Christmas gift.

## SIU Saluki Family Day Set At Comiskey Park Aug. 11

Alumni and friends in the Chicago area will have an opportunity to gather late this summer when the inaugural "SIU Saluki Family Day" is held Sunday, Aug. 11, at Comiskey Park. Everyone is invited to this first-time Chicagoland event to enjoy fellowship with friends and family, as well as the 1 p.m. game between the Chicago White Sox and Seattle Mariners.

Chicago alumni are invited to come out early to the ballpark with their families and enjoy a pre-game tailgate in Lot B starting at 11 a.m. Cost of the tailgate will be \$5 per person, or \$10 for the entire family. Limited reserved parking coupons are offered in Lot B for \$13 per vehicle. Game tickets are available for \$22 for adults and \$18 for children. There will be special activities planned for the children, and a raffle will be held for a basketball autographed by SIU's Sweet 16 basketball team.

For more information on "SIU Saluki Family Day" contact Liz Sexson at SIU's Chicago office by calling 630-574-7774, or at [lizs@siu.edu](mailto:lizs@siu.edu).

To see news on this event, as well as other items of interest to Chicago Salukis, take a moment to check the Web site at <http://www.msnusers.com/ChicagoSIUSalukis>.



## SIU Super Student Scholarships Awarded

Omar Baig of Ames, Iowa, and Adam Meyer of Aurora, Ill., are the recipients of Super Student Scholarships, sponsored by the Southern Illinois University Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council.

They were recognized at the Super Student Honors Banquet, co-hosted by the Chancellor's Office and the Alumni Association.

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

Baig, an aviation management major at SIUC, is a certified flight instructor and president of the Minority Aviation Council. He is also a Dean's List student and a member of the Aviation Management Society.

Meyer, a theatre major at SIUC, is a Dean's List student and president of the Student Theatre Guild. He is also president of the Phi Delta Theta Colony and is a recipient of the GTE scholarship.

Baig is the son of Saleem and Rana Baig of Ames. Meyer is the son of Jack and Sonja Meyer of Aurora.

## Randolph County Social Enjoyed In Chester

Alumni and friends of SIU living in Randolph County gathered for a Saluki After-Hours social in May. The event took place at the Cohen Memorial Home in Chester. The group also met at the North County Country Club in Red Bud the following week.

## Alumni Deaths Spring 2002

**CRAWSHAW**, Margaret Mary, '28; '32  
March 2002, Marseilles, Ill.

**GILLESPIE**, Oren Francis, '28; '37  
11/09/01, Springfield, Ill.

**GOETZ**, Robb Roy, '28  
04/27/02, Murphysboro, Ill.

**HOUSE**, James Evan, ex '30  
02/04/02, Benton, Ill.

**LONG**, Helen Boren, ex '30  
03/22/02, Lakeland, Fla.

**KAISER**, Harold George, '31; '38  
04/21/00, New Athens, Ill.

**HARKINS**, Irene Butler, ex '32  
03/25/02, Country Club Hills, Ill.

**SCRIVNER**, Elaine, '32  
01/30/02, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

**SNEED**, Carl D., ex '33  
4/24/02, Herrin, Ill.

**STILLE**, Genevieve Atwood, ex '33  
March 2000, Marion, Ill.

**CLINTON**, Marlin Dennis (M.D.), '34  
04/11/00, Burnsville, Minn.

**SHAW**, Dorothy Virginia (Schoch), '34  
04/16/02, Albuquerque, N.M.

**TIMPNER**, Edward Charles, '34  
02/17/02, Pinckneyville, Ill.

**NEWMAN**, Arthur E., '35  
01/24/02, Yakima, Wash.

**BULLOCK**, Spruel E., '36; '63  
03/23/02, Tamaroa, Ill.

**LUCAS**, Eileen H., ex '39  
04/12/02, West Frankfort, Ill.

**WILSON**, Quentin C., ex '40  
02/03/02, Eldorado, Ill.

**SUTTON**, Exie Inez, ex '41  
04/09/02, Basking Ridge, N.J.

**NORTON Sr.**, Ralph Coates, '42  
03/31/02, East Peoria, Ill.

**GREEN**, Paul Adrian, '43  
02/02/02, Elgin, Ill.

**NICHOLS**, Vesta, ex '43  
04/01/02, Neoga, Ill.

**YATES**, Carrie L., ex '47  
12/25/01, Du Quoin, Ill.

**McCONACHIE**, Florine L., '48;  
M.S.Ed. '73, 02/08/02, Sparta, Ill.

**WALKER**, Helen J., '49  
02/20/02, Cisne, Ill.

**ARCHER**, Gerald K. "Jack," '50  
02/02/02, Carmel, Ind.

**FRITZINGER**, Fred, '50  
02/28/02, Kirksville, Mo.

**PIERCE**, Carylle, ex '50  
02/14/02, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

**ROMANO**, Antonio, '50; M.S.Ed. '57  
04/16/02, Sparta, Ill.

**WENDLER**, Patricia (Sanders), ex '53  
03/31/02, Collinsville, Ill.

**SMITH**, E. Maxine, '54  
04/08/02, Lakeland, Fla.

**BOLLHORST**, Audrey Lora, ex '56  
03/15/02, Bonfield, Ill.

**HIGGINS**, Joan Elizabeth "Bette,"  
ex '57  
11/28/01, Los Angeles, Calif.

**PATTERSON**, William G., ex '57  
03/03/02, Ft. Myers, Fla./Herrin, Ill.

**SEELY**, Eunice Ann, '58  
01/31/02, Shawneetown, Ill.

**BODE**, Daniel L., '59; M.S. '61  
01/23/02, Belleville, Ill.

**MELTON**, Virginia Shaver, '59  
03/02/02, Harrisburg, Ill.

**STUBBLEFIELD**, Carolyn Sue, '59;  
M.S.Ed. '61, 01/26/02, Sesser, Ill.

**WINTERS**, Mary Lou, '61  
03/09/02, Marion, Ill.

**HELWIG**, Howard Julius, '64  
04/09/02, Richardson, Texas

**KLEPITSCH**, Jim R., '64  
03/23/02, Bensenville, Ill.

**JAMES**, Anne L., '66; M.S.Ed. '70  
03/11/02, Herrin, Ill.

**CAVITT**, James Dwayne, '67  
03/13/02, Sherman Oaks, Calif.

**BOONE**, Arnolia L., '68  
04/01/02, Carbondale, Ill.

**MARSH**, John, '68; M.A. '73  
01/31/02, Limestone, Tenn.

**NOVACK**, Mary Ann, '71  
02/13/02, Murphysboro, Ill.

**CLUTTS**, Shirley Maxine, '72;  
M.S.Ed. '76, 02/08/02, Milford, Ill.

**CARMAN**, Jean M., '73  
02/13/00, Montague, Mich.

**WINFREY**, Donna Sue Eickelman, '75  
04/03/02, Westminster, Colo.

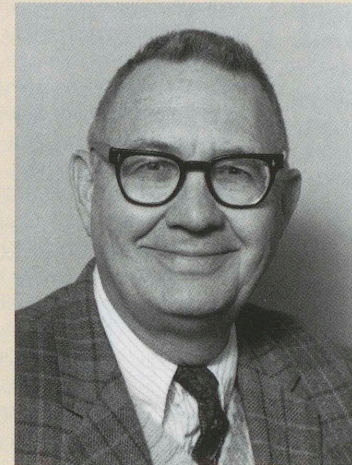
**HINCHCLIFF**, Suzanne Eaton, '78  
01/23/02, Carbondale, Ill.

**ROUNTREE**, Sue, '79; M.S.Ed. '84  
04/07/02, Dale, Ill.

## James Light, Former Liberal Arts Dean

James Light, former SIUC liberal arts dean, recently passed away at the age of 80. He officially retired from Southern in 1988.

Light was the co-author of the literary text, *The Modern Age*, along with its companion teacher's manual, and wrote *Nathanael West: An Interpretive Study* and *John William deForest*, both book-length studies of those American writers.



He joined SIU in 1979 and served as liberal arts dean until 1985 when he chose to return to teaching.

Before coming to Southern, Light was the provost of the City University of New York's Lehman College. He also served on faculty at the University of Bridgeport (Conn.) and had taught at the University of Kentucky, Syracuse University, Radford (Va.) College and Indiana State University.

**MAIN**, Ian, '80  
02/01/02, Bartlett, Ill.

**VINEYARD**, Douglas DeWitt, ex '81  
02/22/02, Overland, Mo.

**KOTTER**, David Ray, ex '83  
04/19/00, Metropolis, Ill.

**JETT Jr.**, Steven Lewis, '85; J.D. '91  
03/18/02, Cambria, Ill.

**PAIT**, David Harold, '86  
05/21/00, Harrisburg, Ill.

**BLICKEM**, Warren J., '92  
04/02/00, Shelbyville, Ill.

**VARGAS**, Jose J. "Joe," ex '00  
04/11/02, Carbondale, Ill.

**McCRARY**, James Robert "Jamie," '01  
4/14/02, Pinckneyville, Ill.

### Faculty & Staff

**ASHWORTH**, Edwin R. "Bob," Ph.D. '72  
Emeritus Professor of Engineering  
01/30/02, Springfield, Ill.

**ELDRIDGE**, Loyd  
Emeritus Civil Service, Physical Plant  
02/23/02, Carterville, Ill.

**HENDERSON**, Dorothy "Dottie"  
(Berkel), Cashier, SIU Student Center  
02/21/02, Murphysboro, Ill.

**MAGER**, T. Richard,  
Former Adjunct Professor, School of  
Law 04/11/02, Steeleville, Mo.

**MANN**, Daniel R. "Dan"  
Emeritus Civil Service, Physical Plant  
12/25/01, Carterville, Ill.

**MARTIN**, Joan Foley, '57; M.A. '61  
Emerita Assistant Professor of  
English, College of Liberal Arts  
05/05/02, Carbondale, Ill.

**NEHRING**, Beulah (Hawthorne)  
Emerita Civil Service, Secretary  
02/19/02, Albuquerque, N.M.

**NELSON**, Reed LaVerne, '92  
Former Building Custodian,  
SIU Arena  
03/14/02, Carbondale, Ill.

**SELLARS**, Bill L.  
Emeritus Civil Service, Physical Plant  
02/04/02, Marion, Ill.

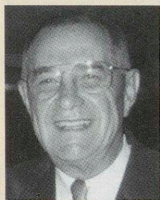
**THOMASSON**, Edwin M., ex '49  
Former Adjunct Assistant Professor  
and Grant Administrator  
04/03/02, Carbondale, Ill.

**THOMPSON**, Russell E.  
Former Building Service Worker  
01/26/02, Cambria, Ill.

**ZIMMERMAN**, Elwyn E.  
Emeritus Assistant Professor, Higher  
Education, 03/25/02, Carbondale, Ill.

## 1950s

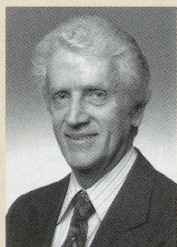
**Charles Wesley '57** of Midlothian, Va., received the E. Claiborne Robins Award given by ECR Pharmaceuticals for outstanding lifetime contribu-



tions to the pharmaceutical industry. Wesley held numerous sales and executive positions at A.H. Robins and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals before retiring in 1994. Until recently he served as a consultant to ECR Pharmaceuticals.

## 1960s

**William Fenwick '64** received the 2001 "Bernard E. Witkin Award" given by the Judicial Council of California to individuals for their significant and positive contributions to court administration. Fenwick was honored for his effort to



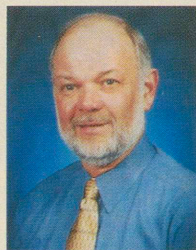
make technology an integral part of judicial administration and an everyday tool for judges. His company, Fenwick & West, provides comprehensive services to high-technology clients. With more than 300 attorneys, the company has offices in Palo Alto, Calif., San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

**W. Dennis Grubb '66** is senior adviser to emerging markets for Deloitte & Touche, Washington, D.C., and will be working on assignment in Romania through 2003. Grubb, of Chicago, has lived and worked in India, China and Korea since 1991.

**Oliver Cummings '68, Ph.D. '72** has joined ACT Inc. as director of its WorkKeys test

development division. He formerly worked at Houghton Mifflin, at the Grant Wood Area Education Agency in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and for 20 years at Arthur Andersen in St. Charles, Ill. He had been retired for six months before deciding to join ACT. He and his wife, Corenna, a professor at Northern Illinois University, have two 4-year-olds, Nicholas and Valyra.

**John Toliver '69, M.S. '72** is deputy station director for the USDA Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station in Ft.



Collins, Colo. Toliver was associate professor in the School of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries at Louisiana State University before joining the Forest Service. He has been in Ft. Collins since 1998. He and his wife, Pam, have two children.

## 1970s

**Sandra Dobkowski '70** has been named senior buyer in the Office of Publications, Division of Institutional Advancement at Syracuse University. Dobkowski was formerly production assistant at Syracuse Colour Graphics and was also in printing production management and ownership with companies in California. She lives in Liverpool, N.Y.

**Tom Gray '73, J.D. '86** has been elected mayor of Chatham, Ill., near Springfield. The town of 8,600 is the fastest-growing community in downstate Illinois with a 41 percent growth rate in the last census. Gray also serves as chief legal counsel of the Illinois Teachers Retirement System.

**Bill Dyszel '74** is winner of the 2001 "Referenceware Excellence Award" for his book, *Microsoft Outlook 2000 for Dummies*. The award, received at the Waterside Publishing Conference, recognizes authors of technology and business books that offer the highest

quality writing and most useful content. Dyszel is author of 13 books, including *PalmPilot for Dummies* and *Handspring Visor for Dummies*.

**S. Marc Herskovitz M.S. '74** is a senior attorney with the Florida Department of Insurance. He received his J.D. from Florida State University in 1987 and lives in Tallahassee.

**Sue Causey '76**, broker associate with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Racine,



Wis., has been named 2002 Realtor of the Year by the Racine Board of Realtors. She

has been a member of the board since 1993. She and her husband, Bud, have lived in Racine since 1984.

**Loren Coleman '76** is spokesperson for Sony/Screen Gems on the reality behind their new motion picture, *The Mothman Prophecies*, starring Richard Gere and Mark Pellington. This is in conjunction with the publication of Coleman's new book, *Mothman and Other Curious Encounters*.

**Tom Abrahamson '78** was promoted from managing partner to chief executive officer for



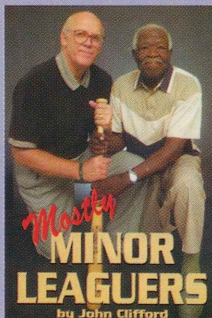
Lipman Hearne Inc., a marketing and communications firm serving the nonprofit sector.

Abrahamson has served more than 100 organizations during his 20-year marketing career. He lives in Chicago and recently completed a term as president of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago.

**Ozzie Lomax '79** has been named assistant manager of AmerenUE's Labadie Plant in Labadie, Mo. The plant is the largest of Ameren-UE's five coal-

## Decatur Alum Pens 'Mostly Minor Leaguers'

**John Clifford '67** got back to his SIU journalism roots recently when he published the book "Mostly Minor Leaguers." The publication details the history – and some of the true baseball characters – which passed through Decatur, Ill. during the community's long association with minor league baseball.



The book follows the team's connection over the years with the St. Louis Cardinals, Chicago Cubs, Detroit Tigers, and San Francisco Giants. It is a labor of love the SIU product contemplated for almost two decades.

The publication is dedicated to his oldest daughter Christi Lyn, a 1994 SIU graduate who passed away two years ago.

Clifford, who owns Decatur's two Mancino Restaurants and

used to hang around Fans Field as a youngster, felt the story of the community's minor league history needed to be told.

"There's a whole generation in Decatur that really has no appreciation for what went on out there," he notes.

The book was published by William Street Press, 602 E William St., Decatur, IL 62523, phone: (217) 421-8955. The 159-page publication costs \$9.95.

## SIU Alums To Be Leaders In Kentucky College System

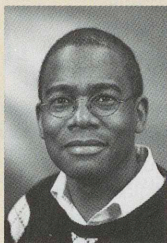
Two Southern Illinois University alumni have been named to key positions in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS).

**G. Edward Hughes Ph.D. '77** was named founding president of a comprehensive community and technical college that KCTCS is establishing in Northern Kentucky. He was formerly president of Hazard Community College and CEO of the Kentucky River Community and Technical College District.

**Michael Krause Ph.D. '93** was appointed interim director of enrollment management services for the 16-district system. Before accepting the newly created position, Krause worked at Central Kentucky Technical College and has been with KCTCS since May of 2000.

Krause recalls helping a year with the red-shirt freshmen on the SIU men's golf team. "I still have my SIU golf bag and from that experience began coaching at the two-year college level. I was inducted into the NJCAA Golf Coaches Hall of Fame in 1999.

fired power plants. Lomas joined the company after a 23-year career at Kansas City



Power and Light. A native of Venice, Ill., Lomas and his wife, Joe Ivory, live in Eureka, Mo. He is an

ordained minister and he and his wife are certified marriage facilitators. They are the parents of two daughters.

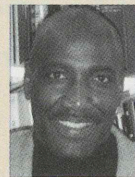
## 1980s

**John Gerdes '83, M.M. '87** and his wife, Lea, announce the birth of their son, Alexander Jordan, on Dec. 14, 2001. John is the instrumental music teacher at Compton-Drew Investigative Learning Center and adjunct faculty member at Fontbonne University. Lea is production manager for the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. Alexander has a seven-year-old half sister, Rebecca.

**John McNally '87** is editor of *Humor Me: An Anthology of Humor by Writers of Color*, published by the University of Iowa Press. He is the Jenny McKean Moore Visiting Writer at George Washington University and is author of *Troublemakers*, winner of the John Simmons Short Fiction Award, and is editor of *The*

*Student Body: Short Stories About College Students and Professors and High Infidelity: 24 Great Short Stories About Adultery.*

**James Jackson M.F.A. '86 Ph.D. '92** has joined the faculty of George Washington University as associate professor



of special education and co-coordinator of Programs for Students with Emotional and Behavioral

Disorders. Jackson was formerly an associate professor at

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and adjunct professor of communication disorders at St. Louis University.

**Edward Lance '87** has been appointed legal counsel for the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Lance, a member of the Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, is an attorney with Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago. Lance, who served as a student member of the Board of Trustees while at SIUC, is currently a member of the American Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, International Trademark Association and serves on the board of directors for the Hyde Park Art Center. He lives in Chicago.

**David Steck '87** is director of sales for Florida 1st of Winter Haven, a company engaged in administering claims for self-funded employers in the southeastern United States. Steck, who lives in Valrico, Fla., is responsible for all sales, marketing and managed-care contracting activities.

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer **Charles Kramer '89** has graduated from the Senior Enlisted Academy at the Naval Education and Training Center

in Newport, R.I. His courses covered leadership and management techniques and national security affairs.

## 1990s

Navy Lt. Cmdr. **Dennis V. Atienza '90** was promoted to his current rank while serving at Naval Hospital, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif. He is also a graduate of the Des Moines University Medical Center.

**Jonathan Gorman '90** has been named vice president of marketing and product development worldwide for Tecumseh Products Company's Engine and Transmission Group. Gorman is

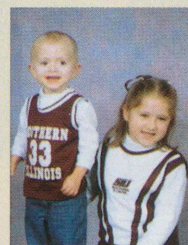


a 15-year veteran and currently serves as a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter pilot in

the Army National Guard. An avid outdoorsman, he lives in Colgate, Wis., with his wife, Emily.

**Joe Potts '92** received the 2001 "Park Professional of the Year" award from the Illinois Park and Recreation Association. Potts is superintendent of operations for the Urbana Park District and is currently pursuing a master's degree in leisure studies at the University of Illinois.

**Matt Wynn '92** and his wife, **Trudee (Buntin) Wynn '91** live in Benton, Ill., with their two children, Bailey, 7, and



Gehrig, 2 (pictured here). Matt has been teaching and coaching at the Benton

Middle School, but was recently named head boy's basketball

## A Saluki Greeting!

The Johnson family of Murphysboro donned Saluki gear for their 2002 Christmas card. From left are **Sharon Harris Johnson '72** and her husband, **Dennis '74**, their daughter **Katharine Johnson Suski '98**, her husband, **Roger '00**. Their daughter, **Anna Catherine**, goes to daycare at the Child Development Lab on campus, and the Johnson's son, **Joseph**, is currently a sophomore majoring in journalism.





coach at Benton High School. Trudee is a grant writer for Rend Lake College. She writes, "With Matt being a men's basketball alum, we enjoyed watching the Salukis and their NCAA Tourney success. If we have it our way, we will add two students to the SIU enrollment in the future."

**Brad Cole '94** has been named deputy chief of staff in charge of Illinois Gov. George Ryan's downstate office in Marion. Cole formerly was assistant director of the SIU Alumni Association and is currently serving his first term as an elected member of the Carbondale City Council. He has also served as commissioner of the Carbondale Park District and trustee of the Carbondale Public Library. He joined Gov. Ryan's staff in 1999.

**Patti Dulik '94** has been promoted to senior assistant director of orientation and new student



programs in the Purdue University Office of Admissions. Dulik, who is responsible for establish-

ing the new program, advises and supervises more than 450 student orientation leaders, one of the largest student volunteer staffs in the country.

**Terrie Pickerill '94** is one of 12 women selected to participate in the Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership Training Program. Pickerill is senior production manager for Axelrod & Associates, a political media consulting firm, and lives in Chicago. The program includes six months of training

## Michigan Couple Are Special Volunteers

**William Bauer '55** received the 2000 George Award given by the Battle Creek, Mich., *Enquirer*, for his work helping Burmese families who have immigrated to the United States.

Bauer and his wife, **Sadie '54**, who nominated her husband for the award, are retired educators and work together to help the immigrants adjust to a different culture and language in the Battle Creek community.

The Bauers became active helping the Burmese families through their church and regularly help families register their children for school, get immunizations and shop for clothing and other items. He provides driving lessons, and the couple teaches English to children and adults in their home.



## Alumni Named Navy Master Chief Petty Officer



**Terry Scott '87** has been named Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy. In announcing his selection, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark said, "Master Chief Scott follows a legacy of tremendous service, has the fleet experience, and is singularly qualified to represent sailors around the world."

Scott entered the U.S. Navy in 1976, completing basic submarine and missile technician schools. He was selected as "Sailor of the Year" in 1982 while serving his first tour of duty aboard the USS John Adams.

Among his many other awards are the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), Navy Achievement Medal (four awards), and various service and campaign awards.

He also served on the USS James Madison, USS Jacksonville, and Strike Fighter Squadron 192 deploying on board the USS Independence and USS Kitty Hawk.

in public speaking, ethics, political campaign organization and public policy.

**Tina Sherrod '95 M.S. '01** was named October Employee of the Month at the State of Illinois Central Management Services, where she is an administrative assistant with the bureau of communication and computer services. She lives in Springfield, Ill., and has two children, Phillip, 8, and Jasmyn, 3.

**Douglas Barto '99** has joined Barto Funeral Home in Springfield, Ill., representing the fifth generation of Barto family ownership. He graduated with honors from Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Wheeling, Ill. The funeral home also has a location in DePue, Ill.

**Phillip Gibson '99** will serve a three-year term on the board of trustees of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, which makes grants exclusive-



ly in North Carolina. Gibson has been involved in programs to improve the water quality in the French Broad Watershed and is active in numerous environmental organizations

across the Appalachian Mountain region.

**Rebecca King '99** is communications and information officer in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Anchorage. She recently placed first in the Team Speedy Mail Armed Forces Eco-Challenge 2001 and also placed 12th in the Eco-Challenge New Zealand 2001.

## 2000s

**Keith Mitchell '01** has received a scholarship to pursue his master's degree in public administration at Golden Gate University in San Francisco. He has been stationed at Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas.

Navy Chief Warrant Officer **Roy Phillips '01** is working at the Charleston, W.V. Navy Recruiting Station. Phillips joined the Navy in July of 1976 and for most of his career has worked in the Navy's fleet. Phillips was screened, then attended five weeks of recruiting orientation training to qualify for the job. He and his wife, Elaine, have three children.

Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer **Kenneth Weber '01** has graduated from the Senior Enlisted Academy at the Naval Education and Training Center in Newport, R.I.

## JULY

- 20 **Kane County Cougars Alumni Picnic.** Kane County Cougars vs. Burlington Bees at 6 p.m. Pre-game picnic begins at 4 p.m. Location: Elfstrom Stadium, 34W002 Cherry Lane, Geneva, Ill. Join alumni and friends for a picnic, game and fireworks. For additional information, contact Dave Ardrey, SIU Alumni Association, (618) 453-2408.
- 27 **SIU Day at Busch Stadium Pre-Game Tailgate.** Tailgate is at 10 a.m. Location: Corner of Broadway & Spruce streets (south of Stadium near the pedestrian overpass), St. Louis, Mo. Mingle with alumni and friends for an old-fashioned Saluki/Cardinal tailgate. Game time is 12:15 p.m. For additional information, contact Dave Ardrey, SIU Alumni Association, (618) 453-2408.

## AUGUST

- 1 13th Annual Chicagoland Golf Outing, Bloomingdale, Ill.
- 2-4 Decatur Celebration, Decatur, Ill.
- 3 Chicago White Sox vs. Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Tampa, Fla. Pre-Game gathering.
- 9-18 **Illinois State Fair**, Springfield, Ill. Visit the SIU tent to see exhibits of the latest happenings at the University.
- 10 Annual Alumni Picnic, Detroit, Mich.

- 11 Saluki Family Day at Comiskey Park, Chicago, Ill. White Sox host Seattle Mariners at 1 p.m. Pre-game tailgate begins at 11 a.m.
- 23-Sept. 2 **Du Quoin State Fair**, Du Quoin, Ill. Visit the SIU dome to see exhibits of the latest happenings at the University.
- 29 **Saluki Football vs. Kentucky Wesleyan**, home, 7 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER

- 7 **Saluki Football vs. Southeast Missouri State**, home, 7 p.m.
- 14 Saluki Football at Murray State, Murray, Ky., 6 p.m.
- 21 **Saluki Football vs. West Virginia Tech**, home, 7 p.m.
- 28 Saluki Football at Eastern Michigan, Ypsilanti, Mich., 5 p.m.

## OCTOBER

- 5 **SIU Alumni Homecoming Celebration.** Pre-game tailgate east of McAndrew Stadium. **Saluki Football vs. Western Illinois**, home, 1:30 p.m.
- 12 **Parents Weekend. Saluki Football vs. Northern Iowa**, home, 7 p.m.
- 19 Saluki Football at Illinois State, Bloomington, Ill., 1:30 p.m. Pre-game football tailgate for alumni.
- 26 Saluki Football at Southwest Missouri, Springfield, Mo., 1:30 p.m.

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were not happening fast enough.

When Cash moved on to the insurance business in Ohio, he took time out to earn a master's degree in marketing from The Ohio State University and this time was a little more serious about his academics. His highly successful career in the financial services industry – insurance, securities and marketing – would span 30 years.

After serving as president of the insurance subsidiary of Huntington Bancshares Inc. in Ohio, Cash was recruited by Farmer's Insurance Group to head its financial services marketing division in California. He calls the years spent with Farmer's the pinnacle of his career.

Early retirement five years later enabled Cash to spend more time sailing and searching for just the right boat for himself. He found the ocean catamaran he wanted in Durban, South Africa, and when it was ready, he flew to Durban, hired an experienced crew, then sailed literally halfway around the world to bring the "Kat Atomic" home to Marina Del Rey.

As the crew sailed across the Atlantic Ocean, through the Panama Canal, stopping at exotic ports in Africa, Central America and the Caribbean, including St. Helena Island, where the British exiled former French Emperor Napoleon, Cash kept a detailed logbook.

A self-avowed fair-weather sailor, he points out that timing for the trip was one of the most important decisions made by the crew. There was little rain, and the strongest winds were along the southernmost point of Africa, where, according to his

records, winds were 40 knots with 30-foot seas. "The ocean is friendlier than people think," says Cash.

Over the four and a half months on board, Cash read 17 books and had time to finish a novel he was writing. The book, titled *Between Here and There*, is an adventure story about three couples who are on a weekend cruise to the islands off the coast of California when disaster strikes. Cash is also writing a book about his lengthy voyage, filling the gaps in his logbook with pictures and detailed descriptions of the crew's experiences.

"The trip was punctuated by moments of delightful adventures, spectacular scenery and wonderful people," says Cash, who had to be talked into taking the trip by friends and family. His daughter, Christie, and her family live in Santa Monica, and his son, Jay, is attending college in Columbus, Ohio.

A certified instructor for the American Sailing Association (ASA), Cash has a U.S. Coast Guard Captain's license, which means he can take people out in boats on a commercial basis. He enjoys sharing the joys of sailing with people. "I never tire of the irony of getting paid to do something it used to cost me thousands to do myself," muses Cash.

When on land, he teaches marketing and business classes at the University of Phoenix, and "works for fun" at a sailboat charter company in Marina Del Rey.

Cash is currently considering another crossing. When he received an offer he couldn't refuse and sold the "Kat Atomic," he began negotiations for another one.

Although he may have had some problems early on figuring out what he wanted to do with his life, Jim Cash has since made up for any lost time. ■

# A Step Back In Time



## 40 Years Ago

While the University currently assesses needs for construction and building space for the years ahead, Southern enjoyed booming expansion efforts four decades ago. Once the site of a baseball field, the Education Building is shown above during initial construction activity in the early 1960s.

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# *An Inspiration To Her Profession*

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ethel Holladay has always found a way to bring a good education to her students.

During a 30-year teaching career, she also has made important contributions to education on a state and national level and was most recently honored as the “2002 National Business Education Association Secondary Teacher of the Year.”

When Holladay arrived at the Du Quoin High School 24 years ago, she organized new classes in accounting, business law, and business management, and later developed special materials and equipment for students with disabilities in her keyboarding classes. When funds were unavailable for new computers, she wrote a successful proposal that allowed her to lease the computers for a month to expose her students to the new technology.

Du Quoin High School Principal David Skocy calls Holladay a leader and an inspiration to the profession. “She is respected by her colleagues and admired by the students she instructs,” he adds.

In presenting the award last March, chair of the NBEA awards committee Jim Miles, pointed out that “enthusiasm, dedication, and unflagging energy are Ethel’s hallmarks.”

Holladay has held leadership posts in the Illinois and North Central Business Education Associations, and has garnered “Teacher of the Year Awards” from each. An SIU Alumni Association Life Member, she was recently recognized as one of the “Top 10 Illinois High School Instructors” and was appointed to a panel of professional educators in Illinois charged with developing certification standards for new teachers.

Holladay’s SIU roots are deep. “My mother and brother graduated from SIU and I met my husband, Doc, there. Also, many teachers and classmates from my years at SIU are still an important part of my life. Professor Marcia Anderson came to the University while I was an undergrad and continues to be my teacher and a constant source of support,” she says.

The Holladays are a highly visible couple at University events, active members of the Booster Club and avid sports fans. Ethel is active in advisory roles in the College of Education and with honorary sororities on campus. Doc Holladay, who serves on the WSIU Friends Board and is active in the “Fantasy Auction,” retired after 37 years as a graphic artist with the University Printing and Duplicating Services, where he began working as a student.

As president of the Perry County Alumni Chapter for five years, Ethel was instrumental in the formation of its scholarship program. For her many contributions to education and to her alma mater, the SIU Alumni Association proudly salutes Ethel Holladay.

*“Growing up in nearby Carterville, Ill., I have always been a Saluki. Southern was the only place I even considered when selecting a college. My education continues some 30 years after my graduation, so I’m so glad I live close enough to participate in the educational, cultural, and sporting events offered by the University.*”



**Ethel Holladay**

***Ethel Holladay '73, M.S. '78  
SIU Alumni Association Life Member  
Du Quoin High School Business Teacher***

# Alumni Show Saluki Pride

The SIU Alumni Association often hears from constituents regarding activities – positive and negative – that impact the University. One recent event, however, did nothing but bring countless Salukis streaming back to their Southern roots.

The deeper SIU's basketball team progressed in this year's NCAA Tournament, the more alumni started to call, write and e-mail our office. "I haven't felt this proud to be a Southern grad in 20 years," one caller from California noted. "I've knocked some dust off regarding my Saluki pride." SIU won the regional in Chicago, turning United Center into a virtual home court while earning a spot in the Sweet 16, a slot on the CBS prime-time telecast, and a place in the hearts of alumni everywhere.

For their part in bringing alumni together this spring, the SIU Alumni Association salutes head coach Bruce Weber and his 2002 basketball squad. And one more thing – the two standouts shown here are back next year.

See you at the SIU Arena this fall!



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