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SIU’s Jerry Hairston Jr. – Making it to the Major Leagues preserves a proud family legacy
Scholarship Honors Telecommunications Pioneer

Patrick Quernheim of Waterloo, Ill., a freshman at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, recently was named the inaugural winner of the Harrisonville Telephone Company/Henry W. Gentsch Memorial Scholarship. The award is $1,000 a year for four years. Harrisonville Telephone Company, based in Waterloo, contributed $101,000 to Southern to create the Harrisonville Telephone Company/Henry W. Gentsch Memorial Scholarship. H. R. Gentsch, president and CEO, says the scholarship fund honors his father, Henry W.

Gentsch, whose telecommunications career spanned nearly 73 years.

Gentsch, who was born in Campbell Hill, Ill., began his tenure with Harrisonville Telephone Company in 1945 as a director. Following a 35-year career with AT&T Corp., he joined Harrisonville Telephone Company full-time in 1962, serving as president and chairman of the board until his retirement and continued serving as a director until his death in 2000.

“We are pleased that Harrisonville Telephone Company has chosen to honor the memory of Henry W. Gentsch with a scholarship at Southern,” says Larry Dietz, SIUC’s vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management. “The scholarship will serve to remember Mr. Gentsch for years to come and give deserving students a chance to further their education.”

To qualify for the scholarship, candidates must reside in the Harrisonville Telephone Company exchange areas of Waterloo, Columbia, Red Bud, Renault, Valmeyer, Prairie Du Rocher or Dupo, and parents or guardians of the candidates must be customers of Harrisonville Telephone Company. The award is highly based on academic merit, school and community service, and financial need.

Rickey McCurry, SIUC’s vice chancellor for institutional advancement, notes that the generosity of Harrisonville Telephone Company will have a long-lasting impact. “This is an extraordinary gift to the University, and it supports an area of critical need,” he says. “It will provide support for students at Southern for many generations to come. I’m grateful to Harrisonville Telephone Company and SIUC will use this gift to honor the memory of Henry W. Gentsch.”
FEATURES

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When former Saluki standout Jerry Hairston Jr. made it to the Major Leagues, he not only fulfilled a dream, but it also marked the first time a third-generation African-American had ever played a professional sport. Now with the Baltimore Orioles, Hairston reflects on how his upbringing has guided him to his goal.

There's Always Something To Do

As the oldest Marine in Houston, Texas, Marion Allen Harrison takes great pride in her long association with the USMC. Now 90-years-old, she was a regimental illustrator in the service, and still uses her artistic talents to teach, entertain, and keep her mind in constant motion. "I can't imagine just doing nothing," she notes. "I always have things I want to do."

An Aerobatic Dazzler

SIU product and United Airlines pilot Allan Englehardt used to enjoy having his son, Ty, accompany him on flights and study his craft. Now Ty is showing his father a thing or two as one of the youngest aerobatic competitors in the United States. "It's neat to see my Dad terrified while I am in complete control," he jokes.

The Watercolorist

With a talent that took shape in Carbondale during the 1970s, painter Matthew Daub has carved out a niche in the art world. Utilizing watercolors, he produces images which at first glance appear to be photographs. Recently honored by the College of Liberal Arts, Daub returned to campus and reflected on those formative years.
With Camden Yards framed as a spectacular backdrop, Baltimore Orioles second baseman Jerry Hairston broke into a wide grin. The former standout Saluki infielder had been discussing life in the Major Leagues when a Southern memory suddenly popped into his head.

"Remember the trip to Wichita," Hairston laughs, "when we brought six videos with Seinfeld reruns on them and watched eight hours worth of that stuff on the bus? I still think about things like that."

I remembered it well. Working in the Saluki Athletics Department during the years Hairston played baseball at Southern, we had shared many such experiences. Long road trips crammed into a school bus provided abundant likelihood for camaraderie — and dubious video choices.

"I had a wonderful time at Southern," Hairston recalls, "and little things like that still cross my mind. I wouldn't trade those years at SIU, as I learned a great deal and made friends I'll have all of my life."

Selected in the 11th round of the 1997 Major League Baseball Draft, Hairston enjoyed a meteoric rise as a professional. In a span of only 16 months, he went from Abe Martin Field to the big leagues, jumping from Class A to the Majors during one whirlwind season. When he was called up to the majors in 1998, he became the first third-generation African-American to ever play a professional sport, following his grandfather (Sam), father (Jerry Sr.) and uncle (John) to the big leagues.

Hairston's closest friend at SIU was Joe Schley (owner of the aforementioned Seinfeld tapes), who ended his Saluki baseball career as the program's all-time hits leader. Schley still talks to his old roommate and is thrilled with the success Hairston has already enjoyed at the tender age of 26.

"A lot of guys play the game, but they don't talk the game away from the field," Schley says. "Not Jerry — he wanted to talk baseball at the apartment, at dinner or when he was walking across campus. His focus and love for the game was something I really admired."

Hairston continues to stay in touch with the SIU program. When the Salukis played at Stetson University in 1999, he drove four hours unannounced to see the team play. The next year he showed up in Tampa when the Dawgs played University of South Florida.

"When I go to spring training, I see if Southern is going to be in the region and if I can get over there," he says. "I've tried to go — that's my school, and I want to see them play."

Saluki head coach Dan Callahan knows this type of interest by a Major League player is the exception, not the rule.

"Seeing him take the initiative to see us play tells me he cares about SIU," Callahan says. "Whenever we have asked Jerry to help us with auction items or equipment needs, he has been happy to try and help — not everyone at that level has his track record."

The Naperville, Ill., native takes pride in his loyalty and knows Southern will always be special to him. "It is a part of me. Many people there played roles in helping me get where I am. I've been able to achieve some of my dreams, and SIU was key in that process."

I hope you enjoy our look at Hairston's fast track to the big leagues while taking pride that his swift route to the top came straight through Carbondale.
Southern Holds A Special Place In Their Lives

Let me compliment you on the new Southern Alumni magazine. I love it! SIU means so very much to me and my husband. In 1931, I, Myrtle Puckett, entered Southern Illinois Teacher's College on a four-year scholarship, and it was there that I met my future husband, Curtis Puckett. For a while I called him my future husband, Curtis Puckett (shown here with her husband, Curtis, on their 65th wedding anniversary) is grateful Southern honored her scholarship – 33 years after it was first awarded.

Puckett. After we searched the branches of family trees and found no relation, our relationship changed. We were married in 1936 and celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 28, 2001 – Curtis's 90th birthday. I will celebrate my 90th on Feb. 18, 2003.

These 65 years have been happy ones for us, as we have been blessed with three daughters, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Our children have made us proud. Arline (Puckett) Patterson has a doctorate in education from Texas A & M and is director of Extended Learning at Texas Lutheran University. Verna Lou (Puckett) Reagon has 38 years of teaching experience and is involved with teaching talented and gifted students in Corpus Christi, Texas. Patricia Anne (Puckett) Spray is also a teacher and was "Elementary Teacher of the Year" in Austin, Texas.

After two years at Southern during the Depression years (1931-33), I started teaching with a Limited State Elementary School Certificate. After teaching three years in a one-room school – all grades – in Franklin and Wayne counties, I took time out to start our family. Sixteen years later, I returned to the classroom; by now, we were living in Texas. This explains why we are not listed in the class of '34 or '35.

It was not until 1964 that I returned to the SIU campus to receive my degree. Upon re-entering, the admission office asked for my scholarship certificate (their record had been destroyed by fire). Upon receiving it, they honored the scholarship after all those years – 33 to be exact. What a blessing! I'm still grateful.

Curtis paid his way to SIU by working in the athletic office for William McAndrew. Having a degree from Lockyear's Business College in Evansville, his typing ability surpassed the others who competed for the job. McAndrew used to say, "Call Mr. Puckett – he is a whiz on the typewriter."

Curtis also taught for one year on a Limited State Elementary School Certificate. He later worked for Pure Oil, the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and eventually became a secondary math teacher, earning a degree from Southwest Texas in 1970 at the age of 59. He taught for 12 years before retiring, while I retired with 32 happy years to my credit at age 70. While we are both very proud to be listed in Outstanding Teachers of America, our foundation came from the campus of SIU. We shall retain many fond memories of the old SIU, as our lives were enriched for having enrolled there.

We are proud life members of the SIU Alumni Association. Thank you SIU!

Myrtle Puckett '64
Curtis Puckett
San Antonio, Tex.

SIU Memories Run Deep For California Saluki

First of all, I truly enjoy reading Southern Alumni each time it arrives, and I want to thank you and your staff for producing such interesting articles. I was born and raised in Carbondale, born and raised in Carbondale, and was the youngest son, Russ, and we were both coached in high school by the late Bud Stotlar. Many of our basketball games were refereed by the late Bill OBrien, whom I had the opportunity to later see officiate NFL games.

My Carbondale connections run deep. My grandfather, Lewis Edward Rauch, was active in the Masonic Lodge and became Abe Martin's teacher for the pre-instruction teachings that were required for becoming a Mason. They were good friends, and just before my grandfather died, Abe sent him a nice letter that was signed by the entire SIU basketball team that won the 1947 small college tournament in Kansas City.

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Dear Readers...

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

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

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

We are looking forward to hearing from you! Thank you for your continued support of the SIU Alumni Association.
Magazine Is Always Welcome In His Mailbox

The arrival of the Southern Alumni is always welcome in my mailbox, and I quickly turn to the Class Notes and (regretfully) the obituary column – the latter especially as the years have passed since our class (1942) graduated.

I retired for the second time in 2001 and now spend most of my time either reading or writing. I also am slowly going through my vast library – my guess is about 50,000 books – and packing them up as quickly as I find boxes and places to set them. I intend to get them ready for presentation to SIU’s Morris Library.

All the books, except for a few selected by our children and my theological books that will go to my church, will be given to Morris Library. Any not needed in their collections may be sold with proceeds used for any purchases they might need.

I have for several years been a member of the state poetry societies in Indiana, Georgia, Michigan, West Virginia and Missouri, and also submit poetry to contests in numerous other states.

I also continue to maintain interest in activities and sports at Southern and will be coming to Carbondale for Homecoming this October. I especially look forward to seeing any from 1942, as this is the 60th anniversary of our class.

Albert R. Horrell ’42, M.S. ’61
St. Charles, Mo.

Arizona Highways Publisher
Astounded By Reaction To Magazine Story

I have been astounded by the reaction to the story on me featured in the last edition of Southern Alumni magazine. I’ve heard from my high school driver’s education teacher (who graduated from SIU), Ray Wiley, my college advisor (now retired and living in Florida), Marv Kieinau, my freshman debate team coach (also retired from SIU but still living in Murphysboro), and numerous letters and e-mails from people who attended Southern during the same general time frame of the late 1960s.

One letter came from a woman I do not know, who said she was caught in the riot melee of the time, and a National Guardsman elected not to strike her – although he had the opportunity. She said the story reminded her of both the wonderful experience she had as an undergraduate at SIU, as well as the tragic overlay of the Vietnam War and the attendant protests on campus.

Thanks again for your courtesy, and for starting a rather remarkable experience for me and my family.

Win Holden ’70
Publisher
Arizona Highways Magazine
Phoenix, Ariz.

Southern MBA Degree Has Opened Many Doors

I recently received the American College of Health Care Executives Regents Award for early career achievement, and I strongly believe this recognition is because of the roots formed during my early education at SIU.

The MBA degree has opened many doors for me and has played a major role in my career transition from a full-time practicing internist to managing a large integrated health-care system within the short time span of two years. Southern's MBA program offered me the flexibility of being able to take two or three courses every semester, while allowing me to maintain a busy clinical schedule.

The many lessons I learned from my various classes continue to be very helpful in my day-to-day decision making.

My wife, Rupali (SIU associate's degree ’95), and our four children now live in Maryland but maintain our ties to Southern Illinois University through family and friends. I also serve on the External Advisory Board of the College of Business Administration.

Mr. Green, we enjoy your magazine very much and wish you and your staff continued success.

Sunil K. Sinha, MBA ’98
Columbia, Md.

Alumni Directory Project Underway

Representatives of Harris Publishing Company will be phoning SIU Alumni until mid-November for the verification phase of our SIU Alumni Association Alumni Directory project. Much of the information to be verified on each listing will be going into the directory, providing our alumni base with data sorted by alphabet, class year, and geographical location. There will also be special information from the Alumni Association, as well as photos and material about SIU.

Soon, locating fellow alumni will be as easy as turning a page with the SIU Alumni Association Directory. You may reserve your personal copy when the Harris representative calls, but don't delay - only pre-publication orders will be guaranteed.

The last alumni directory offering at Southern was in 1988.
Dunn Named Southern's Provost And Vice Chancellor

John Dunn, dean and professor of the College of Health at the University of Utah, has accepted the offer to serve as Southern's provost and vice chancellor. His appointment, subject to ratification by the SIU Board of Trustees, is effective Nov. 1.

"John Dunn is a talented administrator with experience in budgetary challenges. We visited his campus and found without exception his colleagues respected his opinions and management style," says SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler. "He is a man with keen intellect, an analytical eye and a passion for his profession."

Dunn says he looks forward to serving as provost and vice chancellor.

"I am pleased and honored to have been selected as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Southern Illinois University Carbondale," says Dunn, a native of Pinckneyville, Ill. "SIU has a rich history, and an exciting and promising future.

"I look forward to working with Chancellor Wendler, the deans, faculty, staff and students. Ours is a joint effort — a team commitment — to maximize resources for the betterment of our students, to support and foster research and creative activity, and to serve the many publics that look to SIU for assistance, leadership and support."

Dunn holds bachelor's and master's degrees in physical education from Northern Illinois University. He holds a doctoral degree in physical education from Brigham Young University. He says that although he grew up in southern Illinois, he enrolled at NIU where his uncle was on the faculty.

Koropchak Named Vice Chancellor For Research And Graduate Dean

John Koropchak is the University's first Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean. He has served in the position in an interim capacity since November and was the overwhelming choice after an extensive national search, says SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler.

"John Koropchak understands that in strengthening our research mission, we strengthen the entire University," Wendler explains. "Since he began serving in the position on an acting basis, we have seen a 20 percent growth in external research funding. He has also led a successful initiative to gain startup funding for new faculty so they can compete with peers in research and scholarly and creative activities."

Koropchak came to Southern in 1984 from the U.S. Army Chemical Research and Development Center, where he spent three years as a research chemist. He won tenure in 1990 and became a full professor four years later.

He says he looks forward to the challenges ahead in growing graduate studies, supporting the varied research and creative activities of faculty and in increasing the University's success in obtaining federal grants and other external awards.

"Growth in our graduate student population the last three years stands at about 10 percent," Koropchak notes. "As we considered graduate enrollment in the Southern at 150 planning process we decided that by the year 2019, we should aim to have 5,800 graduate students here, an increase of 1,700 students from where we are now. That is a number that will be consistent with our aspirational peers."

During Koropchak's tenure as interim associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and research and dean of the graduate school, external grant awards increased by ten percent in fiscal year 2000 and another ten percent in fiscal year 2001, increases that were well above national averages. His external grant acquisition record spans two decades and totals nearly $3 million.

Koropchak earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., in 1976 and a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Georgia in 1980.
Dorsey Becomes First Alum To Head SIU School Of Medicine

Southern Illinois University Carbondale Chancellor Walter Wendler recently named Dr. J. Kevin Dorsey as dean and provost for SIU School of Medicine. Dorsey, a professor of internal medicine, had been serving as interim dean since November and was one of five finalists in a national search.

"Dr. Dorsey is the first physician with a degree from this school to head this school," Wendler says. "He is a person of great vision, energy and integrity and the school will continue to succeed under his leadership. I'm pleased he has accepted the position."

Dorsey is the third dean for the medical school that began in 1970; he succeeds Dr. Carl Getto who left SIUC last fall for the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics and Medical School in Madison. The new medical school head is a life member of the SIU Alumni Association.

"It is a rare privilege to be selected to lead an institution that not only I care so much about, but also one that cares so much for the people of Illinois whom we serve," Dorsey says.

Dorsey joined the SIU faculty as assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry in 1973 and then returned to earn his medical degree in 1978. After additional training, he rejoined the faculty in 1983 when he was named an assistant professor and coordinator of clinical teaching activities for first-year medical students. In 1998, Dorsey was named as associate provost for the southern region in Carbondale. For 15 years, he also was a rheumatologist with The Carbondale Clinic.

Dorsey earned his bachelor's at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn. (1964) and his doctoral in physiological chemistry at University of Wisconsin (1968). He was a postdoctoral fellow in biology at The Johns Hopkins University (1970-73). After earning his medical degree at SIU (1978), he completed his internal medicine residency and a two-year fellowship in rheumatology at the University of Iowa (1981, 1983).

Among his many honors are teaching awards from the medical school as well as from students. In 1993, he was the first SIU medical school graduate to be named a Distinguished Alumnus.

Dorsey's community activities include serving as vice chair of the board of trustees for Southern Illinois Healthcare. He is a member of the Task Force to Improve End-of-Life Care in Carbondale and helped establish a free clinic in Jackson County.

Dorsey plans to move to Springfield but will continue to spend time in both Springfield and Carbondale, as the School of Medicine has programs at each location.

On The Side

Stupegia New Development Officer For Morris Library

After working at SIU's Morris Library the past four years, Christine Stupegia is well aware of the library's value to the University community and to the region. She now will put that familiarity to new uses as the SIU Foundation's Development Director for Morris Library.

Stupegia has been education/psychology librarian at Morris since January 2001. From June 1998 until January 2001, she was a research librarian/manager for the Shawnee Library System's field office at Morris Library.

"I have a big place in my heart for the library and what it means for the region," Stupegia says. "I see the development position as a way to reach out and help make the library even better."

Stupegia is one of three southern Illinois librarians to receive the 2002 Reference Services Award, given by the Illinois Library Association's Reference Services Forum. The award recognizes their volunteer contributions to Reference Recycling.

Roger Neuhaus, associate vice chancellor for SIU's Office of Institutional Advancement, says Stupegia "brings a wealth of library science experience to the position, and she has a great deal of passion for the programs and services provided by Morris Library. We're excited to have her on our development team."

Dorsey earned his medical degree at SIU in 1978.
Shipley To Head Chicago Development Office

Rick Shipley is no stranger to competition, and he'll be the first to tell you that he loves a challenge. Saluki basketball fans remember him on the Arena floor from 1988-1991, and the Centralia native's name is still prominent in the SIU record books. Twelfth in career points and fifth in career rebounds, Shipley will now try to pile up some new numbers for the University as the SIU Foundation's development director in the Chicago area.

"We have close to 30,000 alums in Chicago and I'm trying to develop renewed interest in our University among them."

After receiving his bachelor's degree in accounting in 1992, Shipley spent more than five years as an insurance adjuster before turning to sales. He was the Midwestern sales representative for a small industrial supply company, and for the past two years has been the sales manager for a south suburban Chicago industrial supply company.

Shipley, a member of the SIU Alumni Association since 1993, is back with his alma mater for a variety of reasons.

"I'm impressed with the leadership now in place," Shipley notes. "It appears there is stability that wasn't here for a number of years. When you look at this University and the size of our endowment, it isn't as high as some other universities our size, and I like the challenge of helping get Southern on the right track."

Shipley feels his sales background will be a solid fit for this post.

"I'm a go-getter," he says, "and know how to interact with people. I know how to communicate with people, and when you combine that with some other built-in factors — I think I carry a little bit of recognition — maybe I can open a few doors."

Dawg Fans Again Help Cool Off Fair Patrons

If you attended the Illinois State Fair or the Du Quoin State Fair this summer, you saw something "back by popular demand": the second edition of the famous Saluki dog fans.

Visitors to last year's fairs scooped up thousands of the fans, and the Chicago Tribune cited the fan — that featured a picture of Tut, a Saluki owned by John and Linda Saunders — as its "most favorite state fair giveaway."

This year's version, featuring a picture of Merlin, a Saluki owned by SIU Alumni Association President Don Magee and his wife, Karen, was unveiled early in August at Media Day at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.

Chancellor Walter Wendler says he thinks the fans will help make Saluki fans. "They were very popular and we think families will remember Southern when they think of excellence on the court and off," he notes.

Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry says the fans promote the institution. "Last year the fans were terrific silent ambassadors, and this year's version is just as effective in promoting the University."

On The Side

Southern Graduate To Fly On Space Shuttle Mission

Joan Higginbotham '87 has been assigned to the crew of a Space Shuttle mission, scheduled for flight in fall 2003. Honored as an SIU Distinguished Alumni in 1999, she holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Southern and will serve as a mission specialist on a six-member crew that will continue assembly of the International Space Station.

"I'm real excited about this," says Higginbotham. "It is a little bit daunting though — there is a lot of work to do in order to get ready for the mission."

This will be Higginbotham's first trip into space, and as a rookie she is trying to learn all she can to prepare. As a mission specialist, her job will be to operate the space station's mechanical arm.

"I want to make sure I'm a good crew member so they'll have me back on another mission," she notes. "I'll be in the space station helping other astronauts who will be on a space walk to install several components on the station."

Higginbotham began her NASA career two weeks after graduating from the University. First assigned to the Kennedy Space Center as a Payload Electrical Engineer in the Electrical and Telecommunications Division, she was later transferred to the space center's Operations Support Branch, where she tested space station hardware for launch readiness. She has also led orbiter experiments for the Space Shuttle Columbia and Space Shuttle Atlantis and has actively participated in 53 space shuttle launches during her tenure at the Kennedy Space Center.

Selected as an astronaut candidate by NASA in 1996, Higginbotham reported to the Johnson Space Center in August 1996. Since that time, she has performed technical duties in support of the Space Shuttle program. In addition to her undergraduate degree, Higginbotham earned masters of management and space systems degrees from Florida Institute of Technology in 1992 and 1996, respectively.
A proud family tradition pilots former Saluki standout Jerry Hairston on his Major League Baseball journey.

On a dusty Mexican baseball diamond, three generations posed on the side of the field for a quick family photograph. It was 1979, and two of the men had already played Major League Baseball. "He'll be the next one," Sam Hairston flatly stated. "No doubt about it!"

Jerry Hairston Jr. grinned at the prediction and then shuffled off the field. Only 3 years old at the time, he had no way of grasping the scope of his grandfather's words. But destiny was firmly in motion.

Nineteen years later he would make the words prophetic, becoming the first third-generation African-American to ever play in the Major Leagues. Even though his trip to "The Show" has moved at a rapid pace, Hairston awakes each morning keenly aware of a bloodline that has quietly guided him to this spot in his life.

Growing Up In The Game

Sam Hairston's route to the big leagues was anything but rapid. Beginning in Birmingham, Ala., with the Black Barons of the Negro Leagues, he had a banner career as a star catcher. Winning the Negro American League's Triple Crown in 1950, he finally earned a trip to the Major Leagues the next season.

When Sam stepped to the plate in 1951, he became the first African-American to ever play for the Chicago White Sox. Catching in the bullpen that...
Fateful day, he was suddenly summoned into the game as pinch-hitter. Racing in from centerfield, he scrambled to get a bat and rushed to the plate.

"He picked up a bat and ran up there, but before he could hit, a teammate snatched the bat out of his hands," Jerry Hairston Sr. recently told MLB.com reporter Ken Mandell. "He didn't want a black man using his bat."

Sam instead borrowed a bat from White Sox Hispanic standout Minnie Minoso, and doubled in a run on his first at-bat. Playing in four games that season, he recorded two hits in five at-bats, drew two walks, drove in a run, and played flawless defense. The result of this performance? He was sent to the minor leagues.

Four games, five at-bats — the Major League dream was over for the 31-year-old almost before it started. Jackie Robinson may have broken baseball's color barrier seasons before, but it occurred too late to showcase Sam's prime playing years. He played nine more seasons in the minors (winning league MVP honors in 1953 and the league batting title in 1955), forging a 45-year career in the White Sox organization as a player, coach and scout.

When Sam Hairston was called up to the White Sox in 1951, Chicago manager Paul Richards — a former catcher — was there to discuss the tricks of the trade.

Ripken Was A Role Model

For a self-proclaimed baseball nut like Jerry Hairston, playing with Cal Ripken Jr. provided thrills and life lessons he will never forget. When Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's Major League record for consecutive games played (2,131) on Sept. 6, 1995, Hairston had just arrived on the SIU campus.

"I remember watching it on television in Carbondale and almost crying as he took that long walk around the stadium shaking hands with fans and sharing the moment with the people of Baltimore," Hairston recalls. "It was a great moment for the game."

Little did Hairston know that a few years later he would have a front row seat to history, playing with Ripken when the consecutive game streak finally came to an end on Sept. 20, 1998. After 2,632 games in a row, baseball's iron man took a day off. Like the rest of America, his young teammate stood and applauded.

"I learned as much from him as I could during the two years we played together," Hairston says. "He is a humble person with great class, and the organization and the city of Baltimore still misses him. The biggest thing he taught me was to never panic in this game — play hard and things will work out for you."

Outside Pitch magazine once noted that while Ripken dutifully went through his pre-game ritual of signing autographs for fans, he was often joined by one — and only one teammate — Hairston.

"Despite their differences in age and experience, Hairston and Ripken have much in common," Louis Berney said in the article. "Growing up in baseball families, they both consider themselves genuine fans of the game. Strange as that may sound, it is not that common among Major Leaguers today."

Interacting with fans is important to Hairston, who has also taken an active role at the Orioles Academy, an alternative school for at-risk middle school students.

"Before I was a player, I was a fan," he says. "My dad always chatted with fans and signed autographs, so that is the way I learned the game. Ten years ago, that was me out there asking for autographs. Sometimes guys have a tendency to forget where they came from."

"Before we were big leaguers, we were Little Leaguers. I never want to forget that."
Never bitter and always with a love for baseball, he passed his knowledge of the game along to his sons, two of whom made it to the top. John was an outfielder for the Chicago Cubs in 1969, and Jerry spent 14 years with the Chicago White Sox and Pittsburgh Pirates from 1973-89.

Jerry and his wife, Esperanza, would welcome a son into the world on May 29, 1976, and the third generation of the Hairston family would soon be at his father's knee in ballparks from Chicago to Venezuela.

**The Road To Southern**

“They tell me my first word was ‘ball,’” Jerry Jr. laughs. “I don’t really have an exact early memory of being around baseball, because I always was around it. Period.”

As a youngster, he would fool around on the field at Comiskey Park with buddies like Casey Fisk (son of Carlton) and Ryan Luzinski (son of Greg). His idols could not only be viewed up close and personal but were also available for tutoring.

“I picked up a great deal just watching White Sox players like Ozzie Guillen and Harold Baines,” he says. “My father always backed me as I grew more and more interested in baseball, but he never pushed me. He simply let me play the game and enjoy it. He was not the kind of person who forced, pushed or interfered with the joy I had playing baseball.”

When asked, however, father and grandfather were happy to share any insight they could with their anxious pupil. As Jerry Sr. once noted, his son “probably learned quite a bit just sitting around the dinner table.”

As the younger Hairston's skills started to take shape, so did production on the field. A two-time all-conference pick at Naperville (Ill.) North High School, he was all-state as a senior following a conference-record season of hitting .517.

Schools like Northwestern, Auburn and Illinois soon came calling, but Southern Illinois University was already there. The Salukis were the first program to show solid interest in Hairston, and that would make a difference.

“SIU showed the most interest, followed me all the way, and were loyal throughout the process,” he remembers. “I pride myself in being a loyal person, and selecting Southern had a lot to do with that trait. I appreciated the fact that they were in touch with me first.”

SIU head baseball coach Dan Callahan couldn’t believe what he saw when he first recruited Hairston.

“I started hearing about Jerry his sophomore year in high school, but saw him for the first time when he was a junior,” Callahan recalls. “Even as a prep player, his actions and demeanor on the field were rare. It was obvious he had not grown up in a normal baseball environment - he had grown up in a Major League clubhouse.”

Hairston would later be drafted out of high school by the Baltimore Orioles, but he opted for college to get stronger, add maturity and continue his education.

In only his second season as SIU's coach, Callahan was anxious to add the talented infielder to his 1996 squad. As is his nature, he was blunt and honest with his prized recruit.

After being MVC Freshman-of-the-Year in 1996, Hairston shared the next Saluki media guide cover with veterans Dave Piazza (center) and Aaron Jones. This season he graced the cover of the Orioles' game program.
"Cal told me I would have the opportunity to play as a freshman, but he was also quick to tell me that it wasn't a given," Hairston recalls. "They were not going to just give me a spot. I would have to earn it. Some schools were telling me just the opposite. I appreciated his honesty."

With several options in front of him, Hairston decided to become a Saluki. Despite vast knowledge from a long baseball career, his father was known for never interfering with Junior's prep coaches. Senior sent that same message when he approached Callahan and said, "He's in your hands now; we have to earn it. Some schools were also quick to tell me that it wasn't a given," Hairston recalls. "They were not going to just give me a spot. I would take delight watching him perform so well against a powerful team like Wichita State."

Hairston exploded onto the scene in 1996, hitting .340, while leading the team in runs scored. He helped SIU improve its league record by 10 wins from the previous year, and was an overwhelming choice as the Missouri Valley Conference's "Freshman of the Year."

Often playing his best against the best talent — a trait he has shown at times in the Major Leagues as well — Hairston had a memorable series against top-ranked Wichita State. Facing a pitching staff full of high draft picks, the freshman went 10-16 in the four-game series and had Shocker fans shaking their heads.

Zimmer Radio's Mike Reis, who has been broadcasting Saluki Baseball for more than two decades, says Hairston stood out for many reasons.

"At Southern, Jerry was competitive to a fault," Reis recalls. "The tougher the situation, the better he performed. The better the competition the better he performed. Those of us who watched the program struggle in the mid '90s took delight watching him perform so well against a powerful team like Wichita State.

"Steve Finley is the best all-around player I've seen in my 25 years around Saluki Baseball, but Hairston is no doubt in the top 10 and would be even higher if he had played as well against lesser competition."

Reis was also taken by one Hairston trait.

"You always hear that today's big league players have no clue regarding their sport's history," he notes. "Forget about that with Hairston. He knew baseball's history, especially with regards to blacks playing the game. Jackie Robinson's efforts clearly moved him, as did his grandfather's career. Negro League history is important to him, and I really enjoyed talking to him about it, as I could tell he was sincere.

"He taught me a lot about all of it. If there was an important date in the black history of baseball, he made sure I knew it — and I appreciated that."

Hairston followed his banner freshman season by switching to shortstop in 1997, leading the team with a .380 average, and finishing in the top three in runs, doubles, homers, and RBI en route to earning all-league honors. In 431 collegiate at-bats, he struck out only 31 times.

As Major League scouts flocked to Abe Martin Field, it was obvious his days in Carbondale were numbered. Draft-eligible after his sophomore season because he was 21 years old, he was drafted in the 11th round of the 1997 Major League Draft by his initial suitors, the Baltimore Orioles.

On a mission perhaps only he fully understood, Hairston was closing in on his dream.

"Jerry had a total focus on baseball that rubbed some people the wrong way, but I had no problem with it at all," says Saluki all-time hits leader Joe Schley, Hairston's college roommate and best friend during the SIU years. "Some may have been jealous of his ability, or some may not have understood his approach, but I knew it reflected how much he wanted to succeed and win."

Hairston admits his approach was sometimes misunderstood. "I may have come across to some as cocky, but it was really because I was so focused on the game," he notes. "Probably at times it would have been a good idea to lighten my mood a bit, but I didn't allow myself much of an opportunity to take things any way but serious."

That approach made perfect sense to Schley.
"Jerry hated losing more than any person I ever played with," the former star outfielder says. "He lived and breathed baseball, was not interested in partying, and allowed himself little idle time. It was really a pretty simple thing to figure out: The man was on a mission."

**Meteoric Rise To The Top**

The irony of his road to the Majors still can make Hairston shake his head in disbelief. His grandfather battled racism and years in the Negro Leagues to get a brief stint with the White Sox. His father, though a 14-year veteran of "The Show," was a traveling man who also played during the winters in Mexico and Venezuela to earn extra money for his family and keep himself sharp.

Jerry Jr. went from Abe Martin Field to his own "Field of Dreams" in 16 amazing months. In 1997 he was a Saluki — in 1998 he was stepping into the batter's box as a member of the Baltimore Orioles.

Jumping a virtually unheard of three minor league levels in one season, Hairston went from A ball to the Majors during a whirlwind summer. He was called up to the big leagues on Sept. 11, 1998 — Callahan's 40th birthday.

"It was a neat birthday present," the Saluki coach says with a grin. "That is a special moment when one of your players gets to the big leagues."

Hairston flashes an intense smile when he talks about that day. "It was such a thrill to put on a big league uniform for the first time," he recalls. "The only negative was that my grandfather was not there to see it. He was a great man and he would have been so proud."

After becoming even closer to his grandfather during the SIU years ("we would talk two or three times a week when I was at Southern. I loved those calls"), Sam passed away in 1997 at the age of 77. Gone but not forgotten, the old man's legacy was now alive and well in the Major Leagues.

**Life In The Big Leagues**

After a brief six-game audition late in the 1998 season, Hairston soon became a lightening rod for a youth movement in Baltimore. Playing with unbridled emotion the next year, he hit .269 in 50 games, turning heads on defense. In 268 fielding chances, he made no errors and turned 47 double plays.

The 2000 season found Hairston still playing part time in the Big Leagues, hitting .256 while setting the stage for his first taste as an everyday starter for the Orioles in 2001. Playing in 159 games, his average slipped to .233, but he paced the team with 29 stolen bases, recorded 25 doubles, five triples and eight homers to go with 47 RBI.

Anointed during spring training this year by moving into the lead-off spot in the batting order, Hairston enjoyed a banner exhibition campaign by hitting...
.315 with a .400 on-base percentage, Orioles Manager Mike Hargrove told the 25-year-old that he would be starting at second base and leading off when the season began.

Hairston, who had beaten veteran Delino DeShields out at that position just a season before, would soon see the role reversed. Early struggles would test a new resolve and maturity that he had worked hard to refine.

"You know, it is really strange," Hairston now says of his early slump. "I've always been a slow starter — even at SIU — maybe I don't like cold weather or something. But what happened certainly tested my mental approach to things."

Hairston hit only .211 the first month of the season, and soon found himself dropped in the order before eventually platooning with rookie infielder Brian Roberts. In his college days this happening might have triggered some competitive-driven fireworks. But not now.

Catching his new teammate somewhat off guard, Hairston told Roberts the situation was nothing personal, saying he clearly remembered being in the same position when he platooned with DeShields. "I'll tell you, it really helped me the way he handled things," Roberts told The Baltimore Sun. "It helped me relax — and he knows I want the best for him when he is out there."

The professional approach was also not lost on his manager. "A lot of people would not have handled the situation as well as Jerry did," Hargrove says. "But competition is not a bad thing. It brought out the best in him."

Hairston used the competition as a springboard, quickly winning back his starting slot as Roberts was sent back to AAA. Since then the former Saluki has helped the Orioles flirt with third place in the division and had his average over .270 as Southern Alumni went to press.

Trials, tribulations and triumphs: Hairston knows all are a part of the game he plays as a professional.

"I enjoy all that goes with playing Major League Baseball," he says, walking out of the dugout and staring out at the field. "I have nothing to gripe about. Today I'm in Baltimore, and later this week I'll be sitting in a historic place like Yankee Stadium. I try to take it all in."

Still at times intense and emotional on the field, the devoutly religious Hairston now has inner peace away from the game. "There are so many things in baseball that are out of my control," he stresses. "All I can do is play hard, work to get better each day, and have faith that everything happens for a reason."

"I have no complaints at all. I'm the luckiest guy in the world to be doing this for a living."

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All In The Family

Being a member of a third-generation Major League family is one of the rarest things in baseball. While the Hairstons are the first African-Americans to join this elite group, the achievement has happened only twice before in the 100-plus year history of the game.

The only other third-generation families are the Bells (Gus, Buddy and David) and the Boones (Ray, Bob, Aaron/Bret), and the extraordinary occurrence is important to Jerry Hairston.

"We were the first black family to have two generations in the Major Leagues, and when I arrived, we became the only one to have three," he proudly notes. "It kind of shakes me knowing I'm the last link now to the Negro Leagues. I feel a sense of responsibility."

He may, however, not be the last Hairston to play at this level. His brother, Scott, was selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the third round of the 2001 Major League Draft after becoming the first triple-crown winner in Arizona community college history. "Oh my goodness," Hairston says as he rolls his eyes. "There is no telling how good Scott is going to be."

And who knows, the former Saluki might someday add a fourth generation to the Hairston big league roster. He was married on Oct. 28, 2000, and says it has changed him a great deal.

"I met my wife, Tanaha, when I was playing in the Arizona Fall League," he says. "It was love at first sight — she means everything to me." While at SIU or in the minor leagues, Hairston would take the game home with him — always. That is now a distant memory.

"I'd think about it, think about it, think about it," he remembers while shaking his head. "Now with Tanaha waiting for me, the game stays at the stadium when I walk out of the clubhouse. I can't change a thing, so why bring it home?"

"Having someone that important in your life puts things in perspective."
Be A Part Of A ‘Saluki Luau’ On Homecoming Weekend

Daily Schedule

**Tuesday, October 1**
10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. King and Queen Elections, Student Center and Recreation Center.

**Thursday, October 3**
6:30 p.m. SIU Alumni Association Executive Committee Dinner/Meeting, Wabash/Vermillion Rooms.
7:00 p.m. SPC Film, "Minority Report," Student Center Auditorium, admission $2 and $3.

**Friday, October 4**
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Dental Hygiene Professional Seminar, Student Center, DH graduates call 618-536-7751 for more information.
8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Neckers Centennial Symposium, featuring alumni speakers. Neckers Room 240.
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Class of '52 Registration, Student Center, Old Main Lounge.
12:00 p.m. Alumni Association/Foundation Board of Directors & Class of 1952 Luncheon, Student Center, Ballroom B.
1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Chemistry Poster Session, Neckers 2nd Floor of Chemistry Research Area.
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Guided tour of campus and Carbondale for Class of 1952.
2:30 p.m. SIU Distinguished Alumni Reception, Alumni Lounge, SIU Recreation Center.
3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. Following the Distinguished Alumni Reception, stroll down the hall of the Rec Center to the Aerobics Room (Room 39 downstairs), and meet Vice Chancellor Larry Dietz. He will talk about the new Student Health Programs building, the future of housing, and other issues concerning students at SIU. Friends, alumni, employees -- anyone at all -- is more than welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Black Alumni Group Homecoming Reception, Student Center, Vermillion Room, all black alumni, faculty, and students invited to attend. Board meeting to follow.
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Homecoming Roundup, College of Agriculture Alumni, Agriculture Building, front lawn. Alumni are invited to enjoy music, food, and booths representing College of Agriculture student clubs and organizations.
5:30 p.m. Half-Century Club/Class of 1952 Reception, Student Center Gallery Lounge.
6:00 p.m. Chemistry Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner and 2002 induction ceremonies. Reservations required.
6:15 p.m. Half-Century Club Dinner, Student Center Ballroom D.
7:00 p.m. Ag Alumni Society Board of Governors Meeting, Ag Building.
7:00 p.m. Alumni Band Group. Marching Saluki alumni are invited to a reception in the Cambria Room, 1st Floor, Student Center.
7:00 p.m./9:30 p.m. SPC Film, "Minority Report," Student Center Auditorium, admission $2 and $3.
8:30 p.m. Homecoming Pep Rally, McAndrew Stadium (under the lights). Your chance to meet the team and obtain items sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association, SIU Athletics, and Student Programming Council.

**Saturday, October 5**
8:30 a.m. Alumni Band Group rehearsal, Quigley Hall Auditorium.
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Homecoming Parade, Downtown Carbondale. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Norwood, Parade Marshals.
9:30 a.m. Alumni Band Group practices with Marching Salukis, McAndrew Stadium. Alumni Band will perform with the current Marching Salukis at halftime of the football game.
10:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Alumni Reunion Activities, Big Tent, east of McAndrew Stadium. Register at the tent to enjoy beverages and a complimentary lunch provided by the SIU Alumni Association and the colleges.
11:30 a.m. All college deans should report to their tables under the tent. (We will be introducing the deans and prizewinners shortly thereafter).
1:30 p.m. Saluki Football Game vs. Western Illinois, McAndrew Stadium.
Following the game College of Liberal Arts Alumni and Guests Happy Hour, home of Dean Shirley Clay Scott.
7:00 p.m./9:30 p.m. SPC Film, "Minority Report," Student Center Auditorium, admission $2 and $3.
7:30 p.m. 31st Annual Miss Eboness Pageant, Shryock Auditorium. Tickets are $8 in advance, $10 day of show and are available only at the Student Center Central Ticket Office. To charge by phone call (618) 453-3493. Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha.

Visit the Alumni Association tent prior to the football game!
Harrison is shown wearing her winter Marine uniform in 1944, the same year she drew the vignette on the next page, chronicling life of the women Marines at Camp Lejeune.

At age 90, Marion Allen Harrison’s creative juices are flowing. She still uses her art and musical talents to entertain and teach.

by Marianne Lawrence
Art and music have been lifelong companions of 90-year-old Marion Allen Harrison, a 1934 graduate of Southern Illinois Normal University and a proud Marine. Her musical routine includes piano practice after breakfast most weekdays, since she usually performs after Saturday night dinner at the retirement home where she lives in Houston, Texas. “Having lost some vision, I don’t see well enough to read music, so I play a medley of songs I remember, between 30 to 35,” she says.

Although some physical problems have slowed the SIU Alumni Association Life Member a bit, she insists on staying busy. She travels, writes (currently her life’s story), sketches and stays active in her church and in an organization close to her heart, the local Women Marines Association.

“There’s always something I want to do. In fact, I think the trick of staying alive is being interested in things,” says Harrison, who recalls the details of campus life at SINU during the Depression years with amazing clarity.

“Most of my classes were in Old Main, and then it was just a short walk past the fountain with the boy and girl under the umbrella to the athletic building for gym classes. On the left was Wheeler Library,” she muses, in a mental trip through campus.

Harrison, who lived between Murphysboro and Carbondale, drove the four miles to campus, stopping along the way to pick up fellow students who lived in the area.

In addition to her regular art classes, Harrison took a keen interest in the theater community and became involved in...
designing and painting scenery for campus productions. She also hosted programs to various organizations and clubs on and off campus, including "chalk talks," or "behind the scenes" programs featuring 'Cornelius Bing Cobb,' a marionette she designed who performed on a little piano.

Harrison's major was art with a minor in music. After graduating, she taught in elementary schools for eight years before joining the U.S. Marine Corps in 1944. She reported to Camp Lejeune, N.C., for boot camp and a short stint as a file clerk before receiving her assignment as regimental artist.

"I had my own office about the size of a gear closet and made training aids, maps, murals, or whatever was needed." Some of her experiences on the huge military base are still fresh. "Prank-minded Marines one day thumb-tacked my fatigue jacket (with me in it) to the four by eight-foot table on which I was working to enlarge a map, another time they had booby trapped my pantograph, so when I moved it there was a little explosion."

However, Harrison remembers that her commanding officer, Col. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, (later a general) was great to work for. "He asked me to design and produce decorations for the Victory Bond Train that toured part of the country, which was the most unusual project I did," says Harrison. When the writer of the weekly regimental news column for the Marine’s weekly newspaper, The Globe, shipped out, Harrison took on his job. "A driver and Jeep took me around the base to collect the news," she recalls.

During the spare time she had during her 27 months of service Harrison began sketching her fellow women Marines at work, on guard duty and during rehearsals of the Women Reserve Band.

The sketches reflected the lives of women who served on the base during World War II and won Harrison a first-place prize in the Campwide Art Exhibit.

Thirty years later she gave the original sketches to the U.S. Marine Corps. In a letter included with the sketches she wrote: "Even though it feels as if I were giving away a part of myself, I do want to assure you that this is truly a gift from the heart." Her sketches are still in the Marine Corps Art Collection in Washington, D.C.

Thanks to her wartime service and the G.I. Bill, Harrison studied design at the Pratt Institute in New York, then was recruited to teach at the Feather & Feather School of Design in Houston, Texas. She taught fashion illustration, costume and advertising design during the day, while taking night courses at the University of Houston to earn her master's degree.

She quickly made the Houston community her home. In the early 1950s, she developed her own business, Marion A. Allen Design, and specialized in custom-designed cards and invitations for such clients as Texas A & M, Rice University and the University of Texas. Harrison also had a long association with the Houston music community and worked for the Houston Symphony for 42 years, retiring in 1997 at age 85.

Active in the Houston Grace Presbyterian Church, she has captured all the church’s buildings in pen and ink drawings for use on note cards and stationery, and, of course, her originals hang in the church. "I have sketched other buildings in the surrounding area," says Harrison. She now tries to do just one a year.

When an SINU student, Harrison was inspired by the work of an artist who sketched buildings on campus. "I thought

A WOMAN MARINE’S POINT of VIEW

BY MARION A. ALLEN USMCWR

Almost three decades ago, Harrison published "A Woman Marine’s Point of View," a collection of her art work while serving as a Regimental Artist for the Marine Corps. Proceeds from the book benefited the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of the Women Marines Association.
to myself, 'I want to do that.' Fortunately, I was always able to draw. I think it's just a God-given talent. Also, my mother was an artist and a musician," she says.

As Harrison says, once a Marine, always a Marine, so when the Gulf Coast Chapter of Women Marines Association was organized in 1974, she became a charter member. As a fund-raiser for the new chapter she published a book of her sketches from Camp LeJeune and titled it _A Woman Marine's Point of View_.

Last year the chapter issued a special invitation for her to attend the 226th USMC Birthday Ball in Houston. "Imagine my surprise on arrival to have a red rose corsage pinned on my shoulder and to learn that I was the honored guest of the evening for being the oldest Marine in the Houston area — the first time a lady Marine was so honored."

Harrison was especially thrilled with the honor when friends told her that when people found out the oldest Marine would be a woman, they had to print additional tickets and open another room at the hotel. "I guess it was my 15 minutes of fame," she says.

Between her piano and artwork, Harrison manages to keep up a pace that would be daunting to those much younger. The last two summers she has taught a class in drawing for her church's "Chatauqua on the Tollway" and recently paid a visit to southern Illinois for a family reunion. "I'd almost forgotten how beautiful southern Illinois is with its wealth of trees and hills. The trees have grown so much, it was hard to recognize places I used to know," she says.

Lately she is trying to decide what she will sketch for this year's Christmas card and is planning a trip to California to visit members of her family, mostly nieces and nephews. Her husband, Paul Harrison, whom she married in 1966, died in 1996.

She will have a little extra money to spend on the California trip. To celebrate her 90th birthday, members from the Women's Marine Association gave her a birthday party and although the instructions were "no gifts," they surprised Harrison with some extra spending money. She will travel with a friend and remarks, "I usually get a wheelchair to go through the airport. Boy, that's the way to go!"

Occasionally Harrison worries about her fellow senior citizens. "I get concerned about them because they just sit and do nothing or sleep. I just can't imagine just doing nothing. I always have things I want to do."

Having captured all the buildings at her Houston Grace Presbyterian Church, Harrison now tries to sketch other structures in the area. The image below appeared on her Christmas card last year.
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Early SIU Experiences Mold Journalism Career

by Paul Povse '70

"Go on there, talk to him, and ask the man your questions." I still can hear Fred Huff, Southern Illinois University's former sports information director, exhorting his game — but still mildly intimidated — student assistant.

The year was 1967, and I was that student assistant, a 20-year-old communications major. "The man" was head basketball coach Jack Hartman, a tough guy, a former Marine, a man who plainly didn't suffer foolish questions lightly. This was a no-nonsense coach who disliked any distractions in his Arena and often closed his Saluki practices to shut out any meddlesome observers who naively may have thought they were coaches, too.

Thanks to the confidence that Huff showed in this aspiring journalist, a meager three-month summer internship with my hometown Springfield newspaper on my resume, I bearded the laconic lion who was Coach Hartman in his den, and asked him the best questions I could muster about prospects for that season's team. What a season it turned out to be.

As it turned out, Coach Hartman, who could be brusque, was gracious and informative, speaking in his trademark Oklahoma drawl. He seemed to recognize that despite our disparity in ages — not to mention basketball wisdom — we each had a job to do.

I open "Southern Memories" with that anecdote because it represented a personal milestone into what would evolve into a lifetime of enthusiasm and support for SIU activities — basketball a particular favorite. But more importantly, it gave a tentative young journalist the impetus to ask a potentially challenging source the right questions.

I couldn't have recognized it then, but meeting Coach Hartman head-on worked to solidify my decision to pursue journalism, where I would have the chance to meet interesting people and write about them! It was a small first step on a path that has carried me through nearly 30 years as a reporter, editor, reviewer, columnist and talent recruiter in both the news and sports arenas.

Did someone say Arena? My academic transcript, by now chiseled on the wall of some southern Illinois cave, probably would reveal a student who spent at least as much time in the SIU Arena as in the classroom or Morris Library. I spent a generous portion of my Saluki student career as one of the assistants in Huff's office, interviewing coaches and athletes, writing stories and sending stories about them to their hometown newspapers, working on media guides, calling papers and wire services with results of SIU games and keeping statistics — never a particular strong suit.

Interviewing Coach Hartman, Walt Frazier and others, while seeing the upstart Salukis defeat nationally second-ranked Louisville and later win the National Invitational Tournament in New York was pretty heady stuff for a young college student away from home for the first extended period of time.

Those memories, vivid as they are, are only the beginning of what has been a rewarding personal and professional relationship with Southern Illinois University and the many talented people who have worked there. I remember picking up Al McGuire, the funny and garrulous Marquette University basketball coach, at the airport in Huff's car. I distinctly remember my first journalism assignment for The Daily Egyptian: covering a speech by Professor Buckminster Fuller on his geodesic dome theories. (And I thought Jack Hartman was a challenging assignment.)

I remember seeing in the crowd at a basketball game a lovely auburn-haired coed cheering on the Salukis and one whose visage I felt certain I had seen somewhere before. It was back home in Springfield. It seemed a good omen that junior education major Donna Freeman loved Saluki basketball and the singing group "The Association" as much as I did.

Donna has been my wife for 26 years, the mother of our daughter, Nora, and a high school guidance dean who routinely champions the merits of SIU to college-bound students.

There comes to mind an inspiring literature professor, a charismatic and passionate young woman who on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Old Main buried us in Faulkner and Williams and other great writers. It seemed at the time such a hardship to have to slog

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Ty Englehardt is a cool customer—especially when he is strapped inside his airplane.
It would be a unique experience to learn the tricks of the trade under the tutelage of a mentor, then later in life show your mentor a thing or two about the craft yourself. Ty Englehardt, a 2001 graduate of Southern, can actually speak of such an experience.

The reigning 2001-02 U.S. National Collegiate Aerobatic Champion, Englehardt was initially exposed to aviation by his father Allan, a 1968 SIU graduate and a United Airlines pilot since 1969. Allan and Diana Englehardt '69 took their son to the week-long Experimental Aircraft Association Convention in Oshkosh, Wis., the world's premier aviation showcase attended by more than a half million visitors annually, when he was a mere 11 months old.

Ty, who has worked in the aviation department for Klein Tools at Palwaukee Airport in the Chicago area since graduation, hasn't missed a convention since. As a youth he accompanied his father to seminars and on various airline trips and expressed a serious interest in aviation following his junior year in high school. The elder Englehardt admits that having his son follow in his footsteps is a dream come true.

"It's nice, as Ty flew with me on my regular United flights to California and internationally to Europe," Englehardt says. "The Oshkosh convention also greatly influenced Ty's interest in aviation. When he was 15, Ty said one of his goals was to be an air show performer. I'm not sure it was a high priority at the time, but it turns out that he's become quite capable."

Ty ventured onto an EAA "Young Eagles" flight, a program designed to foster interest in aviation, when he was 15. The following year he began earnestly taking lessons at Palwaukee Airport while working at a local bicycle shop in Lake Forest. He eventually earned his private pilot's license on his 17th birthday.

Just a mere two weeks into his flying avocation, Ty decided to take aerobatics lessons at the Kenosha airport in Wisconsin. But flying upside down and performing various maneuvers in the air didn't appeal to Ty initially.

"The first time, I was about sick getting into the airplane. After I went up, it was scary, and it felt weird. I said, 'This isn't for me,'" he says. "I had already signed up and paid for three lessons. I almost canceled, but I was too embarrassed to ask for my money back."

His nerves settled during his subsequent lessons and after his second session, Ty found some resolve through a night's sleep. "I had a dream about flying upside down and doing loops and rolls in the air. That night I built up the courage to continue. The next time, I was real excited and loved it."

Ty was so excited that he jokingly told his father that they needed to purchase a Super Decathlon, an aerobatics training plane. The elder Englehardt accommo-
With the backing of parents (and SIU alums) Diana and Allan, Ty is enjoying a quick start in the field of aviation. "I knew there was only one school for Ty to attend," Allan says. "It was a dream for me to see him enjoy the same experiences I did so many years ago at SIU."

dated his son’s request and; shortly thereafter, became Ty’s pupil.

"I could sense Ty's enthusiasm about aerobatics and felt the Super Decathlon was worth the expense," Englehardt says. "I’m always interested in spending quality time with my son. We had a great time learning aerobatics together.

"Although I got Ty started in aviation, he taught me everything I know about aerobatics. People think I taught him, but he actually taught me."

A high school senior at the time, Ty recalls giving his father aerobatics lessons. "My father had never thought about doing aerobatics but always found it fascinating. He seemed concerned for his safety the first time I rolled the airplane upside down and we flew inverted," Ty says. "It was neat to see my dad terrified while I was in complete control."

Ty’s feelings weren’t lost on his father.

"Even though I’ve been with United for 33 years and am respected in the industry, I think Ty got a lot of satisfaction in teaching his dad some things about flying," he says.

As Ty began investigating college options, Allan took some satisfaction in advising his son to take advantage of a strong aviation program in the southern part of the state.

"My career certainly wouldn’t have come about if it weren’t for SIU," says Allan, who met Diana, his wife of 33 years, at Trueblood Hall. "I knew there was only one school for Ty to attend. The aviation technology program is very special to me, and I wanted this for my son. It was certainly a dream for me to see Ty enjoy the same experiences I did so many years ago at SIU."

Although Southern had never taught aerobatics, Ty decided to heed his father’s advice. “I did look into some other schools. There was one in Michigan that already had an aerobatics program,” he says. “But I wanted to start my own program at SIU. Also, I have family in southern Illinois, and it’s a beautiful part of the country.”

When Englehardt arrived at Southern, he gave aerobatics lessons to friends and flight instructors. Within a year, the International Aerobatics Club initiated a collegiate competition. However, three team members were needed in order to participate. Two of Englehardt’s aerobatics protégés, Matt Boehm and Sean Roarty, joined their mentor to form SIU’s first-ever aerobatics team.

The trio competed in three contests, winning each of them. Southern completed the competition with the highest overall points to capture the U.S. National Collegiate Championship, pacing a field that included the renowned Embry Riddle Aeronautical University teams in Daytona Beach, Fla., and Prescott, Ariz. Both Embry Riddle schools have developed extensive aerobatics club programs, with a membership total of 200 students, compared to three participants at Southern.

Additionally, Englehardt, the team captain, won the individual national championship for his own performances.

"It was exciting to set up an aerobatics program at SIU. That was great for the University," says Englehardt, who has offered to continue coaching SIU students in an effort to maintain its program. “But the most exciting thing for me wasn’t actually winning the competition. I received more gratification from teaching others to fly and watching them do well."
Competition aerobatics varies from flying exhibited by air show pilots. Competitors perform at altitudes no lower than 1,500 feet, and safety is the emphasis at all times. Various figures such as loops, rolls and precision spins are judged from the ground by their angles of flight and roundness.

"It is tough to convince people that aerobatics is safe," Englehardt says.

In addition to his work at Palwaukee Airport, Ty stays busy on the professional air show circuit. He performs on most weekends throughout the Midwest. The performance income he receives is often donated to various aviation causes or organizations. He is one of the youngest air show performers and aerobatics competitors in the world.

At Palwaukee, Englehardt works with fellow SIU alumnus Anson Mount in maintaining a corporate fleet of Klein Tools airplanes. He spends the rest of his time flying these airplanes to various points across the country.

"It's really nice working with another SIU graduate," Englehardt says. "We have a lot of common experiences to talk about. The aviation program and instructors at SIU are often part of our conversation."

Whether competing in aerobatic competition (above), or safely on the ground (below), Englehardt is composed and relaxed. Although he is one of the youngest aerobatic competitors in the world, he doesn't really understand the anxiety attached to his passion. "It is tough to convince people that aerobatics is safe," he says.
New Wildlife Research Study Tracks Fawn Survival Rate In Southern Illinois

by Paula Davenport

At 6 feet 2 inches tall and 210 pounds, aspiring forester John Richey is cut like a young Paul Bunyan. No wonder. He runs 10 miles a week, bench presses 305 pounds and is a former high school quarterback.

Still, it took every ounce of prowess for the SIU 2002 Forestry grad to catch a seven-pound, week-old fawn scared up this summer in Pope County.

Richey is one of about a dozen college students working on the first phase of a research study on fawn survival in deep southern Illinois. The Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory at Southern Illinois University is conducting the project.

Step one? Capture and slip expandable radio collars on the tiny, dappled deer. Each collar emits unique beeps that will allow Southern scientists to track the animals during their most vulnerable first year of life.

The three-year venture — which began its first field season this spring — will yield a crisper picture of population dynamics among downstate white tail deer. Biologists with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) requested the study, the latest in 20 years of deer research done at the University's wildlife lab.

"IDNR wants more region-specific data for its deer population model, which (among other things) helps determine hunting levels in different counties," says John McDonald Jr., one of the wildlife lab scientists overseeing the project. "Their model is based on data collected in other parts of the state where we have reason to believe fawn production and survival are higher.

It may be hard for locals to imagine, but deer north of the SIU region — in agriculturally dense parts of the state — seem to produce even more offspring and at a younger age than their southern cousins.

"Deer in northern and central Illinois have access almost year round to high-protein, high-carbohydrate foods in the form of corn and soybeans," explains McDonald. "In these southern forested counties, deer just don't have that, so we expect their productivity rates to be less and survival of offspring to be a bit lower."

On a recent morning last month, Richey joined one of two crews that formed an eight-person skirmish line, systematically wading through wet, chin-tall prairie grass, savage thistles and tangled thickets in search of fawns. After nearly two hours of the increasingly hot and humid work, a patch of the woods seemed to spring to life when a 16-inch tall fawn darted out of an oasis of trees.

Richey, forehead swathed in a red bandana, sprang into action, bobbing, weaving and racing alongside the fawn. The Marion, Ill., native chased the fawn 150 yards through snarled, damp grass, slipped into a dense thicket, dove head first into a cold stream, then scooped the fawn out of the water. Crew members rapidly moved in concert to collect data.

Researchers take turns tracking the collared fawns, noting their locations once in the morning and once in the evening.

"The first couple of weeks are really critical," McDonald explains. "They have this real intense bit of mortality right upfront. Most fawns that are going to die do so in their first two weeks. For us to determine cause of death, we want to find them as soon as possible after they die. They deteriorate pretty quickly."

The project is funded by INDR through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, a federal excise tax on firearms, ammunition, archery and hunting equipment. These monies are distributed to state agencies which funnel them into wildlife management and research and habitat restoration.

His athleticism put aspiring forester John Richey of Marion on equal footing with four-footed newborn fawns this summer. Richey is one of about a dozen college students who signed on to help Southern researchers find fawns hiding in grasses and woods within weeks of their birth.
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When Matthew Daub was a little boy, he would watch his mother use bright colors and brushes to paint pretty pictures. Like all curious children, he wanted to do what his mother was doing.

So Sara Daub, a commercial artist who left work when Matthew was born, let her young son help. "I was painting with my Mom before I was ever in school. She would do most of the painting but would let me put in little things — some of the most pleasant memories of my childhood," recalls Daub, a watercolorist whose extraordinary success as an artist has made his mother quite proud.

Although his paintings have been exhibited in such important venues as the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, they also can be found in offices and private collections in and around Carbondale, where his talent really began to take shape in the 1970s when he came to SIU. Daub earned his bachelor's degree in 1981 and his master's of fine arts in 1984.

When he returned to his alma mater this spring to participate in the SIU College of Liberal Arts Alumni Day, the painter lectured to a group of students, faculty and friends and recalled the first subjects of his undergraduate work.
He was intrigued with the storefronts and their contents on Jackson Street in Carbondale. He returned again and again to the same area to take pictures and study the lighting. Finally, a building owner in the area came out and asked just what he was doing hanging around. “She probably thought I was casing the place,” recalls Daub.

When he explained his purpose, she softened considerably and even gave him a tour of her apartment building after which she handed him her card which read “Velma Miller, People Hater.” She had written a message to him on the back: “You are not people, you are a nice person.” Daub painted a portrait of Miller with her building in the background and also painted a number of the storefronts in that area, where the popular restaurant, Tres Hombres, is now located.

Daub, who had studied at the Pratt Institute in his native New York before coming to Carbondale in 1971, found generous support from his professors in the SIU School of Art and Design and still feels their influence. “Larry Bernstein would be patting me on the back, and Ed Shay would be kicking me in the rear,” Daub chuckles.

Self-described as a major hippie, Daub settled down fast when he met and fell in love with art student Barbara Crawford ’89. After a three-month courtship, they were married and eventually both of their children were born in Carbondale. Joshua, their first, now practices law in Long Island and was married late last summer. The couple’s daughter, Sarah, is following in her father’s footsteps as a master of fine arts candidate in sculpture at SIU.

Sarah took an advanced painting class from Ed Shay, who points out that “Sarah is very bright and has no doubt benefited greatly by being in the environment with her father.” He also adds that she is probably a little further along than her Dad was at her age.

A professor of fine art at Kutztown University in Kutztown, Pa., since 1987, Daub says, “I tell my own students that the one professor I argued with the most, I now have great respect for.” Shay remembers Daub as one of his first watercolor students and agrees with the description of their relationship. “Matt and I often disagreed about some very basic things, but I always respected his opinion.”

Soon after picking up his master’s degree, Daub was basking in the warm glow of success when his painting titled Public Lunch was purchased by the Metropolitan Museum of Art after being exhibited in a gallery on 57th Street. The exhibition that included other New York paintings and some from Carbondale resulted in the sale of a good number of his paintings to corporate offices in Chicago and New York.

Also part of the exhibit, his painting of the Jackson Street thrift shop titled Women of Carbondale was featured in the cover of the Spring 1985 edition of the Alumnus (now Southern Alumni).

Daub credits another professor, George Mavigliano, with being one of his strongest and most influential supporters. “He instilled in me the love of American art.” Examples of that love are clearly evident in Daub’s work. His extensive collection of paintings and drawings of eastern Pennsylvania were featured in a 2001 exhibit titled In The Shadow of Industry at the Reading Public Museum.

In the introduction of a catalog published in conjunction with the exhibit, Robert Metzger of the Museum writes: “The art of Matthew Daub celebrates the great American road, whether it be the railroad, highway or city street.”

Daub, an SIU Alumni Association Life Member, returned to campus for a recent College of Liberal Arts Alumni Day and used the occasion to give a lecture at the University Museum to students and faculty.
Industrial landscapes in the exhibit depicting the steel plants of Pennsylvania and their neighborhoods reflect Daub's fascination with light, color and graffiti.

His paintings occasionally house subtle but meaningful messages in well-placed graffiti or messages on street signs, bumper stickers and license plates, where there might be a Bible verse citation, i.e., 1 Cor 3:13.

In a moving tribute to his grocer father, who died suddenly when Daub was 18 years old, he painted a storefront of a grocery store with his dad's reflection in the window.

With a tendency to work in groups or series, Daub experiences different “triggers” of inspiration for his paintings, including his own dreams and personal experiences, or phrases from a newscast reporting a crime, accident or fire. A single shoe seen lying in the middle of the road inspired a series that depicted crime scenes.

After hearing new reports about the attack on a Central Park jogger, Daub did a series of drawings, but without a violent element. He calls the series “spooky, scary, gloomy paintings” and has not yet exhibited them.

His source of inspiration changed dramatically in 1993 when he fell in love with painting in Italy during the summer. Now, he and Barbara are directors of their own “plein air” painting workshop, Arts Sojourn, an annual trip to the Italian countryside.

“Plein air” is the French term for outdoor painting,” Daub explains. “When I am painting, I liken it to a fisherman's enjoyment of the activity, regardless of what he catches. What matters is what that experience — be it fishing or painting — does for the soul.”

The Daubs have returned to Italy every year, where they enjoy the disposition of the people, natural beauty, history, art, food and wine. Even though, as Daub explains, “it is a huge amount of work, we will continue to go back as long as we can. This summer we had a great group of people.”

Between more than 20 years of one-person and group exhibitions and his work that hangs in private collections from coast to coast, Daub's success is well-documented. He now describes his life this way: “Painting is my profession, the university teaching, my vocation, and Arts Sojourn, a labor of love.”

Daub and his wife, Barbara, not only enjoyed returning to Southern, but took pleasure in spending some time with their daughter, Sarah (above), a master of fine arts candidate at SIU.

Many Carbondale street scenes were a part of Daub's early work, including this painting of the community's old thrift shop.
During his days in Carbondale, Daub was interested in painting the area around Jackson and Washington Streets.

A Unique Experience In Italy

Arts Sojourn is a non-traditional workshop designed by Matt and Barbara Daub as a unique painting and travel experience for artists and their friends.

Each summer, the Daubs host a group in a different location in Italy. This summer the destination was Sestri Levante, a seaside resort that was once a typical fishing village. They are now busy planning the 2003 trip to Spoleto in the Umbria region, known for its mountainous beauty and ancient history.

According to Daub, the locations are carefully chosen to assure plenty of good scenery and easy access to areas of cultural interest and interesting side trips. The couple chooses their personal favorite three-to-four-star hotels for the stay, and typically round-trip airfare from New York, ground transportation costs, hotel, breakfasts and dinners are included in the fee.

An orientation session is held to familiarize participants to the area, after which they are free to set their own agenda for painting and sightseeing.

Daub explains that the workshop is designed for the artist interested in a self-directed creative experience. He is available to participants for one-on-one instruction and consultation, and the group gets together on a regular basis to discuss their work.

Daub points out that artists at all stages of their careers have participated, and college credit is available at an additional cost to those interested.


This street scene was painted by Daub while in Italy.
Saluki Women Host DePaul In Season Hoop Opener

The SIU women's basketball will try to rebound from a frustrating 6-21 (2-16 MVC) season, as Lori Opp begins her third year as the Saluki head coach. Her squad opens the 2002-03 campaign hosting DePaul University in a 5:05 p.m. contest on Nov. 23.

In addition to the always challenging conference slate, the Salukis feature non-leagues games versus opponents like University of Kentucky, Northwestern University, and participate in the Long Beach (Calif.) Classic. The squad's schedule (most game times are not yet set) is as follows:

2002-03 Saluki Women's Basketball Schedule

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#Denotes Missouri Valley Game

Saluki Men Announce 2002-03 Basketball Schedule

Fresh from a record-setting season and a spot in the NCAA Sweet 16, the Southern Illinois University men's basketball program has announced its 2002-03 schedule. In addition to an 18-game Missouri Valley Conference slate, the Salukis will play nine non-conference games, including return games with seven opponents from last season.

One new opponent this year is UNC-Charlotte of Conference USA. The 49ers, who agreed to a return game at Southern in 2003-04, have been to the NCAA Tournament in five of the last six seasons. Saluki Head Coach Bruce Weber says he spoke with many schools from major conferences, but only Charlotte would play a return game.

"At first, (Charlotte) said no way to playing a home game with us," Weber notes. "But a month later, they needed a home game, and the dates were convenient for both schools. They are a quality opponent, and we’re excited about the series."

The other new opponent will not be announced until Feb. 2, when ESPN reveals the pairings for its Feb. 22 "Bracket Busters" tournament. SIU will host Detroit Mercy, Wis.-Milwaukee, Ball State, Bowling Green State, Fresno State or Hawaii. The Salukis will have to return the game in 2003-04, with the exception of Hawaii. The Salukis will make frequent appearances on national and regional television this season.

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The image remains clear in George Loukas' mind. The Saluki football team was playing its opening game of the 1970 season against Louisville. Loukas, the No. 2 running back on the squad, was anxiously awaiting his opportunity. Finally, Dick Towers, SIU's head coach, called upon his young running back.

"I remember coach saying, 'Loukas, here's your opportunity,'" Loukas says. "He gave me a counter play up the middle, and the hole was wide open. But as I got the ball, I slipped."

"When I came out of the game, coach said, 'Loukas, you could have broken the game open on that play if you didn't slip.' He told me you have to be prepared to take advantage of opportunities. That forever stands in my mind as a lost opportunity."

Although the Salukis held on to defeat Louisville, that counter play in 1970 still serves as a driving force for Loukas. As he progressed through his football career at Southern and subsequent professional endeavors upon graduation, Loukas hasn't allowed too many opportunities to slip away. He wasn't about to allow obstacles to stand in his way.

His setback against Louisville didn't keep Loukas from establishing himself as one of the most prolific running backs in SIU history. A Saluki fullback from 1970 to 1972, the former SIU team co-captain's banner season came in 1971 when he rushed for 1,052 yards on 240 carries, and 11 touchdowns in 10 games.

But if you listen to Loukas, his experience as a student-athlete could not be measured with mere statistics.

"I believed in my coaches. I used to bust my butt in doubles and pray at night that I would have the opportunity to be the best I could be," he says. "You can accomplish a lot with hard work, patience and prayer."

"After I graduated, I took that same approach into my professional endeavors. I didn't want to fail. I persevered through the hardships."

Today, nearly 33 years after taking that handoff against Louisville, Loukas is a successful and respected Chicago-area businessman. The signature asset of his success, The Cubby Bear Lounge, serves as the setting for SIU's premier off-campus alumni event.

Every year, some 1,500 SIU alumni and guests converge in Chicago for SIU Day at Wrigley Field. The afternoon begins with a Saluki soiree at Loukas' establishment, located directly across the street from historic Wrigley Field. Following the gathering at the Cubby Bear, the group takes in a Cubs game, which usually features a matchup against their arch rival, St. Louis Cardinals.

"I never envisioned us having this many alumni attend. At the beginning, we were happy to get a couple hundred people," Loukas says. "The event is special because we're offering alumni America's pastime: baseball."

"The most important thing is having a friend or classmate show up for the game and take 10 minutes to just say, 'I remember you.' That makes it worthwhile regardless of whether the Cubs win or lose."

In commemoration of the 25th anniversary of SIU Day at Wrigley Field, the SIU Alumni Association and Saluki Athletics honored Loukas at this summer's event. Ed Buerger, executive director of the Alumni Association, presented Loukas with a large frame featuring his No. 24 football jersey, a photo from his playing days, and an inscription recognizing his ongoing support and loyalty to the University.

"It never crossed my mind that the Alumni Association and Saluki Athletics would do something like that. They caught me off guard" Loukas says. "I was humbled by the gesture. They really honored me, and I'm proud of that."

Loukas can also take pride in the growth of an event he initiated in 1976 by inviting his football buddies to a reunion at his first bar, SportsCorner, also located near Wrigley Field. The following year, Loukas' football teammates brought friends and family with them.

Throughout this time, Loukas had donated funds from the event to the Saluki football program. Following the third gathering, Loukas was approached by Bob Odaniell, then executive director of the Alumni Association, who had designs on embellishing the event.
"Mr. Odaniell said, 'I know you're giving money to the football program but no one knows about it.' He said when the coach leaves, no one knows you've been helping out," Loukas says.

Paul Conti, a former Saluki football player and Loukas confidant, also offered to assist Loukas in the endeavor.

"Between the two of us, we bought 500 tickets," Loukas says. "I was the ticket purchaser, ticket broker, order taker and distributor. I was organizing everything."

When Buerger attended the event in 1984, he told Loukas the Alumni Association could help him expand the event even more. Loukas welcomed the Association's involvement. The Association has assumed the responsibilities Loukas coordinated, including marketing efforts to alumni in the Chicago region. Fellow alumnus and Association Life Member Andy Bernhart '67 assisted the University in getting game tickets for the Cubs-Cardinals series.

"The demand was so great we were doing it on a weekend with the Cardinals. It was a no-brainer," Loukas says.

The Cubs-Cardinals rivalry is a centerpiece of the gathering. With 87,000 SIU alumni residing in the state of Illinois, including 30,000 in Chicago and another 9,000 in St. Louis, the baseball rivalry is a big draw. The popularity has grown to a point that the Association purchases 1,500 game tickets — the maximum the Cubs allow — for alumni.

"Over the course of the next five or six years, we grew this event to the point where it became the single largest alumni event off-campus annually in the history of SIU," Buerger says. "We buy the tickets, but it is an event now where the Cubs won't sell us any more than 1,500 seats; if they would sell us 2,000 we would take that."

Loukas' willingness to continue his relationship with the University derives from the opportunities he received as a student-athlete. After a successful high school football career, he had designs on attending a Big Ten university, much like his two older brothers. However, a D-average destroyed his dreams of receiving an athletic scholarship from a big-time football institution.

"That was a real downer for me. I knew I would have to get into the trenches to succeed at that point," Loukas says.

The trenches entailed attending a military prep school and junior college for a year each. When he arrived in Carbondale, Loukas was delighted when Coach Towers invited him to try out for the football team. Although disappointed to be red-shirted his first year, he was determined, and the rewards went beyond success on the gridiron.

"Throughout the hardships, my goal was to play major college football," he says. "The coaches gave me an opportunity, and I took advantage of it. Coach Towers gave me a scholarship, and I was always indebted to him for that."

"At SIU, I matured not only as an athlete, but also as an individual."

Loukas also credits his first roommate at Southern, the late Phil Rohde, who was a positive influence in his study habits. With Rohde's guidance, Loukas improved his academic prowess.

"Phil said, George, you have to study. You have to spend time and read the material until you totally understand it," Loukas says. "I went from being on academic probation to having a C+ average primarily because Phil showed me the way."
The value of helping others is something Loukas has carried on as a businessman. Much like Rohde did for him, Loukas has been known to give SIU graduates jobs and assist them in whatever way possible. "That is what you're supposed to do with teammates or classmates. We're all on the same team — the SIU team," he says. "I look at SIU alumni and students as my teammates. They are my extended family."

A life member of the SIU Alumni Association, Loukas also served on the Association's national board of directors from 1989 to 1997. He is a charter member of Friends of Saluki Football. A recipient of the University's prestigious Obelisk Award for his accomplishments in business a year ago, Loukas plans to maintain his commitment to all alumni and friends of SIU.

"I thought we wanted to do something to instill pride in the University. As we started SIU Day at Wrigley Field, I felt more and more alumni wanted to show their pride," he says. "You do this by wearing your school colors and attending outings like this one. SIU Day has become a great way to show pride and support the University."

Alumni Attend 25th Annual SIU Day At Wrigley Field

Some 1,500 SIU alumni and guests convened at the Cubby Bear Lounge in June for the 25th annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field. The event began much like it has in past years, as a sold-out SIU contingent enjoyed camaraderie, music and food with fellow Salukis at the Cubby Bear prior to game time.

Following the pre-game social, the Salukis walked across the street with intentions of watching the Cubs-Cardinals baseball game. Unfortunately, the game was canceled due to the tragic death of Cardinal pitcher Darryl Kile. As requested by the Cubs organization, alumni and friends respectfully exited Wrigley Field.

Saluki head basketball coach Bruce Weber and family were poised to be a part of throwing out the first pitch — an event that was cancelled following the announcement of Kile's death. Action at the Cubby Bear prior to the game was standing-room-only, as Loukas was presented with a framed jersey, and thousands of Salukis enjoyed the hospitality of this popular annual event.
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Contact the SIU Alumni Association office (618) 453-2408 or join via the Web site at [www.siualumni.com/membership](http://www.siualumni.com/membership).

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If you work at SIU, becoming a member of the SIU Alumni Association just became much easier. Can't remember to turn in your membership renewal notices on time? Don't have time to stop by Colyer Hall or the Student Center to turn in your material? Or are you just simply tired of filling out applications each year?

All of those problems are now things of the past, as SIU employees can now join the SIU Alumni Association through payroll deduction. Call the Association at 453-2408 for more information or email us at alumni@siu.edu. All employees of the University, whether graduates or not, are eligible for this plan.

**Aerobatic Champion Becomes Association Life Member**

Ty Englehardt began his commitment to aviation at an early age. As a certified commercial pilot who has benefited from the knowledge of various mentors, he spends much of his free time returning the favor. Englehardt is devoted to introducing other young people to aviation, just as he was once introduced. Recently, he made a lifelong commitment to the University he loves.

When he's not working at his job at Palwaukee Airport in the Chicago area, Englehardt is busy on the professional air show circuit, flying in performances on most weekends throughout the Midwest. Several of his performances are flown in a fundraising effort for various programs or causes in aviation. And prior to performing at a recent air show in Mt. Vernon, Ill., Englehardt used a portion of his earnings to become a lifetime member of the SIU Alumni Association.

"I looked into some other schools, but I have family in southern Illinois and just love the area," he says. "My parents and several family members graduated from SIU. I had a great time attending SIU and it provided a terrific setting to earn a college education. I'm proud to make a lifelong commitment to a University that has meant so much to me and my family."

Englehardt presents a check for lifetime membership to SIU Alumni Association Assistant Director Greg Scott.
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• Saluki Pride newsletter

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• El Bajo (10%)
• Garfield's (20%)
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• Saluki Central (10%)
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• Keller Williams Realty (ask for Steve & Judy Scott)

Phoenix, Ariz.
• Hometown National Property Inspections Office (20%)

NEW LIFE MEMBERS
Between 5/1/02 and 7/31/02
The SIU Alumni Association thanks the following individuals for their long-term commitment by becoming life members with the Association.

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NEW SIU Alumni Association Life Members
Variety Of Experiences Has Allowed Daum To Succeed

by K.C. Jaehnig

In writing music for everyone from SIU's Marching Salukis to cartoon super-rodent Mighty Mouse, Glen Daum merely follows his own advice.

"I try to have as many different kinds of experiences as possible," Daum told students at his alma mater this spring as part of Alumni Day at the College of Liberal Arts. "Seize every opportunity to do something different."

Daum, a two-degree graduate of SIUC, now heads his own company, Daum Music Associates Inc., in New York City. These days, he spends his time composing, arranging and producing theme songs, musical cues, background music and orchestrations for such clients as ABC, Nickelodeon, The Sesame Workshop, and Broadway performer/Chicago Hope TV star Mandy Patinkin.

He's the man behind some of the tunes on Sesame Street, All My Children and ABC World News Tonight, among others, and he provided the arrangements and orchestrations for Patinkin's latest release, Kidults, from Nonesuch Records. The job's a world away from where he started out.

Even as a teenager growing up in Centralia, Ill., Daum knew he wanted to make music his life and his livelihood, but he always thought he'd do it as a teacher. Following in the steps of his much older brother, he enrolled at SIU in 1958 as a music education major.

"I was an Illinois State Scholar, so I could have gone to the University of Illinois, but what a mistake that would have been for me in terms of the opportunities that would have been lost to me and the rich experiences I undeservedly had at an early age," says the SIU Alumni Association member.

Those experiences started almost from the moment he set foot on the SIU campus. An enthusiastic trombone player, he joined the University's marching band, put together a jazz band to perform in the freshman talent show and wrote his first piece for that band — all in the space of a couple of weeks.

His first score, an arrangement of the Rodgers and Hart classic, The Lady Is a Tramp, had "promise," Daum notes. "It's a working from his home studio in New York City, Daum displays some of the tools of his trade.
Members of the Glen Daum Orchestra perform at Giant City State Park Lodge in 1964. Daum recruited his orchestra from among fellow students and other friends. Pictured, from left, are Larry Scroggins on drums, Daum on trombone, Mike Scroggins on trumpet, Jim Doyle on bass, and Jack Gaal on clarinet.

Six months later, in what he now thinks was probably a mistake, he seized another opportunity and rejoined the ranks of academia. He spent five years teaching jazz studies at the University of Texas, but as much as he enjoyed the students and the music they made together, it just wasn't enough.

He later packed up his wife and two kids, loaded the family belongings in a U-Haul and headed for Ridgewood, N.J., to pursue a freelance career.

Don Canedy, the new, young band director, called Daum in and told him he'd be doing the next year's music.

"I spent all of August stooping over the piano bench back home in Centralia scratching out all the music for the marching band with no idea of whether it would work or not," Daum remembers.

"I was never so scared in my life. But it did work. From then on, I saw myself as a writer."

Over the next several years, Daum churned out a lot of arrangements for the Marching Salukis — who still use some of them today. After earning his master's in 1964, he got married and not long afterward landed a job as a faculty member at Indiana State University, where he started the school's jazz program. He wrote for that marching band, too.

Still thinking in terms of an academic career, Daum left Indiana State University in 1969 to work on a doctorate at Stanford University. There wasn't much call for music professors in 1972 when he finished his degree, so taking his own advice, he seized the opportunity to do something different: He joined the biggest jingle production company in Chicago.

"That's really where I learned the commercial music business — I was doing national McDonald's spots when I was only 32," Daum says.

General Mills, Hallmark Cards, Sears, United Airlines and USA Today.

When the opportunity came along to branch out into composing for television, Daum seized it with both hands. His TV experience led to an offer to do the music for Mighty Mouse: The New Adventures, an irreverent — and short-lived — update on the '60s animated classic. He went on to produce more tunes for cartoons, creating scores for all 69 episodes of the Disney Channel's Chip 'n' Dale's Rescue Rangers.

These days, Daum numbers Sesame Street among his clients; his work on a segment called "Elmo's World" is one of his favorite assignments.

"I come in with my scores, and a seven-piece orchestra plays them — that's always great fun," Daum says. "Because of the nature of the music business now, so much is synthesized. Computers do it. It's a great pleasure to work with live musicians."

Daum may be 61, but he's still looking for that next opportunity.

"I've never cracked Broadway as such, though I may be too late — I don't know," he muses. "It's not something I'm burning to do, but it would be great to say I'd done it. I hear the work of other people doing Broadway stuff and I think, 'Well, it's OK — but I could do better.'"
Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarships Awarded

Timothy J. Clough of Murphysboro, Alicia Cremeens of Carbondale, Maria S. Perrone of St. Louis, and Victoria S. Whitlow of Springfield are this year’s recipients of the Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarships. The recipients are honored at a Homecoming luncheon hosted by the SIU Alumni Association and SIU Foundation in October.

The scholarships are valued at $1,000 each and are awarded each year to outstanding students attending SIUC. Recipients must be closely related to an SIUC graduate who is a current member of the SIU Alumni Association.

Clough, a junior majoring in mathematics education, is an Illinois State Scholar who was on the President's List at John A. Logan Community College. He is also a Phi-Theta Kappa Member and Presidential Scholar.

A radiologic sciences major, Cremeens is a Dean's List student and has received numerous academic honors, including the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

Perrone is majoring in painting, art history, and French. She is a perennial Dean's List student in addition to receiving accolades such as the Golden Key Honors Society, Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society, and Pi Delta Phi French Honors Society.

A music theater major, Whitlow has received several awards for her talents including the Foundation Private Donor Piano Award, Steven Barwick Piano Award, Helmut Fuchs Piano Scholarship, and Talent Award in Voice. She is also an SIU Honors Program honoree.

Atlanta Alumni Meet To Discuss Development Plans

SIU alumni living in Atlanta met to discuss and begin planning the development of an active club/chapter in June. The core group met at Rock Bottom Brewery in Buckhead. Matthew Liss '91, serving as coordinator, spearheaded the discussion. Among the group's initial efforts is building an e-mail database to enhance communication efforts and recruit additional participants.

Jackson County Alumni Chapter Hosts Barbecue Dinner

The Jackson County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted alumni and guests at its seventh annual barbecue in July. Alumni and friends gathered at the Mississippi Flyway in Carbondale prior to attending a sunset concert at nearby Turley Park. Joyce Hayes, longtime chapter member, conducted a brief program while filling in for President Kitty Mabus.

Williamson County Scholarship Banquet Held

The Williamson County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association honored four scholarship recipients and their families and the Distinguished Alumni Award winner at its June banquet. The Distinguished Alumni Service Award was presented to Cleta Whitacre, longtime president of the chapter. Whitacre was acknowledged for more than 40 years of service to the alumni chapter. Anne DeLucca, SIU Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, was the event's guest speaker.

Scholarship recipients are, from left, Sarah Hanson of Marion, David Campbell of Herrin, and Amanda McCowen of Carterville. Carlene M. Johnson of Crab Orchard, also a recipient of the scholarship, was not present for the photo. At right, longtime chapter president Cleta Whitacre displays her Distinguished Alumni Service Award.
Alumni Gather For SIU Day At Busch Stadium

The 18th annual SIU Day at Busch Stadium was held on July 27. Nearly 200 alumni and guests gathered for a pre-game tailgate on the south side of Busch Stadium. After enjoying a picnic, music and other festivities, everyone made the short walk to the stadium and watched the Cards-Cubs game. Southern Chancellor Walter Wendler (above right) chats with Association President Don Magee prior to the game.

SIU Day At Kane County

Alumni living in the Chicago area watched some minor league baseball on July 20. SIU graduates and guests enjoyed food in the picnic area of Elfstrom Stadium in Geneva. Following the picnic, everyone attended the Kane County Cougars-Burlington Bees game at the stadium. Alumni enjoyed an extra treat following the game, as the Cougars provided a fireworks show for fans.

Central Florida Chapter Hosts Spring Picnic

Alumni living in central Florida attended a picnic at Sand Key Park in Clearwater on June 1. The newly chartered Central Florida Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association coordinated the activities. Alumni and guests enjoyed many festivities, including a Saluki white elephant sale.

Dawgs See The Devil Rays

About 40 SIU alumni and friends gathered at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. recently to enjoy the game between the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Chicago White Sox. There was a pre-game Saluki Social for alumni to visit and learn about future activities being planned for the Central Florida Salukis chapter west central Florida. Jim Greenwood is shown above registering some of the Salukis who attended the event.

Alumni Golf Outing Hosted By Tri-County Chapter

The Peoria Tri-County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted its fourth annual golf scramble at Lick Creek Golf Course in Pekin. Golfers enjoyed a day of golf, fun and socializing, with all proceeds supporting the Peoria Tri-County Scholarship Fund. The committee for this event included Mike Munge, chapter president and Alumni Association national board member, Mike Lechwar and Alec Story.

Atlanta And Colorado Clubs Would Like To Hear From You

SIU Alumni Association clubs in Colorado and the Greater Atlanta area would like to hear from alumni in those areas who would be interested in getting together with fellow SIU graduates.

The Colorado Alumni Club contact is Sean Lervaag, who may be called at 303-550-6788 or reached by e-mail at slervaag@msn.com. The group also has a Web site at www.geocities.com/coloradosiualum/.

The Atlanta and Greater Atlanta Alumni Club contacts are Matt Liss and Jo Lynn McCrossan. Liss may be reached at 404-888-6170 or by sending e-mail to mml@scmhlaw.com. McCrossan may be contacted at 770-777-4047 or by sending e-mail to jmccrossan@parsonconsulting.com.

Take a moment to contact these fellow Salukis. They would love to hear from you!

SIU Alumni Association Welcomes New Students

The SIU Alumni Association recently joined in Welcome Week Festivities for incoming freshman and non traditional students.

The Association hosted a table in front of the Student Center August 15th, where students were able to find out about memberships, scholarships, and all the other great benefits the Association provides.
SIU Family Day At Comiskey Park A Success

Approximately 170 alumni and friends attended the first-ever SIU Family Day At Comiskey Park on Aug. 11. All attendees received a commemorative CD-rom highlighting the SIUC campus, and the first 50 people to arrive received free t-shirts.

In addition to the tailgate lunch prior to the White Sox-Mariners game, there was a tailgate competition, with winners of this event also receiving the commemorative t-shirts. One of the objectives of the event was to help Southern alumni in the Chicagoland area reconnect with the University, while providing a forum for open communication among various groups.

Members of the event committee were Michael Davids (chair), Steve Olson, Paul Conti, Jackie Timmons, Steve Warnelis, Rob Klemm, Guy Tawzer, Liz Sexson, Rick Shipley, and Bryan Vagner. Event sponsors included the SIU Office of Institutional Advancement, the SIU Foundation, the SIU Office of Associate Chancellor-Diversity, SIU Athletics, SalukiCentral.com, Booby's, Forrest Fairall, Condo Lifestyles, the Landscape Buyer, SIU College of Business and Administration, SIU American Marketing Association – Student Chapter, SIU College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, Palmer House Hilton, and the SIU Spirit Groups.

Salukis of all ages enjoyed the tailgate and White Sox win over the Mariners.
Alumni Deaths

Summer 2002

CONATSER, E. Mac, ex '25
07/24/02, Carbondale, Ill.
WILLIAMS, Annettie (Junkins), '27; '48
05/26/02, Lawrenceville, III.
KEITH, Wendell Hampton, '28
06/24/02, St. Louis, Mo.
RICHARDSON, Minnie, '28
07/09/02, Richview, Ill.
BLETHE, Elsie L., '29
06/11/02, Carbondale, Ill.
DOTY, Alice Elizabeth, '29; '37
05/27/02, Benton, Ill.
MUSGRAVE, Faye Boren, '30
02/05/02, McAllen, Texas
PHILLIPS, Helen Maddock, '30
06/30/02, Brea, Calif.
LAWLER, Lucille (Duffy), '31
06/26/02, Ridgway, Ill.
BOYD, Vera Galloway, '34
07/07/02, Sesser, Ill.
MYERS, Allie Willis, '34
06/30/02, McLeansboro, Ill.
Baldwin, Ruby Margaret, '35
06/16/02, Galatia, Ill.
BURRELL, Henry S., '35
06/23/02, Marion, Ill.
KOOPMANN, Harriet L., '36
06/07/02, Lawrenceville, Ill.
Marchildon, Holly C., '37
05/23/02, Cape Girardeau, Mo.
MINTON, Lois A., '38
07/14/02, Pinckneyville, Ill.
BOURNE, Edith H., '40
06/08/02, Marion, Ill.
YOUNG, Virginia Mae Hawkins, ex '41
09/25/01, Carbondale, Ill.
BOATRIGHT, Wilbern, '42
07/19/02, Marion, Ill.
DODSON, Helen Webb, '43
05/01/02, Colp, Ill.
Larimer, Kathleen Isom, '43
07/01/02, Marietta, Georgia
WOOD Jr., Harry H., '43
05/18/02, Anna, Ill.
KEENE, Caroline Colp, ex '44
05/15/02, Pinckneyville, Ill.
PYLE, Bessie Mae, ex '44
07/22/02, Du Quoin, Ill.
WHEELER, Evelyn Pyle, '44
10/29/01, Dillon, S.C.
PATRICK, George Laverne, '46
06/24/02, Belleville, Ill.
BALLARD, Gale R., '48
05/27/02, Mt. Vernon, Ill.
BURREY, Wayne Lester, '48
05/30/02, Burleson, Texas
VAUGHN, Iris L., ex '49
06/19/02, Mt. Vernon, Ill.
LATINA, Roland "Bollie," ex '50
07/25/02, Belleville, Ill.
OLIVER, Mary E., '50
01/16/02, Dearborn, Mich.

BRADLEY, Clarence L., M.S.Ed. '51
05/26/02, Sparta, Ill.
SHEEMAKER, Wanda H., ex '51
04/23/02, Effingham, Ill.
CASHER, Velean M., '52; M.S.Ed. '54
07/04/02, Normal, Ill.
CAVANESS, Donald C. ex '52
07/15/02, Anna, Ill.
WEISBECKER, Milton, '52;
M.S.Ed. '54, 05/17/02, Scottsdale, Ariz.
STALLS, Robert Alvin, '53
06/10/02, Carbondale, Ill.
WILDS II, Charles H., '53; M.S.Ed. '56
05/10/02, Ocala, Fla.
CROWELL, Harold Lester, '54;
M.S.Ed. '61, 07/02/02, Carbondale, Ill.
DUKE Jr., James H., ex '54
06/11/02, Ava, Ill.
SWARTZ, Cynthia H., '55; M.S.Ed. '58
07/26/02, Clarendon Hills, Ill.
WAGLEY, Wilma, '55
03/11/02, Golconda, Ill.
CORZINE, Donald J., '56
06/21/02, Ocean Springs, Miss.
McIRVAY, Kenneth Dean, '59
04/23/02, Belleville, Ill.
BURRELL, Julia (Gibson), '61
M.S.Ed. '64, 06/13/02, Orange, Calif.
DOTSON, John Bennett, M.S.Ed. '61
05/21/02, Harrisburg, Ill.
HOPKINS, Alberta, '61
07/01/02, Villa Ridge, Ill.
MIEDELZIS, Sr., Larry Dean, '62;
M.S.Ed. '77, 06/08/02, Marion, Ill.
GOERING, Nancy Jane, '63; M.S.Ed. '70
05/23/02, Alton, Ill.
MITCHELL, William Grant, ex '65
06/17/02, West Frankfort, Ill.
NEVILLE, Kenneth R., '65
07/23/02, Chester, Ill.
CHAMBERS II, Thomas Gene, '67
07/05/02, Tennessee
HAPKE, Albert R., '67
07/09/02, Sparta, Ill.
NELSON, Gary A., '67
06/29/02, Arlington Heights, Ill.
SKILBECK, James J., ex '68
May 2002, Springfield, Ill.
Johnson, Linda Lucille, '69;
M.S.Ed. '76, 05/25/02, DeSoto, Ill.
MICHIELSEN, Howard F., '69;
M.S.Ed. '71, 05/03/01, Annapolis, MD
GIBSON, Ford "Gip," '70
07/31/02, Washington, D.C.
SKOGSETH, James A., '70
06/06/02, Waipole, Maine
ARVAT, Victor, '72; M.S. '74
12/14/01, Belleville, Ill.
LEENING, Betty, '72; '84
05/20/02, Carbondale, Ill.
Baldwin, Cynthia A., M.S.Ed. '73
07/03/02, Chestier, Ill.
FLENNOR, Robert Mark, '74
07/14/02, Chicago, Ill.
FORD, John David, '75; M.S. '78
06/22/02, Vienna, Ill.
KOPECKY, Gilbert John, '75
06/11/02, Berwyn, Ill.
VAUGHN, June Ellen, '75
07/24/02, Cairo, Ill.
FALKENBERRY, William Alan, '76;
M.S.Ed. '80, 05/26/02, Ava, Ill.
KRATOWCHULL, Cynthia Ann, '79
04/02/02, Clearwater, Fla.
YATES, Jeffrey Hart (Shiley), '79
01/06/02, Winchester, Va.
OTEY, Arthur Glen, '87
07/22/02, Lake St. Louis, Mo.
GERLA, Michael Sean, '89
01/02/02, Du Quoin, Ill.
KATES, Randall A., '89
07/16/02, McHenry, Ill.
BURRETT, Matthew W., '95; M.A. '98
05/05/02, Burlington, Iowa
BADENHORST, Pieter George, Student
07/03/02, Winnetka, Ill.

KEOUGH, Rosemary
Emeritus Civil Service, Administrative Assistant, Board of Trustees Treasurer
07/24/02, Carbondale, Ill.

MCGAUGHAN, Rosie
Emeritus Civil Service, Laundry Department
07/11/02, Carterville, Ill.

MCMURRY, William S.
Emeritus Associate Professor
College of Applied Sciences & Arts
05/23/02, DeSoto, Ill.

RAUBACK, Letha L.
Emeritus Civil Service
Off-Campus Housing
07/20/02, Provo, Utah

REINHOLD, Meyer
Former Professor, Greek, Latin & Ancient History
07/01/02, Nashville, Tenn.

RINGER, James John
Carpenter, Physical Plant
07/28/02, DeSoto, Ill.

SCHMID, Walter E.
Emeritus Professor, Botany Department
07/31/02, Carbondale, Ill.

SPALT, Howard Anthony
Former Chairman, Department of Forestry
07/02/02, St. Charles, Ill.

STAUFFER, E. Shannon
Emeritus Professor, SIU Medical School
05/16/02, Chatham, Ill.

TEDRICK, Nola A. (Dothager)
Emeritus Civil Service, Food Service
04/27/02, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Rose Mary Carter, Veteran SIU Faculty Member

Rose Mary Carter, a longtime assistant professor at Southern Illinois University, recently passed away at 59 after a lengthy illness.

Carter was a 27-year veteran faculty member of the SIUC College of Education and Human Services, where she belonged to the Workforce Education and Development department and taught family and consumer sciences. Her research and teaching interests focused on special-needs learners, career education, curriculum development and individualized instruction.

Carter belonged to a number of professional organizations, including the American Vocational Association, American Home Economics Association and the Illinois Vocational Home Economics Teachers Association, and served on the board of the Illinois Vocational Association, and had chaired the state Advisory Council's Illinois Vocational Home Economics Teachers Association. A scholarship fund in her name has been established at the University. Contributions in her memory should be made directed to the SIU Foundation, Colyer Hall, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901.
Alumni listed in maroon are SIU Alumni Association members.

1960s

Sen. Ed Petka '66 is seeking re-election to the Illinois Senate, where he has served 10 years. Sen. Petka, who is Senate Majority Whip and chairman of the Executive Appointments Committee, was formerly Will County State's attorney. He and his wife, Phyllis, have been married for 32 years and have four children and two grandchildren.

Marvin (Gene) Harris '68 has retired after nine years of teaching and coaching and 21 years as general manager of a car dealership in Mt. Vernon, Ill. Harris writes that he enjoys golf and fishing and spending time at his get-away place on Kentucky Lake.

1970s

Toni Danhour '70 has opened a pet-sitting business called "Home Alone" in Cobden, Ill. The business will feed, water, exercise, play with and medicate companion animals while pet owners are away. Danhour is a member of PAWS (Pets Are Worth Saving) and Pet Sitters International. She and her husband, Leland, make their home in Cobden.

Jeordano (Pete) Martinez M.M. '71 received the $2,500 Clarence F. Dissinger Memorial Award for distinguished teaching by a senior faculty at North Central College in Naperville, Ill. Martinez has been on the faculty at North Central since 1986 and is credited with helping the college restore its tradition in music. He makes his home in Naperville.

Vicky Kruckeberg '74, M.S. '75 is coordinator for the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center, which is designed to educate school children and the public about the judiciary branch of government. She lives in East Lansing, Mich.


Jacqueline Guidry M.S. '72 wrote a book titled The Year the Colored Sisters Came To Town that has been published by Welcome Rain Publishers of New York. The book explores race relations in Louisiana in the 1950s through the eyes of a young girl. Guidry, who has been writing for a number of years, practices Social Security disability law part time. She lives in Kansas City, Mo.

Deborah Ockrim '72 has operated the Education Depot in Clarendon Hills, a Chicago suburb, since 1985. Ockrim's son, Michael, is also involved in the business that offers supplies and learning tools for schools and parents, including books, games and toys.

Justice Sue Myerscough '73, J.D. '80 is seeking election to the Illinois Supreme Court in the Fourth Judicial District. She served as Chief Judge of the Illinois Seventh Judicial Circuit, as presiding judge of Sangamon County, and Justice of the Appellate Court of the Fourth District. Myerscough is married to Bob Mueller, a practicing attorney, and they are the parents of two daughters, Sarah, 17, and Lauren, 15.

Terry Barnes Ph.D. '79 was appointed president of Mineral Area College in Park Hills, Mo, where he served as interim president since October of 2001. Barnes has served as commissioner on the Missouri Coordinating Board of Higher Education for five years.

1980s

Fuad Abdul-Hamied '80, Ph.D. '82 is vice president and professor at the Indonesia University of Education in Bandung, a post he has held since 1996. His wife, Nenden Sri Lengkawanxati, is director of the university's language center.

Saluki Hall of Famer Ross MacKenzie Passes Away

Former SIU men's track and field star Ross MacKenzie died recently of a heart attack at his home in Balmoral, Manitoba, Canada, at the age of 56. He was a member of former SIU Coach Lew Hartzog's powerful track and field teams in the late 1960s and was voted into the SIU Hall of Fame in 1997.

Considered to be one of SIU's greatest runners, MacKenzie earned All-America status his sophomore year as a member of the SIU 4x400 relay team that placed in the NCAA Championship meet. His junior year he qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 440-yard dash and just missed advancing to the finals in that event. His senior year, he again qualified for the NCAAs in the 440-yard dash in both the indoor and outdoor meets, placed second in the NCAA Indoor Championships in the 440-yard dash, and earned All-America honors for the second time in his career.

The highlight of his running career came in 1968, when he represented Canada in the 1968 Mexico City Summer Olympics. He was a member of the Canadian 4x400 relay team. He ran a career best 45.10 in the 440-yard dash just missing the qualifying time for the Olympic finals.

MacKenzie also was an assistant coach under Hartzog until deciding to return to Canada to help with the family business. He kept in contact with Hartzog at his home in Silver City, N.M. and they met annually to go bird hunting.

"Ross was a well respected and a very likable person," says former Saluki coach Bill Cornell, who was a friend and teammate. "He loved SIU and the opportunities it gave him to live out his dreams."
From Gridiron To Big Screen
For Former Saluki Back

Former Saluki football player Mike Dopud '91 recently appeared in the movie Rollerball, a futuristic MGM action film. The Canadian-born actor also appears in the Showtime series Jeremiah and in the Eddie Murphy action comedy, I Spy. He also will be working on the Lucy Liu feature "Ecks vs. Sever." Dopud played football for the Salukis from 1988-1991.

Dopud in his "Rollerball" role at right.

Bob Bronswick '81 is senior vice president for Coldwell Banker overseeing 25 offices in northern California. He and his wife, Becky, son, Ian, a student at Cal Poly University, and daughter, Shanna, 7, recently relocated from Eldorado Hills, Calif.

Lynn Phillips M.S. '81, certified financial planner for Phillips Financial Advisory Inc. in Starkville, Miss., was recently named as one of the "Top 50 Businesswomen in Mississippi." She is celebrating her 20th year in business this year.

Mary Brophy '82 has joined CKPR of Milwaukee, a public relations firm, as vice president. She has more than 15 years of strategic communications experience and has developed successful marketing and public relations programs for several Fortune 1000 companies. She was formerly a vice president at Edelman Public Relations Worldwide in Chicago.

A sculpture by Paula Garrett M.F.A. '82 has been featured on the cover of the publication The Chronicle of the Horse. Garrett titled the work, Fourth Horse Waiting II, and it is forged and formed from mild steel and rock, standing 5'6" high. She is a self-employed studio artist in Charlotte, N.C. Her sculpture is shown below.

Keith Storey M.S. '82 is associate professor of education at Chapman University in Concord, Calif. His book, The Road Ahead: Transition to Adult Life for Persons With Disabilities, has been published by Training Resources Network of St. Augustine, Fla.

Steven Woodworth '82 is editor of The Loyal, True, and Brave: America's Civil War Soldiers published by SR Books. The book contains a collection of writings penned by historians and by Civil War soldiers themselves.

Charles Rohn '84, Ph.D. '89 was named dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies at Eastern Illinois University, where he has taught and served as chair of the Department of Educational Administration since 2000. During his career, Rohn has taught at the university and high school level in Illinois and Indiana.

Jim '86 and Nancy Herman are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Carson Elizabeth, born July 26, 2001. Carson was welcomed by her 2-year-old sister, Cameron Marie. James is a sales representative for Zimmer Orthopedics, and Nancy is an art director in the Chicago Mayor's Office of Special Events. The family lives in Chicago.

Julie Heil '88 is the 5 p.m. news anchor for WICS-TV, the NBC affiliate in Springfield, Ill.

1990s

Kenneth Hannah '90 was inducted into the SIU College of Business and Administration Hall of Fame and was keynote speaker at the college's graduation ceremony last spring. Hannah is vice president of financial planning and analysis for The Boeing Co. He lives with his wife, Amy, and their four children, Morgan, Alexandria, Olivia and Austin, in Naperville, Ill.

Jaycene Mitchell '90, a language arts teacher at Kenwood Academy in Chicago, participated in the ACT Visiting Teacher program this summer to help develop and evaluate test materials and instructional support documents. The work was done at the ACT's headquarters in Iowa City, Iowa. The college entrance exam was taken more than 2 million times last year.

Navy Chief Petty Officer Paul Gardner '91 has re-enlisted for four years while serving at the Naval Dental School, National Naval Dental Center in Bethesda, Md.

Navy Chief Warrant Officer Timothy Hall '94 was assigned to the guided-missile frigate USS Ingraham in the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf for six months as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Isaias Suarez '94 was assigned for a six-month deployment to the guided missile cruiser USS Leyte Gulf. He was part of the USS Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Battle Group and USS Bataan Amphibious Ready Group that participated in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Carla Carter '95 is a property manager at Best Buy Co. in Eden Prairie, Minn., and was recently in Carbondale for the grand opening of the company's new store. Her husband, Matt '94, is senior buyer for Best Buy.

Lance Kreul '95 has joined CIBER, a global systems integration consulting company, as a senior consultant. He received a master's in information systems from DePaul University in 1994 and plans to work on a master's in financial markets at the Illinois Institute of Technology.
or Moment? that has been published by Temple University Press. Maurer is a free-lance academic editor and adjunct associate professor of sociology at Maryland University College, where she also teaches online. She has co-edited three books on food and body weight issues and serves on the board of directors of the Association for the Study of Food and Society.

Marine Corps 1st Sgt. Michael Dechy '98 was one of more than 10,000 Pacific Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS John C. Stennis Carrier Battle Group and USS Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready Group participating in Operation Enduring Freedom. Marines from his unit conducted offensive raids against Taliban and Al-Qaeda forces in Afghanistan. His unit also worked 18 days to complete humanitarian and civic projects in six different coastal areas of Kenya.

Sunil Sinha M.B.A. '98 received the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Early Career Healthcare Executive Regent's Award for the Maryland region. Sinha is director of the Managed Care Clinical Center at the Veterans Administration Health Care System.

Donna Abeln M.S. '99 is clinical director of Delta Center Inc. in Cairo, Ill. She and fellow alum Scott Murray '98 M.S. '01 were married in April. Melissa Beck '99 was voted 2001 Employee Spotlight Award winner by fellow co-

workers at the NBA Colorado Christian Home Tennyson Center for Children & Families

Salukis Commissioned
As Navy Officers

Four SIU graduates have recently received commissions as naval officers after completing Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. The graduates received training on a variety of specialized subjects and completed a physical fitness program. The new officers are Navy Ensign Bradley Gruetzmacher '00, Navy Ensign Shane Collins '01, Navy Ensign Michael Aldrich '01, and Navy Ensign Marcus Franklin '01.

in Denver, Colo. Beck works with the development department and center's summer program.

Navy Chief Warrant Officer Roderick Guile '99 will be deployed to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned on board the amphibious transport ship USS Denver. His ship supports amphibious operations using landing craft air cushions, especially designed Hovercraft that travel above land and sea surfaces to deliver vehicles and equipment.

Erik Hansell J.D. '99 has joined the St. Louis law firm of Husch & Eppenberger. He will practice in the firm's general business litigation and product liability practice groups.

2000s

Air Force 2nd Lt. Michael Stratton '00 received his "Wings of Gold" after completing the Advanced Jet Navigation Course at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla. He was recently designated a Naval Flight Officer.

Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Anthony Evans '01 graduated from the Information Systems Administrator Course while assigned to Naval Technical Training Center, Corry Station, Pensacola, Fla.

Scott Kelemetc J.D. '01 has joined Evans & Dixon, Attorneys at Law, an insurance defense firm based in St. Louis, Mo. He is an associate in the workers' compensation practice and will serve the firm's Illinois clients. He lives in Columbia, Ill.

Suma Mallavarapu '01 presented a paper based on her senior thesis work in zoology at the annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists in Buffalo, N.Y., last spring. According to William Muhlach, zoology professor, it is rare for an undergraduate to give an authored paper at a meeting such as this.

Association Friends

Robert and Marilyn Martin, friends of SIU and owners and operators of Mary Lou's Grill in Carbondale, will celebrate the establishment's 40th year of business on Nov. 18, 2002.
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across campus for another class at the end of a long day, but I'd give anything to sit through one of her lectures again.

Fun things stand out, like a concert at the Arena that featured The Ed Sullivan Show style lineup of Johnny Rivers, Ian & Sylvia and Richard Pryor. Then there was the matter of being one of the few independent and minority students living at the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity house. With that came an exquisite education in Motown music courtesy of Kappa Bill “Willie” Wilkerson, who went on to become a news personality in St. Louis radio. And there was that triumphant moment one evening of being tossed, fully clothed, into the shower by “the brothers.” That meant acceptance.

I'm committed to continue making Southern memories. My newspaper, The State Journal-Register, has a trusted and mutually beneficial working relationship with The Daily Egyptian. The SJ-R is committed to finding the best young journalists available, and the DE is one of the first places I, as a lead recruiter, explore.

SIU administrators routinely visit Springfield, and we invite them to visit us at the newspaper. Over the years, no matter their management style or personality, the leaders have been consistently impressive and articulate with a recurring theme: SIU is an important and vital institution, crucial to the state and the region, a multifaceted university that needs to get its message told, and one that can be even greater in the future.

Today, I remain friends with Huff and his wife, Ann, as I do with numerous dedicated people in University information, communications, development and, yes, just as much as ever, the church of Saluki basketball.

It's always a treat to be on campus, to savor SIU's international flavor, and to hear that the children of my friends and colleagues are having an excellent University experience. Such an example is the son of one of my newspaper's editors who recently visited Cuba to study architecture there with his design professor.

Being a loyal Saluki dawg has been more than its own reward. And I see no good reason to change colors now.

Povse is a staff member at the Springfield State Journal-Register. He and his wife, Donna, are life members of the SIU Alumni Association.
Kennedy In Carbondale...

Swamped by SIU crowds, then-Sen. John F. Kennedy is shown on Oct. 4, 1960, leaving a political speaking engagement at McAndrew Stadium. The nimble Kennedy climbed over three convertibles to reach the car that would carry him to his next engagement, while SIU security director Tom Leffler (standing behind Kennedy), Dr. I. Clark Davis (left) and Carbondale banker William Etherton (right) offered support. This candid shot was taken by SIU journalism student Robert Albright, who snapped the image by holding a small camera at arm’s reach over the large crowd.
Bill Blizek is never far away from his SIU roots. In a career spanning 32 years at the University of Nebraska Omaha, he has incorporated classroom experiences from his Carbondale college days into his own award-winning teaching style.

A professor of philosophy and religion, Blizek was honored last spring with the 2002 Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Award given by the university for meritorious and sustained records of excellence in teaching.

In his years of teaching, Blizek has upheld two basic principles: like the students you teach, and try new and different things to keep it interesting. "If you don't relate to your students, they will feel it very quickly," he says.

In 1971, Blizek gained national attention with a technique he developed called short course teaching structure. The course is divided into three parts. The first part focuses on background reading and preparation. The second phase — a two-week session — includes a series of carefully focused lectures. In the final stage, students work at their own pace on final projects under the professor's supervision.

The American Philosophical Association nominated the course as an innovative teaching method, and it also was recognized by Change Magazine as "one of the most notable improvements in American undergraduate teaching."

For another innovative course, Professor Blizek asked his class to create their own religion. "In the beginning, this worked reasonably well, but about midway through different factions began to develop, and in the end we had five or six different religions — a pretty accurate reflection of how the world works," says Blizek.

His current project is creation of the Journal of Religion and Film, an online journal that examines religion in film. Students and academicians throughout the world have used the resource since its founding in 1997. Blizek's future plans for the project include translation of the journal into Spanish and other languages. The Web address for the journal is www.unomaha.edu/~wwwjrf/

"The support of my colleagues on this campus has been wonderful, and many of them are SIU graduates," says Blizek. "They let you know it's OK to try the unconventional. My SIU philosophy graduate student colleague, Mike Gillespie M.A.'68, Ph.D. '74, came to UNO after my first year and we had the pleasure of teaching together for 31 years until his retirement this past year."

For contributions to the field of education and loyalty to his alma mater, the SIU Alumni Association proudly salutes Bill Blizek.

"The farther I get away from SIU, the more I appreciate all of the many opportunities that SIU provided me as a student. I try to be as accessible to my own students as my SIU teachers were to me."

Bill Blizek '66, M.A. '67
Professor, University of Nebraska Omaha
Life Member, SIU Alumni Association