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Chasing A Legend

Although many have tried to catch him, Charlie "Chico" Vaughn remains SIU Basketball's Top Dawg.

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Memorial Fund Will Support Small Business Development

*K*aren Bedwell Herhahn is honoring the memory of her father with a \$100,000 life insurance policy establishing the R. Ralph Bedwell Memorial Fund for Small Business Development.

In 1954, Bedwell, then Education Director for the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, was recruited by SIU President Delyte Morris to head the Small Business Institute and work with others to establish a four-year degree in small business at the University and rejuvenate the economy at in southern Illinois. Thus began a career of service that continued until his retirement in 1976.

“My dad was so attached to the University and loved working with President Delyte Morris – and he was active in the community. I just want to give something back to SIU for what it gave my family,” says Herhahn, who treasures the 20 years her family spent in Carbondale. She and her husband, Frank, now live in Farmington, N.M.

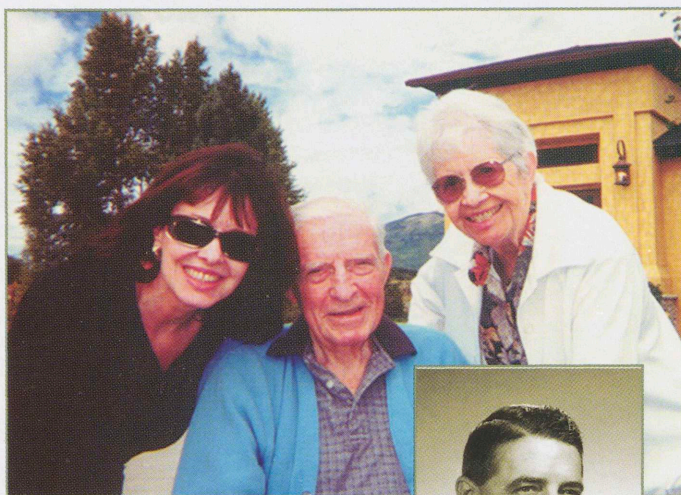
Bedwell Herhahn specified that the policy on her life be owned by the SIU Foundation, which is also the beneficiary. She makes the premium payments to the Foundation, pointing out that the policy will at some point have a cash value that will be available for use by the Foundation. Her wish is that the endowment be used to support seminars for small businesses.

A graduate of Evansville College in Indiana, Bedwell earned master’s degrees from Syracuse University and UCLA and a Ph.D. in education from Southern. A World War II veteran, he served as chair of the mathematics department and later assistant dean of DePaul University’s School of Business in Chicago.

At SIU he taught as an associate professor in management, was assistant to the dean in continuing education and went on to coordinate the Center For Management Development. He also served the Carbondale community as president of the Egyptian Council of the Boy Scouts of America, president of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, and as a founder of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Bedwell, who died in May of 2001, continued teaching in Colorado and Arizona after leaving SIU, finally retiring at age 76. His wife, Elnora lives near her daughter in Farmington. A son, Ronald Ralph and daughter, Nancy Jane Bedwell, both graduates of SIU, are deceased.

Bedwell Herhahn hopes that others will consider giving to SIU in this manner. “For not a whole lot of money,” she explains, “people can do something like this for the University to fulfill a dream and rekindle the memories of someone they love.”



Karen Bedwell Herhahn poses with her parents, Ralph and Elnora Bedwell. At right is Bedwell when he was head of the Small Business Institute at SIU.



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ON THE COVER

Although the stellar career of current Saluki star Kent Williams came close, Chico Vaughn is able to look up and see his own name still on top of the SIU scoring charts.

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Chasing A Legend



For over four decades, many SIU basketball standouts have tried to surpass the prolific offensive totals compiled by all-time leading scorer Charlie "Chico" Vaughn. They all have found out that chasing a legend is no easy task. Vaughn, who now counsels youth as part of his job at Meridian High School, remains a magical figure in Southern's athletic history.

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A Journalist's Journey



Although he didn't realize it when he was in school, *Hartford Courant* editor John Zakarian now credits demanding professors at Southern for his successful career. A key administrator for the oldest newspaper in the United States, Zakarian is never far from his SIU roots. "The instructors at Southern were taskmasters," he remembers. "But they were the ones I learned the most from."

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A Facelift For A Southern Treasure



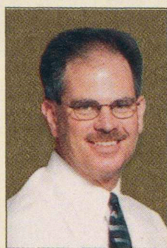
Altgeld Hall, Southern's oldest remaining building – and the second building ever constructed on campus – will soon bask in the glory of a long-awaited facelift. With the final stages of an \$11.6 million renovation project now in sight, the SIU School of Music will finally have a facility specifically designed to serve the students in that discipline. In addition to 20,000 square feet of extra space, the new Altgeld will be devoid of wildly fluctuating challenges involving temperature and humidity. "That lack of controls," notes department director Robert Weiss, "has literally been converting our pianos into tinder."

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Solving Ag's Top Pest Problem



As CEO and chairman of Entomos, Inc., a fledgling agricultural biotech firm based in Gainesville, Fla., Albert Kern is tackling the top unmet pest problem – nematodes. The microscopic worms damage crop yield and quality in more than 80 percent of Illinois soybean fields. Meshing concepts of agriculture with corporate acumen is nothing new for the SIU Distinguished Alumnus. "I had a vision in my early years at SIU," he explains, "where I knew I wanted to *work* in science *and* blend it with business."



by Gene Green

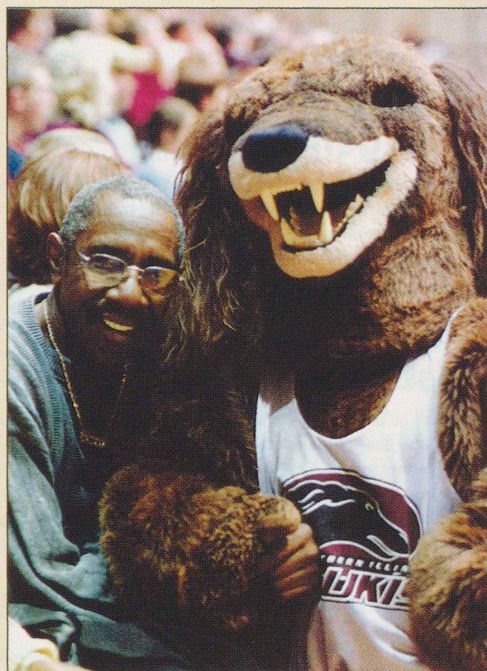
More than 7,000 fans jammed the SIU Arena on Jan. 4 to watch the Salukis host arch rival Illinois State in an early Missouri Valley Conference clash. Few in attendance had ever seen the smiling, slender individual sitting quietly behind the SIU bench, but it was obvious most knew his name.

During a timeout midway through the first-half, public address announcer Steve Falat '87 belted over the Arena sound system: "Ladies and gentlemen, with us here tonight, the all-time leading scorer in Saluki basketball history. Let's welcome back Charlie 'Chico' Vaughn!"

Initially, the crowd searched to locate where Vaughn was sitting. When he finally stood up and raised both arms over his head, the ensuing reaction surprised – and pleased – the Southern living legend.

"It was really something to see the crowd react like that," Vaughn says with a smile regarding the spontaneous applause and standing ovation. "I guess some people still remember me." The introduction led to a procession of people making their way to courtside at halftime to shake hands and share a few words with the Saluki career-scoring leader.

During the past four decades, SIU players have chased records Vaughn placed in the record books during only three seasons of competition.



Chico Vaughn and the Saluki mascot have fun at a recent SIU basketball game.

All suitors have found the task a daunting one, as the Tamms, Ill., native remains an icon in the University's athletic history.

As you'll read in Greg Scott's feature, Vaughn, now 63, has not allowed adversity to stop him from moving forward. From returning to Carbondale to finish his degree at 48 years old, to a constant quest of helping and assisting young people, the gregarious former Saluki has proven to be much more than a prolific scoring machine.

"Most people don't realize what a good guy he really is," former SIU teammate Harold Bardo notes. "Charlie has a big heart and has shared many things with many people – I'm not sure people know that about him."

If you've been back to SIU recently, you probably noticed renovation activity at historic Altgeld Hall. The oldest building on campus is in the final stages of a much-needed makeover, as well as the addition of approximately 20,000 square feet to the structure.

Built in 1896, the building was named after then-Governor John Altgeld, who helped provide state dollars for its construction. Altgeld Hall has housed various University disciplines during the past century, and has been home to the SIU School of Music for many decades.

As this eagerly awaited renovation heads into the home stretch, I hope you will enjoy our historic look at one of Southern's treasures. Blending the glory of the past with improvements for the future will allow Altgeld Hall to be a key component of the SIU experience for countless students in the years ahead.

Enjoy your magazine.



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December Issue Convinces 1975 Grad To Join Association

I have just read the December issue of *Southern Alumni* with great interest. I graduated from SIU in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in journalism, and reading the magazine got me to reflect on my great experiences at the school and how they helped start me in my career. I've been a newspaper writer and editor since graduating and now cover state politics and government for the *Sacramento Bee*.

I worked for two years on the *Daily Egyptian*, and it was probably the most fun I've ever had since getting into the field. What I learned and experienced at SIU was instrumental and has guided my journalism career. Reading *Southern Alumni* made me realize two things: how much I loved SIU and benefited from my time there; and what a deadbeat I've been not to contribute to the SIU Alumni Association's efforts. To that regard, I'm mailing a \$40 check for my annual membership today.

Someday soon I would love to come back and visit Carbondale. It has been way too long since I've been there.
Gary Delsohn '75
Annual Member
Sacramento, Calif.

Editor's Note: I also graduated from SIU's journalism school in 1975 and well remember Delsohn's *DE* contributions. This August, Dutton Books will publish his first book, *"The Prosecutors: A Year in the Life of a District Attorney's Office,"* a publication noted true-crime writer and former prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi has called an "insider's account that is a must-read for lawyers and those fascinated by true crime and our justice system." We will pass along more details when the book is available.

Thoughts Of SIU 60 Years Ago Was Fun Reading

It was fun to read the Southern Memories article by Dot Lill in the last issue of *Southern Alumni*. Dot's sister, Pat, and her husband, Merle, were in my 1943 graduating class. I am not sure Merle was there for graduation, as too many of the boys were in the service – the graduating class was largely women.

Some memories Dot missed – Smokey Joe in his zoot suit complete with long chain, jittersbugging on the very small dance floor at Carter's, and for those of us not living in Anthony Hall, breakfast was also usually at Carter's, consisting of a cup of coffee and a doughnut – hot from the bakery – for a dime.

Soon Air Force cadets moved into the small apartments on University Avenue and livened up things when they marched to class in cadence.

I still keep up with a few people from those days – Jane Crichton, her sister, Grahame Coffey, Mary Lou Hampton, and for a time, Mitzi Mercer Mahle. It's difficult to believe it was all so long ago. The last time I was in Carbondale, I got lost! That happened even though I lived there for six years – my husband also went to school at SIU on the GI Bill after the war.
Dorothy Downey Dodson '43
Life Member
Edwardsville, Ill.

December Issue Appreciated By Alum

Thank you, SIU Alumni Association and Southern Illinois University Carbondale for the December 2002 edition of *Southern Alumni*. I appreciate this issue, and thank you for sending it. I am a grateful alumnus of the Department of Radio-

Television, the Department of Political Science, and a graduate of the Master of Public Affairs/Administration program.

I always enjoy reading your magazine and looking at the great pictures the staff has compiled. I wish everyone at SIU well – please have a great year.
Tom Woods '88, MPAD '91
Champaign, Ill.

Belushi's Old Roommate Checks In

I appreciated Greg Scott's article on Jim Belushi, not only because of his fine writing, but because Jim mentioned me by

name. Jim and I met years ago at the College of DuPage, and I was one of his friends who suggested he attend SIU. In fact, we shared a house on College Street as well as a fair share of pizzas at Jim's Pub.

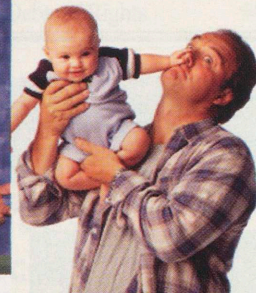
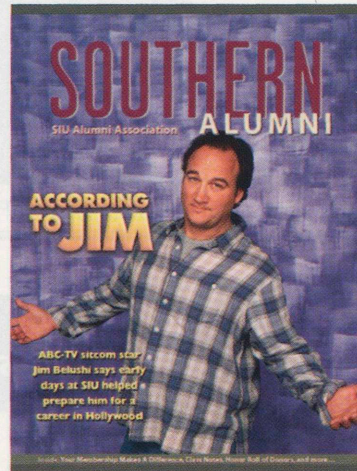
After graduation I used to see him at the Second City Improv Company in Chicago's Old Town. One night I got mugged outside his apartment, but Jim followed this terrible event by buying my dinner and a healthy supply of much needed beer.

Anyone who knew Jim during his SIU days is not surprised by his personal and professional success. You can always tell the winners when they are at the starting gate.

Thanks again for the fine article.

Rich Neumann '77
Springfield, Mo.

Belushi's old roommate is not surprised by his success.



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.

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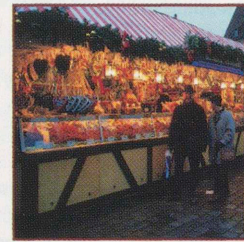
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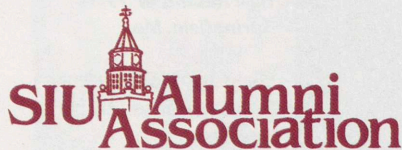
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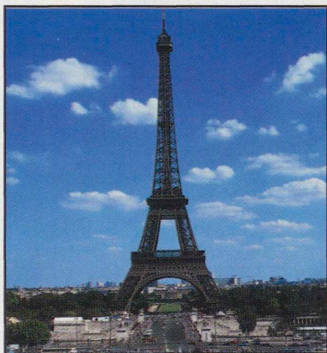


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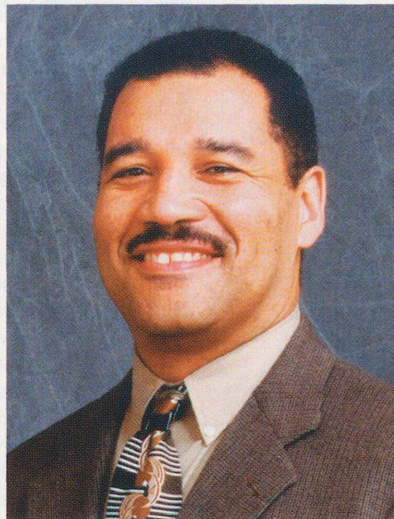
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Alexander Named Dean Of SIU School Of Law

SIU alumnus Peter Alexander, a professor of law at The Pennsylvania State University's Dickinson School of Law, has been appointed dean of the SIU School of Law. The appointment is effective June 1 and is subject to ratification by the SIU Board of Trustees.

The SIU Alumni Association Life Member, who earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University in 1979 and a law degree from Northeastern University School of Law in Boston in 1983, is the school's first African-American dean.

After earning his law degree, Alexander served as a law clerk for the U.S. District Court in Decatur until 1985. He then entered private practice and eventually set up his own firm in Watseka (Ill.). Alexander joined The Dickinson School of Law in 1992.



"I'm extremely excited to be returning to the school where I received my professional start," says Alexander. "It's a place where I learned a lot about leader-

ship and service, and I'm looking forward to giving something back to the University."

Alexander takes over the duties held by Thomas Guernsey who left last year to become dean of the Albany (N.Y.) Law School. W. Eugene Basanta, a professor in the law school, has served as interim dean since last July.

The SIU product is a member of the American Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association and was inducted into the American College of Bankruptcy last year. He has also served as a member of the editorial advisory board of the American Bankruptcy Institute's Law Review, is the former chair of the Association of American Law Schools' Committee on Sections, and is the current chair of the association's Section on Creditors' and Debtors' Rights. ■

Shoup To Step Down As Agriculture Dean



David Shoup, dean of SIU's College of Agriculture, will step down July 1 and join the faculty. The changes are subject to ratification by the SIU Board of Trustees.

"We appreciate Dean Shoup's contributions to the College and University and know that he'll continue to be productive as he returns to the faculty," says John Dunn, Southern's provost and vice chancellor.

Shoup came to Southern in 1999 from the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he held the Parker Chair for Excellence in Agricultural and Natural Resources. Over the course of his four-year tenure as SIU dean, the College changed its name; achieved top-ranking status in research among non-land grant institutions; renovated and expanded its biotechnology laboratories; initiated high-speed information technologies for research and course delivery; expanded outreach and research programs across the state; and began partnerships with several community colleges.

Shoup will continue to teach in a new, cooperative program with Lake Land College that allows those students to take SIU junior-level coursework in Effingham. He also will continue his research in new technologies for food and biomedical applications.

"I really love Illinois agriculture, the students and my fellow faculty, and I look forward to conducting some truly needed research and to teaching the best students in America," Shoup says. ■

On The Side

SIU Research Funding Reaches Near-Record Levels

Grants and contracts awarded to Southern Illinois University Carbondale during the 2002 fiscal year totaled a near-record \$61.4 million – 13 percent more than the University received last year.

Year-end results released by SIU's Office of Research Development and Administration show federal and state agencies, corporations and private foundations gave the University \$28.3 million for research, \$6.5 million for training programs and \$26.6 million for service and other projects.

The economic impact of such funding on the region could amount to some \$109.5 million, based on a 1993 study by SIU researchers that calculated a multiplier effect of \$1.78 for every \$1 the University generates.

"One of the goals of the Southern at 150 plan is to become one of the top 75 public research institutions in the country," says SIUC Chancellor Walter Wandler. "This shows that our faculty is competitive when it comes to grants and contracts, and that our success in this area continues to grow."

The federal share of this year's total – \$21.3 million – went up by 50 percent over last year.

"Federal funding generally is the most competitive and prestigious for our faculty and students," notes John Koropchak, Southern's vice chancellor for research and dean of the SIU Graduate School. "It has the greatest impact on enhancing the reputation of the University." ■

On The Side

Southern's Finance Department Ranks High

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Department of Finance ranks in the top 5.6 percent of all research universities worldwide for research productivity, according to a new study.

An article in an upcoming issue of *Financial Management Journal* ranks the SIU department, part of the College of Business and Administration, 52nd out of 923 institutions. The ranking is based on publications in a set of 16 core finance journals from 1990 through 2001.

The findings place Southern ahead of all of its peer institutions as identified by the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Of the eight peers, Iowa State is closest to SIU with a rank of 57, followed by Washington State at 102. The study also ranks the University ahead of three of four aspirational peers identified in Southern at 150, the blueprint for the long-range growth of the University. Among aspirational peers, the University of Missouri is one notch ahead of the SIU finance department at 51, while Louisiana State University ranks 54th, the University of Colorado 99th, and the University of Kentucky 117th.

"To be in the top 5.6 percent of finance departments worldwide is a powerful statement about the quality of education here," Business College Dean Dan Worrell says. Southern's ranking compared to the peer institutions and aspirational peers, he notes, "is just an outstanding validation of the quality of our program. You'll see some real powerhouses behind us."

Spring Enrollment At Southern Up 115 Students

Enrollment at Southern Illinois University Carbondale for spring 2003 grew by 115 students compared to last spring and stands at 21,048.

"Our numbers are up this spring, following an increase in students fall semester," says Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management. "These are positive numbers, and staff and faculty across campus who have helped us concentrate on freshmen, transfer students and international students deserve credit for their efforts."

Anne De Luca, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management and director of admissions, adds that numbers for fall are impressive. "Admissions for new freshmen are up 12 percent compared to last year," she says. "We think that is significant."

Camp Little Giant To Celebrate 50 Years

Camp Little Giant will celebrate its 50th anniversary on June 28, 2003. The Touch of Nature Environmental Center invites all past counselors, campers, friends and families back for the reunion. Relive your memories and bring your photos back to this special place as you re-create your Camp experiences.

If you would like more information on the reunion, the Friends of Touch or Camp Little Giant, you can visit their Web site at www.tonec.siu.edu, e-mail at tonec@siu.edu, or call at (618) 453-1121.

Poshard To Retire From SIUC



Glenn Poshard, Southern Illinois University Carbondale's vice chancellor for

administration, will retire July 31. He will be ending his 40-year public service career where it began.

A three-degree graduate of the University, Poshard was a student worker in the Physical Plant and a Civil Service employee in the 1960s. "I've had a wonderful career, and nothing could be more satisfying to me than ending my public service career with a university that I dearly love," the SIU Alumni Association Life Member says.

Chancellor Walter Wendler praises Poshard for his integrity and leadership.

"All of us at the University – indeed throughout the region – are indebted to Glenn for his selfless efforts," Wendler says. "We have benefited tremendously from his knowledge of the state and federal governments and his skills in planning, organizing and management. I have relied on and appreciated his advice on many issues. He represents everything that is good about this University and southern Illinois. As the time for

his departure draws near, we will recognize him in a more formal way."

Poshard, who was profiled last year in *Southern Alumni*, became vice chancellor in July 1999 after serving eight months as executive assistant to the president of John A. Logan College in Carterville.

A former public school educator, state senator and Democratic nominee for governor, he served five terms in the U.S. House representing the 19th and 22nd districts. Long a champion of abused and neglected children, Poshard plans to devote "all of my time to children and children's health-care issues." He will focus on running the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children, and will serve as an ambassador for the Baptist Children's Home in Carmi.

"The time is right," Poshard notes. "I have a lot of things I want to pursue on my own now. They're time-consuming projects, especially with respect to the abused and neglected children's issues. But I'm looking forward to that new stage of my life. And I see nothing but a bright future for SIUC."

"This University's greatness lies in front of it, and I'm glad I was able to make a little contribution to that end."

SIUC, Faculty Association Reach Contract Agreement

By a vote of 202-73, general membership of the SIUC Faculty Association approved the University's final contract offer in early February and ratified a new agreement. This occurrence ended nearly a year of bargaining and averted a potential teachers' strike at Southern.

The contract offers no increases for this year and a total of 7.5 percent in raises distributed in increments during the remaining three years, in addition to state appropriations. The agreement also speaks to improved faculty-student ratios and a guarantee of no layoffs tied to financial problems. SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler calls the agreement "a new beginning," noting that the University can now move forward – faculty and administration together.

Faculty Association President Morteza Daneshdoost says, "The last year has been a difficult one, but today we find ourselves stronger than ever. This contract is not everything we needed, but it does advance our position."

'Blonde' Ambition

SIU student spends winter break working on set of 'Legally Blonde' sequel

by Jessica Yorama

During break, Leanne Milner got her chance to serve in the Illinois House of Representatives – not as a lawmaker, but as a production assistant on the set of the new movie, *Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde*.

The Illinois House of Representatives, which served as the setting for several scenes of the movie, is where Milner, an SIU junior in radio and television from Springfield, was fortunate enough to spend a few days during her break. She worked as a production assistant on the picture, which will once again follow the comical adventures of Reese Witherspoon as Elle Woods, a non-typical student at Harvard Law School.

The scenes filmed at the Illinois House of Representatives chambers (which takes the place of the U.S. Congress, where filming is not allowed) show Woods as she fights against animal testing in hopes of saving the parents of her dog, Bruiser.

Milner, whose parents are both involved in the communications field, says her familiarity with media has done nothing but encourage her to pursue a career in this area. Although the job lasted only a few days, she was faced with 12-hour workdays filled with an array of tasks working with scripts, shots, lenses and other technical duties.

"It is something different than what you learn in a textbook, and something different than what you are used to," Milner says. "You can't learn the interaction of the business without being in the middle of it."

Milner has already been the executive producer of Studio A Productions, has experienced a summer internship in California, and most recently secured the aforementioned job as a production assistant.

It took Milner, a member of the Delta

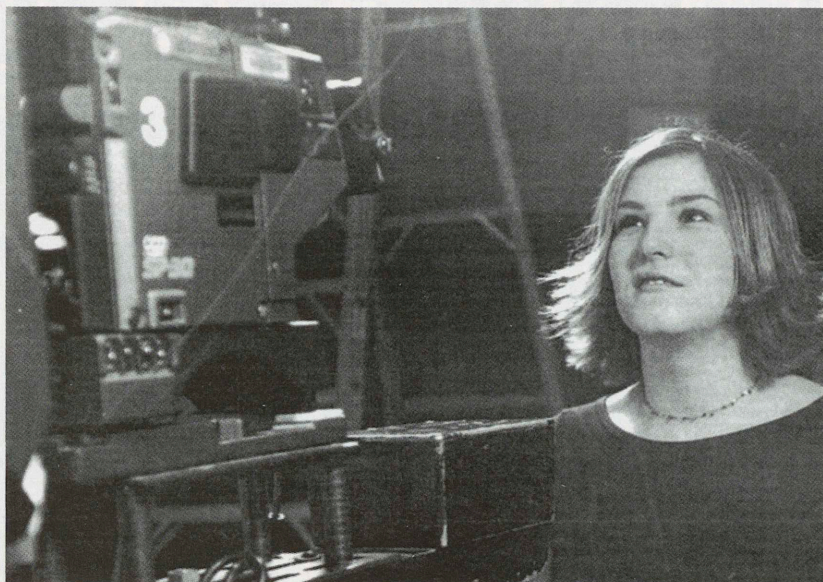


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Leanne Milner, 21, at work in SIU's Communications Building.

Zeta sorority, two weeks of persistence to connect with the casting director and land the position. Despite the frustration endured while waiting for a response, those who know her were confident she would get the job.

"Leanne is energetic, bubbly, dedicated, and always ready for an adventure," notes Delta Zeta chapter advisor Connie Morgan. "I knew it would all work out for her."

Doug Smart, an associate professor in the Radio and Television Department, emphasizes to students the importance of fieldwork in addition to classwork.

"These experiences help students bridge the gap between college and the workplace," he says. "It gives students the opportunity to emerge in the workplace and still be able to make mistakes. It helps them realize if this is what they truly want to do."

For Milner, the experience solidified her desire to pursue a career in the field.

"Witherspoon stopped and talked to me for a minute and asked about my future plans," Milner says. "She is nice, but I'm not star-struck or anything – I just see her as someone with a cooler job

than me. I had a good time and wouldn't substitute anything for those three days of experience." ■

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SIU Grad Students Earn Research Laurels

Two SIU graduate students studying the effects of toxins on water-dwelling species have won major prizes from an international professional society.

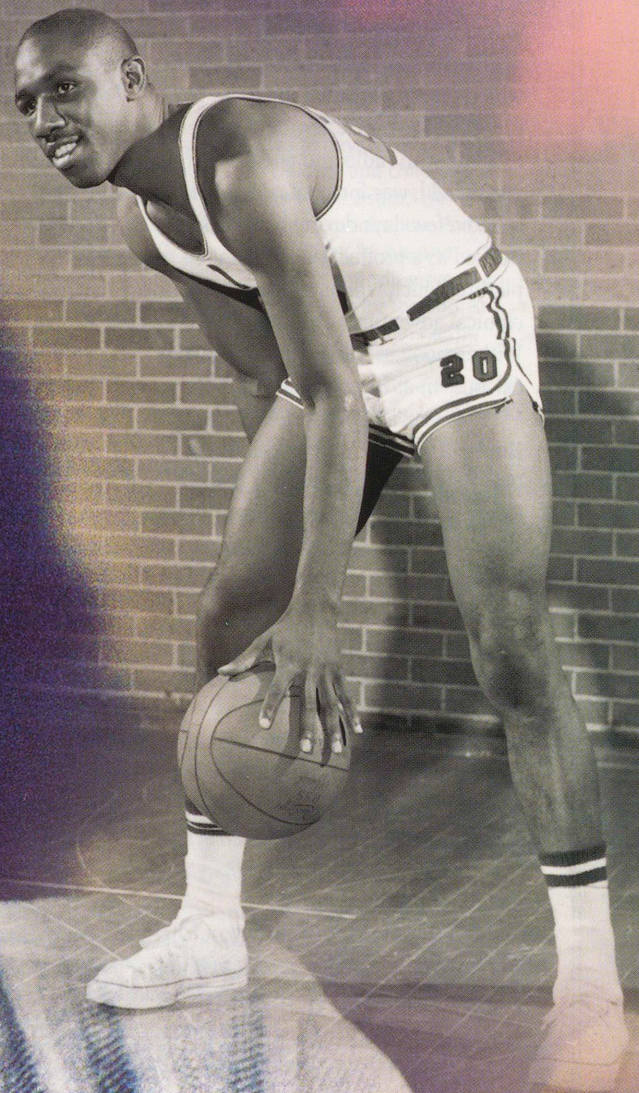
Lance Schuler will receive \$30,000 through the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry's Procter & Gamble global fellowship for doctoral research in environmental science. The fellowship is the organization's largest and most prestigious prize.

Kimberly Parks, a master's student, will receive \$2,000 through the memorial Jeff Black Award, co-sponsored by the society and EA Engineering Science and Technology. This grant is awarded based on academic record, the soundness of the research proposal and the quality and quantity of work done to date. Parks is assessing pesticide mixtures from California's Sacramento-San Joaquin delta.

Both students are part of a research team headed by Assistant Professor Michael Lydy, an aquatic toxicologist with the University's Fisheries and Illinois Aquaculture Center. ■

Chasing A Legend

Vaughn, who immortalized the No. 20 jersey when he played for the Salukis four decades ago, enjoys cheering on this year's SIU squad.



by Greg Scott

Charlie “Chico” Vaughn has responded to numerous challenges on the basketball court. Long since retiring from the game he loves, the Saluki great continues to battle obstacles while sharing life’s lessons with youngsters he encounters on a daily basis.

Countless times during his legendary career at Southern Illinois University, Charlie “Chico” Vaughn provided a lift to the Salukis when they needed it most. On a cool January night in Carbondale, SIU fans appropriately returned the favor to one of their favorite sons.

Prior to Southern’s recent game against conference rival Illinois State, the most prolific scorer in the school’s basketball history was introduced at the SIU Arena. As Vaughn stood to acknowledge the audience, he received a loud – and prolonged standing ovation from Saluki fans. “Their reaction was a pleasant surprise and totally unexpected,” Vaughn notes of the introduction. “I was happy to see 7,000 people standing and clapping for me.”

It was a special moment for Vaughn, considering the difficult times he has endured as of late. June Johnson Vaughn ‘75, his wife of 24 years, died of cancer in July 2002. About a year before his wife’s death, Vaughn’s son, Justin, was left partially paralyzed after being shot in the back in Cairo, Ill. While the initial prognosis was grim for Justin, his therapy is going well, and doctors expect him to recover.

Harold Bardo, Vaughn’s former teammate at Southern, says he was especially pleased with how his friend was greeted, considering the obstacles he has encountered.

“Charlie has had some tough personal times of late, but he’s a strong guy,” Bardo says. “The fans remembering and recognizing his achievements that night meant a lot to him. His brother was in attendance as well. It’s always important to share those moments with family.”

Vaughn, who counsels students and does security work at Meridian High School, lives about an hour south of Carbondale and says that he attends one or two Southern games a year. But during this return trip, Saluki fans appeared to have a renewed appreciation for his vaunted record-setting career.

It was just over 42 years ago, on Jan. 13, 1961, that Vaughn broke Seymour Bryson’s all-time career scoring record (1,535) with a 24-point effort against Illinois State. That was Vaughn’s junior year. He added to this mark, ending his career at Southern with a career total of 2,088 points – a mark that still stands today.

Forty years later, SIU’s current star, Kent Williams, the most recent challenger to Vaughn’s record, moved into second place late in the season. *The Southern Illinoian*, the regional newspaper, printed a “Kent Williams Watch” depicting his march up the ranks of career-scoring leaders.

Bryson, who was a senior when Vaughn broke into the starting lineup during the 1958-59 season, says Williams’ exploits shed even more light on his former teammate’s accomplishment. He says Vaughn’s mark has become even more revered by Saluki fans.

“The ‘Kent Williams Watch’ made people more aware and appreciative of Charlie’s record,” says Bryson, who ranks seventh on the all-time scoring list. “In spite of Kent’s outstanding four-year career, he is still a long way from breaking Charlie’s record. That just puts everything in its proper perspective. People understand what a feat it was.”

The feat was extraordinary considering that Vaughn didn’t have the benefit of the three-point basket, although many of his baskets were shot from that range. In addition, due to academic ineligibility issues, he played in only 85 games at Southern, which amounts to three seasons. Several Salukis since, including Williams, have played in well over 100 games. Entering the season, Mike Glenn was second on the list with 1,878 career points in 104 games.

Vaughn, who also holds the Illinois State High School record with 3,358 points, is surprised that his collegiate record has withstood the test of time.

“There have been so many good shooters, like Mike Glenn and Dick Garrett, go through SIU. I didn’t think my record would last this long,” he says. “Records are made to be broken. I thought Kent Williams was going to break it this year. He was on a good pace to do it.”

Many Saluki fans are left to wonder how many points Vaughn would have scored if the three-point goal was in existence during his playing career. Vaughn estimates that his total would have been 3,500 to 4,000. While Bardo stops short of saying the record will never be broken, he says the mark would be unattainable if Vaughn had the luxury of shooting the trey.

“Some young kid may get close and possibly break it given the benefit of the three-point basket – but it’s unlikely,” Bardo says. “If they had the three-point basket when Charlie was playing, that record would be

so far out of reach that no one would break it. As it was, he only played three years. When you reflect on his record in light of those things, it's just unbelievable."

Bryson, whose school-record of 1,244 rebounds has stood since 1959, takes his assessment of Vaughn's mark a step further.

"Charlie's record will **never** be broken. Today, kids play 130 to 140 games if they start all four years. Here's a guy who played in just 85 games," he says. "As it is, no one is going to break Charlie's record."

During a career in which he averaged more than 24 points per game, there weren't many things on a basketball court that could stop the man Saluki fans came to know as "Chico." However, there was one thing that kept him from playing in more games as a Saluki: academic eligibility. Poor grades contributed to Vaughn playing in only half of Southern's games his junior and senior seasons and ultimately leaving the University academically ineligible.

But while others ponder what could have been, Vaughn is at peace with his career. Partially due to the fact that after leaving Southern and playing professional basketball for seven years, he returned to Carbondale and finished the requirements for his degree in recreation in 1988. With this unfinished business taken care of more than a quarter-century after his stellar collegiate career was behind him, Vaughn says the number of

points he could have scored is irrelevant.

"It is nice when young kids come up to me and talk about the record. But since I completed my degree, I don't think about the record anymore," he says. "My name has been on top of two career-scoring lists for over 40 years. That is a long time to hold two records of that magnitude."

Even after fulfilling a dream of playing in the NBA and the ABA, Vaughn came to realize that something was missing – a college degree. He returned to the University during the 1986 spring semester to complete requirements for a degree in recreation. All of a sudden, something Vaughn didn't value during his days as a basketball star became a primary focus in his life.

"My brother and sister both had degrees, and I was married to a lady that went to SIU," Vaughn says. "After sitting at home and reviewing my transcript, I told my brother that I was going back to school. I called Harold Bardo and Seymour Bryson to inform them of my decision. Nothing was going to stop me now."

Vaughn says he allowed his superstar status to get in the way of attaining his degree much earlier.

"I was young, and when you're a star, the belief is that you can get away with anything. But in retrospect, I wasn't as big as I thought," he says. "If it was left up to my coach and teammates, I would have focused on education more. The

support system was there. It wasn't SIU's fault I didn't finish – it was me!"

Vaughn received his degree in August of 1988 at the age of 48. During this two-year pursuit, he was pleased to discover that the University community was in his corner.

"It was tough going back to school. But you wouldn't believe how many young people knew me and wanted to help," he says. "It was a pleasant surprise, because these were some young minds."

While Bardo and Bryson encouraged their longtime friend upon his return to campus, they credit Vaughn for his perseverance.

"Charlie did the work and went to class. He felt it was necessary to complete his degree requirements, and I'm proud of him for that," Bardo says. "He was smart enough to do it in 1962 – he just got caught up in a lot of things here as a student-athlete."

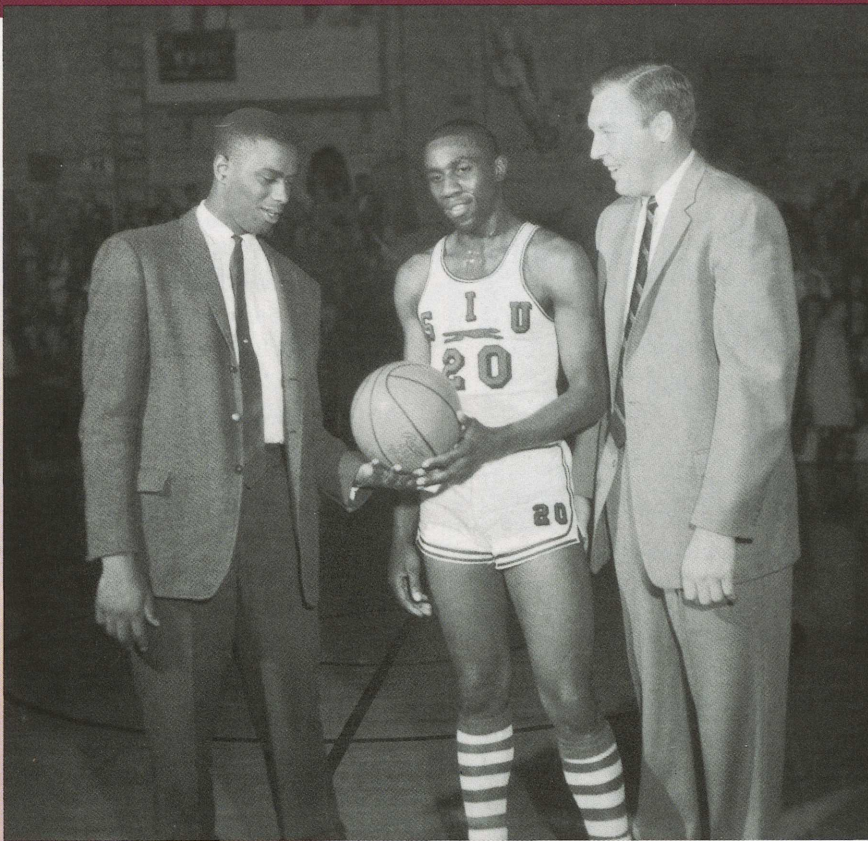
Ironically, Vaughn almost didn't attend Southern in the first place. His journey to SIU was full of twists and turns.

The son of Milton and LaVern Vaughn, Charlie grew up in Tamms, a small farming community in deep southern Illinois. The family moved to Portland when his father found employment in the city, but the Vaughns returned to Tamms when Charlie was 12.

During this time, Vaughn's older brother, Leroy, who also played professional basketball, introduced him to the

"The Gallatin Gang," comprised of former Salukis who were part of the Harry Gallatin squads at SIU, enjoyed getting back together at the SIU Arena in 1998. Front row, from left: Eddie Blythe, Eldon Bigham, Randy McClary, Chico Vaughn, Seymour Bryson, Dick Ruggles, Harold Bardo, and John Mees. Back row: Coach Gallatin, Mike Pratte, Jim Gualdoni, Tom McGreal, Don Hepler, Gene Sams, Dave Henson, and Don McGee.





Seymour Bryson (left) and Vaughn gave Gallatin one of the best one-two punches in Saluki basketball history.

game of basketball. Leroy took little brother to the YMCA where he demonstrated various maneuvers. Vaughn actually learned the game playing on dirt.

"We used to drain water off dirt, throw some ashes down and play ball," he says.

He estimates shooting 100 to 150 jump shots a day. When it came to shooting, Vaughn had his own style. One sportswriter described it in this fashion: *"Vaughn has one of the most unorthodox long shots in the game, jumping and falling away from the basket, holding the ball behind his head and firing off his ear with uncanny precision."*

This shot became a trademark for Vaughn at Tamms High School, and later at Southern. Additionally, it was a source of frustration for defenders. "It was a hard shot to block," he says. "When the defender was in front of me, I would just shoot and fall away from him. If I got blocked, it was from behind."

Bardo agrees. "Guys couldn't get to Charlie's shot because he cocked the ball to the side of his head," he describes. "It was an unorthodox shot, until it went through the basket – which was quite

often. As a defender, you could possibly go across his body and around his back side to block it, but you would only pick up on this if you practiced against him every day."

Vaughn immediately made an impact as a freshman, starting all but two games. By his junior year, some games were being scheduled at larger facilities so crowds could watch this young phenom.

On a January night in 1958, Vaughn broke the Illinois prep scoring record of Centralia's Dwight Eddleman, a record that stood at 2,702 since 1942. He kept adding to the mark, finishing his prep career with 3,358 points, which was believed to be a national record at one time. He averaged 37 points per game his last three years at Tamms.

The scoring wizard garnered the attention of numerous college recruiters. He initially elected to attend Bradley University. However, Vaughn quickly discovered that it wasn't the right fit for him. As a result, he transferred to Dayton, where he enrolled for the summer semester in 1958 and worked in a bakery.

But when Vaughn returned to southern Illinois for a semester break, he met Harry

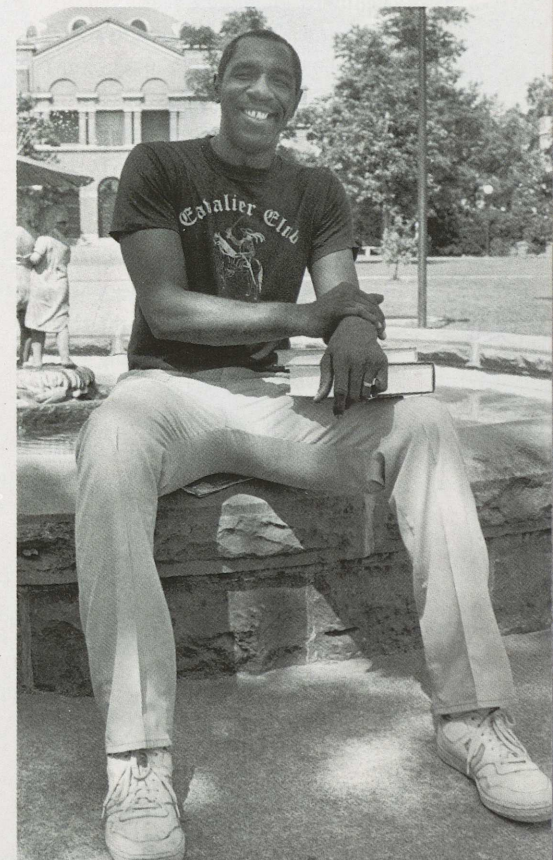
Gallatin, now an NBA Hall of Famer who had just accepted the head coaching job at Southern. It was at this point that Vaughn decided that his best college option was right in his own back yard.

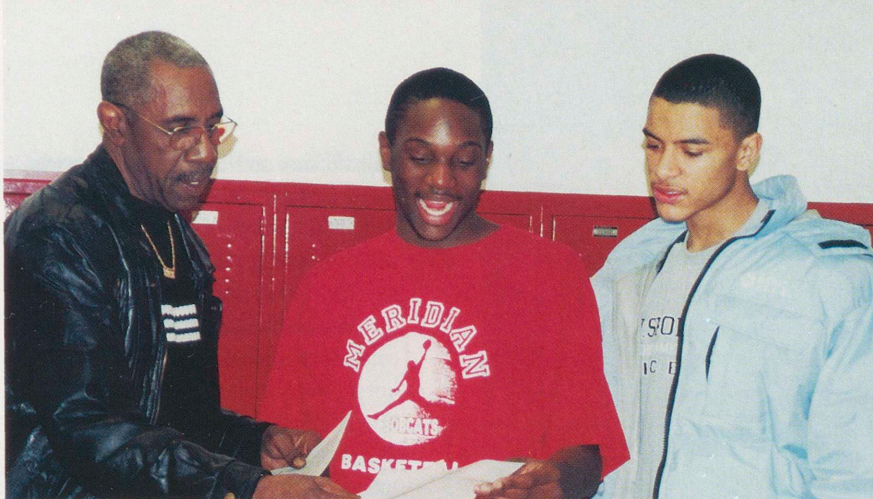
"Some of the guys from SIU used to come down and talk to me when they knew I was home," Vaughn says. "I met Coach Gallatin, and we started talking. He drove me back to Dayton and got my money back. I've been a Saluki ever since."

The Salukis were in a period of transition. Gallatin, a former NBA player, instituted an up-tempo, fast-break style that was made-to-order for his young freshman star. Vaughn, who broke into the starting lineup as a forward before being switched back to guard later in his collegiate career, burst onto the scene as a freshman, scoring 620 points in 26 games, which was a new single-season record.

"Charlie was a special talent with an ability to take over a game. I remember several games in which I became a spec-

Shown here in 1988, Vaughn fulfilled a post-pro basketball goal by returning to Southern and finishing his degree at the age of 48. When he returned, he was proud to discover that the University was still in his corner.





Relating with students at Meridian High School is a joy for Vaughn, who takes pride in making a difference in the lives of young people.

tator watching him like everyone else,” Bryson says.

Bardo agrees. “Charlie was just an exceptional athlete for his time. He would be exceptional today. People forget that he was also an outstanding defensive player. Even now I look back on things he did that were unfathomable.”

During Vaughn’s sophomore season, 1959-60, he was even more productive, tallying an amazing 779 points in 29 games, for an average of 26.9 points per game. Only four players nationally, including Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati and Jerry West of West Virginia, scored more points than Vaughn his sophomore year.

While leading the Salukis to a 20-9 record, he earned second-team *United Press International* college division All-American team honors. Vaughn’s exploits prompted Gallatin to say, “He does things by instinct that most players have to learn by years of drills.”

Despite being ineligible for the first six games of his junior year, Vaughn was a near-unanimous choice for the *UPI*’s All-American team after scoring 492 points in 21 games. His career was cut short his senior season when he was again declared academically ineligible after the first nine games of the season.

“In terms of college ballplayers, Charlie Vaughn is the best ballplayer SIU has ever had,” says Bryson. “A lot of people won’t agree with that. Walt Frazier was great, and you can’t take anything away from him. Walt had a better NBA career than Charlie and is one of the best

ever at the professional level. But he didn’t do any more for SIU than Charlie Vaughn. You’ll certainly never see another scoring machine like Charlie.”

When Vaughn played, the Salukis won. They recorded a 59-26 record in the 85 games he played in, advancing to postseason each year. Vaughn believes the Salukis’ success during this time period, which coincided with Gallatin’s four-year tenure

SIU Career Scoring Leaders

Name, Years	Games	Points
1. Charlie Vaughn, 1959-1962	85	2,088
2. Kent Williams, 1999-2003	123	1,908*
3. Mike Glenn, 1974-77	104	1,878
4. Ashraf Amaya, 1990-93	128	1,864
5. Steve Middleton, 1985-88	93	1,710

* Points as of press time 2/26/03.

as Southern’s coach, was the foundation for the school’s basketball program.

“We had more ballplayers come to SIU as a result of our winning ways,” Vaughn says. “That four-year period was the building block because SIU started getting players like Dick Garrett, Walt Frazier, Joe Meriweather and Mike Glenn.”

After leaving Southern, Vaughn began a seven-year stint in professional basketball, playing the first four under Gallatin, who had returned to the NBA to become head coach of the St. Louis Hawks. Gallatin was instrumental in signing Vaughn to play for the Hawks. In 77 games during Vaughn’s rookie year, 1962-63, he averaged 10.1 points per game. After averaging 8.6 points his second season, Vaughn increased his

average to 11.6 his third year. He credits Gallatin for his success at the NBA level.

“At SIU, Coach Gallatin showed me what professional basketball was going to be about; I was prepared for it,” Vaughn says. “I remember if he didn’t see blood in practice, we didn’t get to eat. And he would get out there with you.”

Vaughn played three years for Gallatin in St. Louis before he was traded to the Detroit Pistons, where he stayed for two years. He concluded his professional career playing three seasons for Pittsburgh and Minnesota, respectively, in the now-defunct American Basketball Association. He earned ABA all-star honors with Pittsburgh before knee problems forced him to retire in 1970.

Vaughn, 63, says the points he scores with youth in the community are more important than anything he did in a basketball arena. Before returning to Southern to earn his degree, he worked in development programs for children with handicaps and delinquencies in Sterling and Dixon Springs.

Today, he enjoys mentoring and tutoring youth at Meridian High School and advises them on the value of education. Vaughn is particularly proud of a troubled young man he helped transform into an honor roll student. It’s moments like this that have been rewarding for him the last 13 years.

“I didn’t want to just sit down and draw my NBA money. I wanted to be in the school system because I’ve always enjoyed working with kids,” he says. “I’m happy because I’m helping someone else.”

His basketball career may have ended some 33 years ago, but Charlie “Chico” Vaughn continues his winning ways. Whether it is helping area youth, or rooting on his alma mater, this career scoring leader is the epitome of class. As Saluki performers have found for four decades, chasing *this* legend is not any easy task.

Should any succeed, however, Vaughn hopes to be there. “If someone breaks the record and they want me to give him the ball, I’ll be the *first* one there to congratulate him.”

More Than A Scorer

Carver Shannon remembers the first time he played in a pickup basketball game with Chico Vaughn.

Like everyone else, he was eager to witness the skills of this special talent who had led the nation in scoring as a high school senior. Vaughn was also arriving on campus fresh off a career in which he set the Illinois state prep record for career scoring. But he took on a different role in this game. Shannon had the hot hand, so Vaughn opted to keep passing the ball to him.

Shannon, who starred on the Saluki football team, says this wasn't out of the ordinary. He admits that he was initially surprised by Vaughn's team play, considering the success he enjoyed in high school.

"We stayed up late talking basketball many nights. I would always tell him, 'Chico, shoot the ball more,'" says Shannon, a Saluki Hall of Famer. "I used to get on him for passing up shots. He was such a team player that you didn't know how many points he was actually scoring. Chico wasn't just a scorer – he was a thinker on the basketball court."

Shannon and Vaughn were roommates at Thompson Point for two years and became instant friends.

"Chico is a very sincere person who would do almost anything for you," he says. "We would have been friends even if we weren't roommates. There was mutual admiration between the two of us. I used to critique his basketball games and he looked forward to it. He was also happy when things went well for me on the football field."

Shannon, an NFL draftee who played for the Los Angeles

Rams, says Vaughn was an all-around athlete who could compete in any sport. "If Chico wanted to play football, he would have made an excellent wide receiver," he says.

Don Boydston, former athletic director at Southern, also acknowledges Vaughn's all-around talent. During a recruiting visit, Boydston discovered that Vaughn excelled in another sport at the high school level – baseball. A slick-fielding first baseman, Vaughn hit a lofty .666 his senior year and was subsequently drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies.

"Mrs. Vaughn told me that Charlie had hit a homerun measured at 500 feet. I remember thinking, 'Well, maybe, but this is a high school kid and we're talking Mickey Mantle marks back then,'" Boydston says. "But I talked to Charlie's coach, and he said that wasn't out of the ordinary. He said Chico was big league baseball material in addition to being a great basketball player."

While Boydston failed in an attempt to get Vaughn to suit up with the Saluki baseball team, he knew the Tamms, Ill., product was a special find for the basketball program.

"Charlie could have done anything. He was superior in so many ways," he says. "In high school, he was the man. So I can imagine that it was hard for him to play team basketball. But I think people like Seymour Bryson helped him a lot."

Despite his numerous accolades as a prep star, Bryson says teamwork wasn't a problem for Vaughn. He recounts one instance in which Vaughn passed on an opportunity to break the single-game scoring record of 40 points – which had been set by Bryson.

"Charlie got around 36 or 37 points and he asked Coach (Harry) Gallatin to take him out of the game," Bryson says. "He didn't want to break my record. Charlie could have broken it anytime he wanted to. That demonstrates how unselfish he was. He recognized the fact that I was a senior."

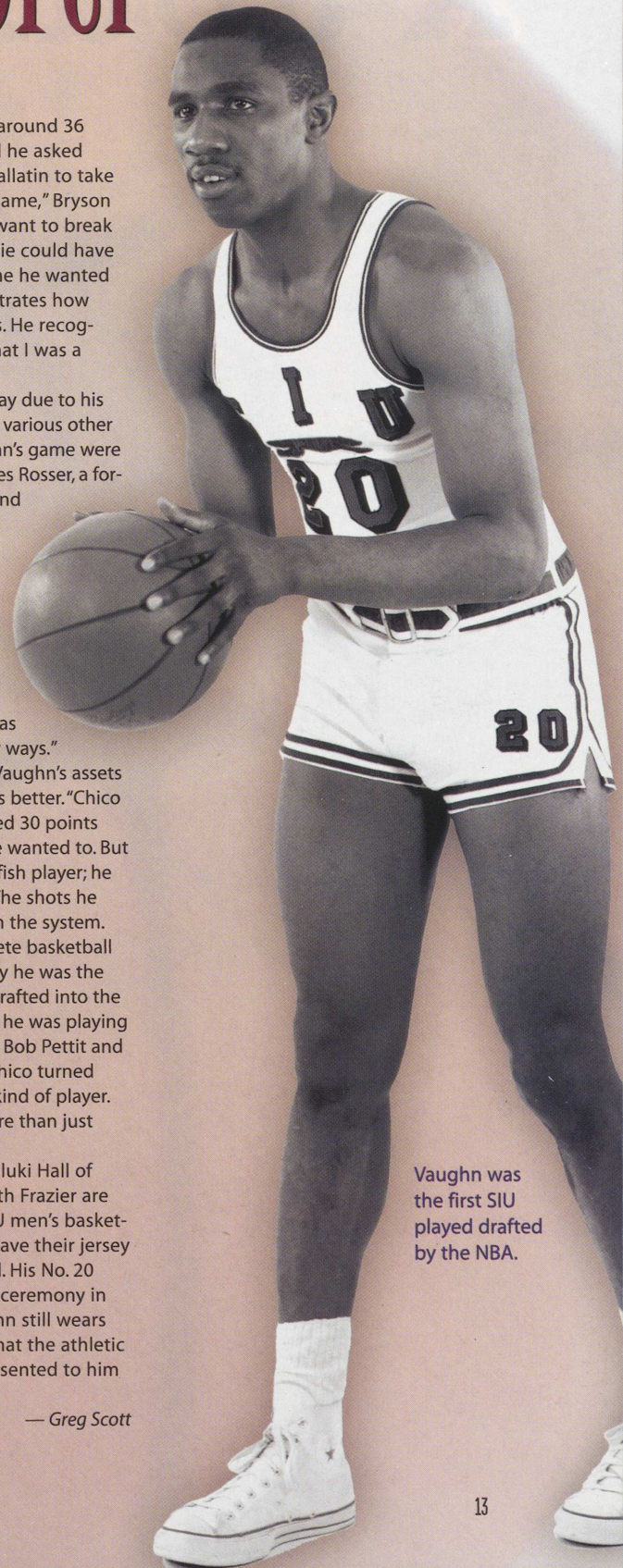
Teammates say due to his scoring prowess, various other aspects of Vaughn's game were overlooked. James Rosser, a former teammate and roommate, says:

"Charlie was a great defensive player and leaper. By virtue of that, he became an outstanding rebounder. He was an asset in many ways."

Bryson says Vaughn's assets made the Salukis better. "Chico could have scored 30 points every game if he wanted to. But he was not a selfish player; he wanted to win. The shots he took were within the system. He was a complete basketball player. That's why he was the first SIU player drafted into the NBA. In St. Louis, he was playing with players like Bob Pettit and Lenny Wilkins. Chico turned into a different kind of player. He could do more than just shoot the ball."

Vaughn, a Saluki Hall of Famer, along with Frazier are the only two SIU men's basketball players to have their jersey numbers retired. His No. 20 was retired at a ceremony in 1994, and Vaughn still wears the SIU watch that the athletic department presented to him that night.

— Greg Scott



Vaughn was the first SIU player drafted by the NBA.

A Journalist's Journey

by *Marianne Lawrence*

John Zakarian, award-winning editor at The Hartford Courant, didn't realize until years later that his tough, demanding SIU professors had really made the difference in his career.

In 1957, a young college-bound native of Jerusalem's Armenian Quarter sailed for America on the Queen Elizabeth. When the ocean liner docked in New York City three months later, he was excited, but just plain tired of traveling.

Armed with scholarships from San Francisco State University and Southern Illinois University, the 17-year-old was anxious to get where he was going and decided to find out which was closer.

When he arrived at Penn Station, he asked the ticket clerk which school was closer. "Well, Carbondale is in Illinois and so is Chicago, so Carbondale is closer than San Francisco," the bewildered clerk responded.

John Zakarian, now editorial page editor and vice president of the nation's oldest newspaper, *The Hartford Courant*, promptly bought a ticket to Carbondale. As he stepped off the train, SIU's new student knew he had to find work immediately to pay for his room and board, since his scholarship was only for tuition. Janitorial work in the dorms for 85 cents an hour supported him for one school year until he landed a job as an usher at the Varsity Theater.

He would spend three years working at the Varsity, quickly moving up the ladder to assistant manager, which at that time included two theaters. The Varsity also owned and operated the Rogers Theater, which showed mostly foreign movies and the classics.

Zakarian enjoyed theater work, recalling that before each performance coffee and cookies would be served and a folk singer would entertain. "It was a nice, homey community. It actually paid for my college education." The Rogers later burned and was not rebuilt.

Although fluent in Arabic, Armenian and English, Zakarian's English was the King's English, which presented minor problems in spelling. Educated in a British education system at a private Anglican school, he had to learn a new system of education at SIU.

However, the problems he encountered while learning in this new system actually resulted in a course change that led him into his distinguished career as a journalist.

"The only way my mother would let me go (to America) was if I promised to study engineering or medicine," recalls Zakarian. "Since SIU had no medical school at the time, I enrolled in the chemical engineering program and did very poorly in Chemistry 101."

Zakarian's work was made more difficult because the British element table is different than the American. But, then perhaps he was destined to become a newspaperman.

"I switched at that time to journalism, but I didn't tell my mother for two years," Zakarian recalls. His mother, not happy when learning of her son's change in plans, told him, "you know what happens to journalists in this part of the world – they get shot."

Undeterred by his mother's fearful warning, Zakarian continued his journalism studies, which he calls the toughest years of his life. "I had to support myself and learn a new system of education. I also had to adjust culturally, not only to the United States, but also to a slice of the United States that was rural and relatively isolated in those days from the rest of the world. It was challenging," he remarks.

Zakarian left SIU in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in journalism and during the next few years picked up his master's degree from the University of Iowa and began his newspaper career with the *Galesburg (Illinois) Register-Mail* and the *Associated Press* in Chicago.

While working in Chicago he learned what he calls "old fashioned journalism," recalling a particular assignment to cover a fatal car crash. "I had to call the parents and get quotes," Zakarian recalls. "They first learned their daughter had died from me."



Zakarian is all business during a staff meeting at the *Hartford Courant*. His administrative duties at the newspaper leave little time to do the one thing he misses the most – actually writing for the publication.



Kay and John Zakarian, far right, recently enjoyed a family get together with their sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren. From left are Julie, holding Iris, David with twins Melody and Daphne, Sawgal and Paul.

Calling it an excruciating experience, he says, “It’s a school of journalism that you don’t learn in college.”

Zakarian admits to being an opinionated person and developed a liking for analytical journalism rather than the “he said, she said” writing. When Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers, owner of six papers in Illinois, was looking for editorial writers for its home office, he applied and became assistant editorial page editor before advancing to editorial page editor for the chain, which included supervision of the state capital coverage.

In 1968 Zakarian was selected to be a Nieman Fellow. He recalls the day he learned about his selection for the prestigious fellowship to Harvard University:

“It was one of the most painful, yet thrilling days of my life – the day Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated. I was screaming for joy at my selection, but crying for what had happened.”

Zakarian’s career gathered momentum during his years as associate editor of the *Boston Herald-Traveler* and member of the editorial board of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, before he joined *The Hartford Courant*, where he is editorial page editor and vice president.

In 2001 he was unanimously selected to become a life member of the National Conference of Editorial Writers – an award that acknowledges lifetime achievement in the field of opinion page journalism and contributions to the profession at large.

Zakarian, who served as president of the NCEW in 1976, has worked recently to create standards for journalists covering the Middle East. In the 1980s and 1990s, he led or joined delegations of editors and editorial writers on information trips to various parts of the world, and met a virtual who’s who on the international stage. “We had great access and were able to meet with people like Nelson Mandela, ItzHak Shamir, ItzHak Rabin, Desmond Tutu, Winnie Mandela, Daniel Ortega, Hafez Assad and Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan.

Zakarian recently returned to campus as part of the John White Fellowship Lecture Series sponsored by the SIU Public Policy Institute that brings officials

and journalists in the public arena to campus. In addition to his lecture on Middle East media coverage, he spoke to several political science and journalism classes.

It was during this visit that Zakarian was able to renew old friendships with the Institute's two leaders, former Sen. Paul Simon and Mike Lawrence.

Lawrence, associate director of the Institute, worked summers at the

Galesburg Register-Mail when Zakarian was a city hall reporter there and enjoyed renewing their acquaintance. "He was someone I respected when I was just starting out in journalism," says Lawrence. "It was good to have a nationally recognized editorial page editor and leader in his field speaking to my students," adds Lawrence.

Institute director Simon recalls, "I first met John when he was a reporter in

Springfield, where we became reasonably well acquainted. In fact, I remember visiting with his mother and grandparents once when I was in the Armenian section of old Jerusalem. We've kept in touch over the years. He is a genuinely good guy in addition to being a fine journalist."

Zakarian recalls covering Simon while he was in the Illinois Legislature. "There were some young legislators who were good government types and were appealing to the young journalists who also liked good government. Paul and his friends were very open and accessible to the media.

"It's a secret that people in public life still have to learn. If you're accessible and you respond to the media, you will get better treatment than if you refuse to comment," says Zakarian.

In addition to finding his profession at SIU, Zakarian met Kay Holder, a nursing student from Mt. Vernon, who lived near him. They were married two years after they graduated. She was able to follow him, teaching nursing in Galesburg, Iowa City and Decatur.

The couple has two sons, David, who is a computer programmer for Butler Engineering in Kansas City, and Paul, a manager in a public health agency who lives in Connecticut. The Zakarians enjoy three grandchildren in Kansas City and will soon have another in Connecticut.

Zakarian credits his professors and the program at SIU with much of his journalistic success. "The professors at SIU were taskmasters and extracted their pound of flesh," he recalls. "I hated them at the time, but decided they were the ones I learned most from because afterward graduate school and the Nieman fellowship were a breeze. I had learned to study and to spell at SIU."

The award-winning writer's favorite activity is writing, but he doesn't get to do as much as he'd like these days. "If anything gets me frustrated, it's not being able to write because I have to do performance evaluations or help develop a strategic plan. That borders on boring, and you can quote me on that," laughs Zakarian. "The fun stuff is writing." 🏠



Working at The Varsity, first as an usher and later as assistant manager, helped pay Zakarian's way through SIU. "I was happy to see that it was still here," he said during a recent visit to campus. "I must have been one of the first international students to ever work there."

The Oldest Newspaper In America

The *Hartford Courant* is not only this country's oldest newspaper in continuous publication, it is actually older than the nation.

Started as a weekly paper in 1764, Thomas Green helped keep *The Courant* in print by selling clothing, stationery, hardware and spices out of a store in front of the newspaper's office.

When the paper's second editor, Ebenezer Watson, died of smallpox in 1777, his widow, Hannah, took over, becoming one of the first women publishers in America.

John Zakarian '61, today's editorial page editor of *The Courant*, says the paper means a lot to him because it is the oldest in the country. "The paper is preserved on microfilm, but original copies exist from Volume 1, Number 1," he explains.

The newspaper's Web site notes that it is the newspaper where George Washington placed an ad to lease part of his Mount Vernon land and where Noah Webster's "Blue-Backed Speller" was first published.

In a recent visit to campus, Zakarian noted that the story reporting the signing of the Declaration of

Independence somehow landed on page 2 and that Thomas Jefferson sued the paper for criminal libel, but lost in a Supreme Court decision.

The Courant played an important role during the Revolutionary War, having the largest circulation of any newspaper in the colonies and backing the rebel cause. When the paper mill was burned down, the Connecticut Legislature authorized a lottery to raise money to build a new mill. In the meantime, some issues were printed on wrapping paper.

The paper has won two Pulitzer Prizes – in 1992 for Explanatory Journalism for a series of stories on the flaws plaguing the Hubble telescope and in 1999 for Breaking News Reporting in covering the 1998 shooting at Connecticut Lottery headquarters.

The Courant, owned by the Tribune Company of Chicago, has a circulation of more than 200,000 daily and almost 300,000 on Sundays.

Information taken from The Hartford Courant Web site



Zakarian (upper left) is shown with the large – and talented – staff he manages at the *Hartford Courant*. The newspaper has won two Pulitzer Prizes since he has worked there.

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A New Look

For A Southern TREASURE

Historic Altgeld Hall
Receiving Long -
Awaited Improvements

by Gene Green

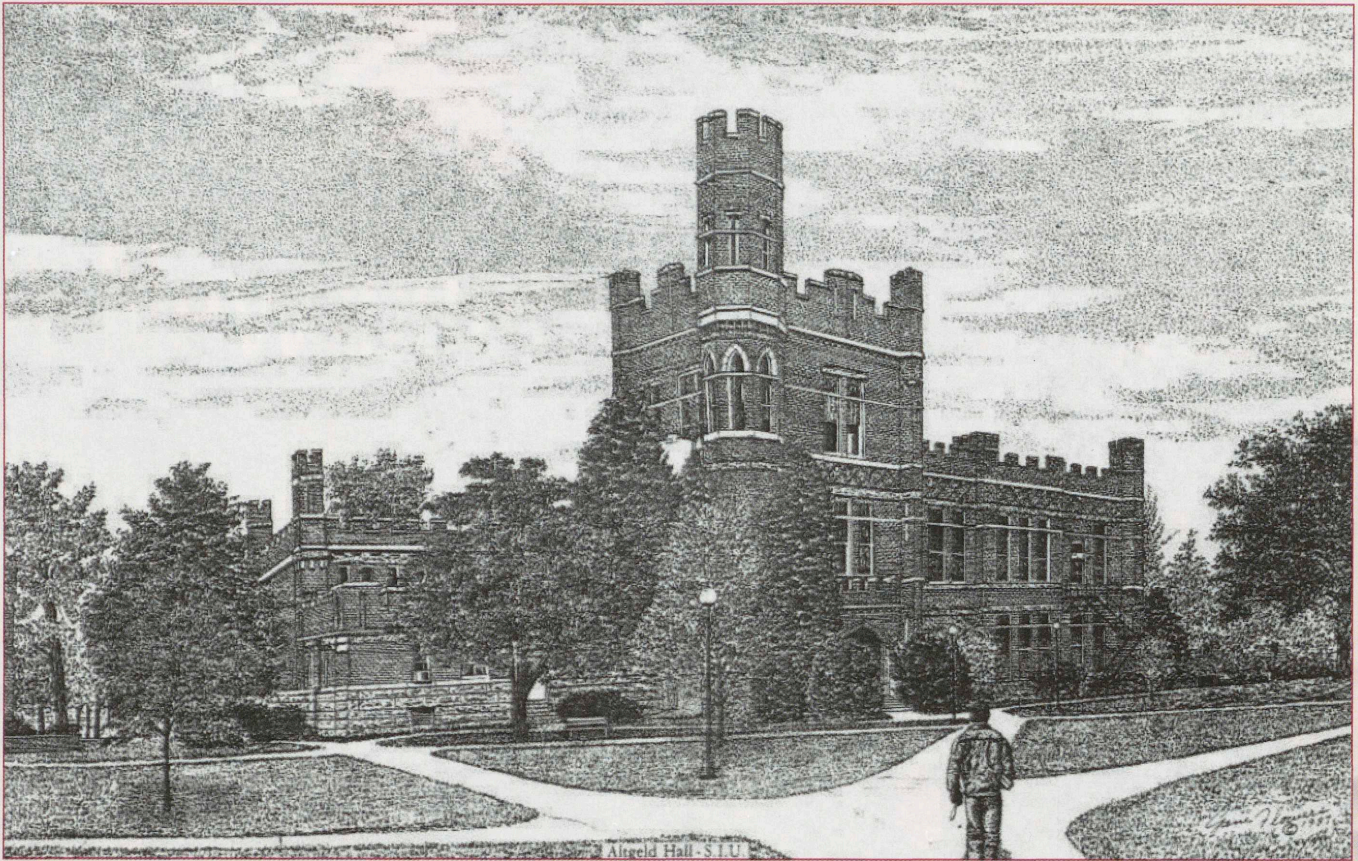


Over the years, Altgeld Hall has changed little in appearance with the exception of early days when vines (in background illustration) covered most of the walls. The artist's rendering above shows what the new facility will look like when completed next spring.

On Dec. 22, 1896, the dedication of Altgeld Hall served as the biggest news on the Southern Illinois University campus. Named after Illinois Gov. John Altgeld, the 39th Illinois General Assembly had appropriated \$40,000 for the construction of what would *originally* be called the Old Science Building.

Fast forward 106 years, and Southern's oldest remaining building will soon bask in the glory of a long-awaited facelift. With completion set in April, 2004, the second building ever constructed on campus remains a true University landmark. Home to many different disciplines over the last century, it has housed the School of Music since the 1950s, but except for the installation of an elevator, no renovation of any kind has taken place at Altgeld since 1957.

Southern's historic old icon has been completely gutted and restructured for



Local artist Gene Flowers '74 captured the beauty of Altgeld Hall in this 1987 drawing. Flowers, from Sesser, Ill., has drawn various Southern buildings. His work may be viewed on his Web site at www.geneflowers.com.

new classrooms and offices. The project also includes a 20,000-square-foot addition, improvements to the Old Baptist Foundation, and a corridor that will connect Altgeld with Shryock Auditorium. A courtyard is also being added between the new and original buildings, offering a pleasant spot for bands to practice and even host small concerts.

Funding The Project

The state is funding \$11.6 million of the plan, and a \$400,000 Green Illinois grant will fund the use of energy-efficient and environmentally sound materials in the construction. The expansion will contain acoustically sound classrooms,

recording and performing studios and will use energy efficient glass and carpet made with recyclable materials.

When renovation began in 2001, SIU President James Walker noted, "Over time, buildings have a way of becoming less grand. Our music department has been patient over the years – we created space in a building where there really wasn't any."

And while the School of Music has been displaced across campus in the Northwest Annex, Quigley Hall, University Courts and the Old Baptist Foundation, the inconvenience created by the facelift should be worth the wait.

In addition to an attractive exterior, the *new* Altgeld will offer critical interior improvements – not the least of which will

be temperature and humidity controls, says Robert Weiss, director of The School of Music. "The lack of control is literally converting our pianos into tinder," he says. "Other instruments also fare poorly when exposed to extremes of heat and cold, and then there are the acoustical problems in rooms that weren't made for practicing."

Ironically, Weiss says the temporary spaces have often been far superior to what they had before, and that the percussion students are especially benefiting from the temporary facilities.

Connecting Two Grand Structures

It is probably only fitting that part of the project will connect two of the most

historic buildings on campus – Altgeld and Shryock Auditorium. A corridor is being constructed to connect the structures, thus permitting groups to use the large rooms in Altgeld as warm-up rooms before performances in Shryock.

“Originally we intended to just put a walking corridor between the two,” says Phil Gatton, SIU Director of Plant and Service Operations. “But the connecting corridor fits in with the addition.”

Taking two completely different styles of architecture and building materials and making them mesh was the challenge for White and Borgognoni Architects, PC of Carbondale, who did the design work. The end result should serve SIU students in a dramatically better fashion.

“The School of Music has used this facility for a long time in ways that are *completely* different for what it was designed for,” Gatton says. “The acoustical issues and the technology needs are now being met.”

The Building's Early Years

C.W. Rapp, an architect known for his theatrical designs, is credited with the unique style of Altgeld. The Romanesque elements that make the building stand out was a style favored by Gov. Altgeld.

SIU's Altgeld Hall is actually one of five such structures built on college campuses in Illinois and named after the former governor. The other buildings are located at the University of Illinois, Illinois State University, Eastern Illinois University, and Northern Illinois University. All have similar Gothic Revival style elements, such as battlements at the wall tops, large carriage porch entries, arch entries, and rusticated masonry exterior treatments. When combined, it provides an appearance similar to medieval castles.

Born in Germany in 1847, Gov. Altgeld's heritage is reflected in the building's style. When he was elected Illinois governor in 1893, it marked the

Almost A Treasure Hunt



Viewed from the second floor, the foundation and basement of the 20,000 square foot addition is displayed on the west side of the building.

The first phase of a construction project such as the 20,000-square-foot addition to Altgeld Hall sometimes begins as a treasure hunt.

As Phil Gatton, director of SIU's Plant and Service Operations (PSO), explains, an exploratory excavation, officially called a phase I archeological reconnaissance, takes place to make sure that any artifacts existing in the location are not destroyed.

According to Gatton, the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency always wants to be involved whenever a building expansion is undertaken and usually requires a report of the site.

“Typically we do an assessment of the land we are going to build on to verify that there are no previous structures there and avoid disrupting any history that might exist,” Gatton explains. “We do sample excavation work to see if materials are of historical significance. Finding that kind of material determines how you treat the site.”

When the exploratory excavation west of Altgeld revealed a considerable amount of bricks, an old wooden tank, and what appeared to be foundation masonry, activity at the site got Harvey Chaloupka's attention.

An architectural draftsman for PSO who is knowledgeable in campus history, Chaloupka '75 was interested in the remnants' origins. “I did a little research and discovered that at one time there was a power plant and a little boiler house behind Altgeld.” He speculates that the bricks could be part of a smokestack that powered the old science building.

Gatton explains that Altgeld generated its own power, unlike most of today's buildings on campus that are powered by one plant. However, Chaloupka offers another possibility, explaining that after Old Main burned the first time, a temporary building was constructed and housed classrooms until a permanent structure could be rebuilt. “The bricks could also be the foundation of the temporary Old Main building,” he says.

But Chaloupka is quick to point out, “This is all guesswork. There were few pictures and no plans from that time period.”

The findings have been documented with the state agency and one small artifact – an ink or library paste bottle – was salvaged and handed over to the University Museum. The remaining items were disposed of.

first time a foreign-born citizen had been elected, and the first time a Chicago resident had been elected in Illinois, long a Republican stronghold since the days of Abraham Lincoln.

Constructed in 1896, Altgeld Hall became the second building on the fledgling SIU campus. The original Old Main was the first such undertaking when it was dedicated in 1874.

When Altgeld was first in use at Southern, the facility was generally referred to as “Old Science.” During this time, the structure housed the library, laboratories for physics, chemistry and biological sciences, and even a gymnasium. Southern’s indoor athletic activity continued to be held there until 1925, when the

“New Gym” (later to be called Davies Gymnasium) was built on campus.

Music To His Ears

With the reality that a modern facility will soon house Southern’s School of Music, the department’s director can’t help but be excited about the prospects for the future.

“While Altgeld Hall is an interesting historical building, it was never intended to support musical instruction,” Weiss notes. “With the complete gutting of the original building and the addition of 20,000 square feet, this will be the first time that our instructional spaces will really be designed appropriately.”

Much of the space in the new addition will be for a large band/orchestra rehearsal room and a large choral rehearsal room. Additional space will be used for faculty studios, practice rooms, and a musical instrument digital interface lab.

As mentioned previously, pianos had especially been in harm’s way over the years due to constant changes in temperature and humidity.

“This was a piano technician’s nightmare and frustrating for students and faculty who had to practice on instruments that went out of tune so easily,” Weiss says. “Practice rooms were not comfortable, but the spaces for percussion students were especially bad. The rooms designed for them in the renovated building will be wonderful.

“Instead of wild fluctuations in heat and humidity, we will have complete control of the climate of our rooms. Instead of noisy practice rooms and classrooms, we will have acoustically isolated spaces that lend themselves to much better teaching and practicing.

“I’ve been here for almost 25 years, and these problems have been known since before I got here,” Weiss says. “The difference will be like night and day.” 🏠



The old Band and Orchestra Rehearsal Room, shown here gutted and before new walls were built, will feature state of the art acoustics and added space for students.



During his stint as Illinois Governor, John Altgeld was instrumental in obtaining the funds to build the structure in 1896.



The building has been one of the few structures identified with Southern during the last 100 years.

Born in Germany in 1847, Gov. Altgeld's heritage is reflected in the building's style.

Funds Also Allocated For Morris Library Renovation

Construction funds for a 50,000-square-foot addition and renovations to SIU's Morris Library were recently released by the State of Illinois. Southern will be receiving \$25.69 million to pay for a library addition to be built to the north of the existing facility, and for various renovation projects.

The new addition will house areas that provide support for distance learning, teleconferencing, classrooms, circulating library materials and a 24-hour study center. Renovation work includes upgrading the mechanical systems; repairing masonry; installing building automation systems; replacing fire alarms, wiring and roofing systems and carpet; and purchasing high-density storage shelving.

The 275,000-square-foot library was built in stages; the basement through the third floor was completed in 1956, and

the fourth through seventh floors were built in the late 1960s.

"This is an exciting day for our campus," says Chancellor Walter Wendler. "A strong, modern and vibrant library is central to the core mission of the University – it is the backbone for every academic program. One of our Southern at 150 goals is for our library to be among the top 50 publicly supported academic research libraries in the country as ranked by the Association of Research Libraries."

The University received a \$1.9 million state grant in fiscal year 2002 to plan the addition and renovations. Phillips Swager Associates of Peoria is the architect for the project. "We're thrilled, especially in the context of the budget concerns," notes David Carlson, dean of Library Affairs. He predicts the project will take three to five years to complete.

Kill Announces 2003 Saluki Football Recruiting Class

SIU Football Coach Jerry Kill unveiled the Salukis' 21-man recruiting class recently, the product of months of in-home visits, hard work and persistence. The class features 15 freshmen and six junior college transfers and has a heavy emphasis on the offensive line and secondary.

Two of the JUCO transfers, defensive backs Frank Johnson and Jamarquis Jordan, come from Coffeyville Community College in Kansas, the same school that produced Saluki All-American running back Mohammed Abdulqaadir and All-Gateway Conference wide receiver Courtney Abbott.

Kill believes the class will significantly improve the team's size and speed and says that many of the signees were pursued by major Division I schools.

"With this recruiting class, we recruited hard, but we didn't beg anybody to come," he says. "The people who deserve the most credit for this class are our players. Our players did a heck of a job recruiting these youngsters. If they didn't fit in, our players would tell us. If they fit in, we went after them."

Having some success last season on the field played a key role in the process, he notes.

"We talked of the strength of our school. There's no question the publicity of Abdulqaadir, our program beating Western Illinois, our basketball program doing well and many other things certainly helped. I think it has helped our whole institution. People see my Southern Illinois University pin when I'm on the road, and they say, 'Hey, how are you doing? Go Dawgs!'"

Here is a list of the new recruits, with a few selected comments on the 2003 SIU Football recruiting class:

**Linton Brown*, DL (6-0, 315, So.) Eustis, Fla. (Coffeyville Community College).

**Jonathan Cairns*, QB (6-3, 190, Fr.) Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs South H.S.). All-stater who is ranked as the nation's 20th best prep quarterback by Rivals.com. In his senior year, completed 102 of 172 passes for 1,421 yards, 15 TDs. Also a threat on the ground, rushed for 698 yards and 8 TDs. A standout student as well, he earned a 4.0 GPA.

**Kent DeVinney*, LS/TE (6-2, 240, Fr.) Collierville, Tenn. (Collierville H.S.).

**Phil Goforth*, WR (6-2, 185, Fr.) Naperville, Ill. (Benet Academy H.S.). Class 6A all-state his junior and senior years. Was the program's career reception leader (84).

**Jerry Hancock*, OL (6-6, 315, Fr.) DeSoto, Mo. (DeSoto H.S.). Kill thinks the huge lineman may be the sleeper of the whole recruiting class.

**Marlon Heaston*, DB, (6-1, 205, Fr.) Covington, Tenn. (Covington H.S.). Conference player of the year. Played QB, WR, RB, LB, DB. Kill was delighted to get Heaston, as at one point there were a few southeastern conference schools recruiting him.

**Frank Johnson*, DB (6-0, 190, So.) Wabasso, Fla. (Coffeyville Community College). Starting free safety for second-ranked defense in Jayhawk Conference and recorded 84 tackles. Was slated to go to East Carolina, but changed his mind and signed with SIU when the staff at ECU was fired at the end of the season.

**Jamarquis Jordan*, DB (6-1, 200, So.) Kansas City, Mo. (Coffeyville Community College). Red-shirted last season. Was a JUCO All-American in 60-meter hurdles. Kill calls him "a tremendous athlete, and both he and his Coffeyville teammate (Frank Johnson) are what I call difference-makers – and we will have them for three years."

**Patrick Jordan*, DB/LB (6-2, 210, Fr.) Germantown, Tenn. (Houston H.S.).

**Andrew Kernes*, OL/LS (6-6, 280, Fr.) Bloomington, Ill. (Bloomington H.S.).

**Zach Kettlekamp*, P/TE (6-3, 225, Fr.) Springfield, Ill. (Sacred Heart Griffin H.S.). 5A all-state punter and linebacker who is rated as the nation's 23rd best prep linebacker by Rivals.com. Was also on the *Chicago Sun Times* Top 100 squad.

**Wheatley Leonard*, LB, (6-0, 210, Fr.) Miami, Fla. (North Miami Beach H.S.).

**Vernon Lowe*, RB/DB (6-3, 205, Fr.) Wichita, Kan. (North H.S.).

**Elmer McDaniel*, OL (6-1, 310, Jr.) Muskogee, Okla. (NE Oklahoma A&M J.C.).

**Justin Rich*, OL (6-5, 290, Jr.) Tulare, Calif. (Fresno City College).

**Justin Rodgers*, OL (6-6, 295, Fr.) Memphis, Tenn. (Germantown H.S.). Recruited by Oklahoma State, Indiana and Mississippi State. Says Kill: "He has been true to his commitment. Oklahoma State signed five linemen, and he was the sixth one. If they had lost one, they would have taken him."

**Matt Ruth*, TE (6-2, 265, Fr.) Collinsville, Ill. (Collinsville H.S.). All-St. Louis metro area

his junior and senior years.

**Daniel Shannon*, RB/FB (6-1, 215, Fr.) Brookport, Ill. (Massac County H.S.). Missed all but two games last season with a broken ankle but was all-state, all-region and all-conference as a junior.

**Melvin Vance*, DB (6-1, 215, Jr.) Fort Myers, Fla. (Fort Scott Community College). JUCO All-American last season. His brother, Chris, is starting wide receiver at Ohio State. Says Kill: "Melvin is what we've been looking for. He is a big cornerback who can run, cover, press man, and do the things that make us a better football team."

**Natu Visinia*, DL (6-3, 275, Fr.) Independence, Mo. (William Chrisman H.S.).

**Anthony Williams*, DB (5-10, 170, Fr.) Clewiston, Fla. (Clewiston H.S.) 2A honorable mention all-state his junior and senior years.

SIU opens the 2003 season Aug. 28 hosting Quincy College in a 7 p.m. game at McAndrew Stadium.

SIU's Abdulqaadir 1-AA First-Team All-American

Southern Illinois University star running back Mohammed Abdulqaadir was recently selected as an NCAA 1-AA First Team All-American by Don Hansen's *Football Gazette*. The junior from St. Louis, Mo., was also named "Offensive Back of the Year" by the publication.

This latest honor adds to other various accolades of the dynamic running back. In December, Abdulqaadir racked up numerous awards, including First Team All-America by *The Sports Network* and Gateway Conference First-Team honors as well as being selected as the league's "Newcomer of the Year."

Abdulqaadir played in just eight games – missing the last three of the season due to a broken hand – yet carried for 1,331 yards and a 6.8 average. He won four straight "Player of the Week" awards from the Gateway Conference and four straight national awards as "Player of the Week" from the *Football Gazette*.

He set the school's single-season record for points scored (128), rushing touchdowns (20) and total touchdowns (21). He carried for more than 200 yards in four games – another school record – and had 312 rushing yards against Division I-A Eastern Michigan – the second-most in a game by a Saluki player.

Charlotte West Stadium Dedication Held

The new Saluki softball stadium has officially been named after one of the nation's pioneers in women's athletics.

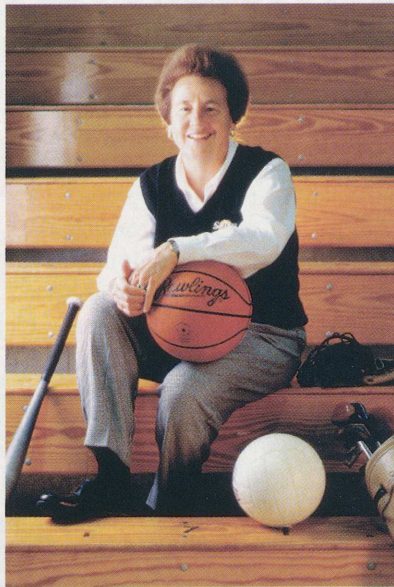
The SIU Board of Trustees recently approved naming the facility after Dr. Charlotte West, who served SIU for 42 years as a faculty member, coach and administrator. Dedication of Charlotte West Stadium was held recently, and the honor was special for the former Saluki assistant athletic director.

"This is something I never expected in my lifetime," West says. "I'm humbled by it." She began her faculty career at the University in 1957 as an instructor in the department of physical education. She became a full professor in 1973 and developed SIUC's graduate program in sports management, which she directed until June 1991.

From 1960 until 1986, West was director of intercollegiate athletics for women. She helped transform the department from its meager beginnings into a nationally recognized program with a budget of more than \$1 million for 11 sports. After the 1986 merger of the men's and women's athletics departments, she served as associate athletics director for one year, interim director for a year and associate athletics director for 10 years.

The SIU Alumni Association member is the recipient of countless campus, regional and national honors, including election as president of the American Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, the first woman member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, and the first recipient of the Honda Award, a national honor given for outstanding achievement in women's collegiate athletics.

West was the first recipient of the Woman Administrator of the Year award from the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators, and the Valley annually makes an award in her



Charlotte West

name, recognizing student-athletes who demonstrate outstanding achievement in academics, athletics, service and leadership.

A commemorative plaque inside the stadium will showcase West's impact on collegiate athletics. The plaque will feature an engraving of West's picture and a description of her legacy, along with a list of individuals whose lives were touched by West. To learn more about participating in this commemorative project, contact Tommy Bell, athletics development officer, at 618-453-5625.

Kay Brechtelsbauer, the winningest softball coach in school history with 633 wins, had the clubhouse named in her honor, while the pressbox was named after 18-year women's sports information director Mitch Parkinson, who was honored posthumously.

The board also named the softball field in honor of Carbondale businessman Barrett

Rochman, an SIUC alumnus and significant annual contributor to the softball program.

Rochman is the president of Rochman Investment Group and has several other business ventures dealing with real estate and rental properties. A recreational softball coach the past 32 years, Rochman also has been coaching competitive women's softball since the late 1970s.

SIU "has been absolutely instrumental" in his business success, so Rochman views his contributions to the softball program as a way of "giving back." He also believes in offering support to programs that may not receive as much of the spotlight as football and basketball.

"Softball isn't a minor sport, but a lot of people donate to football and basketball," he says. "Somebody has to help the other sports."

Water Dawgs Second In MVC Championships

SIU's men and women finished second to Southwest Missouri State in the 2003 MVC Swimming & Diving Championships held recently at the Student Rec Center. The SMS women won their first league title, snapping a five year hold on the trophy by the Salukis. The SMS men grabbed the title back from Southern, which claimed the trophy last season.

Final women's standings were: SMS – 888, SIU – 721, Illinois State – 706, Evansville – 465, and UNI – 353. Final men's standings were: SMS – 1,018, SIU – 956, and Evansville – 468.

For the Saluki women, senior *Amber Mullins* led the way by winning the 200 backstroke, while *Brigitta Olson* (2nd, 200 fly), *Ashley MacCurdy* (2nd, mile), and *Briley Bergen* (3rd, mile) also added all-conference performances for SIU. The men were paced by senior diver *Jake Sinclair*, who won the 3-meter event in record fashion (564.80 points), finished second on the 1-meter planks, and was named Valley Co-Diver of the Year. *Marcelo Possato* was the only Saluki to win two events, grabbing the 100 back and winning the 200 back in 1:47.04, breaking a school record. SIU also received all-MVC performances from *Ivan Sanchez* (2nd, mile), *Ryan Jackson* (2nd, 200 breast), *Jason Sigler* (3rd, mile), *Edoardo Daelli* (3rd, 100 free), *Miguel King* (3rd, 200 breast), and *Derek Helvey* (3rd, 200 fly).

The Salukis placed 13 athletes on the MVC Scholar-Athlete Team (minimum 3.0 grade point average and meet performance). The following athletes were honored: *Devin Aikins*, *Daelli*, *Jackson*, *David Likar*, *Danilo Luna*, *George Oxinos*, *Sinclair*, *Andri Hadjiantoniou*, *Andrea Johnson*, *Bronwyn Logan*, *MacCurdy*, *Olson*, and *Melinda Page*.

Dates Set For Saluki Baseball Fund-Raisers

The dates for two popular fund-raisers that benefit Saluki Baseball have been set. Alumni and friends in central Illinois will be attending the annual baseball event at the **Forty-Niner Bye-Bye** in Springfield on March 26. Hosted by SIU alum John Bohan '70, all food, drinks, and appetizers are included with your ticket. Located at 518 N. Bruns Lane, Bohan's popular Springfield establishment will host the event from 5-8 p.m.

The other baseball event coming up is the **7th Annual Fish Fry and Memorabilia Auction**, set April 18 at the Carbondale Civic Center. Advance tickets are available and can also be purchased at the door for \$6 (children 12 and under eat for \$3). The menu consists of all-you-can-eat fish, potato salad, cole slaw, bread, soft drinks and homemade desserts. Food service will be available from 5-8 p.m., with the auction beginning immediately afterwards. Numerous autographed balls, bats, photos, etc. will be auctioned off at the event.

For information on either event, contact the SIU Baseball Office at 618-453-2802. All checks should be made payable to the SIU Foundation.

Forty Years Ago

'The Troops' Dribble South To Show School Spirit

by Greg Scott

When John F. Kennedy was elected President of the United States, part of his platform was urging Americans to become more physically fit. In particular, he issued the challenge of partaking in a 50-mile walk or run. Forty years ago, 12 SIU students took this to heart and displayed a little school spirit as well.

Their initial discussion took place in 1963, just two days before SIU's basketball game at Southeast Missouri State. The students, living in an off-campus housing residence called "The Troops," began formulating a plan to dribble a basketball from Southern's campus to Houck Fieldhouse, the site of SIU's game against the Indians.

John Davis, one of the students inspired by JFK's challenge, says camaraderie developed among off-campus housing units in the 1960s. "The Troops," located on University Avenue, was no different.

"The Troops' gathered and participated in many activities," says Davis, now director of SIUC's Saluki Kids Academy. "In addition, there was real excitement on campus regarding the basketball team – much like we have right now."

Rudy Bess, now with The Boeing Company, has vivid memories of the night the journey was initially discussed.

"We used to gather on Monday night to eat popcorn and watch the *Andy Griffith Show*. That was one of our weekly activities," says Bess. "At our gathering, someone broached the topic of meeting JFK's challenge by dribbling a basketball to Cape for our game against SEMO."

"After everyone agreed that this would generate enthusiasm for the game, we had to divide responsibilities. The state police didn't support our idea ini-

tially, but I. Clark Davis (director of student affairs) contacted them, and we eventually received their approval."

John Davis concurs that Southern's student affairs director made the journey possible. "The state police told us not to do it. But I. Clark Davis was somehow able to get their support – so we didn't get arrested," he laughs.

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1963, at 9:08 a.m., Davis and Bess, joined by 10 other residents of "The Troops," began dribbling a basketball from Southern to Cape Girardeau. They reached Cape at 2:50 p.m., completing the 55-mile journey in five hours and 37 minutes.

"My feet get sore thinking about it," says Bess jokingly. "Each of us took shifts dribbling the ball while the rest of the

group was riding in two cars. Actually, we exceeded expectations – we thought it would take seven hours."

Once the contingent crossed the Cape Bridge, they were escorted to the Houck Fieldhouse by the state police without much difficulty. Although some curious people came up to inquire what the students were up to, most passersby were cooperative. One of the highways, however, posed a challenge. "There weren't many passing lanes on Highway 127, and it wasn't as wide as it is now," Davis says. "That posed some difficulty."

Others joining Davis and Bess were Bill Ballard, David Davis, Dave Ballone, Jerry Garden, Ron Knupp, Gerry Dawes,

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Shown preparing to leave for Cape Girardeau are, from left to right, Dave Ballone, Jerry Ray, Barry Zeigler, Bill Ballard, Gerry Dawes, and John Davis.

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The Show Must Go On

Gary Drake Bids Farewell After Three Decades At The SIU Arena

Gary Drake is getting a well-deserved rest after 31 years of taking care of business at one of SIU's busiest venues.

Drake, 54, retired at the end of last year after working in the Arena since he graduated from the University in 1971 with a degree in business. Over the years, he handled untold numbers of sporting events, commencement ceremonies and trade shows, not to mention more than 200 concerts featuring the likes of Bob Dylan, The Grateful Dead, Garth Brooks, Elton John, James Taylor and the King himself.

Most memorable for Drake were the really successful engagements, and two stand out – Bruce Springsteen and Aerosmith. “Springsteen was here twice and he did his usual great job, and it was before a lot of people really knew about him,” Drake recalls. Garth Brooks was

another success, coming in for three sold-out shows.

Drake recalls Elvis Presley's performance in 1977 as being phenomenal. “It was not so much that Elvis was so great, but it was the adulation of the fans. It was like a savior had taken the stage,” he recalls.

Drake went to work as business manager for the Arena right after his graduation, moving to assistant manager before taking over the reins as director. “I've spent most of my life at the University and the Arena – a wonderful place to work,” says Drake.

And work they did. It was constant work during the shows, and Drake gives a lot of credit to his staff. “The good thing about my job was being able to hire a quality staff and training them to run a multi-purpose facility,” says Drake.

The feeling is mutual among his staff, and Chris Rich, his administrative assistant, gives Drake credit for the careful day-to-day preparation that allowed him to book some of the biggest acts to come to SIU. “He spent most of his time reading trade journals to keep him abreast of the current music trends,” explains Rich. “He is very knowledgeable in the industry,” she adds.

Rich, who worked with Drake for 13 years, considers him not only her boss, but also her mentor.

Drake, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, says he's enjoying his retirement. “What I'm really doing is some of the work I should have been doing around my house for the last 12 years.” He laughs and adds, “I'm really not too much into that either – I have a long time to get the maintenance caught up.”

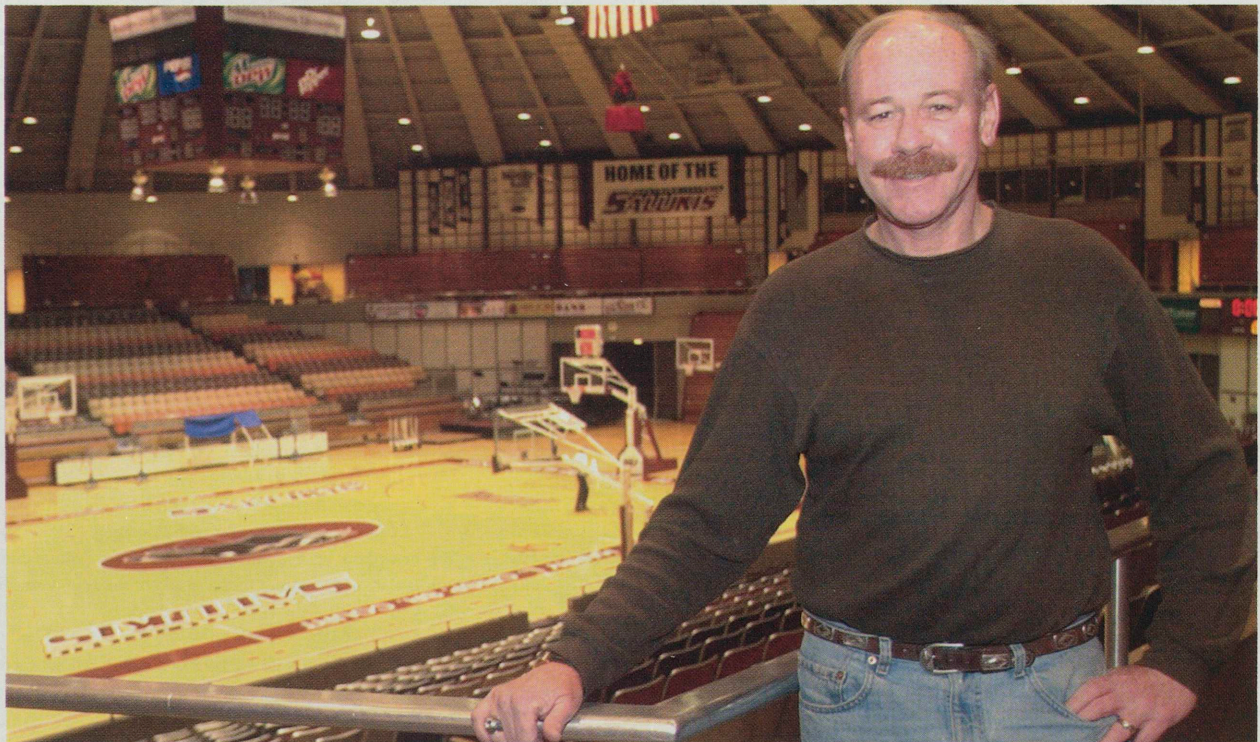


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Although he has been involved in countless events over the past 30 years, Drake says Elvis Presley's 1977 performance at the SIU Arena is something he will never forget. “The adulation of the fans was amazing,” he says.

Thirty Years Later - A Trip Back To Southern

by Patrick Kuhl
Belleville News-Democrat



It had been almost 30 years since they handed me my sheepskin at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. And I hadn't been back since.

It was a great school and a wonderful time. But within a month of graduation, I moved to Texas to start my first job as a newspaper reporter. Life happened. Marriage. Kids. Moving back home.

Soccer. Cub Scouts. The kids' homework. I never had a reason to return to Saluki-ville.

That changed recently when we took our son, Adam, for a campus visit. He was thinking about going there, too. When he told me, my first reaction was panic. What if they found I had taken a book out of Morris Library and forgotten to return it?

"Let's see, Mr. Kuhl," the librarian with the long chains dangling from the sides of her glasses would say. "My records show you checked out Homer's *Iliad*" on Sept. 29, 1972. "At five cents per day, that comes to roughly \$10,950. Will that be Visa or MasterCard?"

It was just a bad dream.

We took a day off work and school and headed down Illinois 127. Through small towns with folks who still wave back. Slowing to a crawl behind tractors and enjoying the countryside. Once we pulled onto campus, it was as familiar as an old shoe.

Admissions hooked us up with a couple of nice girls who would be our guides. One was a math major, and the other was into fabric design. They gave us a tour in the official admissions van and answered all our important questions.

"Do they still have Pagliai's Pizza close to campus?"

Yes.

"Can freshmen have cars?"

If they're lucky. There's a lottery system.

I recognized most of the buildings.

The first one I ran into was Wham. I took some general education classes there and always thought they should build one called Bam right next to it – but they never did. The School of Journalism still looks new, but we didn't go in. What if they looked up my permanent record and found out I got an incomplete in Headline Writing 202 and wanted that sheepskin back?

Another bad dream.

We circled the football stadium. The Salukis had just beaten Western Illinois University for the first time in an eon. Our guides were very proud. You would have thought they trounced Notre Dame. They whizzed us past the SIU Arena, "Home of our Sweet Sixteen Salukis," the fabric-designer-to-be said. That's

how far they got in last year's NCAA basketball tournament.

The team I remember wasn't very good. Our claim to fame was that NBA great Walt Frazier was a Saluki years before I got there. Go, Salukis.

The Arena is where I saw some great concerts. Bill Cosby made me laugh there. Dionne Warwick sent "A Message to Michael" there. Mason Williams was a "Classical Gas" there. And that's where I learned to "Cherish" The Association. Our guides knew Cosby only as Dr. Huxtable, but they never even heard of the others. Ask your parents, I told them.

We saw classrooms and lots of students learning. There were computers and computer labs everywhere. In my college days, there was one huge computer housed in a temperature-controlled building constructed just for it. To use the computer, I had to punch little squares out of cardboard cards and send them on a long, winding conveyor belt to the computer. The computer, like the great Wizard of Oz, was not to be seen by us undergraduate munchkins while it considered our requests.

If mine was granted, I'd go back the next day to pick printouts as thick as a book. Now, kids carry laptops in their backpacks.

We checked out one of the high-rise dorms. The rooms are still pretty basic. Bunk beds. Closets. Dressers. Desks. But each desk has one of those pesky computers on it. I'm not sure I'd get along with one as a roommate.

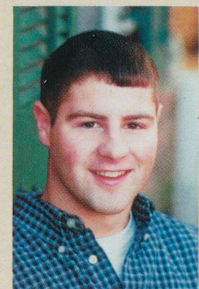
Out the window, I could see my old dorm, Allen 1. I had Room 213, just above the porch roof. We could open our windows, set the stereo speakers on the roof and blast the Moody Blues into the courtyard. Kids from far and wide would bring us their records – actual vinyl – to rock the whole dorm complex.

I was disappointed they didn't take us into the cafeteria. I wanted to see if all those forks we tossed up were still stuck in the high but penetrable ceiling. The food was pretty good, as I recall. I wondered how the beef tips and rice were holding up and if they still serve "mystery meat" on Thursdays.

The best thing about being on campus was seeing all those fresh, young faces going about their business of learning and having some fun along the way.

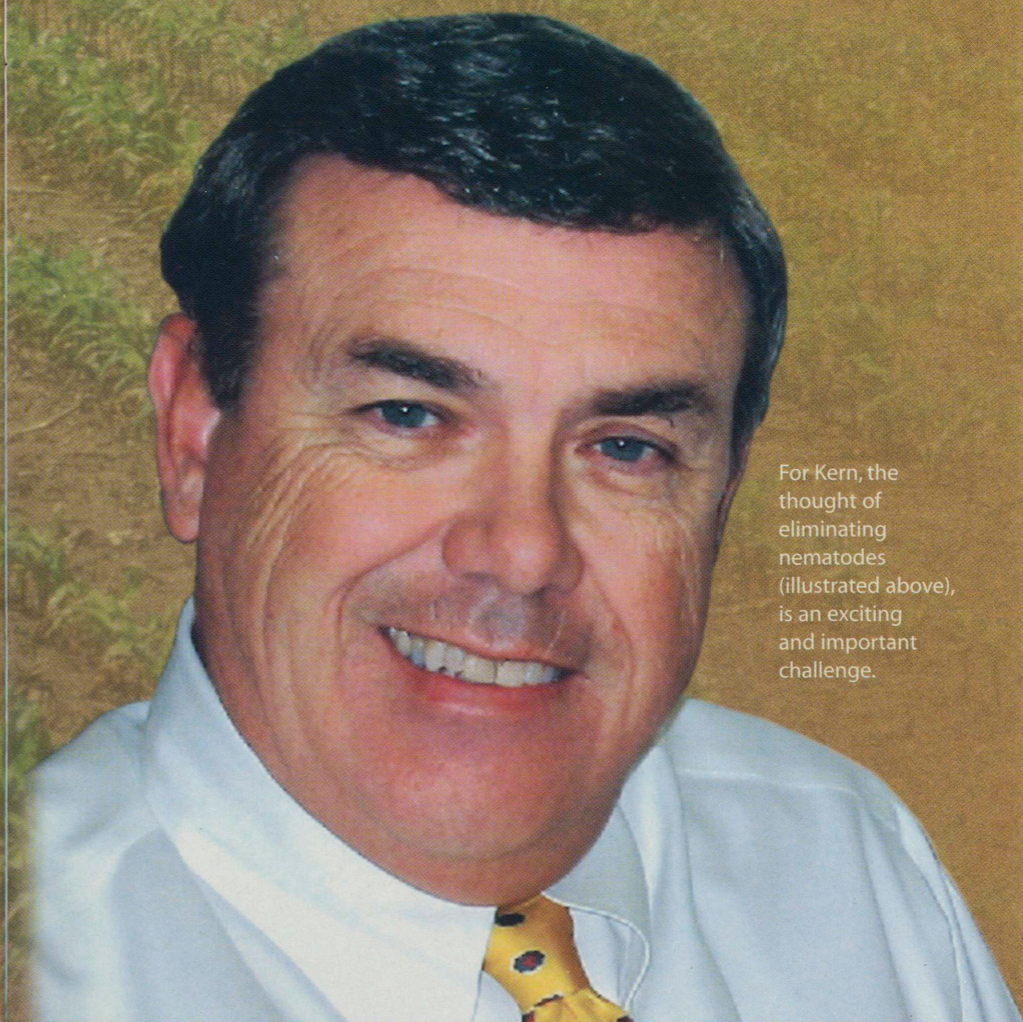
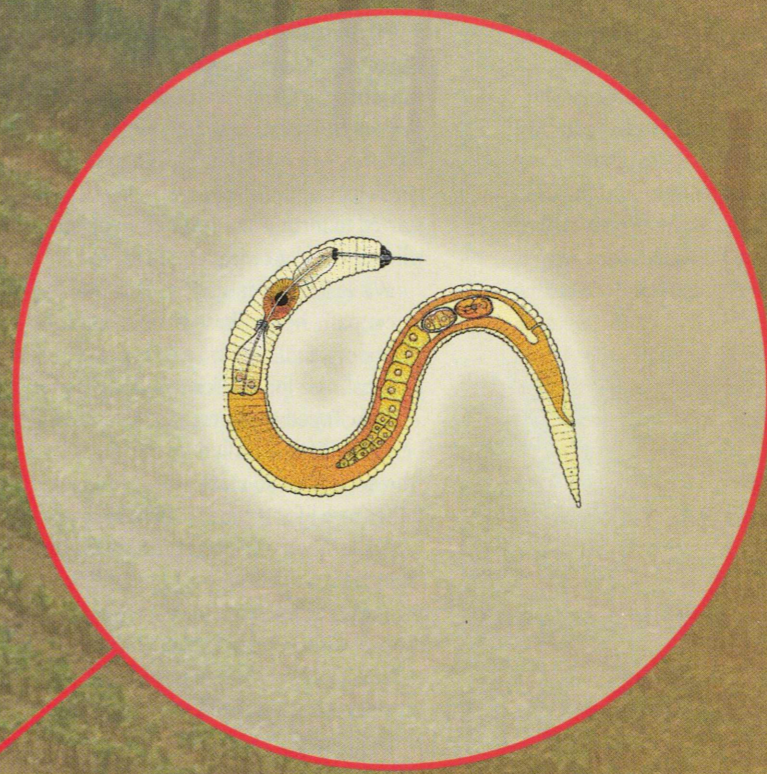
I don't know yet if my son is going to SIU, but I'm ready to sign up again.

Note: Patrick Kuhl, who graduated in 1973 with a degree in journalism and government, is the Features Editor at the Belleville News-Democrat. This column was published Oct. 27, 2002, in the newspaper's Sunday Magazine. And to update this piece, we can announce that his son, Adam, right, has decided to follow in his father's footsteps and attend SIUC, majoring in business.



Solving Ag's Top Pest Problem

SIU Alum Albert Kern
Successfully Blends
Science And Business
Principles In Agriculture



by Brad Benson

Albert Kern has come a long way from his early days on the farm in southern Illinois. Yet his life's work continues to reflect those agricultural roots.

The current chief executive officer and chairman of Entomos Inc., a fledgling agricultural biotech firm based in Gainesville, Fla., Kern and his colleagues are focused on solving agriculture's No. 1 unmet pest problem: nematodes.

Nematodes are microscopic worms that damage crop yield and quality. Entomos is focusing on controlling the root-knot nematode, which damages root crops such as carrots and tomatoes. Eventually, the company plans to turn its attention to the soybean cyst nematode, which occurs in more than 80 percent of Illinois soybean fields.

Kern, who was honored last fall as an SIU Distinguished Alumni, began his career in 1974 at Monsanto, where he took charge of turning a new weed killer called Roundup into a commercial product. He now hopes his current endeavors can make huge strides in the fight against nematodes.

"We have a bacteria that can solve agriculture's No. 1 problem," says Kern. "This is probably the most exciting product I have worked on since Roundup herbicide in terms of a solution to a problem. Anyone that can solve the nematode problem has, at the low end, a *one billion-dollar* product opportunity."


A native of West Frankfort, Ill., Kern has made a career of combining agriculture, science and business. Still, his earliest love was farming. "I didn't really want to go to school," he says. "At the time, I had a farming program, and I was doing very well. I was making really good money at a young age."

Wanting to stay out of school to earn the honor of an American Farmer Award with the Future Farmers of America, it was his father who had convinced him to go to college, and Southern Illinois University was the perfect fit for a young man from West Frankfort. "This was the closest that I

For Kern, the thought of eliminating nematodes (illustrated above), is an exciting and important challenge.

could come, and still go home and farm on the weekends,” he says.

Southern would open Kern’s eyes to the world around him. “I came over here and realized there was a whole world I didn’t even know – and then I stayed.” He would stay, in fact, to earn two degrees from the University: a bachelor’s in 1967 and a master’s in Agronomy in 1969.



Addressing the crowd at last year’s Distinguished Alumni ceremony, Kern praised his SIU education for providing a firm foundation for his professional career.

“In those early days I had a vision,” he explains. “I knew early on I wanted to work in agriculture, and I knew I wanted to work in science and blend it with business – beyond that I had no real goals. During work on my master’s, I started to form what I wanted to do and where I could go with it.”

While Kern eventually settled on a career path, he credits two of his former professors, Jim Tweedy and Gola Waters, for creating a foundation while at SIU.

“Jim Tweedy is a personal favorite. He became a lifelong influence and friend who advised in so many ways – everything from life, to classes and careers.

“Gola Waters was an exceptional professor and influenced me to pursue the business end of agricultural technology. I thought he was a fascinating person talking about fascinating things. Through him; I realized that the science and technology I was dealing with had to translate to the business side somehow.”

Kern also credits Tweedy and Waters for establishing another practice. “Tweedy had me reading the *Agronomy Journal*, and Waters had me reading the *Wall Street Journal*,” he remembers. “One of which (the *Wall Street Journal*) I still read today.”

After completing his coursework at Southern, Kern served a tour of duty in the United States Army before earning a Ph.D. from Michigan State. He began his career in 1974 at Monsanto, and this experience helped prepare for future endeavors. “Monsanto was like another university. I often refer to Monsanto as Monsanto University, not Monsanto Company. It was just a learning experience. My education came from SIU, I refined my science at Michigan State, and the training at Monsanto led me to the next step.”

From 1978 to 1982, Kern and his family resided in Tokyo, Japan, where he was assigned to build a commercial development organization for Monsanto Far East Asia. “It was an experience that gave us a perspective on life, our country

and our values that we could probably never achieve somewhere else. I know for a fact our own two children are different people today because of the four years they spent there.”

The experience in Japan would also foreshadow his future.

“I think the people at Monsanto knew I liked to build things,” says Kern. “I walked into that environment at a fairly young age and I really concentrated on building relationships and a foundation for Monsanto Ag’s technical presence in Asia.”

In 1986, Kern was offered the vice presidency of Mycogen Corp., a newly formed agricultural biotechnology firm located in San Diego, Calif. He jumped at the opportunity to build a new company. “We knew we were in the early days of genetic engineering and transgenic technology. Our objective was to harness

nature’s own mechanisms as alternatives to synthetic pesticides.”

During his 12 years with Mycogen from start-up, IPO, its rise to a \$1B market cap and sale to Dow Chemical Company, the company became the “first in the world” to register a genetically engineered corn plant, one that could withstand European corn borers. Mycogen also was first to register a transgenic, microbial pesticide. The product, MVP Bioinsecticide, controls caterpillars on a variety of crops.

Following Mycogen’s sale in 1998, Kern became involved in another start-up, Never Compromise Inc., a premium golf putter company. As a favor to a business professor at Cal State, he agreed to advise three young men on how to start a company. The role eventually led to him managing the new golf company so that they could focus on the novel putter

technology and accessing professional tour players.

“From my perspective, whether its agriculture or golf putters, business is business,” he stresses. “The concepts are the same.”

Kern has received both an Honorary Doctorate of Science and an outstanding professional achievement award from SIU’s College of Agricultural Sciences, and the Honorary National FFA Award. He and his wife, Janice, are life members of the SIU Alumni Association who split their time between homes in Del Mar, Calif., and Gainesville, Fla.

Despite all of the accolades, awards and business success, Kern’s thoughts are never far from his Southern roots. “SIU provided plenty of curiosity, and that is something I still use today – one of my main interests is often trying to make something out of nothing.”



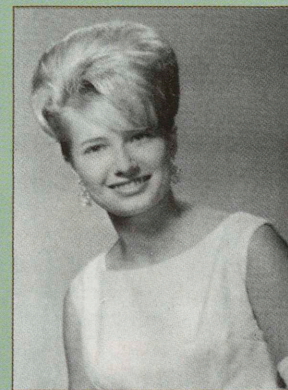
Kern and his wife, Janice, chat with SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger.

Fondest SIU Memory Is An Easy Call For Kern

Albert Kern has many fond memories of his days at SIU, but easily the best moment was meeting his wife, Janice Ockerby ('68 in mathematics and physical education), a former Saluki cheerleader and the 1966 SIU Homecoming Queen.

“A friend of mine was on a committee at Thompson Point that was backing Jan as homecoming queen,” he remembers. “He needed help hanging a banner on a light pole, so I shimmed up this pole one October evening. Later, at an Evansville ballgame, I then knew who she was, so I went down to court-side to meet her.

“We’ve been together ever since.”



Janice (Ockerby) Kern as SIU’s 1966 Homecoming Queen.

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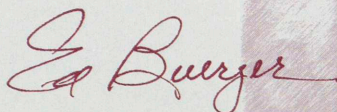
Few moments evoke greater pride among alumni than when other members of their family – sons, daughters, brothers and sisters – follow in their footsteps and graduate from Southern.

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Yours for Southern,



Ed Buerger '70
Executive Director
SIU Alumni Association



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Student Alumni Council Reunion Planned For Homecoming 2003

Attention former Student Alumni Council members! The Student Alumni Council is planning a reunion of all SACers on Oct. 11 of Homecoming weekend. To make sure you receive the appropriate information, please send your current address to the Student Alumni Council at alumni@siu.edu or call us at (618)453-2408. We hope to see you there!

SIU Alumni Member Night Dinner And Christmas Program

The SIU Alumni Association hosted an Alumni Member Night dinner and Christmas program on campus in December. One hundred eighteen alumni members enjoyed a flank steak dinner in the Old Main Room of the Student Center.

Following dinner, members watched a rendition of The Three Irish Tenors, in Shryock Auditorium. Members were given a \$5 discount on tickets to the production. One hundred thirty eight members purchased tickets from the Association.

Chicago Area Alumni Watch The Salukis

Two hundred forty alumni and guests enjoyed a pre-game gathering prior to the SIU-University of Illinois-Chicago basketball game in December. The group gathered at the student services building on campus where Saluki fans enjoyed pizza and beverages. Ed Buerger, executive director of the Alumni Association, shared highlights of the Saluki basketball season and University updates. Afterward, everyone walked across the street to watch the SIU basketball game against UIC, where the Dawgs came up a little short. Below are just some of the Saluki fans who filled UIC's arena.



Alumni Member Chili Supper A Success

The Student Alumni Council, Jackson County Chapter, and SIU Alumni Association hosted 325 alumni members and guests at a chili supper on the south concourse of the SIU Arena in January. The event was part of the Association's Alumni Member Appreciation activities, which included a Saluki basketball doubleheader. Association members were also eligible to receive two complimentary tickets to watch the SIU women's and men's teams play on Jan. 25.

Alumni members enjoyed a bowl of chili, salad, beverage and dessert. While the Saluki women came up short in their game against Indiana State, the SIU men defeated the Sycamores in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd at the Arena.



Black Alumni Group Reunion Set For July

The ninth Black Alumni Group Reunion, held every two years, will take place on campus Thursday, July 17, through Sunday, July 20. The Black Alumni Group, a constituent society of the SIU Alumni Association, organizes the reunion.

The theme of the 2003 Black Alumni Group Reunion is "Coming Home to Nourish Our Roots." The events and activities commence with a mixer at Carbondale's Horizon Inn. A picnic, banquet and brunch are being planned, along with golf, tennis and other recreational activities for alumni. The group is also coordinating educational workshops to be conducted on July 18.

For further assistance or information regarding the 2003 Black Alumni Group Reunion, you may call Tuesday Ashner, assistant director of the SIU Alumni Association, at (618) 453-2408 or visit www.siublackalumni.com for updates.

Charlotte Area Salukis Cheer On Basketball Team

The SIU Alumni Association ventured to Charlotte, N.C., to host alumni and guests at a reception prior to SIU's game against the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. Thirty-eight alumni and friends attended the pre-game function on campus and subsequently journeyed to Halton Arena where they watched the Salukis lose a tough road game to the 49ers. Below from left are John Shea '00, and George '95 and Susanne '94 Taylor.



SIU Alumni Member Night Features The Ink Spots

SIU Alumni Association members were invited to enjoy an evening with The Ink Spots and the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra in February. Forty enjoyed a pre-concert buffet-style dinner featuring flounder Del Ray and beef tenderloin in the Old Main Room of the Student Center.

Following dinner, members made the short walk to Shryock Auditorium to enjoy a performance by The Ink Spots,

accompanied by the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra. Members received a \$4 discount on tickets to the performance. Thirty-four alumni members purchased tickets from the Association.

SIU Chicago Steering Committee Meeting Held

The SIU Chicago Steering Committee met in December at the University's offices in Oak Brook. The committee discussed direction and goals for the Chicago-area alumni chapters. Steering Committee members on hand were Steve Olson, Guy Tawzer, Nick Harkovich, Mike Davids, Howard Spiegel, Jackie Timmons, Steve Warnelis and Liz Sexson. Assistant Director Dave Ardrey was in attendance from the Association.

Saluki Fans Watch SIU Battle St. Louis Billkens

The SIU Alumni Association hosted a "dutch treat" pre-game event at Jacques Sports Bar in St. Louis. Alumni and guests gathered prior to the SIU-St. Louis University basketball game. An enthusiastic group of 300 Saluki fans enjoyed refreshments and conversation before watching the Salukis lose to St. Louis. Don Magee, president of the SIU Alumni Association, and other members of the national board of directors, were in attendance.



Board of Directors Ballot

Please place an "x" in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you want to vote. If you are the sole member of your household who is an SIU Alumni Association member, use the box marked "A." If there is a second association member in your household, he or she should vote using the box marked "B."

Only the votes of dues-paying members are valid in this election. Ballots must reach the alumni association offices no later than noon on **April 21, 2003.**

Directors for Election (four year term)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Steve Falat '87, Murphysboro, Ill. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | James Greenwood '65, M.S. '68, Venice, Fla. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sandra Smith '72, Chicago, Ill. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Howard Spiegel '75, Buffalo Grove, Ill. |

Director for Re-Election (four year term)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sheri Hunter '76, M.S. '88, Marion, Ill. |

Please return your ballot to:

SIU Alumni Association • Attn: Board of Directors Election
Colyer Hall • Southern Illinois University • Carbondale, IL 62901-6809

Name of person(s) voting:

Association Families Eligible For Scholarship

The SIU Alumni Association's Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarship Fund awards four annual scholarships valued at \$1,000 each.

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

Applications are available from the Alumni Association and must be postmarked by May 30 to be considered. Applicants must include a copy of the student's financial aid award letter and three letters of recommendation, one from the relative who is an SIU Alumni Association member. For an application and more information, contact the SIU Alumni Association, Student Center, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. 62901-6809, call (618) 453-2408 or visit

www.siualumni.com/scholarships.

Alumni Gather to Watch SIU-Creighton Showdown

The Salukis lost a hard-fought battle to MVC rival and nationally ranked Creighton in January. But they weren't without the support of fans throughout the country. Viewing parties were hosted in various cities. Thirty-five alumni and friends

from the newly chartered Central Florida Chapter watched the Dawgs at the Press Box, a popular sports bar, in Tampa, Fla. Seventeen alumni and friends watched the game at the Tabor Center in downtown Denver, Colo. Many Saluki fans also watched the game at Flounder's in Chicago. Other viewing parties were held in Atlanta, Detroit and St. Louis.

Southern Grads Enjoy St. Louis Symphony

Thirty-five alumni and guests enjoyed a wonderful evening in January at the St. Louis Symphony with the Hayman Holiday Pops. The group enjoyed an assortment of hors d'oeuvres and desserts at a pre-concert reception held in the Met Bar of Powell Symphony Hall. Below, from left, Ed Buerger, Ozzie Lomax, Don Magee, and Jerry Thomas chat before the event.



Remember When? *(continued from page 28)*

Jerry Lacy, Barry Zeigler, Jerry Goddard and Jerry Ray.

Goddard, now an SIU assistant professor of family and community medicine, is thankful "The Troops" were able to meet the president's challenge.

"We were all tired, but there were no accidents, and all of us lived through it," he says. "My son is a student at SIU now, and if he thought about doing something like this, I would question why he wasn't spending the time studying. Our effort displayed school spirit – and some craziness."

Goddard says although he doesn't have any words of wisdom for any current students attempting to duplicate this effort, he does want to issue a challenge.

"I think the next group of guys should dribble to Creighton," he says. Now *that* would be a new level of school spirit!" ■



Two members of "The Troops" relived memories during a recent reunion in Carbondale. At far left, Rudy Bess gestures to his old friend, John Davis (second from right). Looking on, from left, are George Swisher (Dean, College of Engineering), Kay Purcell (Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering), Glafkos Galanos (Chair of Electrical and Computer Engineering), and Hasem Sevim (Associate Dean of the College of Engineering).

Alumni Deaths Spring 2003

VALLETT, Mamie Jane, ex '24
01/09/03, Evansville, Ind.

WHAM, J. Faye, ex '28
12/01/02, Centralia, Ill.

STANLEY, Hazel, ex '29
01/15/03, Chester, Ill.

STORME, Pearl S., '29
02/04/02, Springfield, Ill.

BASLER, Dora Ella, '31
12/30/02, Cobden, Ill.

HARRISS, Marie K., '31
11/16/02, Washington, Ill.

MOFIELD, Thomas Homer, ex '31
12/21/02, Carbondale, Ill.

HOLMES, Emma Ophelia, '32; '57
12/22/02, Springfield, Ill.

GREEN, Helen B., '35
6/10/02, Grosse Pointe, Mich.

MCLASSON, Bernice Clark, '37
12/04/02, Sarasota, Fla.

HUGHES, Alma B., ex '39
01/21/03, Carmi, Ill.

WIDDOWS, Margaret E., ex '39
01/04/03, Carbondale, Ill.

BAKER, Taft, '41
11/10/02, Cartersville, Ill.

BENTON, Marie, '41; M.S.Ed. '51
01/04/03, Marion, Ill.

PERSCHBACHER, Helen, ex '42
10/26/02, Okawville, Ill.

MILLER, Kathleen, '43; M.S.Ed. '53
11/08/02, Murphysboro, Ill.

STOELZLE, Robert Wilton, ex '43
12/22/02, Carbondale, Ill.

EDWARDS, Harold, ex '45
01/11/03, Omaha, Ill.

SMITH Sr., Robert Edward, ex '46
01/07/03, Lecanto, Fla.

CARTER, Arthur Bernard, '47; M.S.Ed. '48,
10/19/02, Mobile, Ala.

FILDES, Woodrow Marion, '47; M.S.Ed. '48,
12/14/02, Pekin, Ill.

BILLINGSLEY, Cecil L., ex '50
11/17/02, Cairo, Ill.

OHMS, Mary Alice, '50
11/23/02, Marion, Ill.

SCHNEIDER, Walter J., '50
12/30/02, Hammond, Ind.

BENING, Leonard O., ex '51
12/04/02, Carbondale, Ill.

HOLMES, Marion, ex '51
11/12/02, Cairo, Ill.

RICHARDSON, Byford Glenn, '51
01/12/03, Troy, Ill.

GOETZ, Dorothy, '52
11/26/02, Grand Tower, Ill.

PEARL, James Ryland, ex '52
11/20/02, Anna, Ill.

SUMMERS, Carl V., '52; M.S.Ed. '56
01/19/03, Vienna, Ill.

KRONK, Barbara Ann, '55; M.S.Ed. '62
12/09/02, Jefferson City, Mo.

LONGMAN, Kenneth Wayne, '56
11/26/02, Jackson, Mo.

PASKO, Stefan "Steve," '57; '73
01/25/03, Buckner, Ill.

BOSWELL, Marion "Ray," '58
11/24/02, Cheyenne, Wyo.

MOORE, Juanita Mae, '59
11/09/02, Salem, Ill.

CONNELL, Robert Allen, '61;
M.S.Ed. '64, 12/01/02, Ullin, Ill.

KENT, Sarah Alice, '61
12/15/02, St. Louis, Mo.

McCRRARY, A. T., ex '61
11/23/02, Centralia, Ill.

WOOD, Catherine M., '62
01/07/03, Cairo, Ill.

BLESSING, Don H., '63
12/18/02, Fort Worth, Texas

CULBRETH, Ronald, '63
12/20/02, Harrisburg, Ill.

MURPHY, Eva Mae (Phillips), '63;
M.S. '67, 01/21/03, Safety Harbor, Fla.

PAWLISCH, Bernice (Johnson), '66
10/31/02, Villa Ridge, Ill.

WALKER, Gary L., '66
11/02/02, St. Louis, Mo.

BILLINGSLEY, Pauline Evelyn, '67; M.S. '72,
01/07/03, Goreville, Ill.

HODGES, Noretta Buckles, '67;
M.S.Ed. '81, 11/18/02, Vienna, Ill.

ZIKMUND, William G., M.S. '68
07/30/02, Tulsa, Okla.

KARCHER, Harry Lee, '70
10/25/02, Johnston City, Ill.

PHARO, DeLinda "Sue," ex '70
01/16/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

LANGSTON, Willie Carlton, '73
11/06/02, Riverside, Calif.

JOHNSON, James Ray, '74
12/04/02, Macon, Ill.

NADZIEJKO, Margaret, '74
12/09/02, Orland Park, Ill.

JOHNSON, Bobbie G., Ph.D. '76
12/10/02, Buckner, Ill.

LAMPOR, Douglas J., '76
12/16/02, Murphysboro, Ill.

PACELLI, Monica, '76
11/29/02, Dripping Springs, Texas

DENWOOD, Anita L., '78
11/25/02, Carbondale, Ill.

BOGEMAN, Susan M., '81
11/15/02, Safety Harbor, Fla.

PITTS, Rebecca A., '85
11/26/02, McLean, Ill.

GREEN, J.T. "Ted," '87
11/22/02, Herrin, Ill.

ELLIS, Aaron David, '90
12/17/02, Harrisburg, Ill.

WATKINS, Spencer A., '92
11/04/02, St. Charles, Ill.

SALLEE Jr., James H., '96
10/22/02, Scheller, Ill.

SMITH, Kathleen, '97
12/24/02, Du Quoin, Ill.

VALENT, Stephen, '97
12/12/02, Schaumburg, Ill.

FISHER, Beth A., '01
01/17/03, Pinckneyville, Ill.

Faculty & Staff

BORKON, Eli L.
Emeritus Adjunct Professor, Physiology
Served in leadership role in creating the SIU
School of Medicine, serving as Asst. Dean,
Clinical Professor, Director of Clinical Affairs
and Asst. Dean for Professional Development
10/25/02, Carbondale, Ill.

BUMP, M. Shannon
Emeritus Civil Service, School Bus
Driver for SIUC Head Start
12/17/02, Elkhart, Ill.

CLARK, Elmer J.
Emeritus Professor and Dean, College of
Education; Director, Office of Regional
Research and Service
11/26/02, Gainesville, Fla.

EVELOFF, A. R.
Influential in establishing the SIU School of
Medicine; Clinical Assoc. Professor of Pediatric
Medicine
12/03/02, Springfield, Ill.

GOBEN, Charles A.
Professor of Electrical and Computer
Engineering, College of Engineering
11/16/02, Carbondale, Ill.

HALL, Matt
Former Civil Service, SIU Print Shop
01/16/03, Carbondale, Ill.

HOUGHLAND, Julia E. "Judy"
Emerita Civil Service Secretary, Bursar's Office,
12/20/02, Carbondale, Ill.

JAMISON, Willie Mae
Emerita Civil Service, Audio-Visual Film
Technician, Morris Library
01/22/03, Carbondale, Ill.

KERLEY, Ruby H., '29
Emerita Assoc. Professor, Library Sciences
12/19/02, Carbondale, Ill.

KINNEY, Edward E.
Emerita Civil Service, Bursar's Office
01/11/03, Herrin, Ill.

LONG, Ed, '72; '76
Former Civil Service, Physical Plant; Adjunct
Asst. Professor, Data Processing, School of

Hall Of Famer Bill Brown – SIU Assistant A.D. From 1957-76



Bill Brown, a member of the SIU Athletics Hall of Fame, and an assistant athletic director at the University from 1957-76, passed away recently at age 84. The 1941 SIU graduate was a native of West Frankfort, Ill., and a long-time resident of Carbondale.

His career at Southern included serving as an assistant director at the SIU Athletic Department for two decades, as well as serving as interim director on three occasions. At one time the president of the SIU Alumni Letterman Club, Brown, a former high school football coach in West Frankfort, was the founding father of the Southern Illinois Coaches Association in 1955.

"Bill was perhaps Don Boydston's (former A.D.) first hire when he came to SIU," says long-time friend and co-worker Fred Huff. "Bill handled most of the external duties at the department and was tremendous in that role. His contributions were often behind the scenes – and because of that he never received a lot of glory or recognition – but he was a talented guy who was a real horse in completing the tasks given to him."

Besides his long career in athletics, Brown also served his country in time of war. He was an ensign in the U.S. Navy during WWII, and later a member of the Naval Reserves.

Don Perry – Former Alumni Association Board Member

Don Perry, a 36-year employee at Southern and a former member of the SIU Alumni Association's Board of Directors, died recently at age 66. Perry was retired from SIU after a long tenure as professor in the College of Business and Marketing.

He earned two degrees from Southern ('59, M.S.'60), and was a member of the Association's Board of Directors from 1997-2001 as the board representative from the College of Business.

Howard Webb – Former Vice Chancellor For Academic Affairs

Howard Webb, who retired in 1990 as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the SIU system, recently passed away at age 77. His long career with SIU began in 1956, when he joined the English Department to teach American literature. He would later serve as chairman of the department from 1968-72.

Webb also served as president of the SIU Faculty Senate (1969-70), chair of the SIU Graduate Council (1971-72), and in retirement served one year as acting director at the SIU Press.

The Howard W. Webb Memorial Fund, supporting the American Literature Graduate Research Award, has been established. For more information, contact the SIU Foundation.

Technical Careers
11/09/02, Carbondale, Ill.

MOORE, Malvin E.
Emeritus Professor Higher Education,
Educational Leadership; Director of Teacher
Corps, 12/15/02, Louisville, Ky.

OLSON, Tom
Former Assoc. Professor, Radio-Television and
a Broadcasting Coordinator
09/27/02, Kent, Ohio

PICK, Duane Charles
Press Technician II, Printing and Duplicating,
11/12/02, Cartersville, Ill.

RAMSEY Sr., William R.
Emeritus Civil Service, Housekeeping

SIU School of Medicine
01/05/03, Springfield, Ill.

SOMAN, Satyanarayan M.
Professor of Pharmacology, SIU School of
Medicine, 10/29/02, Springfield, Ill.

STEELE, Bill, ex '53
Former Civil Service, Carpenter and
Draftsman, 12/21/02, Murphysboro, Ill.

TOOLEY, James E., '49; M.B.A. '52
Emeritus Educator, Vocational Technical
Institute, 01/11/03, Marion, Ill.

WILLIAMS II, Charles F., '81
Former Housing Maintenance Inspector,
Housing Services
10/28/02, Tallahassee, Fla.

Alumni listed in **maroon** are SIU Alumni Association members.

1930s

Haline McCracken Carlton '38 writes that she and her husband have retired – for the second time. After retiring and leaving Miami, Fla., in 1980, the couple built a log house on their ranch in DeSoto City, Fla., where they raised cattle and grew oranges. They still live in the log house, but now lease the land and let others do the work. Haline and her husband, E. DeVaughn, both drive, entertain and sing in their church choir. "Life is good," she writes.

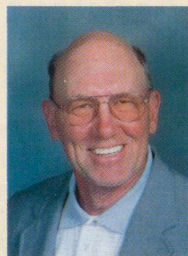
1940s

Catherine Stewart '48 lives in East St. Louis, Mo., where she taught for 38 years before retiring. Stewart served as president of the East St. Louis Branch of the Association of Childhood Education International – the first African-American to hold this position. She is currently active in the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, the NAACP, Metro East Unit of the American Cancer Society and volunteers in numerous other organizations. Stewart has been an active member of the Greater St. Luke A.M.E. Church since 1934.

1950s

David Frier '54, M.A. '57, Ph.D. '66 has been appointed to serve on the Illinois Prisoner Review Board. Frier, who retired from Western Illinois University after 20 years as a professor of political science, currently owns and operates Frier's Antiques. He lives in Springfield, Ill.

Ronald Helberg '59 has been inducted into the Illinois Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame. Helberg, who retired in 1994 as athletic director at Glenbrook South High School in Glenview, Ill., also



taught and coached at Hoffman Estates High School and Evanston

High School, both in the Chicago area. During his career, he was head track coach 14 years and assistant football coach 20 years and was named outstanding athletic director of the year in 1989. Helberg and his wife, Marilyn '59, a retired elementary school principal, live in Huntley, Ill., and are the parents of three children and have six grandchildren.

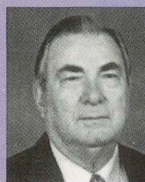
1960s

Jim Sandrin '60, M.S. '64, Ph.D. '70 retired from Missouri Southern State University after 28 years of teaching and administration. He writes: "I am now enjoying the blue skies, warm temps and sunshine in Tucson, Ariz. ... a great place to retire."

George Antonelli '63, Ph.D. '72 is associate vice president for student services at the University of North Carolina. He recently gave the commencement speech for the winter graduation ceremony.

John Motley '64 is president of the new Travelers Foundation. Motley joined Travelers in 1988 as executive vice president of its real estate subsidiary and held leadership positions in the real estate investment area and claim services. Motley, a graduate of DePaul University Law School, is a trustee, vice president and treasurer of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, the nation's oldest public art museum. He is also director of the Hartford Health Corporation, director of the Amistad Foundation, and director of the Tredegar National Civil War Foundation. He makes his home in Burlington, Conn.

Alumnus Vieceli Honored For Service To The Blind



Louis Vieceli '48, MS Ed. '59, emeritus professor of Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Rehabilitation Institute, is among the inaugural inductees into the Hall of Fame for Leaders and Legends of the Blindness Field.

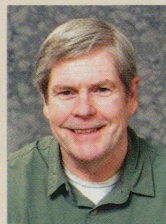
The SIU Alumni Association Member recently took his place alongside 31 other honorees selected for their history of outstanding service to people who are blind or visually impaired. The American Printing House for the Blind established the new hall of fame at its annual meeting last October in Lexington, Ky.

Vieceli began his career as a rehabilitation counselor for the Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, where he worked until 1959. He went on to join Southern's faculty, where he is best known for having developed a placement counselor training program for the blind, which the Carbondale resident conducted until his 1993 retirement.

A nationally recognized authority on job placement of blind people, he has served as a consultant to numerous state rehabilitation agencies and commissions.

Daniel Graveline '66, M.S. '69 was appointed to the board of trustees of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta by its president and CEO, James Tally, a three-degree SIUC alumnus. Graveline is executive director of the Georgia World Congress Authority and serves as executive officer for the Georgia World Congress Center, Georgia Dome and Centennial Olympic Park. He is responsible for the overall operations of these state-owned facilities. Graveline lives in Duluth, Ga., with his wife, Susan, and their daughter, Alex.

Lynn "Max" Stewart M.A. '66 has retired after 34 years at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. An English professor, he taught contemporary and American literature, served on the Affirmative Action Committee and advised the Chess Club.



Also a musician, Stewart played piano for a restaurant in Stevens Point for 12 years. He and his wife, Patricia Saito-Stewart, a second grade teacher and competitive Scrabble player, plan to travel to jazz festivals and Scrabble tournaments.

Lloyd Bockstruck '69 is author of *Naval Pensioners of the United States, 1800-1851*. He was designated 2002 Willard Heiss Memorial Lecturer by the Indiana Historical Society in recognition of his contributions to genealogy research and education. In addition, he received a certificate for distinguished service as deputy governor general from the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Texas. Bockstruck lives in Dallas.

1970s

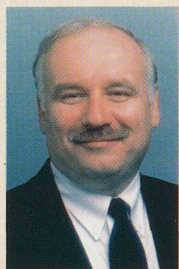
Samuel Cox '71 is chief operating officer of Brehm Preparatory School in Carbondale. He formerly worked in leadership positions for Goodwill Industries

International for 39 years, serving most recently as executive vice president.

Marc Erickson '73 will complete 30 years with IBM Corp. this year. As communications manager for Eclipse, an international open-source development tools community and industry consortium, he has been extensively published in computer industry trade publications over the past three years and has reached IBM's fourth tier in its Author Recognition Program. He lives in Wake Forest, N.C., where he operates an independent broadcast video and audio production facility.

Brad Teckenbrock '73

recently was promoted to president of Graycor Industrial Constructors Inc., a leading provider of construction, maintenance and facilities services based in Homewood, Ill. Teckenbrock, who joined the company in 1987, has more than 20 years of experience in the construction business. He lives in Bolingbrook, Ill.



1957 Grad Helleny Helps SIU With \$25,000 Endowment From Herrin Security Bank

Herrin Security Bank, under the charge of CEO **Charles Helleny**, recently signed an agreement with the SIU Foundation to establish a \$25,000 endowment to develop an endowed scholarship for the SIU Athletic Department. The endowment will provide athletic scholarships for SIU student-athletes.

"We're pleased with the generosity of the Herrin Security Bank and thank Charles Helleny and the bank board for this leadership gift," says SIU Athletics Director Paul Kowalczyk. "It emphasizes Herrin Security's commitment to our student-athletes and their academic success."

Helleny, a 1957 SIU graduate and life member of the SIU Alumni Association, notes "Herrin Security Bank is privileged and happy to contribute to the scholarship fund to aid SIU student-athletes. This endowment is part of the direction the athletic department is taking to offer scholarships to deserving student-athletes, and we're glad to participate."



From left, Helleny signs the agreement establishing the \$25,000 endowment at Southern as Kowalczyk and Herrin Security Bank Board Chairman Frank Columbo look on.

Alan Lipinski '74 is senior vice president of worldwide field operations for Sequence Design Inc., a private technology company based in Santa Clara, Calif. In a 25-year career, Lipinski has held a number of senior sales, marketing and executive posts. An avid outdoorsman and motor-racing enthusiast, he makes his home in San Jose, Calif.

Bill Haley '76 received the annual Mentor Award from the American Psychological Association's Division of Adult Development and Aging. Haley is chair of the Gerontology Department at the University of South Florida.

Steven Larson '77 is a member of the technical staff for Motorola Inc. in Northbrook, Ill., serving on the Industrial Advisory Board for the Mechanical Engineering and Energy Processes Department. He writes that he and his two boys visit the LaRue-Pine Hills Wilderness each spring to witness the snake migration.

Melvin Vineyard '77 is audit director for the Information Technology Audit Division of the Naval Audit Service Financial Management and Comptroller Directorate. This promotion is the highest general schedule position in the Federal government. Vineyard is certified as a public accountant, government financial manager and defense financial auditor. He is a member of various professional organizations, including the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

Sharrol Toenjes '78 won her second Air Force Design Award for the historic restoration and design of the Air Mobility Command Civil Engineer offices at Scott Air Force Base. She and her husband, **Anthony '78** live in Belleville, Ill.

Brad Choate '79, M.S. '84, president and CEO of the

Minnesota Medical Foundation, has been named chair of the Group on Institutional Advancement of the Association of American Medical Colleges. Minnesota Physicians recently named Choate as one of the state's top 100 influential people in health care. Choate makes his home in Minnetonka, Minn.

1980s

Karen Broquet '81, M.D. '84 has been named assistant dean for graduate medical education at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield. Broquet, an



associate professor of medicine-psychiatry, has been on the SIU faculty

since 1988. She is married to Greg Krutsinger and has two daughters.

Ron Edmonson '82, M.S. '86 writes: "I have a master's degree in rehab and ended up working in the movie industry. While attending SIU, the school was rated third in the nation in cinematography, and I never took one film class - how ironic is that?" Edmonson works for Rigging Grip Local #80 IATSE in Burbank, Calif.

Michele VanOrt Cozzens '82 has written a book titled *I'm Living Your Dream Life: The Story of a Northwoods Resort Owner*. Cozzens and her husband own and operate the Sandy Point Resort at Lac DuFlambeau, Wis. According to Cozzens, "The book has something for everyone - anyone who has attended college (SIU is featured, of course), has lived in California, traveled to East Africa, loves or plays disc (Frisbee golf), owns a small business or is a working mother."

Stephanie Barnes M.S. '84, Rh.D. '94 is associate professor

in human services and counseling at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Ky.

William Biggs '89 is vice president of HMR Governmental Services and is president-elect of the South Carolina Health Care Association. Recently, South



Carolina Gov. Jim Hodges appointed him chair of the South Carolina Veterans Trust Fund. Biggs and his wife, Francie, live in Anderson, S.C.

1990s

Renee Rietgraf '92 is an account executive with the Las Vegas-based public relations agency Preferred Public



Relations & Marketing. Rietgraf, who has been in Las Vegas since

1997, was formerly marketing and promotions director at Infinity Broadcasting and a reporter for the *News Tribune* serving central Illinois.

Fran Becque M.S. '95, Ph.D. '02 spoke at the University of Vermont during Grace Coolidge Day, an event celebrating the 100th anniversary of Grace Goodhue Coolidge's graduation from the university. Becque authored *Grace Coolidge: Pi Beta Phi*, part of *The Real Calvin Coolidge* series published by the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation.

Shane Diver '96 has been art director at Willow Marketing Management Inc.,

Hart Shares 'Restaurateur of the Year' Award In St. Louis

SIU alumnus **Jim Hart '67**, along with his partners, Dan Dierdorf and Lou Garesche, were recently named the "Restaurateurs of the Year" by the Greater St. Louis Restaurant Association. Their two "Dierdorf and Hart's" establishments were recognized with this award.



Dierdorf and Hart

Hart, a Saluki Hall of Famer, former SIU athletics director, and life member of the SIU Alumni Association, opened his first restaurant in West Port Plaza with former St. Louis Football Cardinal teammate Dierdorf in 1983. They now have a second restaurant in downtown St. Louis. Garesche joined the company in 1983 as assistant manager, and is now one of the owners of the downtown restaurant.

The award is given to a successful restaurant that shows a high level of business ethics, civic involvement and leadership in building a positive image of the food service industry in the community, among employees and other restaurant operators, the association says.

Hart is now retired from SIU and resides in Naples, Fla., with his wife, Mary.

Lawrence Williamson '85 of CORE Neighborhood Revitalization accepts the 2002 Carter Partnership Award on behalf of Beall's Hill Revitalization, a community partnership with Mercer University in Macon, Ga. In the photo are, from left, Williamson, Sue Seghal, director of academic community partnership for the College of Arts and Sciences, former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, former President Jimmy Carter and Mercer's Peter Brown. The Carter Award, an annual honor given by the College of Arts and Sciences, recognizes a service project in local governments to re-energize the historic neighborhoods surrounding Mercer's. The Beall's Hill Revitalization project brings together Mercer students and faculty, community members and the campus.



Indianapolis, Ind., for the past three years.

Brenda Kochmann '96 has joined Hanson Professional Services Inc., in Springfield, to offer interior design services. Kochmann formerly worked with Colliers Turley Martin Tucker and Broadway Office Interiors in St. Louis and specializes in space planning and furniture specifications.

Kristy Fortman '97 and **Ronald Lyle Weselon '98** were married Dec. 21, 2002, in Hinsdale, Ill. The couple makes their home in Chicago. She is a physical education teacher at

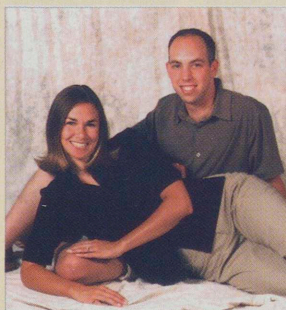
Fenton High School in Bensenville, Ill., and he is a mechanical engineer for Siemens Building Technologies, Mt. Prospect, Ill.

Navy Lt. **James Franklin '98** was recently promoted to his current rank while serving with Joint Maritime Communications Center, St. Mawgan, United Kingdom.

2000s

Kimberly Sutton J.D. '01 has become an associate in the law firm of Husch & Eppenberger LLC in Peoria, Ill. Sutton practices in the firm's general business litigation practice group. She formerly served as judicial law clerk for the Indiana Supreme Court. She lives in East Peoria, Ill.

Navy Ensign **Michael Hanner '02** received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla., with distinction.



APRIL

- 1 SISO: "Past, Present and Future," Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
 2 **Saluki Baseball vs. SE Missouri State**, home, 3 p.m.
 4 **SIU Official Class Ring Ceremony, 6 p.m.**
 4 **Saluki Baseball vs. Illinois State**, home, 2 p.m.
 5 **Saluki Baseball vs. Illinois State (DH)**, home, 12 p.m.
 5 **Saluki Softball vs. Drake (DH)**, home, 12 p.m.
 6 **Saluki Baseball vs. Illinois State**, home, 1 p.m.
 6 **Saluki Softball vs. Drake**, home, 12 p.m.
 6 Saluki Men's Track and Field, All Sports Classic, Cape Girardeau, Mo., TBA
 6 Saluki Women's Track and Field, Louisville Invitational, Louisville, Ken., TBA
 9 Saluki Baseball at SE Missouri State, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 3 p.m.
 9 **Saluki Softball vs. Evansville**, home, 6 p.m.
 10-12 Saluki Women's Track and Field, Sea Ray Relays, Knoxville, Tenn., TBA
 11 Saluki Baseball at Bradley, Peoria, Ill., 4 p.m.
 11 *South Pacific*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
 12 Saluki Baseball at Bradley (DH), Peoria, Ill., 1 p.m.
 12 **Saluki Softball vs. SW Missouri State (DH)**, home, 12 p.m.
 12-13 Saluki Men's Track and Field, Sea Ray Relays, Knoxville, Tenn., TBA
 13 Saluki Baseball at Bradley, Peoria, Ill., 1 p.m.
 13 **Saluki Softball vs. SW Missouri State**, home, 12 p.m.
 16 Saluki Softball at Evansville (DH), Evansville, Ind., 5 p.m.
 18 **Saluki Baseball vs. SW Missouri State**, home, 1 p.m.
 18 Saluki Softball at Northern Iowa (DH), Cedar Falls, Iowa, 3 p.m.
 19 **Alumni Member Appreciation Baseball Game.** Pre-game tailgate 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Saluki Baseball vs. SW Missouri State (DH)**, home, 12 p.m.
 19 Saluki Softball at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 12 p.m.
 19 Saluki Women's Pacesetters Invitational, Terre Haute, Ind., TBA
 20 **Saluki Baseball vs. SW Missouri State**, home, 1 p.m.
 23 *Police Deaf Near Far*, McLeod Theater, 7:30 p.m.
 24 Saluki Softball at Saint Louis (DH), St. Louis, Mo., 3 p.m.
 24 *Police Deaf Near Far*, McLeod Theater, 7:30 p.m.
 25 Saluki Baseball at Evansville, Evansville, Ind., 6 p.m.
 25 *Police Deaf Near Far*, McLeod Theater, 7:30 p.m.
 25-26 Saluki Men's Track and Field, Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa, All Day
 25-26 Saluki Women's Track and Field, Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa, All Day
 26 Saluki Baseball at Evansville (DH), Evansville, Ind., 1 p.m.
 26 Saluki Softball at Illinois State (DH), Normal, Ill., 12 p.m.
 26 *Police Deaf Near Far*, McLeod Theater, 7:30 p.m.
 26 *On Golden Pond*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
 27 Saluki Baseball at Evansville, Evansville, Ind., 1 p.m.
 27 Saluki Softball at Illinois State, Normal, Ill., 12 p.m.
 27 *Police Deaf Near Far*, McLeod Theater, 2 p.m.
 29 **Saluki Baseball vs. Illinois**, home, 3 p.m.

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- 2 Saluki Baseball at Creighton, Omaha, Neb., 3 p.m.
 2 Saluki Men's Track and Field, Jesse Owens Classic, Columbus, Ohio, TBA
 3 Alongi Golf Outing at Red Hawk Country Club, Tamaroa, Ill., TBA

- 3 Saluki Baseball at Creighton (DH), Omaha, Neb., 12 p.m.
 3 **Saluki Softball vs. Wichita State (DH)**, home, 12 p.m.
 3-4 Saluki Women's Track and Field, Jesse Owens Classic, Columbus, Ohio, TBA
 4 Saluki Baseball at Creighton, Omaha, Neb., 1 p.m.
 4 **Saluki Softball vs. Wichita State**, home, 12 p.m.
 8-10 Saluki Softball MVC Tournament, Evansville, Ind., TBA
 9 **Saluki Baseball vs. Wichita State**, home, 3 p.m.
 10 **Saluki Baseball vs. Wichita State (DH)**, home, 1 p.m.
 10 Saluki Women's Track and Field, Billy Hayes Invitational, Bloomington, Ind., TBA
 11 **Saluki Baseball vs. Wichita State**, home, 1 p.m.
 13 Saluki Baseball at St. Louis (GMC Stadium), Sauget, Ill., 7:05 p.m.
 14-17 **Saluki Men's Track and Field**, MVC Championships, home, TBA
 14-17 **Saluki Women's Track and Field**, Outdoor MVC Championships, home, TBA
 17 **SIU Day at Busch Stadium.** Pre-game picnic.
 21-24 Saluki Baseball MVC Tournament, Wichita, Kan., TBA

July 4 Gathering At Wrigley To Highlight Baseball Events

If enjoying a baseball game with fellow alumni is your idea of a good time, the SIU Alumni Association has events coming up that should be of interest.

The first opportunity will be on April 19, when the Association will host another *Alumni Member Appreciation Day* at Abe Martin Field. Alumni members are invited to enjoy food, beverages, and socializing baseball prior to the noon double-header between SIU and MVC rival Southwest Missouri State.

Another event featuring Saluki baseball will be May 13, when *SIU plays St. Louis University* at 7:05 p.m. at the new GMC Minor League Stadium in Sauget, Ill. There will be a pre-game gathering at 5 p.m. for all interested alumni and friends.

If professional baseball is your interest, you'll want to make your way to St. Louis on May 17 for *SIU Day at Busch Stadium*. The Cardinals host the Cubs in a 12:20 p.m. contest, and SIU alumni will be able to watch the entire game from the popular "Homer's Landing" picnic area at Busch Stadium.

The biggest event of them all will be the 26th *Annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field*. Due to a change in ticket policy instituted by the Cubs, the event has been moved to Friday, July 4. It was announced in the December issue of *Southern Alumni* magazine that the date would be May 10. The Cubs, however, later informed the Association that they would be unable to honor our request for tickets on that date, but were willing to substitute the July 4 Cardinals-Cubs contest.

The gathering will again enjoy the popular noon pre-game event at the Cubby Bear Lounge hosted by SIU alumnus George Loukas. The first pitch of the game is set for 2:20 p.m. Beginning this season, tickets for the Wrigley event will be distributed to **members-only**, with each Association member entitled to purchase up to six tickets.

For more information on any of these events, please call the SIU Alumni Association office at 618-453-2408, or go to the web site at siualumni.com. Information on future events involving games with the Chicago White Sox and Kane County Cougars will be announced soon. ■

A New Zealand – SIU Connection

by Marianne Lawrence

As Dennis Taylor, professor in the SIU School of Art & Design, prepared to teach a year in New Zealand, like all good academicians he did some research and ended up getting a lot of help from two SIU alums.

First he headed to one of his favorite spots on campus, the University Museum Archives, where he sought the help of Lori Huffman M.A. '86, curator of collections at the museum, in finding New Zealand artifacts among more than 53,000 items housed there.

When they discovered items in the Polynesian-Oceanic collection representing the Māori, New Zealand's indigenous people, Taylor's research led him to a surprise discovery. "My search for information on the Māori artifacts repeatedly led me to research and books authored by SIU alumnus Dr. Hirini Mead," he recalls. Mead earned his doctorate at Southern in 1968.

Taylor learned that Mead came to SIU specifically to study cultural anthropology and be mentored by Dr. Phillip Dark, an SIU professor emeritus. It was through Dark, an internationally respected expert in Melanesian art, that the University Museum acquired a collection that contains New Zealand artifacts. The donation, made in the 1970s by Morton May of the May department store chain, was divided between the SIU museum and St. Louis Art Museum.

As an art education professor, Taylor was struck by the symbolic wood carvings and other artwork of the Māori. "My introduction to the culture began the minute I got off the plane at Auckland International Airport, where I was stunned by the beauty of the wood carvings at the airport."

During his year spent as a visiting lecturer in the College of Education at Massey University, Taylor took time to

visit with Mead in New Zealand's capital city of Wellington. Mead revealed that he had never been outside New Zealand before his trip to St. Louis, then Carbondale, and was struck by the cultural and geographical differences.

Recalling the University as being "well organized and located in a rural area," Mead especially remembered then SIU President Delyte Morris and his wife, Dorothy, residing on campus during his years of study, says Taylor, who described Mead as scholarly, but having a good sense of humor.

"Mead has risen to the position of one of the most respected and revered individuals within the Māori community. He has authored more than 70 books and has earned the esteem of his own

people, the nation of Aotearoa/New Zealand, and the world community of anthropologists and academics," says Taylor.

As organizer of the first department of Māori studies, Mead, who lives in Wellington with his wife, June Te, taught at the University of Auckland, at McMaster University in Canada, and Victoria University in Wellington, retiring in 1991.

The Māori are Polynesian and co-steward Aotearoa/New Zealand with a Kiwi population of British, Scottish, and Asian heritages. Known for dramatic song and dance, intricate wood, bone and jade carving, basketry and weaving, the Māori artworks are well-documented by Mead, himself a carver.



Dennis Taylor and Lori Huffman display two of the Māori artifacts from the SIU University Museum Archives. Huffman holds the waihaka, traditionally a short club that is today used to create emphasis in gestures while speechmaking. Taylor displays an example of the tiki figure, a representation of a female ancestor holding twins.

According to Taylor, Mead continues to research and publish while remaining a force in Māori cultural and political life. “He is deeply involved in efforts to settle land claims for his iwi (tribe), Ngāti Awa, representing the tribe in negotiations with the national government for lands appropriated during British colonial occupation.”

Mead was among the original planners of Te Papa, a new national historical and cultural museum in Wellington, and a curator of TE M“AORI, a 1985 international exhibition of Māori artifacts and



Dr. Hirini Mead

culture. The exhibition was featured at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New

York City, the St. Louis Art Museum, the deYoung Museum in San Francisco, and the Field Museum in Chicago, according to Huffman.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Mead published a book titled *Te Māori Whakahirahira*, where he writes: “TE M“AORI is our canoe into the international world. It is taking us where we have never been before. It is raising our mana (respect) as a people and it is generating new pride in our culture. Thus, these artworks created years ago by our ancestors are working again for the present generation.”

SIU Museum Archives Preserve Heritage

The University Museum Archives holds more than 53,000 items in the arts, sciences and humanities that have been carefully collected, cataloged and made ready for exhibition.

“Our job is to preserve heritage,” says Lorilee Huffman, who has been at the museum since 1977 and is curator of collections. The archives are filled with artifacts from across the globe, from southern Illinois, and from the university community.

Acquisitions come from any number of sources, according to Huffman. “Donors vary from those affiliated with the university – an alum, faculty or staff – to those who reside in the community or who have just heard that we are collecting certain things. An example is a secretary that was created by Carbondale resident Abraham Friedline in the 1860s.

“It traveled all over the United States with the family before it was donated by the estate of the maker’s grandson and shipped back from Boston. So it has finally made its way back home,” relates Huffman.

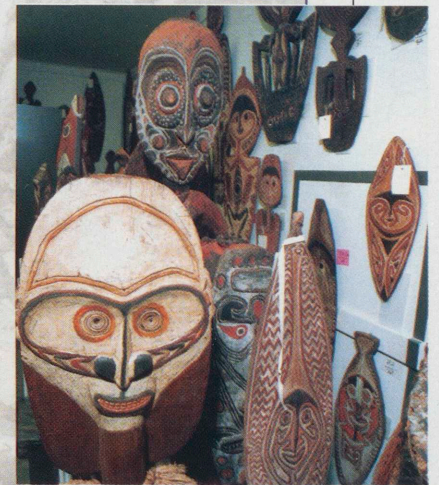
“Many pieces in the archives will be rotated into exhibits, although it may take years after they are collected,” explains Huffman. “There’s so much there, and with our limited space, we can only put out so many things at a time. The pioneer dioramas currently on display in the museum are from a collection that has been here for many, many, many years and is one of our treasures,” says Huffman. The museum was founded by the Board of Trustees in 1869 and opened its doors when classes began in 1874.

In addition to holding the museum’s permanent collec-

tion, the archive also provides an important learning environment for students. Huffman, who was the second to receive a master of arts in museum administration in 1986, the director and education coordinator teach five museum studies courses each year. Over a semester, between 60 and 65 students work and learn in the archive along with an average of five interns.

“Our students create exhibits,” says Huffman. “They learn so much from picking the topic, doing the research, designing and installing the exhibit. This semester a student is working with our military uniforms – identifying them and actually figuring out what all of the ribbons, badges and patches mean. Because he’s in military history, this project really makes a good connection,” explains Huffman, who is also very proud of the museum alumni. “Many of our students have gone on to do great things in the museum profession.”

They all worked in the archives – a place Huffman describes as a “treasure trove.”



The University Museum Archives house thousands of artifacts. “Our job,” notes collections curator Lorilee Huffman, “is to preserve heritage.”

A Step Back In Time



The First Bounce ...

Dean I. Clark Davis, former director of student affairs at SIU, takes the first dribble as "The Troops" begin their journey to Cape Girardeau (see story page 28). Davis not only literally got the ball rolling, but also ran some interference with Illinois State Police who initially were not going to allow the stunt.

Saluki Life Member Cited For Volunteer Efforts

When terrorists attacked the Pentagon and World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, Berl Jones was among the first to volunteer – something he has done since his college days at Southern, where he learned the meaning of community service.

Last summer, Jones received the Andrew Heiskell Community Service Award from AOL Time Warner, an award presented annually to employees who make exceptional contributions to public service, equal opportunity and human rights. At the time he was senior manager of Community Operations for America Online in Dulles, Va., and was nominated for the company's highest honor by his peers.

As a long-time volunteer with the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company, Jones helped extinguish fires at the Pentagon and later worked to recover bodies from the wreckage. After working 72 hours straight, Jones headed to New York City to support friends at a local fire station and assist with the rescue efforts at the World Trade Center. He returned to New York last October as a Red Cross officer to help coordinate the city's long-term recovery.

In accepting his award, Jones acknowledged his colleagues from AOL, who are also members of the Sterling Company: "Like them, I believe that when someone needs help, you just get in there and do it. If you help people out, eventually there will be someone there to help you when you need it."

In November, Jones began work for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). "This is a dream job for me as it sets policy for the federal government's disaster recovery programs and helps manage the response to national disasters as part of the Homeland Security Department."

Jones gives credit to SIU professor Dale Ritzel for fueling his interest in community health and encouraging his volunteerism. "It was the floods in Missouri and Illinois in 1981 and 1982 that I got involved heavily in the Red Cross and volunteering," Jones recalls. "SIU did a campus-wide recruitment for student volunteers interested in going to Kaskaskia, Ill., to sandbag the levees. They shipped us across the flood area to Kaskaskia Island where we proceeded to sandbag for 12 to 14 hours in the cold and rain.

"After we were done working, we were brought to a Red Cross shelter for hot food and drinks. A Red Cross volunteer, probably in her 70s, served me the best bowl of chili and grilled cheese sandwich I have ever had. I was hooked. From that point on I was a volunteer."

Jones met his wife, Briseida, who is also with FEMA, while working on Hurricane Hugo in Puerto Rico. They live in Ashburn, Va., with their three-year-old son, Berl Nicholas.

Because of his courageous contributions to his country and community and loyalty to his alma mater, the SIU Alumni Association salutes Berl Jones.

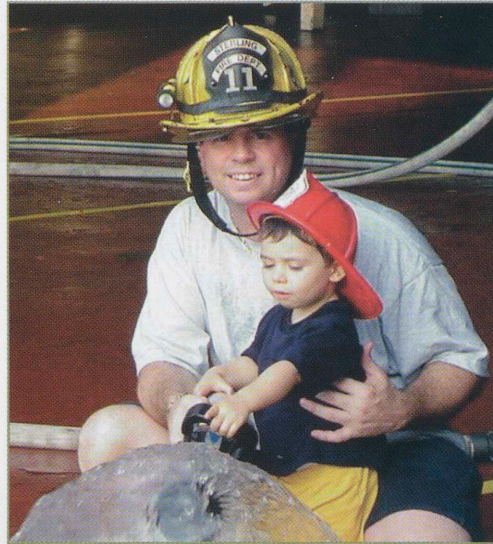
"The friends I made at SIU have remained my close friends, and I will never forget the time I spent in Carbondale. SIU allowed me the latitude to tailor my career interest within a standard degree program. I look forward to my 20-year reunion in 2006, and hope that Booby's still has the giant deli pepperoni sandwich combo I knew and loved."

Berl Jones '86

SIU Alumni Association Life Member

Branch Chief, Community Family Services, Recovery Division


Federal Emergency Management Service (FEMA)



The SIU graduate with his son and namesake, Berl Nicholas Jones.

Saving History

Although part of the 20,000 square foot addition to Altgeld Hall will connect the building with Shryock Auditorium, the Old Pump House (below left) has been spared and will be incorporated into the design.



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