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A Saluki In The Wilderness

Award-Winning Photographer
Tom Ulrich Travels The Globe
To Capture The Beauty Of Wildlife

Inside: Students Making A Difference, Alumni See The World, Class Notes and more...

Largest Private Gift Ever To Help Student-Athletes Succeed At SIU

Thomas P. "Pete" Wittmann admits he wasn't a star athlete during his days as a Southern Illinois University Carbondale student. But the experience taught him the importance of perseverance and teamwork, qualities he hopes to help instill in future student athletes.

Wittmann, a native of Town and Country, Mo., recently announced a \$4.5 million gift – the largest private donation in the University's history – to pay for the creation of a spacious new high-tech training facility to improve both the athletic and academic performance of SIU's intercollegiate student-athletes.

"This marks the first time a new facility on our campus will be constructed entirely with private funds from a single donor," SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler says. "This generous gift is a significant investment in our students."

Plans call for a two-story, 10,000-square-foot addition to the north wing of Lingle Hall, which adjoins the SIU Arena. Doors should open in about two years. (A detailed look at the Troutt-Wittmann Athletic And Training Center, as well as a profile on Wittman, will be featured in a future issue of *Southern Alumni*.)

The building will bear the names of Wittmann, who insists on giving himself second billing, and his best friend from college, Kenny Troutt. The two met on McAndrew Stadium's football field and belonged to the Salukis' team in the late '60s. They went on to become roommates, fraternity brothers, incredibly successful business partners – and remain best friends today in Dallas.

"Kenny Troutt is the brother I never had," Wittmann says. "Aside from my wife and my father, he's been the most influential person in my life – spiritually, morally and financially. I thought this gesture would be a good way to recognize him. He's not the type of guy to draw attention to himself."

Wittmann, 54, admits he personally lacked the prowess to become a Saluki standout. But he says participating in college sports sparked a doggedness that has spurred his success, first as crew chief for Troutt's basement waterproofing business, later overseeing massive tile installations in such places as St. Louis Centre and Barnes Hospital, and finally as an early investor in a Troutt-founded telephone company, which mushroomed to become the nation's fifth largest by 1997.

"Athletics has always been to me a very important part of life," Wittmann notes. "And in sports, of course, you always want to win. But when you don't, athletics teaches you to strive to get better and better." He hopes the new center will inspire a new crop of young men and women to set high standards and to develop the perseverance and grit necessary to attain them.

Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor in charge of SIUC's fund-raising activities, praises Wittmann's example and generosity. "This is a pivotal event for our University," McCurry notes. "Mr. Wittmann's gift demonstrates how private contributions can have a positive, long-lasting influence on generations of collegians yet to come."

SIU Athletics Director Paul Kowalczyk adds, "The future of Saluki Athletics just got considerably brighter, thanks to the generosity of Pete and Elaine Wittmann. Their gift will improve our ability to nurture and enhance both the academic and athletic abilities of our student-athletes." ■



Wittmann reacts to a question at the recent news conference where the gift was announced.

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ON THE COVER

Tom Ulrich captures a brilliant wildlife moment during a recent photo trip to the Galapagos Islands.

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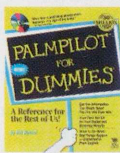
A Saluki In The Wilderness



Although his award-winning photography has been featured in *National Geographic*, *Life Magazine*, and on Hallmark Cards, Tom Ulrich is the first to admit that he entered the field almost by accident. A biology teacher in southern Illinois when he graduated, Ulrich soon discovered a love and ability in the world of wildlife photography. Now one of the top people in his field, he recently returned to present a lecture to SIU students.

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This Guy's No Dummy



As a successful author of 17 high tech "Dummies" books, Bill Dyszel could just be content to focus all of his efforts in the publications arena. But a love for performing manifested during his days at SIU instead propels him in many directions. He has - in his spare time - performed in the New York City Opera chorus and on the New York theater circuit in hundreds of plays, musicals and operas and, after joining the Screen Actors Guild, did some work in film. This Renaissance man says practical experience learned at Southern is a priceless ingredient in his life. "There is no substitute for that experience - it has been valuable in so many ways I never would have expected."

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A Work In Progress



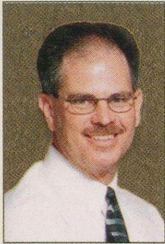
It has been three years since Paul Kowalczyk became SIU Director of Athletics. When he interviewed for the position in 2000, the department was \$600,000 in debt and faced with even tougher times ahead. From the time of that interview, to his first day on the job, the sea of red ink had swelled to \$800,000. From top to bottom, Kowalczyk was intent on making changes in the department that would facilitate financial and athletic success. Utilizing an accounting background and instinct honed from earlier assistant AD experience, he has produced impressive results in a short span of time. "There is still much more to do," he says with a smile, "but we are getting there."

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An Inspiration To All



It is probably an understatement to say that H.R. Moye is an inspiration to all involved in educating young people in El Paso, Texas. The 1941 Southern grad is more often referred to as a hero and a mentor, and has remained a major influence as an educator, coach, and administrator for almost a half century. Recently honored for his contributions to the community's education system, the 83-year-old Moye remains adamant about his love for helping others learn. "School is my whole life," he says.



by Gene Green

This issue of *Southern Alumni* is being sent with our compliments to the more than 4,000 recent graduates of Southern Illinois University. While many of them know exactly what they are going to try and accomplish in the real world, scores of others now face what they perceive to be major – and pressing – decisions regarding what direction their career path will take.

For those still twisting in the wind, take solace by some of the stories you are about to read. This edition is filled with profiles of men and women who used life experiences at SIU to guide them in ways they once never could have imagined.

As you thumb through the magazine, take note of radio-television graduate Bill Dyszel, a New Yorker who balances a love for theatre and performing arts with a passion for writing. An author of 17 successful computer “*Dummies*” books, he never dreamed he would mix so many passions during a given work week. Though not technically trained in everything he is immersed in, Dyszel credits his time at Southern for his ability to be so diverse. He now recognizes the “many incredible learning experiences *outside* the classroom at SIU – I wish I had taken time to try *more* of them.”

Another featured Saluki is Carole Billingham, who used a degree in food and nutrition at Southern to immediately gain employment in that field. After moving up the ranks with two different companies, she realized she was less driven by business and more motivated by helping people. Taking a leap of faith, she quit her job, embarked on a trip to Colorado, and found her calling as a counselor, pseudo psychologist, and self-proclaimed “wisdom coach.”

Our cover story on nationally-acclaimed wildlife photographer Tom Ulrich also reveals how a career path is often full of odd twists and turns. As one of the most successful people in his field, Ulrich has carved out a lifestyle and livelihood envied by many. With clients like Hallmark Cards, *National Geographic* and *Life Magazine* in his portfolio, was he a photography prodigy at SIU? Not quite. The Chicago native was a biology major who taught high school in Fairfield, Ill., before almost accidentally finding his passion – and talent – in the field of freelance photography and book publishing.

We extend our congratulations to recent graduates who already have a job in hand. However, for those still confused and searching for a direction in life, take heed in the stories your fellow alumni share. Their determination and resolve prove that real life experience received at Southern can often supersede classroom training when finding one’s ultimate career path.

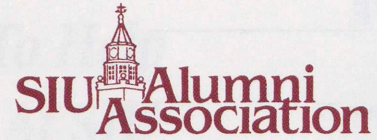
Mimi Wallace will soon become the new president of the SIU Alumni Association. Her passion and fervor for SIU is exciting, and we all are delighted that she will be serving her alma mater in this manner. In a later issue of *Southern Alumni*, we will present a profile of your new president and introduce her to the entire membership base.

Mimi replaces Don Magee, who has served this organization with a zest and energy that is hard to match. We all appreciate Don’s diligent work for the



Karen and Don Magee are shown above at this spring’s SIU Alumni Association Board Meeting.

Association, as he passes the gavel after a job well done. As Richard Reynolds, Doris Rottschalk, Mike Carr, or any of the other former presidents can attest, being president of the SIU Alumni Association is a demanding – yet rewarding – experience they would never trade.



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Chase A Legend – And Graduate

The end has come for the Kent Williams and Jermaine Dearman era of Saluki basketball. This year's NCAA finale against Missouri was thrilling, as playing competitively against a Big 12 team seeded second in the regional was superb. This can only assist SIU in upcoming recruiting efforts.

I also commend Coach Bruce Weber for moving Williams to point guard in 2002-03, a move that gives him a chance to extend his basketball career to the professional ranks. This also opens up the position for competition from an existing player, or a diaper dandy freshman or transfer. Competition at this key position can only help brighten an already bright future for Saluki Basketball.

If some of these student-athletes graduate from the College of Business' finance

department, I hope they help revive the integrity in financial reporting in corporate America. If engineering is their academic pursuit, I hope they create new products or increase quality yields on existing products. Let's continue to successfully recruit players who have goals of "chasing a legend," while graduating from one of the legendary disciplines at SIU.

Go Salukis!

Mark Harris '87
Life Member
Villa Park, Ill.

Editor's Note: The SIU basketball program is doing just that. Kent Williams made the all-MVC Scholar Team for the second straight season, and during former coach Bruce Weber's five seasons at Southern, all but one player recruited into the program either graduated or is on schedule to earn a degree from the University. New head coach Matt Painter has pledged to continue these solid academic standards.

Alumna Remembers 'Teacher Extraordinaire'

It was with sadness that I read in the last issue of *Southern Alumni* of the death of Howard Webb. Although a government major, I took every course he offered while I was at SIU, beginning with his meticulously organized survey of American literature.

The last course I took from him focused on Sarah Orne Jewett, Willa Cather, Hamlin Garland, and other regional American authors and writers that most English departments wouldn't add to the canon for another decade.

Dr. Webb was demanding but always encouraging. Simply put, he was the finest teacher I ever had. The headline in *Southern Alumni* should have read: HOWARD WEBB – TEACHER EXTRAODINAIRE, and former vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Karen Davis Cutler '65
Life Member
Essex Junction, Vt.

Dawgs Are Everywhere

In honor of this year's SIU men's basketball team, we had a banner made to place off Interstate 4, Exit 11, located in a



spot where an estimated 35,000 cars go daily through Orlando, Fla. We received a number of calls from other SIU alumni who saw the banner, proving once again that there is *always* a Saluki around!

We sure hope the SIU football or basketball team can schedule a game down here again soon.

Dennis Johnson '73 VTI
Life Member
Orange City, Fla.

The Last Picture Show

When alumni contact us, or are featured in a *Southern Alumni* profile, they often mention going to movies at the Varsity Theater. That part of their SIU experience now truly becomes nostalgic, as Carbondale's oldest movie theater recently closed its doors after 63 years in business.

Kerasotes Theatres, which owns the Varsity, closed it in May when the new ShowPlace 8 multiplex opened at the University Mall. It is the city's hope, however, that this historic building will find a new purpose. Mayor Brad Cole, SIU Alumni Association Life Member, recently met with representatives of Kerasotes Theatres Inc. to discuss the issue. He wants "to keep the Varsity building a part of our downtown in some way."

While the state-of-the-art multiplex has stadium-style seating and Dolby Sound, it is the "art of the Varsity that will be missed by many.

"I'm almost emotional about it," Cheryl Francis, a 1972 SIU graduate in interior design told *The Southern Illinoisian*. "This is an art deco-type building, and I remember when this whole block had an art deco facade. It was lovely. It was an elegant place."



— Gene Green

Dear Readers...

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

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

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

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

Commencement Ceremonies Honor SIU Alumni Achievement Winners

Southern Illinois University Carbondale hosted its commencement ceremonies in May. During the weekend, ten prominent alumni received the Alumni Achievement Award. The recipients were:



The College of Agricultural Sciences presented its Alumni Achievement Award to **Michael Williams '73, M.S. '75**.

Williams is the director of professional development for the North American Equipment Dealers Association. Born and raised in Sangamon County, Ill., on a family grain and livestock farm, Williams graduated from Pawnee High School. In 1978, he joined the Illinois Department of Agriculture, where he held various positions. From 1988 to 1989 he served as senior vice president for the Unity Community Bancorp.

Williams joined the Illinois Agricultural Association in 1989 as associate director of the commodities division and then served as director of the division. After another stint in banking, the SIU Alumni Association member rejoined the state agriculture department, where he served as chief policy adviser the past four years. He recently became director of professional development for the North American Equipment Dealers Association and resides in Fairview Heights.

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Jacqueline Timmons '79 of Darien received the Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Timmons is a court reporter with Esquire Deposition Services in Chicago. She is a registered diplomate reporter, registered merit reporter, certified shorthand reporter and registered professional reporter.

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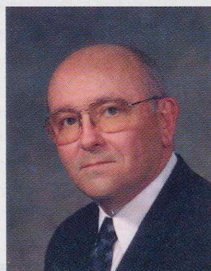
National Committee of State Associations Resolutions Committee. She is president of the Illinois Court Reporters Association, and a life member of the SIU Alumni Association.



John Renfro '82 of La Canada, Calif., received the Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Business and Administration. Renfro, a native of Collinsville, Ill.,

has more than 20 years experience in human resources and business experience in more than 50 countries.

In March 2002, Renfro became senior vice president of human resources and chief human resources officer for the Walt Disney Co.



Donald Beggs '63, M.S. Ed '64 of Wichita, Kan., president of Wichita State University, and his wife, **Shirley '64, M.S. Ed '68**, received Alumni Achievement Awards from the College of Education and Human Services. Beggs earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from SIUC and his doctorate in educational measurement and statistics from the University of Iowa in 1966.

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chancellor of the University in 1996. He retired from that post in 1998, and in January 1999 became the 12th president of Wichita State University.

Shirley Beggs earned her bachelor's degree in English and master's degree in language arts from SIUC. She was a sixth-grade teacher in the Carbondale elemen-

tary school district from 1979 to 1994 and manager of Lemondrop Children's Fashions from 1974 to 1979.

They are life members of the SIU Alumni Association.



David White '89, vice president and co-founder of Praesagus Corp., received the Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Engineering.

White holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from SIUC and a master's degree in electrical engineering and computer science from MIT in Cambridge, Mass., where he makes his home. A native of Carbondale, White grew up in Herrin.

The SIU Alumni Association member co-founded Praesagus Corp. in 2000 with the mission to become the premier provider of products that integrate semiconductor design and manufacturing. From 1989 to 1991, he led research and development efforts in the new aircraft product division of McDonnell Douglas.



The School of Law presented its Alumni Achievement Award to Fourth District Appellate Court Judge **Sue Myerscough '73, J.D. '80**. A native of Springfield, Myerscough

earned her bachelor's degree in English and French with honors from SIUC in 1973 and her law degree from the SIU School of Law in 1980.

She was a trial lawyer in private practice in Springfield, Ill., before being named associate judge in 1987. The SIU Alumni Association member was elected circuit judge in the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois in 1990, presiding judge of Sangamon County (1994-1998) and chief judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit (1996-1998). In 1998, Myerscough was elected to the Fourth District Appellate Court.

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Simon Terrace Dedicated At Southern

SIU's College of Applied Sciences and Arts recently unveiled the Ernest J. and Mary C. Simon Terrace, a monument to the college's 50th anniversary and its first dean and his wife.

Guest of honor at the dedication ceremony was Mary Simon, former SIU English professor and the college's "staunchest supporter," says Interim Dean Paul Sarvela. "The terrace is a wonderful way to recognize the contributions of the faculty over the last 50 years, to pay special recognition to the Simons and to look to the future."

Then known as the Vocational-Technical Institute, it was the first University-connected technical school of its type. Today the College of Applied

Sciences and Arts is the only comprehensive, technically oriented college that is part of a major research university.

Three years ago, the challenge to design the terrace went to about 25 stu-

dents in the college's architectural studies program. Renee Prusacki, a Du Quoin native who graduated in 2002, had her design selected.

Karen Midden, professor in plant and soil science, and her advanced landscape design class provided the landscape design. The terrace is a 25-foot diameter, eight-foot high design that includes hundreds of bricks inscribed with donors' names or with names that have been dedicated in someone's honor. The continuing sale of bricks will eventually fund scholarships for the college's students.

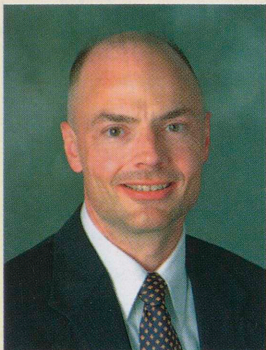
The new terrace, located just south of the CASA building, overlooks scenic Campus Lake.



Mary Simon '36 shows her emotion when SIU Foundation President Dr. Marsha Ryan, left, and Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry, present the SIU Alumni Association Life Member with a framed portrait of the new terrace.

On The Side

Kevin Bame To Direct SIU General Accounting Office



Kevin Bame, an SIU employee the past 16 years, is the University's new director of general accounting. He had been serving as director of University Risk Management.

A Murphysboro native, Bame is a 23-year veteran of the accounting and tax fields. He holds a variety of professional designations, including certified public accountant, certified risk manager and certified internal auditor. In his new position, he will supervise 32 employees.

Cathy Hagler, associate vice chancellor for administration, says Bame brings "a wealth of knowledge" to his new position. "His people skills and common-sense approach to problem solving will serve him well."

Bame, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, has been with the University since 1986. He earned his bachelor's in accounting at SIUC in 1979 and his MBA from the University in 2002. ■

Linda Reneé Baker Joins Public Policy Institute



Linda Reneé Baker, the head of Illinois' largest state agency for the last three years, has joined the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale to focus on expanding access to high-quality health care in partnership with the SIU School of Medicine and helping minorities and people with disabilities realize their full potential.

Baker, who held key managerial positions under three Illinois governors, was secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services.

She previously served as director of the Department of Employment Security, assistant director of the Department of Public Aid and as the first African-American legislative liaison for an Illinois governor.

"We are fortunate that we are able to bring in someone of Linda Baker's stature and commitment by attracting and using funding beyond the state dollars allocated to the university and the institute for ongoing operations," says Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute.

A strong believer in lifelong learning, Baker is completing her dissertation after fulfilling all other requirements for a doctorate in public administration from the University of Illinois at Springfield. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Springfield, where she also received a master's degree in gerontology and health-care administration and public administration. ■

'Southern At 150' Plan Announced At Gala

Congressman Jerry Costello says SIUC's "Southern at 150" plan will help state and federal legislators as they support various programs and look for opportunities for the University.

Costello delivered the keynote address at the Southern at 150 Gala on campus May 2. "We are in a position now like most schools and universities are not," Costello says. "This makes our jobs a lot easier."

The sweeping, 90-page "living blueprint," is designed to propel the institution into the ranks of America's top 75 research universities by 2019, when it will celebrate its 150th birthday.

More than a year in the making and formally known as "Southern at 150: Building Excellence Through Commitment," the plan examines and makes recommendations for every aspect and dimension of the University, setting benchmarks and defining actions certain to advance the



Chancellor Walter Wendler and SIU Alumni Association Life Member Bill Norwood enjoy the festivities.

University's success and standing, now and in the future.

The concept impresses Costello, among others. "It's an ambitious plan," he notes, "but it sets out clear-cut goals that this institution hopes to achieve in the next 16 years. The road is not going to be easy and it will not be smooth, but I think the rewards will be many if SIU stays the course."

The entire document may be viewed by going to www.news.siu.edu/s150. ■



The large crowd enjoyed the gala event held at the SIU Student Center.

Former Presidential Candidate McGovern Recalls SINU Days

George McGovern's recent visit to the SIUC campus triggered some 30-year-old memories for the 1972 Presidential candidate.

On campus to speak for a Public Policy Institute event, McGovern recalled that in the spring of 1943 there were 125 Air Force cadets that occupied



George McGovern stands in front of Anthony Hall, his home at SIUC during his 1943 stay at the University.

the women's dorm at Anthony Hall on campus – then Southern Illinois Normal University. "Those were the happiest four months of World War II for me," recalled McGovern, quickly adding that the girls had moved out before the cadets moved in.

He remembered his unit singing war songs as they marched down the streets of Carbondale. As a result, 25 to 30 of the cadets were asked to sing in a local church every Sunday and then would frequently be invited to parishioners' homes for Sunday dinner.

Most memorable for McGovern was the physical training he and his comrades received here from University coach Norm Campanella, whose tumbling team had just placed first in the nation. "He was the cruelest human being I've ever known," laughed McGovern, who remembers intense workouts every day — running five miles, lifting weights and endless hours of calisthenics.

"That training saved our lives many times over," he said, remembering piloting the loaded B-24 bombers for difficult sub-zero 10-hour flights. "I thanked God for that trainer who knew what was ahead of us. I'll be indebted to that instructor for the rest of my life."

McGovern, who served in both the U.S. House and Senate, was appointed the first United Nations global ambassador on hunger in 2001, a cause he has always championed. In this position, he continues to be a leader in the battle against world hunger.

On The Side

SIU Student Wins National Dental Technology Award



Ravin Stoll, a dental technology student from Mt. Carmel, Ill., is in select company. She is one of three winners nationwide of the second annual Ivoclar Vivadent Dental Technology

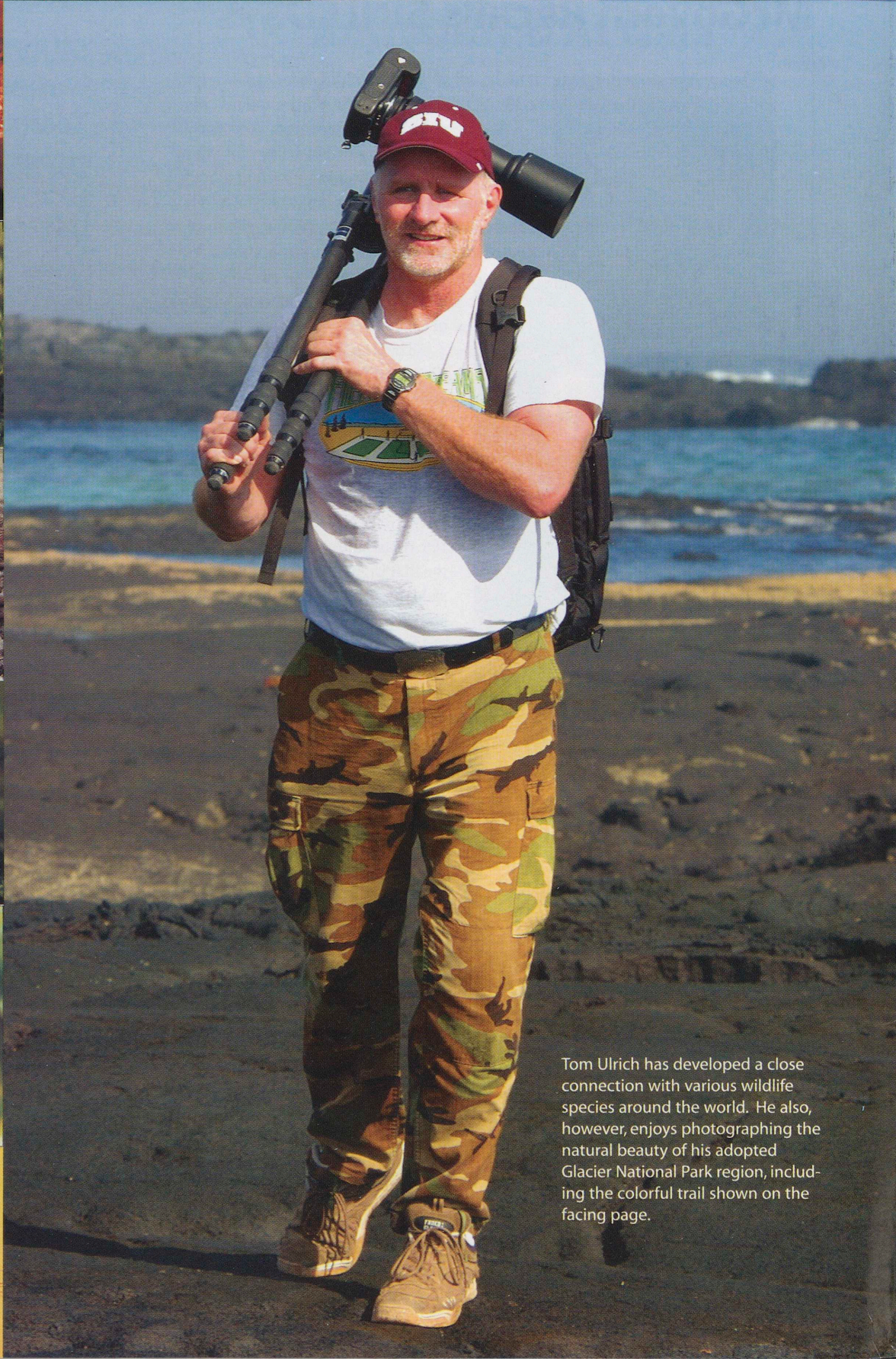
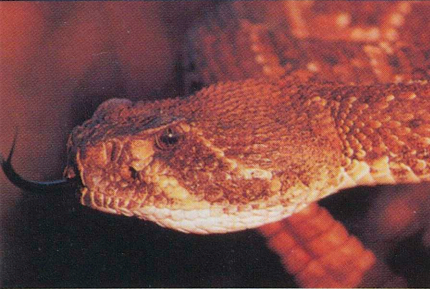
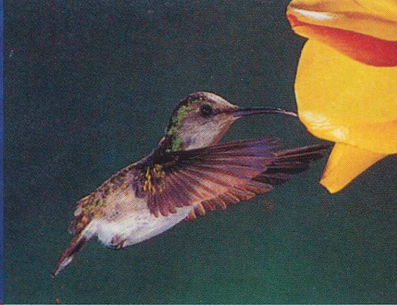
Scholarship, a program that provides three \$2,500 scholarships per year to students entering their second year of study at accredited U.S. dental technology schools.

"Miss Stoll is a talented, dedicated student who will be an asset to the profession," says John Winings, program director. Students from 15 of the 33 accredited U.S. dental technology schools applied for the scholarships.

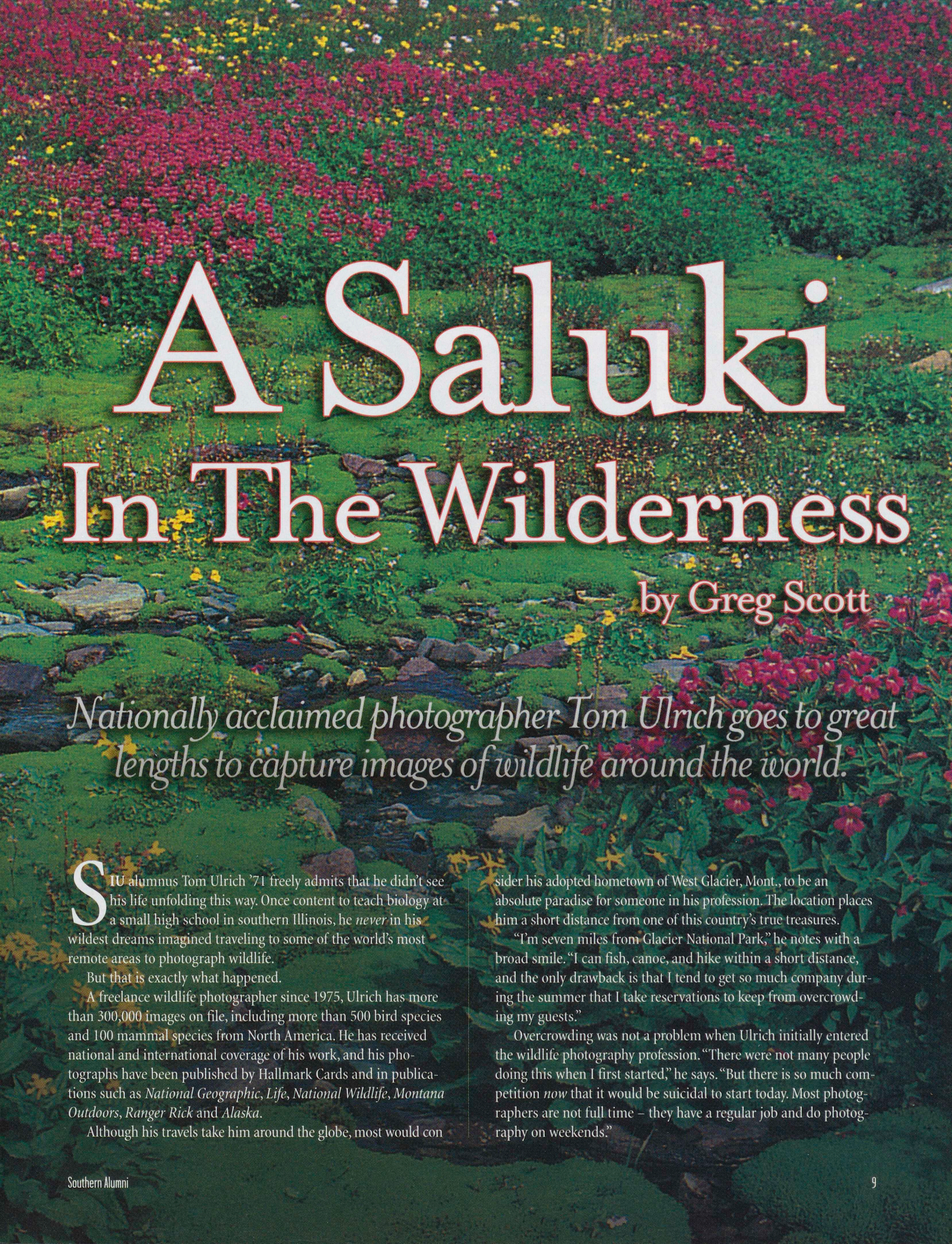
Grade point averages, credit hours completed, response questions and a thorough completion of the application process were among factors used in determining the winners. The scholarships are for the 2003-04 school year.



New members of the Henry J. Rehn Society were recently recognized for their contributions of \$25,000 or more to the College of Business. This year's honored group is shown here with COBA Dean Dan Worrell, from left: Stephen Brodt (President/Owner Western DuPage Landscaping, Inc.), Kenneth Hull (Retired Chairman and CEO of the Follett Corporation), Worrell, Karen Bedwell Herhahn (Agent, Northwestern Mutual), Rodney Kinzinger (Partner, Deloitte & Touche), Mrs. Jacqueline Hull, and William Schram (Retired - Chairman of the Board, Performance Materials, Inc.). The Henry J. Rehn Society was founded in honor of the Southern's first business dean, Dean Rehn, who set the precedent for standards of excellence within the College.



Tom Ulrich has developed a close connection with various wildlife species around the world. He also, however, enjoys photographing the natural beauty of his adopted Glacier National Park region, including the colorful trail shown on the facing page.



A Saluki In The Wilderness

by Greg Scott

Nationally acclaimed photographer Tom Ulrich goes to great lengths to capture images of wildlife around the world.

SU alumnus Tom Ulrich '71 freely admits that he didn't see his life unfolding this way. Once content to teach biology at a small high school in southern Illinois, he *never* in his wildest dreams imagined traveling to some of the world's most remote areas to photograph wildlife.

But that is exactly what happened.

A freelance wildlife photographer since 1975, Ulrich has more than 300,000 images on file, including more than 500 bird species and 100 mammal species from North America. He has received national and international coverage of his work, and his photographs have been published by Hallmark Cards and in publications such as *National Geographic*, *Life*, *National Wildlife*, *Montana Outdoors*, *Ranger Rick* and *Alaska*.

Although his travels take him around the globe, most would con-

sider his adopted hometown of West Glacier, Mont., to be an absolute paradise for someone in his profession. The location places him a short distance from one of this country's true treasures.

"I'm seven miles from Glacier National Park," he notes with a broad smile. "I can fish, canoe, and hike within a short distance, and the only drawback is that I tend to get so much company during the summer that I take reservations to keep from overcrowding my guests."

Overcrowding was not a problem when Ulrich initially entered the wildlife photography profession. "There were not many people doing this when I first started," he says. "But there is so much competition *now* that it would be suicidal to start today. Most photographers are not full time – they have a regular job and do photography on weekends."



Whether encountering seals on the Galapagos Islands (left), wading into a lake to get closer to a nesting bird (above), or recording a stoic moment with an owl (below), Ulrich goes to great lengths to shoot the best photograph possible.



The Accidental Photographer

A Chicago native, Ulrich's entrance into the photography field occurred accidentally. He was teaching high school biology in Fairfield, Ill., when he received a letter from his brother, Mike, then stationed in Japan while serving a tour of duty in the Navy. Mike asked if Tom wanted a camera, since they were inexpensive in Japan.

"I really didn't want a camera, but I was hurting financially," Ulrich recalls. "I looked at the prices and thought, 'I could sell this camera and make money.'"

Mike sent a Pentax camera and lenses in the mail. But instead of selling the camera equipment, Ulrich started taking photos. He became captivated by photography and decided to pursue his new interest. It wasn't long before he had exposed several rolls of film.

"After toying around with the equipment, I photographed a deer and a woodpecker, and discovered that photography was really enjoyable," he says. "I used to look at the photos in *National Wildlife* and think, 'I can do that.' So I decided to do it."

Upon realizing he had a passion for this vocation, Ulrich retired from teaching after just four years in the profession. Packing everything he owned into a van and heading for Glacier National Park

was a leap of faith, as aspirations to be a successful photographer weren't fulfilled without sacrifices.

The van in which he drove there would serve as his home for the next seven years.

Finding His Niche

Initially, the SIU graduate spent much of his time photographing mountain goats while recording and studying their behavior. Money was tight for Ulrich, who now jokes about attending weddings in the park to get a meal – even though he didn't know the bride or groom. But soon, he began photographing and marketing birds. Ulrich's love for the bird population took his career to the next level.

"In photography, you need some kind of niche to force everyone else to compete against you," he says. "My concentration is bird photography, and now I have that reputation. It has really snowballed over the years, and I now have a good selection of North American birds.

"I get excited when I get a new North American bird. There are various markets for these photos, as bird-watching is the most popular outdoor activity there is right now. More than 65 million people bird watch, and there are many magazines devoted to it."

Ulrich, who estimates photographing 2,000 bird species worldwide, began entering photo contests on an international level, which "opened up the world to me." He was the recipient of the 1987 International Wildlife Photographer of the Year Award for the Mammal Behavior Category in London, and also received the grand prize for the National Wildbird Photo Contest in 1996, after earlier winning the contest in 1979 and 1981. He is a four-time winner of the Outdoor Writers Scavenger Hunt Photo Contest.

With Ulrich's photos seen on puzzles, greeting cards, postcards and billboards, his work is available worldwide. He networks with stock photo agencies and organizations to garner exposure for his work – a process that can be somewhat ambiguous for the photographer.

"My market is anywhere you see photos. Sometimes my photos get sold and I don't see *how* they are being used," he says. "Organizations select the photo they want and I simply receive a check in the mail later."

Ulrich says his work can be unpredictable. "A lot of times I'm working on leads. I love getting good portraits of the animals, but I also focus on animal behavior and actions – you can't predict that. Often I find myself working on leads and must adapt to every one of those situations."

When Ulrich first arrived at Glacier National Park, he spent much of his time photographing mountain goats and studying their behavior.



The Perks Of The Trade


Ulrich's work takes him to unique areas such as the Yukon Territory, Trinidad, Africa, Switzerland and Brazil to name a few. One job perk he enjoys is being allowed access to remote areas to photograph.

"I'm fortunate to witness things many people don't get to see," he says. "On one trip to Tasmania, I had the chance to fly into a remote area to photograph a rare parrot. I've also taken photos of sea birds on islands off Iceland and New Zealand that are uninhabited. When you receive an opportunity to do something like this, it's exciting."

Ulrich's photographs are featured in various books he has produced. His most recent work, *Mt. Reynold's - The Story*, was just published in May. He personally writes, designs and markets his own publications. All his other books can be viewed under his Web site www.tomulrichphotos.com.

"It seems that when someone writes a book, everyone makes money *except* the author. I thought 'the heck with that, I'll do it all myself,'" he laughs. "The difference is getting 10 percent of nothing compared to 100 percent of everything. My books have done really well, and I have ideas for two more."

His teaching background is also beneficial. He conducts lecture seminars covering animal behavior and photo techniques at various universities, civic clubs and organizations across the United States. Ulrich returns to Carbondale once or twice a year to visit with SIU students about photography.

"My files are deep with slides, and this is a way of using them as a means of education," Ulrich says. "I love teaching, but I found that I could reach more students through this lecture series. They are interested in where I go and how I get the photos. This is much more enjoyable and satisfying to me." 

This image of two polar bears seemingly having a humorous conversation caught the eye of a greeting card company, and has also been published over 250 other times. As Ulrich notes with a laugh, "it's been on just about everything."



Ulrich Returns To SIU For Distinguished Lecturer Series

Tom Ulrich has returned to his alma mater on several occasions, but his recent stay on campus was extra special. He was invited to speak at the Charles D. Tenney Distinguished Lecturer Series. The program honors the memory of Tenney, vice president and provost of SIU from 1952 to 1971.

Each spring, the University Honors Program invites experts in their chosen professions to share their career knowledge through speeches, presentations and exhibits. Ulrich shared an exhibit of his numerous photos taken worldwide.

Rick Williams, director of the University Honors Program, was

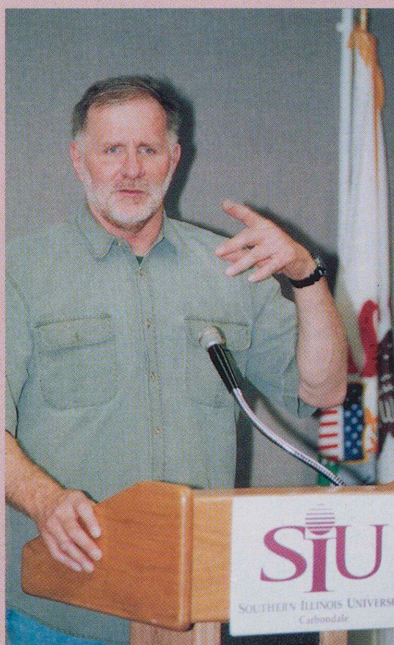
initially informed of Ulrich's exploits by Linda Martin, an assistant dean in the College of Science. Williams began consulting with personnel and students in the cooperative wildlife, environmental studies and zoology departments. He received a favorable response.

"Everyone I spoke with was excited about Tom speaking at the lecture series. He is one of our own who has done prize-winning work worldwide," Williams says. "The University Honors Program looks for someone who can span the academic disciplines. This goal was accomplished with Tom.

"He is an SIU graduate who has excelled in photography and has a science and teaching background. Tom's presentation was interesting to the general audience; he was truly a treasure we didn't expect."

After a two-hour presentation, Williams took note of students who spent another 45 minutes visiting with the nationally acclaimed photographer. Ulrich relished the experience.

"I am aware of how prestigious the Charles D. Tenney Lecturer Series is. Therefore, it was quite an honor to be asked to speak," Ulrich says. "I will forever cherish that opportunity."



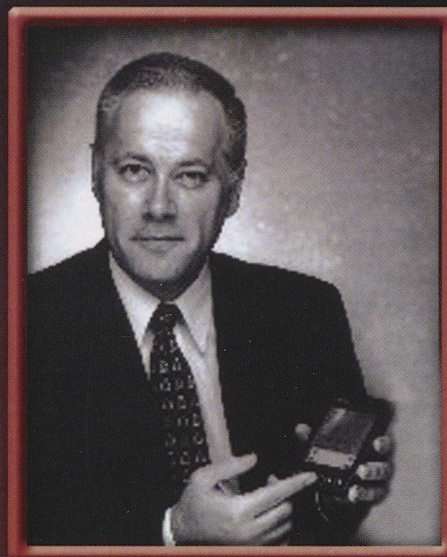
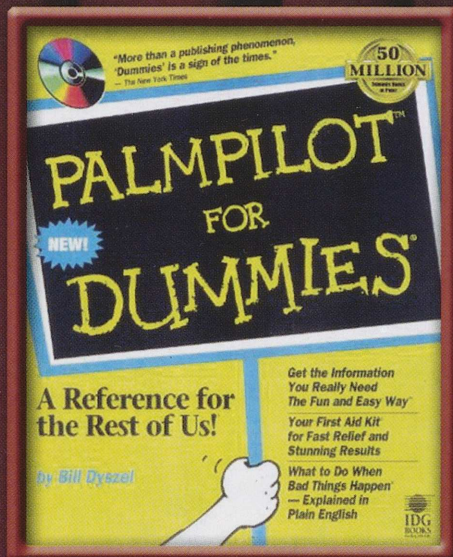
Love For Performing
Motivates Alumnus
To Mix

High-Tech Business With Pleasure

by Marianne Lawrence

Dyszel hams it up in this publicity photograph for "99% ART-FREE," an Off-Broadway opera spoof he wrote. The author of 17 "Dummies" books, including *PalmPilot for Dummies* (on the facing page), mixes high tech business with a love for the performing arts.





Dyszel as he appears today in a publicity shot for *Palm Pilot for Dummies*.

Bill Dyszel is thankful for real-world experiences afforded him at SIU. The author, opera singer, actor, and high-tech guru long ago realized there's no substitute for practical experience.

A few weeks ago, Bill Dyszel took a break from his book writing, public speaking and high-tech consulting to do something he really loves – performing.

The 1974 SIU radio-television alumnus has a long-standing relationship with the Neighborhood Playhouse in New York City and the unique series of *A Train Plays* that are written, staged, rehearsed and performed in a 48-hour period.

As he explains it, a group of writers catch the A-Train somewhere near Broadway and pick actors' pictures out of a bag. In the time it takes to ride the train to the end of the line, they write one-act plays for the actors. According to Dyszel, "At midnight, we (the actors) meet the writers, get their hand-written scripts, and learn them before giving the performance that day."

He calls the two performances on Friday and Saturday night an amazing challenge. "It's two hours for the writers, eight hours for the performers and everybody jumps in and makes it happen," he

says. "You tell your friends to come see the show, but you can't really tell them what it's going to be about or what the title is because you just don't know."

This three-day adventure is something Dyszel enjoys and frequently does, working it in among the other things that make up his busy life. Recently in the office of his mid-Manhattan home, he was scrambling to meet the deadline for his latest book and get another proposal mailed. The travel to present his popular seminars is frequently sandwiched in between meetings with his corporate clients, which include Goldman Sachs, Ogilvy & Mather and First Boston.

But whatever he's doing, entertaining seems to be the mainstay of this Renaissance man's life. "It's always fun to be in front of an audience; it's where I'm most comfortable," says Dyszel, who discovered something he liked and was good at when he joined his high school choir.

During his freshman year at Southern, Dyszel performed in several

operas and recitals, recalling internationally known soprano Marjorie Lawrence, who was then near the end of her 12-year teaching career at SIU. Although she was not teaching undergraduates, he felt her presence, calling her a "gigantic talent" and inspiration to everyone.

"Although in a way," he says, "you almost can't be inspired by someone like her because they are so much different than the rest of us. But it was certainly good to have contact with someone who had really been out there."

With a minor in music, Dyszel became a radio-television major, where he continued to enjoy the limelight. "I'm glad I had the opportunity at SIU to do the performing I did and also to be able to do real broadcasting. There is no substitute for that experience, which has been valuable over the years in so many things I never would have expected," he recalls.

Looking back, he also wished he had stayed longer. With the help of CLEP tests and summer school, Dyszel graduated at age 19 after only two years.



Former opera legend Marjorie Lawrence, shown at the piano during her last year at Southern, was a major influence on Dyszel during his SIU years.

“There were so many incredible learning opportunities outside the classroom at SIU. I wish I’d taken time to try more of them. Southern offers its students such a wonderfully broad range of experience, it’s smart to try as many of them as possible,” he adds.

With his SIU degree in hand, Dyszel studied for a year at the University of Illinois Business School before spending the next five years in the U.S. Navy based out of Norfolk, Va. Off duty, he became involved doing dinner theater shows and even produced a few shows.

In the process, he became acquainted with a local theater critic in Norfolk and shared with him thoughts of trying his luck in New York City. The newspaper

critic, he recalls, encouraged him to go. “Go right away, don’t wait, go now,” the critic urged. Even though Dyszel had always performed in his spare time, he never thought of being able to do it for a living. “It’s a horribly difficult business, and you have to be half nuts to do it. But I decided it was something worth trying because I really liked it.”

Since his tour of duty was ending, he decided to follow the critic’s advice and headed to the Big Apple for what was to be a huge break for his career. “I was hired by the New York City Opera almost immediately,” recalls Dyszel, something he acknowledges being “awfully nice because this business isn’t usually like that.”

He would spend the next 14 years performing in the New York City Opera chorus and on the New York theater circuit in hundreds of plays, musicals and operas and, after joining the Screen Actors Guild, did some work in film.

Nothing in his background so far offered a glimpse of something in which the performer would soon become deeply involved. Still performing, he began looking for ways to sell himself as a performer, and in 1989 bought his first computer, unaware that it would add a totally new dimension to his life.

Mostly self-taught, he mastered the computer enough to satisfy his needs, then agreed to help a local music school with their computer skills. As his talent

and understanding of this field grew, he soon found himself working as a technical consultant to Wall Street firms and writing for leading magazines like *PC Magazine*, *Success Magazine*, *Chief Executive Magazine* and *Computer Shopper*.

"In the early 1990s *PC Magazine* was putting out a quarterly compact disk,

and I became its multi-media producer for about a year, which brought together my radio and television background with the computer business," says Dyszel, who was really just getting geared up in the industry.


He wrote his first book, *Microsoft Outlook 97 for Windows for Dummies*:

Quick Reference for Hungry Minds Inc. (now John Wiley & Sons), that began a series of "Dummies" books that includes *Handspring Visor for Dummies*, *Microsoft Outlook for Dummies*, and several books on the PalmPilot. His latest and 17th is on digital video – one he just completed.

Today, Dyszel mixes computers and show business like business and pleasure. He now maintains a somewhat rigorous schedule of seminars and presentations based on his books, while continuing to perform in New York.

His public speaking nearly always incorporates a little theater as he keynotes on technology and does smaller sessions that are specific hands-on training. "It's clear that a lot of people aren't comfortable learning things from books – they need to see it." Some of his popular sessions are titled "The PalmPilot Ground School" and "Being a Dummy the Smart Way – Life in the High-Tech World."

He puts in a lot of miles traveling for his speeches and seminars, winning rave reviews from press such as the *New York Daily News*, which called one of his presentations "a belly-busting evening that will put you in a great mood."

Dyszel has thoroughly enjoyed his life in the theater and in the business world, and the reason may lie in an answer he gave when asked what show or performance was his favorite. "I like to think that my favorite piece is the one I'm currently performing, whatever that happens to be. I just figure that if I feel that way about the piece, the audience will, too." 

Shown here years ago backstage during a tour of *Rigoletto* with the New York City Opera, Dyszel continues to perform in plays, musicals and operas.



Poshards Are Child Advocates Of The Year



Glenn Poshard '70, M.S. '75, Ph.D. '84, who recently retired as vice chancellor for administration at Southern, is shown at left with his wife, Jo '71. The SIU Alumni Association Life Members started The Poshard Foundation in 1999, and in this year agencies representing the frontline efforts to combat child abuse recognized them as "Child Advocates of the Year." More than 300 participants recently joined together to honor the couple for their volunteer service to the region during a ceremony at the Conference on Child Abuse in Mt. Vernon, Ill. "This is really a special award for Jo and me," Poshard says. "There are so many people across the state that work in this area that are also deserving. My whole life, my wife and I have worked with children – we've always thought it was a need that we could help with." ■

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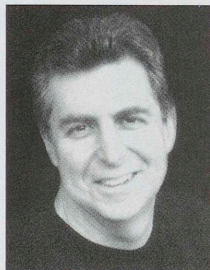


The College of Liberal Arts presented its Alumni Achievement Award to **Garrett Pierce '66, M.S. '70**, executive vice president and CEO of Orbital Sciences Corp., Dulles, Va. Pierce,

who lives in Reston, Va., earned his bachelor's degree in economics in 1966 and master's in economics in 1970, both from SIUC. He joined Orbital Sciences Corp. in August 2000. The company is one of the world's leading developers and manufacturers of affordable space systems from commercial, government and military customers.

Before joining Orbital, the life member of the SIU Alumni Association was executive vice president and chief financial officer/chief administrative officer for

Sensomatic Electronics Corp., a \$1 billion global technology firm headquartered in Boca Raton, Fla.



Samuel Glick '75, vice president/partner of Davis*Glick Productions Inc., received the Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Mass Communication

and Media Arts. Glick earned a bachelor of science degree in radio and television communications in 1975 from SIUC. A Chicago native, the life member of the SIU Alumni Association now lives in Tarzana, Calif.

Davis*Glick Productions is a broadcast promotion firm specializing in the creation of television promotions, video presentations and radio spots for TV stations, pro-

gram syndicators, networks, cable home video, motion pictures and new media. The firm was created in 1985.



The College of Science presented its Alumni Achievement Award to **Curtis Jones '81, M.A. '86**, of Brentwood, Tenn. Jones, a native of Grand Chain, Ill.,

earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in microbiology from SIUC. He is president of Dippin Dots Inc. and Dippin Dots Franchising Inc. in Paducah, Ky. His idea for the ice cream novelty was born in 1987 while the SIU Alumni Association life member was researching various freezing techniques for the large-scale commercial preservation of bacteria and enzymes. ■

'Four On The Floor' Still Letting The Good Times Roll

by Marianne Lawrence

Four on the Floor," a band that has been a fixture on the southern Illinois music scene for two decades, celebrated with a 20th anniversary show last December at Hangar 9, a favorite haunt for many Southern students.

This summer the band will entertain fellow alums July 5 in Chicago at the Cubby Bear Lounge. The event will be held the day after the 26th annual SIU Alumni Day at Wrigley Field. The performance hours are tentatively set for evening through close of business that Saturday.

The road to a 20th anniversary celebration has been a long and winding one for the group, which consists of several SIU alumni. Peyton Blewett '85, the group's rhythm guitarist and vocalist, says he was recording with his band, "Peyton and His Peers," in the early 1980s when local guitar legend Robbie Stokes '98 invited him and drummer, Mike Ebersohl '85 to make some recordings.

Stokes had been a session musician for the Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane and Norman Greenbaum in the early 1970s, so Blewett jumped at the opportunity.

Later, because of the break-up of two other bands, "Four on the Floor" was born and performed its first gig in November of 1982 at Gatsby's in Carbondale. Soon after they played for the first time at Hangar 9. Joining Stokes, Blewett and Ebersohl in the new band were Gary Gibula '86, bass and vocals, and Kevin Cox '85, sax and vocals.

The current group, which solidified around 1990, is made up of three of the original members (Stokes, Blewett and Cox) along with bassist Jim Wall '80, keyboards Eric Ebersohl '83, M.S. '87, (Mike's brother) and drummer Charlie Morrill '99.

For the first few years, the band played a grueling schedule. "A typical week would have us playing five to six times, sometimes twice in one day," recalls Blewett. With a loyal following, the band performed mostly rockabilly – Elvis Presley, Eddie Cochran, Buddy Holly, Gene Vincent, and Carl Perkins. Occasionally they would do some

Beatles, Chuck Berry and Little Richard.

"We all have day jobs now and most of us have wives and/or kids," says Blewett. "So we have cut down on our playing schedules accordingly." Over the past 10 years the band has performed for countless weddings, including some of their own, at summer festivals, and at local wine festivals.

In the 1980s the band branched out into a wider geographic area, opening for the Coasters at the Paducah Summer Festival and serving as the official Shoe Carnival band of the Midwest in 1987, playing grand openings in Louisville, Bloomington, Ind., and Carbondale.

On the Paducah performances, Blewett says, "We loved playing there – it's always on TV and they treated us like rock stars!" In addition the group was voted "Best Local Band" in 1985 and 1986 by the *Southern Illinoisan* Reader's Poll and won the regional Battle of the Bands in Owensboro, Ky.

Around the same time the group recorded a single called "Hold on Me" that got some local airplay. Blewett wrote the song about a girl who is now his wife, Kelly Blewett '94.

More recently, in 2001 the group was featured on the WSIU-TV show, "Studio A Presents." According to Blewett, if "Four on the Floor" has a legacy (besides longevity) it is that they have been the one constant on the ever-changing Carbondale music scene. "We may not aspire to be rock stars anymore, but we still like to rock when we get the chance. Hopefully we'll be doing it for another 20 years or so." ■



Musicians shown from the 20th anniversary performance at Hangar 9 are, from left, Row one: Robbie Stokes; Row two: Peyton Blewett, Mike and Eric Ebersohl; Row three: Charlie Morrill and Jim Wall.



Paul Kowalczyk, shown here addressing area media, notes "recent press conferences have been exciting – we've had encouraging things to talk about for a change."

A Work In Progress

SIU Athletics has made great strides during Paul Kowalczyk's three years as director, but he sees much more he hopes to achieve.

by Gene Green

When Paul Kowalczyk interviewed for the Southern Illinois University athletics director's position in 2000, the department was \$600,000 in debt and faced with even tougher times ahead. Having served as an assistant athletics director at two institutions facing similar challenges, the fiscal dilemma did not deter his enthusiasm for the job.

Eventually hired later that summer, his fervor was rewarded – and then immediately tested. From the time of his interview, to his first day on the job, the sea of red ink had swelled to \$800,000.

“I walked in the door trying to figure out how to shrink that figure, while allowing our teams the opportunity to improve,” Kowalczyk, 45, recalls. “That was a challenge, but at the same time it was a chance to change things for the better and improve the situation around here.”

Despite state funding woes and rising costs, he has used his accounting roots to successfully implement a plan that has trimmed close to \$300,000 from the debt and is guiding the financial picture at SIU Athletics to higher ground. Recently he sat down with *Southern Alumni* to take a look back at what has been – in his words – “a long but *rewarding* three years.”

Q: SOUTHERN ALUMNI: You were the Associate Athletics Director for External Affairs at Northwestern University before you came to Carbondale. What attracted you to the SIU position?

A: PAUL KOWALCZYK: “There was a real tradition here. The program had enjoyed success before, and that meant a great deal to me. You can build on tradition a lot easier than you can create one. From the people I talked to about Southern, it was apparent that the region and alumni were passionate about athletics. I sensed we could parlay that interest with the program’s proud tradition and find success down the road.”

SA: When you took the position, however, there was instability among top administrators with more change on the way. Did this concern you at all?

PK: “I talked to several ADs about that topic, and was reminded over and over that you can’t always pick and choose who your boss is going to be. The bigger picture was to seize the opportunity, work hard at the job, and trust things would be fine. That is exactly what happened. I worked for four ADs during my nine years at Northwestern, so it really didn’t concern me.”

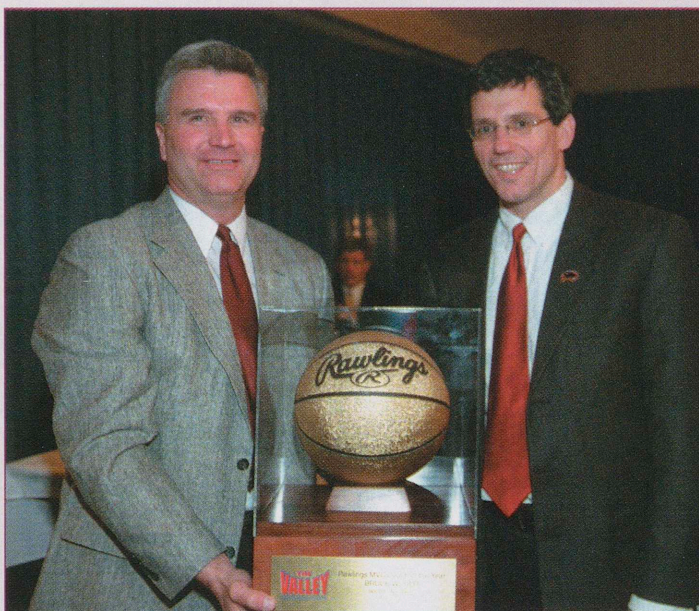
SA: Once you seized the opportunity here, what was the first thing on your plate?

PK: “I had some tough personnel decisions to make early on. I decided if we were going to succeed, it would have to be done with a team of employees I could work with who shared the same goals. I knew that without the right people in place, we would have no chance of accomplishing anything of significance. We had

to quickly address some personnel needs to set everything else in motion.”

SA: Looking back at the last three years, has the job been easier or harder than you anticipated?

PK: “It has been *much* more difficult. Although there were countless areas to deal with, certain things had to be accomplished immediately for us to have a chance at success. First, I had to help people understand the role athletics plays in the academic community. Second, we had to put a solid plan in place to get back on higher fiscal ground.



At this year’s Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, Kowalczyk was on hand to congratulate former Saluki Basketball Coach Bruce Weber on winning the MVC Coach of the Year Award. In addition to the men’s basketball championship, SIU earned eight top-three finishes this past season and had its best showing since 1997 in the MVC all-sports standings, taking fourth place.

The state budget situation remains my greatest concern, as we all seem to be paying for past sins.”

SA: Regarding the role of athletics, many studies show that enrollment figures are often tied to athletic success.

PK: “There is no doubt about that. I have a file of articles on the subject, and saw it firsthand at the previous two schools where I worked. At SIU, our

freshman class increased 9 percent last year, and some of those new students may well be tied to all the exposure the University received from the Sweet 16 success the previous year.”

SA: It is hard to put a price tag on this type of media exposure, but it certainly exceeds anything the University could afford to do on its own.

PK: “It is a form of advertising – without a doubt. And actually, some *have* put a price tag on it. When Gonzaga University made the Elite 8 in 1999, the estimated exposure was worth \$38 million. The

Valparaiso University Sweet 16 appearance a year earlier was placed in the \$24 million range. While it is impossible to truly gauge something like this, the end result is certainly added exposure for the institution.”

SA: What part of the last three years has surprised you the most?

PK: “I’ve been shocked to find out how comfortable I feel – I never expected to experience that sensation as quickly as I did. There was a certain amount of anxiety on my part, since it was my first director’s position. The lists of things to accomplish were great and expectations were high. But I soon noticed that my previous experiences were serving me in ways I never imagined. I guess you could say I was surprised what I had learned along the way, and how naturally I was

leaning on that experience.”

SA: What is a typical working day for you now that you have established a routine?

PK: “One of the great things about this position is there really is no routine. No two days are alike; the priorities of the given day constantly shift. But if I had to guess, I would say I’m normally here 10-12 hours a day during the week

and away from home on weekends on an as-needed basis. I try to go to as many of our athletic events as I can to show support to our coaches and student-athletes.

SA: With that kind of schedule, it makes your wife, Peg, a real important piece of the puzzle.

PK: "Without a doubt – you can't do this kind of work for a living if your spouse isn't supportive of the demands. Peg understands what my responsibilities are and also knows that I work hard to find quality time away from the office as well."

SA: What do you two like to do when you can escape from your Lingle Hall office?

PK: "My wife and I really enjoying cycling, and this area is wonderful for that activity. We also like to hike and try to take advantage of the natural resources around here. The beauty of this area is one of the reasons we are so happy here. People have been so welcoming, and this is home to us now."

SA: You have targeted marketing and merchandising as key components in future financial success. Merchandising was a particularly underutilized area when you arrived.

PK: "I certainly thought so. We weren't even selling our own merchandise at our events, and that had to change. Another piece of the plan was to give our logo a fresh look and provide new items our fans and alumni would be proud to own. So far things are really going well in that area. The NCAA Sweet 16 success of a couple of years ago was a big part of getting that moving in the right direction, and other things have followed. Overall ticket sales have increased 56 percent during the last three years, marketing revenue has spiked almost 120 percent, and fund-raising during a span from FY00 to FY03 is also up approximately 60 percent."

SA: Anytime you alter a team logo, some early feedback will be negative. Was that the case here as well?

A Busy – And Productive – Three Years

During Paul Kowalczyk's brief stint as Saluki athletics director, he has hit the ground running and made an impact in the department. Under his direction, here are some of the things that have occurred:

Facilities:

- Built and financed the new \$1.7 million, 500-seat state-of-the-art Charlotte West Stadium/Rochman Field. Raised \$220,000 for the project.
- Added new \$150,000 lights to football stadium. Secured additional \$100,000 of donated labor.
- Replaced old artificial turf in football stadium with a new \$585,000 playing surface.
- Renovated computer lab and study table rooms - \$10,000 cost.
- Renovated football locker room and player lounge - \$50,000 cost.
- Improved weight room by adding a new floor and additional weights - \$6,000 cost.
- Created new laundry facility in equipment room - \$40,000 cost. Cut operating costs \$12,000 annually by eliminating leased facility on campus. Secured donated washers and dryers.
- Renovated men's basketball locker room - \$60,000 cost.

Fundraising:

- Increased annual gift fundraising 60 percent from \$131,000 in FY00 to \$210,000 in FY03.
- Developed the Saluki Athletic Scholarship Fund to generate greater fundraising revenues for department scholarships and to create an equitable donor tracking system.
- Obtained two new scholarship endowments; \$25,000 minimum donation required.
- Through the Saluki Wheels Club, increased number of courtesy cars in program by five.

Marketing and Promotions:

- Increased marketing and promotions revenue 120 percent from \$68,000 in FY00 to \$150,000 in FY03.
- Commissioned new athletic department logos sparking a 35 percent increase in licensing royalties from \$33,000 in FY00 to \$44,600 in FY03.
- Increased total ticket sales by 56 percent from \$500,000 in FY00 to \$780,000 in FY03.
- Initiated departmental merchandise sales at home events, creating \$10,000 in new revenues.
- Reinstated night football after 29 years resulting in 92 percent increase in paid attendance in first season.

General Administrative:

- Reduced an inherited \$800,000 deficit by more than \$300,000 in three fiscal years.
- Cut media guide printing costs \$15,000 while adding guides for two sports.
- Achieved best single semester student-athlete performance in program history with 59 percent earning a 3.0 GPA or better in spring 2002.
- Initiated first-ever departmental drug testing policy for student-athletes.

PK: "Initially, but we knew that going in. I went through this same thing at Kansas State, and the reaction there at first was *much* more negative than anything we experienced at SIU. Most people at Southern like the new logo and marks we are using. We also have heard from many who tell us at first they had reservations about the change, but now it has really grown on them. That is exactly what you expect to happen."

SA: What is the department's biggest need in the years ahead?

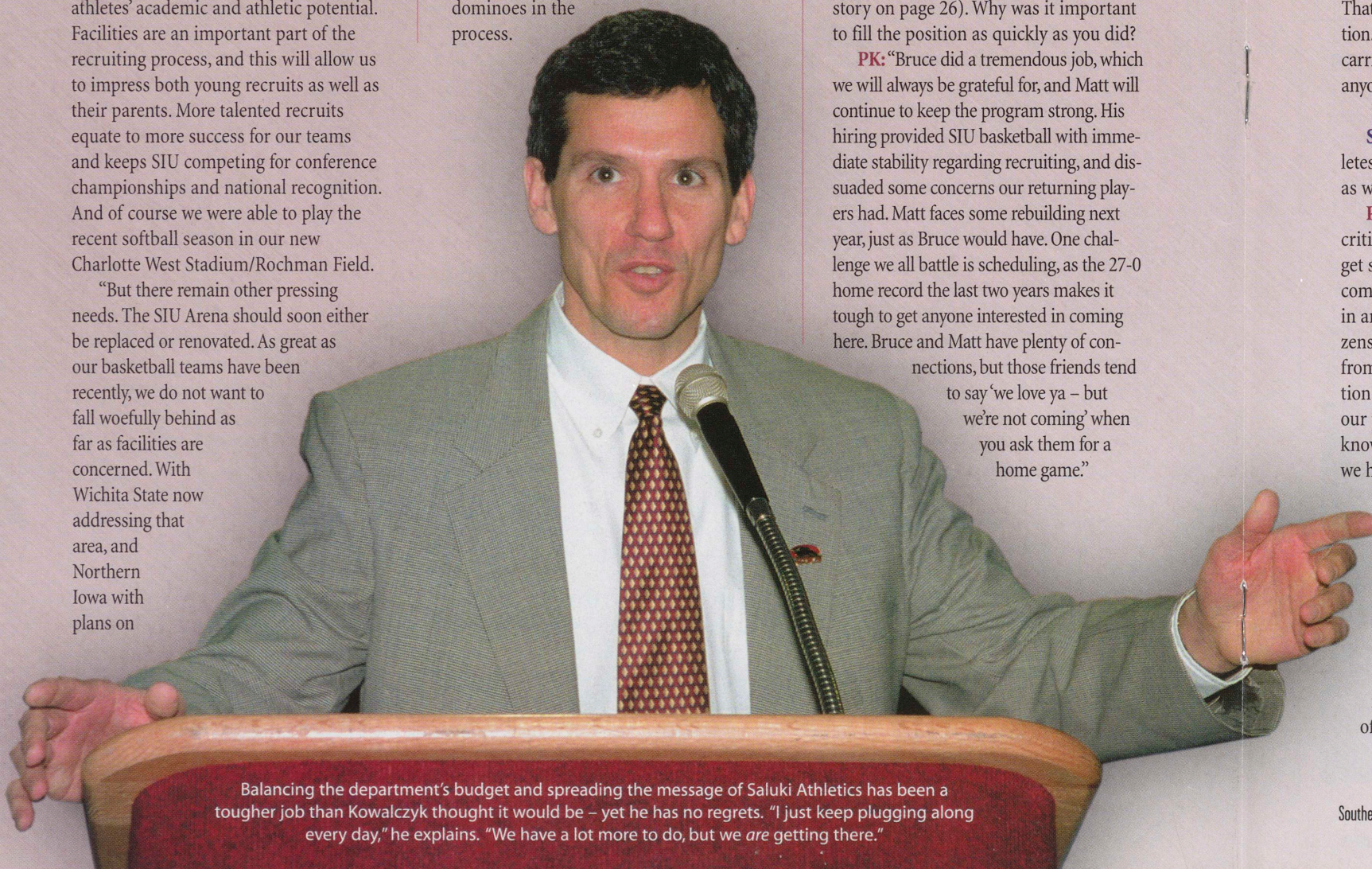
PK: "First and foremost it is our facilities. We recently have had one area addressed by the generous \$4.5 million Pete Wittman donation (see story on inside front cover), which will be used to build "The Troutt-Wittmann Athletic and Training Center." His gift benefits all of our programs, providing us an opportunity to more fully develop our student-athletes' academic and athletic potential. Facilities are an important part of the recruiting process, and this will allow us to impress both young recruits as well as their parents. More talented recruits equate to more success for our teams and keeps SIU competing for conference championships and national recognition. And of course we were able to play the recent softball season in our new Charlotte West Stadium/Rochman Field.

"But there remain other pressing needs. The SIU Arena should soon either be replaced or renovated. As great as our basketball teams have been recently, we do not want to fall woefully behind as far as facilities are concerned. With Wichita State now addressing that area, and Northern Iowa with plans on

the table, Southern will soon have the only basketball facility in the conference that is at the least without major renovation efforts. We also are in need of some sort of indoor facility that all of our teams can use to practice in during bad weather, and although we added lights at McAndrew Stadium last year, I would also like to do the same at Abe Martin Field. Our greatest expectation is that the new football stadium will be built before too long as well."

SA: Do indicators still remain positive regarding plans for the new football stadium/complex?

PK: "Yes they do. The stadium, along with all the student service components that plan represents, helps solve facility needs across campus. It is the linchpin of the land-use plan, and can lead to some other exciting things at SIU in the years ahead. The stadium and University offices to be housed there are the lead dominoes in the process."



Balancing the department's budget and spreading the message of Saluki Athletics has been a tougher job than Kowalczyk thought it would be – yet he has no regrets. "I just keep plugging along every day," he explains. "We have a lot more to do, but we *are* getting there."

Private money and bonding remain methods that can help get the job done.

SA: Aside from facilities, what other goals do you have?

PK: "It would be exciting to see the MVC Commissioner's Trophy return to SIU. This trophy represents the school with the best overall athletics program, and is something we strive for. Men's basketball has done well; softball, baseball, and track battled for conference titles this season; volleyball had a terrific year; swimming and diving was strong once again, as were many of our other sports. We want our teams to succeed across the board."

SA: Keeping men's basketball competitive no doubt makes great fiscal sense. When Bruce Weber took the University of Illinois job last month, you quickly turned the program over to his long-time assistant, Matt Painter (see story on page 26). Why was it important to fill the position as quickly as you did?

PK: "Bruce did a tremendous job, which we will always be grateful for, and Matt will continue to keep the program strong. His hiring provided SIU basketball with immediate stability regarding recruiting, and dissuaded some concerns our returning players had. Matt faces some rebuilding next year, just as Bruce would have. One challenge we all battle is scheduling, as the 27-0 home record the last two years makes it tough to get anyone interested in coming here. Bruce and Matt have plenty of connections, but those friends tend to say 'we love ya – but we're not coming' when you ask them for a home game."

SA: By the time this magazine arrives to alumni, the third football season of the Jerry Kill Era will be near. It appears he has given you exactly what you anticipated when you selected him as your first major coaching hire.

PK: "I had been involved in the football rebuilding process before at Kansas State and Northwestern. I sensed Jerry was exactly what this school and region needed. He is looking to show improvement three years in a row, and in many ways, that third year is often the hardest. The fans have embraced him and like how he gets things accomplished. That is already showing at the gate, as paid attendance from 2001 to 2002 was up 90 percent. Fans see a man with strong character, backed by a loyal staff, who is one of the most positive people you'll ever want to meet. When we were in the hiring process, he was described to me by a colleague as a Pied Piper that people would want to follow. That turned out to be a perfect description. Jerry is visible in the community and carries the message of Saluki Athletics to anyone willing to listen."

SA: It seems the student-athletes are now much more visible as well.

PK: "They are, and I feel it is critical in a smaller community to get student-athletes involved in community projects, volunteering in area schools, and allow the citizens to get to know them away from the playing field. This interaction connects the community with our program and let's everyone know what quality young people we have."

SA: And to let them know that SIU's athletes are getting degrees as well?

PK: "That is apparent when you meet these young men and women. We've placed a great emphasis on GPAs and graduation rates, and the student services staff of Kristina Therriault and Joe Cross



Kowalczyk and his wife, Peg, were on hand for the Southern At 150 celebration earlier this spring.

do a great job in that area. Our graduation rate is higher than the general student population, and almost 60 percent of our student-athletes last year had a 3.0 or better GPA – that is pretty darned


for athletics) and I are trying to direct a much more hands-on approach with donors. Being more proactive is also being more attentive to their needs and finding attractive ways for them to give. I feel our recently announced Saluki Athletic Scholarship Fund will be something that will be well received. The inaugural campaign drive was kicked off with a \$10,000 anonymous gift, and we feel supporters will connect with a fund that provides scholarships for student-athletes and is essential for the continuing success of the University's 18 varsity teams."

SA: You have talked about many areas of the program, but to make any of them work, you need support above your head. After enjoying a great working relationship with Interim Chancellor John Jackson, you then had to hope to fashion similar rapport when Walter Wendler was hired. How has that evolved over the past two years?

PK: "We have a great relationship – I appreciate what Dr. Wendler brings to the table. He is a bright person, very affable and approachable, and really has this University's best interests at heart. He came on board at a difficult time and has been a true leader. He also recognizes athletics' role in the campus process, and I appreciate that a great deal."

SA: How long do you see yourself as the SIU Athletics Director?

PK: "I really don't think about things like that – seriously. I just keep plugging away and try to make this department better. We have achieved a great

deal in a short amount of time, and it has happened because of our staff's dedication and ability. I want to keep it going in the right direction and not get complacent. We *are* on a bit of a roll, and I want to make certain we stay on *that* path. We have indeed made strides, but there is still so much more to do." 

The Kowalczyk Timeline

1977	Denison University (played football freshman year)
1978-80	Kent State University (earned accounting degree)
1986	Kent State University (earned master's in education/sports administration)
1987-88	Portland State University, Business Manager
1988-91	Kansas State University, Assistant Athletic Director for Business
1991-95	Northwestern University, Director of Business Operations
1995-00	Northwestern University, Associate Athletics Director for External Affairs
2000-current	Southern Illinois University, Director of Athletics

good. We also are trying to be more proactive in our approach as soon as an athlete walks through the door.

SA: You also have said you try to be more proactive when it comes to fundraising.

PK: "Tommy Bell (development officer

Weber Takes Illinois Post; Painter Named New Saluki Head Coach

It didn't take long for SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk to make up his mind. One day after Bruce Weber left to become head coach at the University of Illinois, Kowalczyk promoted Matt Painter into the top spot.

The 32-year-old Painter becomes the second-youngest men's basketball head coach in the history of the school. (Former Saluki Coach and NBA Hall-of-Famer Harry Gallatin was 31 years old when he was named head coach in 1958.) Weber's top assistant the last five years, Painter has helped build SIU into a basketball powerhouse.

"This is obviously a dream come true for me," Painter says. "I came here five years ago as an assistant from Eastern Illinois, and I was excited. It represented a chance for me to work with Bruce Weber, someone who recruited me to Purdue and has been a big part of my life. Now it is a privilege to succeed the man who has really helped me get to this point."

Before becoming just the 11th head coach in the 90-year history of the program, Painter was an All-Big Ten forward playing for legendary coach Gene Keady from 1989-93. He helped lead the Boilermakers to three NCAA Tournament bids and one NIT during his playing career. After graduation, he made three coaching stops before joining Weber's staff at Southern, coaching one year each at Washington & Jefferson College (1993-94) and Barton College (1994-95), before moving to the Division I ranks, spending three years on the staff at Eastern Illinois University (1995-98).

Weber, who takes over an Illinois program coached the last three seasons by Bill Self, has nothing but great memories from his time at SIU.

"We hopefully re-energized the SIU basketball program and brought focus

back to the University," he says. "Along the way, we had some success and did the job that we set out to do, which was to bring back the basketball tradition to Southern Illinois."

Weber was always frustrated with the difficulty of scheduling home games with "name" opponents, due in part to the recent spotless record in the SIU Arena. Now that his former assistant resides in his old office, could an SIU-Illinois game finally occur? "The schedule for next year is already set, but I hope to try to do something in the future," he says.



Painter brings a competitive spirit into his new role as head coach.

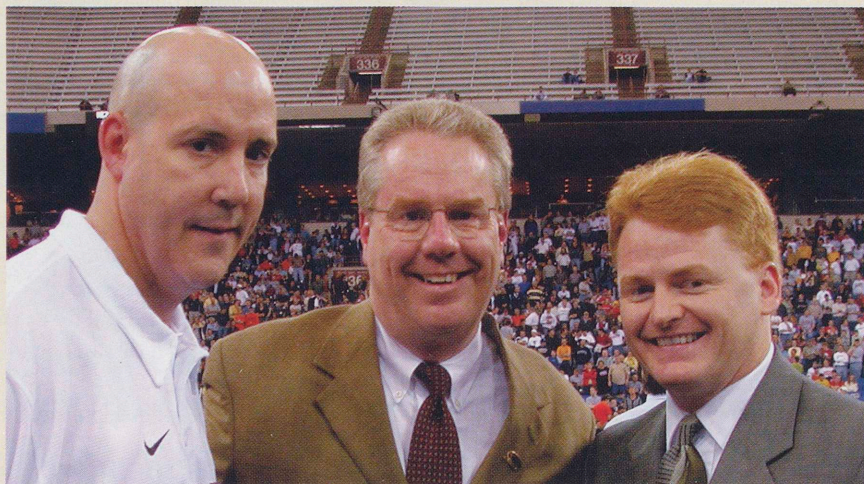
SIU Grads Dominate NCAA Regional Airwaves

When the Basketball Salukis played the University of Missouri in the 2003 NCAA Midwest Regional, it would have been a challenge for radio listeners to find a broadcast that *didn't* feature SIU alumni on the airwaves. Against monumental odds, three teams in the *same* regional had SIU Radio-Television graduates providing the play-by-play commentary.

Southern boasted veteran sportscaster Mike Reis '78, while Missouri's voice was Mike Kelly '84. Joining them in Indianapolis was Western Kentucky broadcaster Mike Legg '94, giving SIU's communications program a commanding presence at the event. Both Kelly and Legg once worked with Reis in Carbondale.

"It was fun having the three of us at the same regional, and really was a rare thing when I stopped to think about it," Reis notes. "Those are the kind of things that make the broadcasting business fun."

Soon to begin his 25th year as "Voice of the Salukis," Reis was honored late in the regular season with a game ball in tribute to his 700th basketball broadcast – a Jan. 29 win over Bradley. And in case you are counting, the Missouri game marked the 714th SIU basketball game he has called during his career.



From left, Missouri's Mike Kelly, SIU's Mike Reis, and Western Kentucky's Mike Legg.

Softball Ends Banner Season

One of the most successful softball seasons in Southern Illinois University history came to a halt two games short of the College World Series. The Salukis went 3-2 in the double-elimination NCAA Region VIII Tournament in Tuscaloosa, Ala., to finish the year 39-14 and earn entry into NCAA Softball's Sweet 16.

Southern had a season of firsts in 2003. The Dawgs earned their first at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, shortly after being nationally-ranked for the first time. SIU entered the post-season event ranked 24th in the nation.

"I'm so proud of this team," says head coach *Kerri Blaylock*. "I went to a regional as a coach in 1991 (SIU assistant) and it's been such a long trip back. I told these kids when we recruited them I wanted to get back to a regional. They all believed."

SIU's *Jenny Doehring*, *Haley Viefhaus*, *Maria Damico* and *Amy Harre* were all named to the NCAA Region VIII All-Tournament Team. *Harre* and *Katie Louis* were first-team All-Valley members. The Salukis finished second in the conference, before bowing out quickly in the league tournament. *Harre*, a sophomore and the 2002 Rookie-of-the-Year, had a career-high 20 wins (20-9) with a 1.05 ERA overall (11th in the nation entering the NCAA Tournament) with her first two career no-hitters, 12 shutouts and 19 complete games.

Louis, a freshman, became the fifth Saluki Rookie-of-the-Year after she broke the SIU single season record with 11 home runs (second overall in the MVC). Her nine MVC home runs led the league and her .692 slugging percentage and 20 RBI are second in Valley play.

Baseball

The Saluki baseball team continued its rise in the MVC in 2003. Southern, which was only one game out of second place at the end of the regular season, finished eighth in 2001, fourth in 2002, and third this year with a 17-13 record. The Salukis (30-25) later made it to the title game of the Valley Tournament, but fell one game shy of a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

"Being among the top teams in the league was a realistic goal this year," says head coach *Dan Callahan*. "We talked about finishing among the top three teams in the league, and we want to keep things headed

in that direction. Winning 17 games in this league is something to be proud of, and the fact that we have most of our players back next season is exciting."

Southern was paced offensively by *Toby Barnett* (.332, 10 HR, 43 RBI), who earned his second straight first-team selection behind the plate, and was the all-MVC Tournament catcher. Also first-team all-league for SIU was fellow senior *Jake Alley* (7-4, 3.32 ERA), who served as the Saluki number one starter all season and set the school record for career strikeouts. Other seniors who produced stellar seasons were centerfielder *Sal Frisella* (.312, 10 HR, 30 RBI) and leftfielder *Ross Kowzan* (.278, 2HR, 22 RBI).

Outdoor Track

After being ranked fifth in a pre-meet poll, the young SIU men's track and field team finished second to Wichita State at the MVC Outdoor Championships, hosted by Southern. The Saluki men scored 102 points behind the Shockers' 152, followed by Northern Iowa (90), Indiana State (85), Illinois State (72.5), Southwest Missouri (61.5), and Drake (40.5).

Freshman *Felix Anderson* paced the men's team winning, the 200 meter and 400 meter races with career bests of 21.32 and 45.77. Anderson, named the MVC Outstanding Track Athlete of the Year, set a new track record when his 400 meter time broke the old standard by .01. Another freshman, *Ray Scotten*, was crowned champion of the pole vault by clearing 17-6.5.

SIU's women finished fifth in the Valley Championships, as Southwest Missouri won the crown. SMS won the women's competition with 152 points, followed by UNI (102), Indiana State (99), Wichita State (85), SIU (82), Illinois State (57), Drake (49), and Bradley (25).

Korto Dunbar was the highest female point earner of the meet with 26 points of SIU's collective 82. Dunbar won her specialty, the 100 meter hurdles with a season-best 13.58. She was runner-up in the 100 meter (11.91) and 200 meter (24.19). *Noa Beiliter* won both the 800 meter and 1500 meter races, crossing the finish line in 2:13.70 in the 800 meter and setting a new track record in the 1500 meter with a time of 4:30.47.

Women's Golf

Junior *Megan Tarrolly* tied for second to lead the SIU women's golf team to a fourth-place finish at the MVC Championships held in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The Salukis turned

in a three-round score of 973. Bradley (953) became just the second league member to repeat as women's golf champion, as the Braves beat Illinois State (953) in a sudden-death playoff hole to clinch the crown. Other team scores were Northern Iowa (966), SIU (973), Southwest Missouri (984), Creighton (992), Wichita State (993), and Evansville (997).

Tarrolly posted scores of 76-78-79 to place higher than any of her Saluki teammates. *Amy Rankin* (14th) and *Stefanie Pate* (T18th) also finished among the top-20 individuals. Tarrolly garnered all-conference honors based on her top-six finish.

Men's Golf

The Saluki men's golf team finished seventh at the MVC Championships held in Silvis, Ill. SIU ended its season with a three-round score of 911. *Tim Hoss* and *Dustin Stewart* each tied for 20th to lead all Saluki golfers. Hoss shot scores of 70-78-77, while Stewart carded marks of 75-79-71.

Wichita State (870) won this year's MVC Championship crown by two strokes over Illinois State (872). Other team scores were Drake (882), Southwest Missouri (882), Northern Iowa (890), Bradley (905), SIU (911), Evansville (934), and Creighton (950).

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team had an early exit from the MVC Tennis Championships held in Springfield, Mo. SIU came into the tournament with a 5-4 conference record and the fifth seed, but fell to the fourth-seed Drake.

The championship was slowed due to rain and moved indoors, which hindered many teams from playing doubles matches. SIU was only able to get one win from the Bulldogs, as freshman *Zoya Honarmand* won 6-3, 6-1. The win was Honarmand's ninth this year.

Southern finished the season with an 8-15 record overall, and 5-5 in conference play.

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team defeated Creighton 6-0 win to the opener of the Valley Championships, but dropped a 4-0 battle with Indiana State to end the SIU run at Wichita, Kan. Senior *Alon Savidor* was able to grab his 50th career win, 6-2, 6-1, to finish off a stellar four-year career at SIU.

SIU finished the season 5-9 overall, and 2-8 in conference play.

Lew Hartzog Enters Valley Hall Of Fame

by Gene Green

Surrounded by family, friends and some of the top track and field athletes to ever compete at Southern Illinois University, legendary coach Lew Hartzog was recently inducted into the Missouri Valley Conference Hall of Fame. The event was something he cherished, yet could hardly believe.

"I've had some wonderful honors in my life," the 80-year-old Hartzog said to the induction gathering, "but nothing to match this. It is something I sincerely appreciate, and it means so much to me to share this with so many special people in this room."

In addition to his wife, Sally, and other members of his immediate family, Hartzog beamed with pride as he introduced former Saluki track and field standouts such as Michael Franks, Ivory Crockett, David Lee, John Saunders and Bill Cornell, who were in the audience for the induction ceremony. "It was obvious how much the award meant to him," Cornell says, "but you could tell that it meant a lot to all of his former athletes as well."



Hartzog, second from left, beams with pride at the induction ceremonies. With him are former athletes Michael Franks, Bill Cornell, David Lee, and Ivory Crockett.

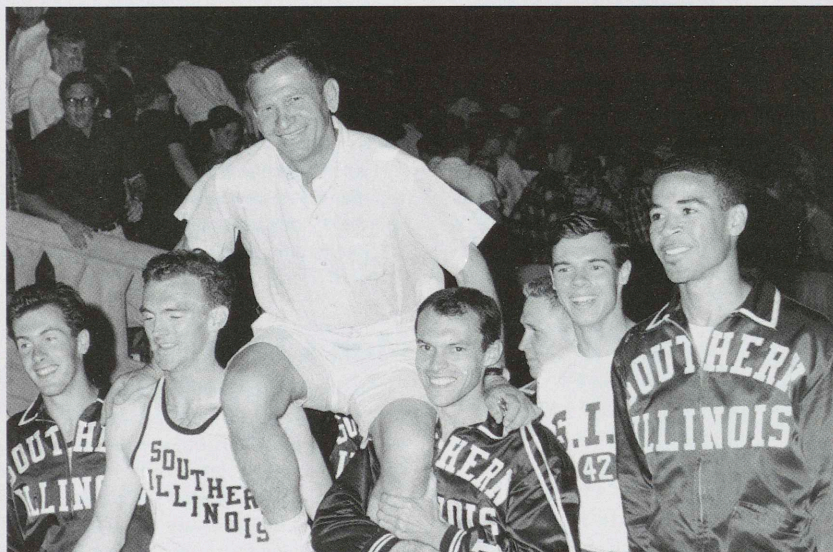
Hartzog, who coached the Saluki track and field program for 24 years, was voted NCAA National Coach of the Year by his peers in 1982 and 1984. The head men's track and field coach at SIU from 1960 to 1984, he guided the Salukis to eight Missouri Valley Conference indoor titles (1976-78 and 1980-84) and 10-straight outdoor crowns (1975-84) during his

tenure. The Clarendon, Texas, native was named conference indoor coach of the year eight times, coached eight Olympians, more than 60 All-Americans and seven SIU Hall of Famers. He also tutored 24 individual indoor and 29 individual outdoor league champions.

Hartzog's indoor and outdoor track teams won every conference championship meet in which they competed, including eight Missouri Valley indoor and 10 outdoor meets. Other highlights of his coaching career at SIU included four top 10 finishes and four top 20 finishes in NCAA championship meets.

He also took on administrative responsibilities at Southern in the summer of 1981, replacing Gale Sayers as interim athletics director. Four months later, he was named the Salukis' permanent athletics director and held that position until April of 1985.

Hartzog is only the fourth coach to be inducted into the Valley Hall of Fame, and the first non-men's basketball coach to receive the honor. He joins Valley coaching legends Henry "Hank" Iba of Oklahoma State, Maury John of Drake and Ralph Miller of Wichita State.



After defeating Kansas in 1966, Hartzog is shown being carried off the track by Saluki standouts Ross MacKenzie (left) and Jeff Duxbury, while other teammates look on.

SIU Alumni See The World

SIU alumni continue to take advantage of great travel opportunities sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association, and hosted by travel firms Global Holidays and Alumni Holidays International. One such trip was "Alumni College in the Swiss Alps," offered last fall.

Bill Vicars '61, M.S. '66, Ph. D.'69 and his wife, Lee Ann '63, report that the experience was a memorable one.

"Eight SIU alumni were joined by 16 alums from Illinois State, four from Wisconsin, and three independent travelers for a fun eight-day trip to Switzerland," Vicars reports. "We stayed at the lovely Alpin Sherpa Hotel in Meiringen, a town known for being the setting for several of Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes tales.

"With a lovely view of many of the highest peaks in the Alps right out our window, we got up each morning to travel in a comfortable touring bus to some of Switzerland's most famous sites. Among others, we visited the capitol city of Berne, historic Lucerne, the awesome gorges of the Aare River and of Rosenlauri, the impressive Reichenbach Falls (where Holmes and Moriarity had their 'final' struggle), the beautiful lakes of Brienz, Thun, and Lucerne, and countless other sites including the town of Altdorf - home of the Swiss national hero, William Tell."

Vicars was also impressed with the clean and efficient Swiss trains, with the highlight being a ride to the station of Jungfrau, the highest railway point in Europe known as "the roof of Europe." He and his group even had some spare time put aside for more adventures.

"On our free day, three of the braver souls parasailed in tandem with a licensed co-pilot, floating down for over a mile while the rest of us watched in amazement," he says. "The weather and food were super, and the Swiss were charming hosts. We had a knowledgeable guide who took good care of us throughout.

"We highly recommend this trip when it is offered again."

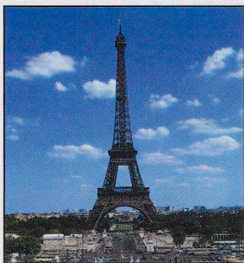
To find out more about the SIU Alumni Association travel programs, contact Mike Dean at the Association office at 618-453-2408.



The SIU alumni group is shown here in the mountain village of Hasliberg Reuti. From left, Walter Retting '81, Timothy Eagan '71, Ruth Fee '49, James Fee '54, M.S.'55, Samuel Endicott '48, Martha Endicott, and Bill and Lee Ann Vicars.

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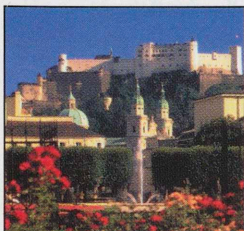


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An El Paso Hero With Southern Roots

by Marianne Lawrence

H.R. Moye is a legend in the school system at El Paso, Texas, where the educator, coach, mentor and hero to many has been an influence for nearly a half century.

"School is my whole life," says 83-year-old Moye, who, although retired, is still in demand to talk to classes and faculty meetings in the El Paso Independent School District, where one of his former students is now a principal.

The 1941 graduate of Southern Illinois Normal University always knew that school and sports would play an important role in his life. What he might *not* have realized is how his role would inspire and influence the students and players he touched over his long tenure.

Moye was born in Ridgeway, Ill., and later graduated from Anna-Jonesboro High School before moving up the road to Carbondale and Southern. "Carl Sandburg handed me my diploma in 1941," he

recalls. Although education was important to him – and more especially to his parents – Moye's first love was baseball. A pitcher, he played whenever he had the chance, even though there were no organized baseball programs in his schools.

"I pitched all over southern Illinois: in Germantown against Hall of Famer Red Schoendienst and his brothers, with retired pros in Belleville and East St. Louis, in Murphysboro and Carbondale. There probably isn't a town in southern Illinois I didn't play in," remembers Moye.

When he was a sophomore at Southern, the Chicago Cubs offered him a contract to pitch for the Moline Plowboys in the 3-I League. "My parents refused to sign the contract," recalls Moye. "I was only 19 and they were afraid I wouldn't finish college – and they were right," he says, remembering how heartbroken he was at the time.

After graduating from SINU with a degree in history, he enlisted in the Army



Moye struck a dapper pose during his years as an El Paso educator.

Air Corps and was assigned to Biggs Field in El Paso, Texas. He spent the war years there as a flight instructor before being discharged in 1945.

Moye decided to stay in El Paso and began a distinguished career with a coaching job at El Paso High School in 1947, where he was later honored as coach of the year in both basketball and baseball.

In 1951 he became an assistant principal and later served two high schools as principal before becoming the west-area superintendent for the district, a position he held from 1973 through 1980.

It was then when Moye and his wife, Eulalia, learned that she had been diagnosed with cancer. After her initial treatments, Moye remembers fearing her cancer would recur. "With this on my mind, I retired, bought a brand new Chevrolet, and we began to travel all around the country." Two years later Eulalia's cancer did return and she died in 1984.

The next year, Moye returned to education, running for and winning a seat on the



The SIU product is proud of his tenure on the El Paso School District Board of Trustees. Here he poses with fellow board member Barbara Coleman.

Our Hero

As we ponder the love that we saw in his eyes,
A Godly love, given without compromise...

We recall many times that he stood by our side,
And prodded us on with great vigor and pride.

His voice ever confident, firm and yet fair,
Always speaking with patience, tenderness and care.

The power and might of his hands was so sure,
We knew there was nothing we couldn't endure.

It's true, a few others provided insight,
Yet, he laid the foundation that kept us upright.

He's the grandest of men to have lived in this school,
Although he's not royal by stature or birth.

He's a man of great dignity, honor and strength.

He's far greater than all other men that we know.

He's our coach, our principal, he's our mentor, our friend
And our hero.

Reprinted from the event program, "A Tribute to H.R. Moyer"

El Paso Independent School District Board of Trustees. He served there eight years – two years as president – retiring for good in 1993.

Remarried in 1986, he and his wife, Lydia, a widowed teacher, spend a good part of their time traveling both abroad and in the U.S. "We have a condo in Branson, Mo., and after we spend some time there we go to Anna-Jonesboro in October and visit my old classmates," says Moyer. The couple also spends time in Florida, and as he likes to

point out, "over our 17-year marriage, we have traveled abroad 19 times."

Ten years after his "official" retirement, the honors continue to pile up – two coming recently. On May 4, the Jefferson High School gym was named the H.R. Moyer Gymnasium, and on May 14, he was inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

However, Nov. 23, 2002, is a date that Moyer will *never* forget, probably because the honors that night came from his former students at Thomas Jefferson High School. It was a gala evening at the El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center with a focus on Moyer's endless dedication to students and education in that region.

"Mr. Moyer is as committed to Jefferson High School today as he was in 1951. To this day, he displays a genuine interest in our school," stated material advertising the event. The mayor's proclamation made Nov. 23, 2002, "**H.R. Moyer Day**," noting that the SIU alumnus had made a "lasting impression on all who have known and worked with him."

Moyer was overwhelmed with the number of former students who gath-

ered in El Paso to pay tribute to him. Particularly meaningful was the attendance of a member of his 1951 championship baseball team. "He is in a wheelchair, yet he came all the way from California," he recalls.

knowing most have done well and have risen above adversity.

"I had one person come up to me and say, 'Coach, we were poor, but we didn't know it.' All of these people are special to me. It makes my heart burst with pride." ■



Much of Moyer's free time is now spent traveling in the United States and abroad. Here he and his wife, Lydia, enjoy the view last year from a Yorktown Clipper inside passage of Alaska.

Michelle Suarez Joins SIU Alumni Association Staff



A marketing specialist who has spent her entire professional career promoting and managing events at Southern Illinois University has been hired to increase membership in the SIU Alumni Association. Michelle Suarez, most recently the interim director of the SIU Arena, has joined the Alumni Association as director for member services.

"I am very pleased to have Michelle join the SIU Alumni Association staff. She has been a superb ambassador for SIU and the Association through the years," says Ed Buerger, associate vice chancellor and executive director of the SIU Alumni Association. "Michelle's addition will further accentuate a dedicated alumni staff."

Suarez '85 will plan and implement marketing strategies to increase membership and to assist in the collection of information about alumni. While overseeing the organization's member services department, she will solicit benefits for alumni members.

"Michelle is a loyal alumna and capable professional," Buerger says. "Her talents will complement those responsibilities inherent in addressing the interests and services of 200,000 SIU graduates." A life

member of the Alumni Association, Suarez has already been active in the organization, serving on its membership and publications committees.

"I am intrigued and excited about the opportunity to meet and serve present and future members of the SIU Alumni Association," says Suarez. "As an SIU employee, I realize that I'm an advocate for the University. I'm looking forward to serving the University in a different capacity."

A member of the SIU Arena staff since 1985, Suarez brings 17 years of marketing experience to the SIU Alumni Association. For the past 10 years, she has enjoyed a dual role of publicizing events at the Arena and Shryock Auditorium. In 1994, she assumed supervisory responsibilities as deputy director and continued promoting programs at both facilities.

While Suarez has fond memories of publicizing Elton John and Aerosmith concerts at the Arena, along with musicals and plays at Shryock, she embraces the challenge awaiting her at the Alumni Association.

"My years at the SIU Arena and Shryock Auditorium presented me with truly enjoyable experiences," Suarez says. "But my position at the Alumni Association presents me with a unique opportunity to give back to an institution that has contributed to who I am today."

Suarez joined the SIU Arena staff as an event coordinator in 1985. She became promotions director in 1987 and ascended to assistant director in 1990. She assumed the additional responsibility of publicizing Shryock Auditorium productions in 1993.

Suarez and her husband, Gary, a 1979 SIU graduate, have two children and live in Carbondale. ■

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SIU Student Called Hero For Saving Teen's Life

by Tom Woolf

Ask Ryan Grumish of Champaign, Ill., about surviving leukemia and he'll talk your ear off. Two years after facing a life-threatening illness, he is a happy 19-year-old completing his first year at Parkland Community College and contemplating a career in the medical field. A future that seemed so dim such a short time ago now seems bright.

Ask him about recent SIU graduate Kevin Franzen and he is at a loss for words. They've never met, and though they have talked on the phone a couple of times, the conversations have been awkward.

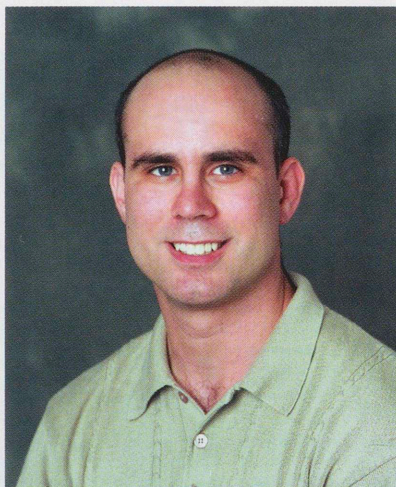
"I haven't figured out how to thank him," says Ryan, the oldest of Judy and David Grumish's four children.

Kevin, who received his bachelor's degree in university studies from SIU in May, made a decision almost eight years ago that made all the difference in the world for the Grumish family.

Kevin served in the Navy from 1995 to 1999, and while at the Naval Training Center Great Lakes in Chicago, he and his hospital corpsman classmates signed up for the national bone marrow registry through the U.S. Department of Defense. "We were told by our instructor that our chances of giving bone marrow were slim to none," he recalls.

After his military service, the La Grange, Ill., native enrolled at Southern. In January 2001, he received the call he never expected, telling him he was a preliminary match for someone desperately in need of a bone marrow transplant.

Ryan, then a junior at Champaign Central High School, had started feeling ill in December 2000. His mom thought her son was perhaps tired and feeling the stress of balancing school with his part-time grocery store job. He underwent tests for various ailments, including



SIU student Kevin Franzen doesn't see himself as a hero. "I just want to help people get better," he says.

mononucleosis and pneumonia. But when he developed a high fever and his lymph glands swelled, the doctors began to think he might have leukemia.

A bone marrow biopsy confirmed the Grumish family's worst fears.

"The doctors told us it was leukemia, but they weren't sure what type he had," Judy Grumish says. "You think you're living a nightmare – that this really isn't happening. We were thinking it was something minor, and then we're told it's cancer." Champaign doctors diagnosed it as a rare form of cancer, called acute biphenotypic leukemia.

"But at the time, they said they weren't sure how to treat it," she remembers. "They told us they would have to see how Ryan responds to drugs, to experimental treatments to see what would bring about remission. They concluded he needed to go to a bone marrow transplant as soon as possible."

That was Jan. 19, 2001. The next day, Ryan and his family were at St. Louis Children's Hospital, where he began chemotherapy treatments. Though the cancer went into remission by mid-

February, the family was told it would return unless Ryan had a bone marrow transplant.

Doctors first tested for sibling matches with Ryan's brother, Eric, and two sisters, Renee and Emily. When none of them matched, Ryan was placed on the national bone marrow registry. "We were told there's a one out of 1,000 chance you will find a match in the registry," Judy says.

The bone marrow registry contacted Kevin while Ryan underwent chemotherapy. He was a preliminary match for a transplant, and he agreed to more blood tests. Though a mere 90 miles away from St. Louis, he had to go to Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, D.C., for more tests and consultation with physicians. Since he put his name on the registry while in the Navy, he had to go to a site under contract with the Defense Department for such procedures.

Four days after returning to Carbondale, he learned he was the exact match Ryan so badly needed. Kevin donated his bone marrow on April 12, 2001, and it was flown to St. Louis. Later that same day, Ryan underwent the four-hour procedure that would save his life.

"It's just like having a blood transfusion, but it takes longer because marrow is thicker," Judy says. Fifteen days later, the hospital discharged Ryan, though he had to stay within 50 miles of the facility.

"When you have a transplant, you're starting out like a brand new baby – you have no immunity," Ryan says. "I had to build up my immunity slowly. I couldn't be out in large crowds. For the first 100 days I couldn't do anything. I had to wear a mask if I went out."

Finally, after 128 days in St. Louis, Ryan went home to Champaign on Aug. 19.

Bone marrow registry rules require a recipient to wait a year after a transplant

before attempting to contact a donor. The Grumishes filled out the necessary paperwork to learn the identity of Ryan's donor. There were delays in processing the paperwork, but last September, donor and recipient finally met over the phone.

"I had his name for a month before I called him, because I wasn't sure what I would say," Ryan recalls. There have been several phone conversations since then, and invitations for Kevin to go to Champaign to meet Ryan and his family. Due to scheduling and transportation difficulties, they still have yet to meet in person. Nonetheless, the Grumishes remain anxious to express their gratitude to Kevin in person.

"It's amazing someone would do that for no reason," Judy says. "Kevin's definitely a hero to our family. I think of him as family. As Ryan says, he's more related to Kevin by blood than he is to his own family."

Larry Dietz, SIUC's vice chancellor for



Ryan Grumish still can't believe a stranger saved his life. As his mother, Judy, notes, "It's amazing someone would do that for no reason."

student affairs and enrollment management, learned of Kevin's deed this spring.

"He is caring, but he really shuns the limelight and just goes about his business of doing good deeds almost unnoticed," Dietz says. "He would have gone unnoticed if the recipient's mom hadn't brought his name to our attention."

A humble Kevin simply hopes to be an example and encourages others to get on the registry. At any given time, more than 3,000 patients are searching the National Marrow Donor Program registry in hopes of finding a match. For more information, call 1-800-MARROW-2 or visit its Web site at www.marrow.org.

"I never thought of myself as a hero," he stresses. "What would I want if I or someone in my family were in a similar position? I felt like I had to do the transplant, because I was a match. For years I wanted to be a physician; my mindset was that I want to help people get better. I never thought it was a huge deal on my part." ■

SIU Honors Student Employee Of The Year

A student from Singapore known for going "the extra mile" for fellow international students is Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Student Employee of the Year.

John Li, a senior in anthropology, received the award this spring during a breakfast reception at Grinnell Hall, held annually in conjunction with National Student Employment Week. Li, the son of Ivy Tan and James Lee, assists with administrative, academic, fiscal, personnel and student services in International Programs and Services.

Also recognized during the ceremony were the two finalists for the award: Rachel Broshears, a senior in food and nutrition specializing in dietetics from East Peoria, Ill., and Monica Reutter, a senior in administration of justice of Aurora, Ill.

In nominating Li, Kathy Bury Swindell, associate director of the Niigata Coordination Office, says: "The uniqueness of John's contributions are many-fold: His seriousness of purpose; his desire and efforts to make the world a better place to live; and his genuine concern for the international students who seek assistance with academic matters, personal problems, housing issues, or many other situations that arise for students from foreign countries.

"The needs of others come before his own," she stresses. "In his cordial manner, he goes the extra mile or works the

extra hour until the problem is resolved, and the student is assured that everything is all right."

With 6,000 student workers, SIU runs one of the largest such programs in the country. The financial aid office sponsors the annual award, selecting winners based on their reliability, initiative, professionalism and the quality and uniqueness of their work. ■



Finalists for Student Employee of the Year were, from left, Rachel Broshears, John Li, and Monica Reutter.

The Wisdom Coach

by Brad Benson

Saluki greets Kent Williams and Jermaine Dearman had one in former SIU Head Basketball Coach Bruce Weber. Tom Koutsos and Muhammad-Abdulqaadir have one in Southern's Jerry Kill. What do these athletes have in common? A coach.

Webster's Dictionary defines a coach as "a private tutor, one who instructs or trains." But a coach can be much more. A coach can be a mentor who pushes people beyond their comfort zones while holding one accountable. And if this type of person is there to confide in and talk to athletes in times of need, then SIU alumna Carole Billingham may well be the coach for the rest of us.

A "Business and Spiritual Coach," Billingham '84 works virtually out of her home in Estes Park, Colo. with clients from all over the world. "Whether it is more balance, more money, more achievement, more time with their families, I try to assist them," she says. "If their life is not revolving around the things that are most important, I try to start moving them in that direction."

The author of *The Ten Principles of Attraction* and *Master Certified Coach* helps her clients lead happy and prosperous lives, while enabling them to find their **own** answers to life's questions.

"I feel my job is to help clients find their own answers rather than giving answers and creating a co-dependant relationship," says the SIU Alumni Association member. "That's one of the pitfalls some fall into – thinking others have better answers."

"Coaching is finding the core needs that drive your behavior. Is it the need to accomplish? Is it the need to be acknowledged? It's often about getting off automatic pilot and being conscious of what makes you tick."

Much of her approach comes from life experiences formed while at SIU.

"What I garnered from SIU was how to sit down, eliminate distractions and learn," states Billingham. "I learned that when you get focused and intentional, you can do anything."

While at SIU, she also learned the value of mentorship in Patricia Welch, professor of Food and Nutrition. "Trish was my mentor at SIU and gave me leadership opportunities while believing in me without question."

However, coaching was not always in Billingham's career path. After earning a degree in Food and Nutrition in 1984, she initially started her career with Diversifoods Inc., working at a restaurant in Tallahassee, Fla. In 1985 she went to work for the Sysco Corporation (a marketer and distributor of foodservice products in North America), where she applied a work ethic learned at SIU and honed in the restaurant business to a sales environment. She would go on to earn Sysco's Torchbearer Award, which honors the corporation's top performing marketing associates. After several years with the company, however, she felt the need for another challenge and accepted



Billingham, shown above with husband Barry Stein, says much of her philosophy comes from life experiences formed at Southern. For more on Billingham, go to her Web site at www.wisdomcoach.com.

an offer in 1993 to join Prudential Securities in Miami, Fla.

The position with Prudential would serve as a new test for Billingham and awaken her desire to serve people. "It was different from the restaurant business," she says. "I learned a lot about myself from it, including my commitment to values and integrity. I came in with high morals and values; money was not my motivator. The emphasis there was on sales, not helping people."

So after two years in the securities industry, she left her business contacts in Miami, sold her home, and moved to the mountains of Colorado to find her calling. After reading an article in the *Denver Post* on coaching, she knew what she wanted to do and immediately signed up for training.

Soon afterward she began teaching her *Ten Principles of Attraction* workshops. "The whole premise is that there is something called "the law of attraction." It's in effect whether you are aware of it or not. We attract things to us based on our thoughts."

While her life has taken her a long way from Carbondale, the Hinsdale, Ill., native still applies the tools learned from her days at SIU. "The stuff I learned while at SIU – the importance of a mentor, balance, and power focus and determination – all four of these things are part of being a coach. These are still tools for success today."

And what about the corporate world she left behind? "The business world is ready for a change. 'Workoholism' is an epidemic that's almost become a badge of honor for most people, but many are getting burned out and leaving the corporate world in droves."

"My message is that you *can* have it all. You can make a great living and have a really rich life. I'm only working a few days a week, am a mom the rest of the time, and earn a full-time living. I'm having a blast – this is so much fun."

SIU And Me

by Linda Thornburg

I hadn't planned on going to SIU. After all, I had spent my whole life in southern Illinois growing up in Du Quoin, so my intentions were to escape from what I thought of as the familiar and the confining and go to a small liberal arts school in the east or a Big 10 school – but certainly not SIU. Implacable forces intervened, however, in the shape of an Illinois state tuition scholarship and my father's intention to have me closer to home, and SIU it was to be.

In the summer after high school graduation, I made my first trip alone to the campus to inspect Thompson Point, where I would be living, and to meet with the director of the honors seminar I'd been selected for, called "Plan A." The director, an English professor who smoked a pipe, explained in a kindly, yet exacting manner, the writing assignments and the goals of the small group discussions I'd participate in every week in the Plan A house, then located south of the Student Union.

Group leaders would be participating faculty from various departments and the students drawn from far and wide. For my Fall semester seminar the topic was to be "aesthetics." I was terrified ... and intrigued. Later that day, upon looking into vacated student suites at Thompson Point and touring Lentz Hall, where all the residents would have mailboxes and meals, and wandering through the campus woods to the library, to the Student Union and Old Main, a vision of my imminent future shimmered before me in the stunning heat of that August day in 1963. It was a revelation: Here I would be independent; here I would manage my own life.

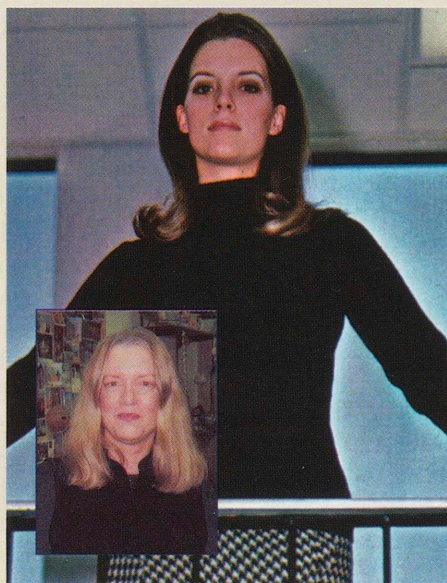
In the early 1960s, SIU had a mandatory curriculum called General Studies that undergraduates fashionably despised. It required students to satisfy a minimum number of hours across the sciences and humanities offering choices of classes in four academic areas, while leaving time in a student's schedule for the odd elective and, in my case, a part-time job in Morris Library. General Studies requirements ensured the introduction to disciplines an undergraduate might not discover on her own, not to mention classes in evolution and genetics – much feared for the math component in the latter but surprisingly rewarding nonetheless.

In the time-honored tradition of changing one's major at the last possible moment, I switched mine from foreign languages (German and Spanish) to English in my senior year at SIU. Graduation would be possible after only one extra term, I was advised, if I crammed the summer with all the remaining English requirements. My off-campus apartment mates, finishing "on time," graduated in June and left Carbondale. For the first time ever I was in my very own apartment. It was the summer of "House of the Rising Sun" and "A Whiter Shade of Pale,"

a summer of no air conditioning, art students' parties and reading 19th century English novels for eight hours at a stretch, a summer of bicycling and back-to-back courses taught by professors who enlightened and inspired. It was *intense*. With no other thought for my future than to continue reading in my new major, I completed my B.A. degree at SIU that August to enter the graduate English program at Northwestern University in September. It was 1967.

Nine years later I needed a change in my life. What seemed like incredible happenstance had taken me from Philadelphia in the mid-1970s to Australia for a year followed by travel in Southeast Asia and encounters with Americans leading independent, adventurous lives teaching English. Back in Philadelphia in 1976 the financial and intellectual confines of a routine office job brought me to the unavoidable realization that escape would necessitate going back to school. But what school? I was, after all, now an urbanized, if underpaid sophisticate!

Once again the facts presented themselves to me as irresistible forces: SIU had a reputable (and relatively quick) degree program in English as a Foreign Language. With my SIU bachelor's degree my application would surely be accepted. Most important, financial assistance was likely. There were doubts. I would be older than most students in the program. Could I adjust to the demands of studying again while living on even less money? Would it be like reliving my undergraduate life all over again? Still, the opportunities were unquestionable. In 12 short months I would have a master's degree in EFL, job offers in exotic places, travel, adventure, independence. I jumped at the chance.



Thornburg is shown above as a student at SIU in the mid-1960s. Inset, as she appeared when she returned to Southern recently to teach linguistic courses.

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SIU Class Ring Presentation Ceremony Held

Southern Illinois University Carbondale and the SIU Alumni Association recently honored recipients of the SIU Class Ring during a presentation ceremony at the Student Center Auditorium. The first annual event took place during Honors Day weekend.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler presented the rings to each student. A reception followed in the International Lounge immediately after the ceremony, as family and friends of the class ring recipients were invited to attend.

This event marks the first time in the University's history that alumni and students can wear class rings with an *identical* design. Designed last spring by a committee of Southern students and alumni, the new class ring is available exclusively for those who meet the University's academic standards. Only SIUC alumni and students who have earned junior status by completing 56 credit hours at the University are eligible to order the rings.

The ring serves as a common bond for present and future graduates, and its design will not change. For more information, see the SIU Alumni Association Web site at www.siualumni.com for a direct link to the class ring material.

Randolph County Community Nights

Forty alumni and friends of SIU visited with SIU head football coach Jerry Kill at the Sparta Lions Club on April 29. The event was one of two community nights hosted by the Randolph County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association. Mike Howell '80, '83 and Chris Mincheff '87 of Howell Financial Services hosted the program.



From left, Ed Buerger and Barb Brown with Marcello's Restaurant owner Nick Congiardo.

Randolph County alumni and guests also gathered for a social at Marcellos Restaurant in Chester. The event was co-hosted by Barb and Richard Brown and Fisher & Kerkhover Law Firm. The event included discussion of the chapter's schol-

arship program, community night activities, and plans to host an all-county function in the future. Marcellos Restaurant is owned by SIU student Nick Congiardo.

Saluki Basketball In Peoria

One hundred alumni and guests attended a reception the Alumni Association hosted prior to the SIU-Bradley men's basketball game Feb.15 in Peoria. The group braved adverse weather conditions to enjoy lunch with fellow alumni at the Pere Marquette Hotel in Peoria. Unfortunately, the Bradley Braves ended SIU's six-game winning streak with a victory over the Dawgs at Carver Arena.

Central Florida Salukis Enjoy Events

Alumni living in Central Florida received an opportunity to enjoy a Saluki sports doubleheader on Feb. 22. The Central Florida Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted a picnic at the Best Western/Busch Gardens Suites Hotel prior to SIU baseball game against the University of South Florida Bulls. Thirty-five alumni and friends then watched the Salukis defeat the Bulls in a tight game.

Later in the evening, 50 alumni and guests gathered to watch the Saluki basketball team battle the University of Wisconsin as part of ESPN's Bracket Buster event. The group enjoyed a thrilling Saluki victory over the Panthers, which kept their hopes for an NCAA Tournament at-large berth alive.

Thirty alumni and guests living in the area later attended a picnic at Ft. DeSoto Park in St. Petersburg on May 3 that was coordinated by The Central Florida Chapter. The group enjoyed many festivities throughout the picnic, including good food and recreational activities.

Saluki Fans Gather For NCAA Basketball Event

Sixty alumni and guests attended a reception March 19 at the Radisson City Center Hotel in Indianapolis on the eve of SIU's NCAA first-round basketball game against Missouri Tigers. The event was co-hosted by the SIU Alumni Association and Saluki Athletics. Alumni and friends enjoyed light hors d'oeuvres and visiting with fellow Saluki fans about the team's big game against the Tigers.

Alumni Member Appreciation Baseball Games

Eighty alumni members gathered under the Alumni Association tailgate tent for Member Appreciation Day April 19 at Abe Martin Field on campus. The group enjoyed com-

SIU Alumni Association/Alongi Legacy 7th Annual Golf Tournament Raises Funds For Scholarships

Over 100 alumni and friends participated in the 7th annual SIU Alumni Association/Alongi Legacy Golf Tournament in May at Red Hawk Country Club in Tamaroa. The event raises funds for a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a Perry County high school graduate. Participants enjoyed several activities during the 18-hole scramble, culminating with a luncheon and a \$10,000-putting contest. The event is co-sponsored by the Alongi family and the SIU Alumni Association.



Matthew Hagene of Percy, Ill., receives congratulations on the scholarship award from Don Magee.

plimentary lunch prior to the Saluki baseball doubleheader against Southwest Missouri State. Among those in attendance was Gene Callahan, a member of the SIU Board of Trustees.

Chicago Steering Committee Meets

The SIU Chicago Steering Committee met in March at the University's offices in Oak Brook. The committee discussed issues such as upcoming events, outreach efforts, membership, website, and committee reports on structure and vision for the group.

Steering Committee members on hand were Steve Warnelis, Guy Tawzer, Nick Harkovich, Howard Spiegel, Jackie Timmons, Liz Sexson and Steve Olson. Assistant Director Dave Ardrey was in attendance from the Alumni Association.

Four Alumni Elected To Association Board

Steve Falat '87, Jim Greenwood '65, MA '68, Sandra Smith '72, and Howard Spiegel '75 were recently elected to the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors. Falat, a resident of Murphysboro, Ill., Greenwood, from Venice, Fla., Smith and Spiegel, both Chicago natives, will all serve four-year terms.

Falat is sales manager for the Zimmer Radio Group in southern Illinois. He has served in this position since 1996. A life member of the SIU Alumni Association, Falat has participated in several alumni events on and off campus. He is a familiar voice at Saluki games, serving as public address announcer for Saluki football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, and softball games on campus. He is former president of the

Saluki Booster Club and active in the Rotary Club of Carbondale.

Greenwood retired after a 26-year stint at IBM spanning from 1968 to 1994. He initially joined the company shortly after graduating from Southern in 1968. He worked at various IBM sites including Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Chicago, Yorktown Heights, N.Y., Boca Raton, Fla., Costa Mesa, Calif., and Atlanta. A life member of the Alumni Association, Greenwood is vice president of the Central Florida Alumni Chapter. He has also donated time to his community organizations, including Big Brothers/Sisters. He received top volunteer awards in 1997 and 1998.

Smith is general manager of services and operations for the CNA Insurance Company in Chicago. Prior to joining CNA in 1986, she was a production analyst and supervisor with Allstate Insurance Company and Allstate Motor Club. In addition to participating in many community and church programs in Chicago, Smith has been active in the Black Alumni Group of the SIU Alumni Association. She served on the group's national board of directors from 1995 to 1999, and currently holds the office of secretary. She was a hall captain at Woody Hall and Mae Smith Dormitories on campus during her days as a student at Southern. Her daughter, Kamilah, is a freshman at the University.

Spiegel has worked for Arrow Electronics the past 19 years and has devoted 26 years of his career to the hi-tech industry. A life member of the Association, he has attended the University's Homecoming Celebration each of the last 25 years, and is an active participant at SIU functions in the Chicago region. He is also a member of the Chicago Advisory Board. Spiegel, who graduated with honors from Southern, was also a Presidents Scholar. He was Vice President of Pierce Hall, Thompson Point, and a New Student Week Leader as an undergraduate.

Black Alumni Group Reunion Schedule

“Coming Home to Nourish Our Roots”

Student Center Bowling and Billiards

Alumni Specials! Bowling for \$1.00 per game, shoe rental; Friday, July 18, 9A - 10:00P; Saturday, July 19, 3P - 10:00P

Office of Intramural Recreational Sports

Student Recreation Center - FREE use of facilities (\$2 fully refundable deposit required.) Friday, July 18, 7:30A - 10:00P; Saturday, July 19, 10:00A - 10:00P; Sunday, July 20, 10:00A - 9:00P. Free boat rental - Campus Boat Docks - 12:00P - 6:00P. Free use of skateboard park, weather permitting - 12:00P - 4:00P.

University Bookstore

A 20 percent discount on SIUC imprinted apparel is offered to all alumni during the weekend (no other discounts apply). Friday, 8:00A - 8:00P; Saturday, 8:00A - 6:00P.

University Museum

Exhibits include:

Community Creates, Southern Illinois Artists

Community Collects, Curated by Museum Ambassadors, Fred and Blanche Sloan, Co-Chairs. Digging into the Past: 25th Anniversary Exhibition on SIUC Center for Archeological Investigations, April 2 - Sept. 28. Project Director, Michael Hernandez and Dr. Dona Bachman.

Thursday, July 17

- 10A - 4P Reunion Registration, Student Center, 2nd floor, SIU Alumni Association Office
- 7P - 10P Reunion Mixer, Bid Whist, Horizon Inn (formerly Holiday Inn)

Friday, July 18

- 10A - 4P Registration, Student Center, 2nd floor, SIU Alumni Association Office
- 10A - 6P African Market, Hall of Fame area, SIU Student Center
- 1P - 3P Youth Motivational Program, Brown Auditorium, Parkinson, Room 124
- 2P Campus Tours, leave from the front of Student Center.
- 3P - 4P Workshop, Mississippi Room, Student Center, 2nd floor: *Understanding Financial Aid for the College Student*, presenter Dan Mann, Director of SIU Financial Aid Office
- 3P - 5P Workshop, Ohio Room, Student Center, 2nd floor: *Financial Planning: tuition saving, investments, and retirement*, presented by Lorenzo R. Wilson, Senior Financial Advisor and Chief Financial Planner of American Express Financial Advisors Inc.
- 4P - 5P Workshop, Mississippi Room, Student Center, 2nd floor: TBA
- 5P - 7P SIUC Reception with Administrators, Student Center - West Side of International Lounge, 2nd floor
- 7:30P - 9:30P “Alumni Expo” Student Center Auditorium and International Lounge, 2nd floor

- 10P - 2A Afterset, Mugsy McGuires, Carbondale, Illinois (across the street from Turley Park)

Saturday, July 19

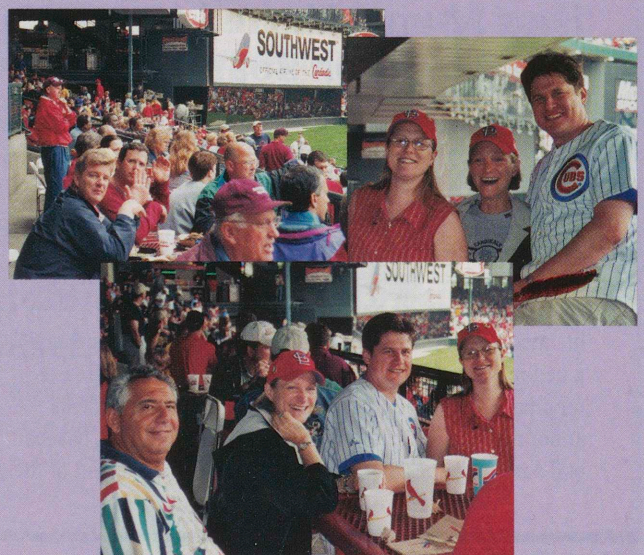
- 7A -1P Golf - Hickory Ridge Golf Course (*pay upon arrival*)
- 8A -12P Tennis Tournament, SIU Tennis Courts
- 10A BAG Business Meeting, Anthony Hall Conference Room
- 11A - 3P Picnic, Recreation Center (east end), lunch served 1P- 3P
- 6:30P - 9P Banquet featuring Dick Gregory, SIU alumnus, activist, comedian and nutritionist, Student Center Ballroom C and D
- 10P - 2A Afterset, Mugsy McGuires, Carbondale, Illinois (across the street from Turley Park)

Sunday, July 20

- 10A -12P Prayer Breakfast and Business Meeting with *elections at 11:00 a.m.*, Student Center, Ballroom D.
Dr. Peter Alexander, the first African-American dean of SIU’s School of Law will speak.

Large Group Of Salukis Enjoy SIU Day At Busch

Over 200 alumni and guests attended SIU Day at Busch Stadium in May, enjoying a pre-game buffet prior to watching the St. Louis Cardinals host the Chicago Cubs. Sitting for the first time in the Homer’s Landing picnic area in left field, the group watched a classic pitchers duel between young Cubs phenom Mark Prior and St. Louis hurler Brett Tomko. It was Cubs fans, however, who went home happy as Chicago defeated their heated rivals from St. Louis on a Mark Bellhorn homerun in the top of the ninth inning.



Alumni Deaths

Summer 2003

MEYER, Helen Rendleman, '23; M.S.Ed. '61 04/21/03, Anna, Ill.

WALSH, Edith Morgan, '23 02/06/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

ETHERTON, W. R. "Ray" '25; '30 04/18/03, Northbrook, Ill.

SIMMONS, Vera, '28 01/08/03, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

HICKS, Ruba G., '29 02/28/03, De Soto, Ill.

BARKER, Virginia (Shook), '32 03/28/03, Kirkwood, Mo.

SNEAD, Vera B., ex '32 02/25/03, Nashville, Ill.

TAYLOR, Jessie Louise (Harrell), ex '33 12/23/02, Carbondale, Ill.

OWEN, Mary Elizabeth, '34, '44 11/22/02, Marion, Ill.

REIMAN, Gilbert, ex '34 02/21/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

BERTONI, Louis, '35 01/30/03, Benton, Ill.

CHAMNESS, Robert A., '35 02/07/03, Belleville, Ill.

KEITH, Helen Marie (Ramsay), '35 03/20/03, Alto Pass, Ill.

BENNETT, Donald P., ex '38 01/10/03, Xenia, Ill.

BERRY, Mildred F., ex '38 02/19/03, Clifton, Ill.

McDANIEL, Rose, ex '39 04/19/03, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

MURRAY, Kathleen, '40 02/17/03, Boulder, Colo.

THOM, Raymond Ira, '41, M.S. '51 03/05/03, Carbondale, Ill.

DREYER, Frederick A., ex '42 04/16/03, Steeleville, Ill.

MILLER, Alberta, ex '42 02/26/03, Carbondale, Ill.

SWINNEY, William J., ex =42 02/03/03, Benton, Ill.

MOAKE, John Thomas, '43 04/17/03, Riverside, Calif.

LIGON, Lena (Hungate), ex =44 01/28/03, Ina, Ill.

FREEBERG, Wilabel C. (Frassato) ex '45 03/11/03, Moline, Ill.

MARTYN, Cleo L. (Jeremiah), ex '45 09/24/02, Steeleville, Ill.

MICHEL, Catherine (Wilson), '45 04/04/03, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

RUSSELL, Gladys J., ex '45 04/26/02, Florissant, Mo.

COTTER, Maude, ex '47 03/19/03, Champaign, Ill.

WHITLOCK, Walter Wendell, '47 03/17/03, Dunlap, Ill.

PARKHURST, Martha Pearl, '48, M.S.Ed. '55, 04/15/03, Harrisburg, Ill.

CRAIG, Gene, '50, M.S. Ed. '67 08/11/02, Lakeland, Fla.

DUDENBOSTEL, Robert E., '50 03/19/03, Carbondale, Ill.

FARLEY, H. Buton, ex '50 04/02/03, Vienna, Ill.

SHAFER, George L., '52 12/18/02, Texico, Ill.

PETERMAN, Richard Lee, ex '53 02/05/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

SKELTON, W. Harold, '53 02/19/03, Eldorado, Ill.

HAYSE, Paul D., ex '54 03/15/03, Carmi, Ill.

KELLER, William E., '54; M.A. '56 05/01/03, Anna, Ill.

SHAFER, Donald W., '54 02/20/03, Edwardsville, Ill.

BLAKELY, Robert Stevens, ex '55 03/12/03, Marion, Ill.

HARRIS, Stella M. (Howard), '55; M.S.Ed. '56, 01/03/03, Normal, Ill.

REED, Maurice D., '55 02/01/03, Matteson, Ill.

ABELL, Mary Louise, '56; M.S.Ed. '61 03/16/03, Cairo, Ill.

CRANE, Mary Ann, '57 04/22/03, Energy, Ill.

LOVEKAMP, Donna Jean (Menapace) '57 03/06/03, Stuarts Draft, Va.

EOVALDI, Louis John, M.S.Ed. '58 03/11/03, Springfield, Ill.

CRAIN, Robert G. (Snook), '60 02/11/03, Gorham, Ill.

LARSON, James A., '60 12/12/03, Lombard, Ill.

REAM, Robert Gene, '60 12/27/02, Fredericksburg, Md.

SIEVING, Cornelius B., M.S.Ed. '60 09/27/02, Nashville, Ill.

GREGORY, Georgia E., '61 03/03/03, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

ADAMS, James Ernest, '63; M.A. '67 02/15/03, Baton Rouge, La.

OLSEN, David Leland, M.S. '64 01/14/03, Salem, Va.

SHAFER, Margaret T., '64 12/29/02, Edgewater, Md.

ROSSILLON, Joseph Pierre, Ph.D. '66 04/21/03, Emporia, Kan.

HARRIS, Joann, '67 02/01/03, Metropolis, Ill.

FRIBBS, Diane Kay, '68 03/02/03, Vancouver, Wash.

MARSHALL, David, '68; M.S. '82 03/23/03, Harrisburg, Ill.

WILLIAMS, William Arthur "Bud" M.S. '68 03/06/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

FORMANEK, George T., '69 12/15/02, Dyer, Ind.

ASHTON, Jack G., ex '71 02/19/03, Cartersville, Ill.

DeWITT, Gail, '71 03/14/03, Cobden, Ill.

DIMITROFF, Martha Jane, '71 04/04/03, Du Quoin, Ill.

THROMMORTON, Myra June (Webb) ex '71, 04/13/03, Sparta, Ill.

BRIGGS, Mary Jane, '72 02/15/03, Vienna, Ill.

ETHRIDGE, Wilma G., '75; M.S.Ed. '81 03/08/03, Cartersville, Ill.

McGEENEY, Norine R., '75 02/20/03, Rogers Park, Ill.

TOW, Patrick K., Ph.D.'76 08/17/02, Chesapeake, Va.

BOROSKI, William E., '78 01/13/03, Summerville, S.C.

KNERR, Douglas V., '85 01/28/03, Danville, Ill.

CULLUM, Larry G., '87 03/27/03, Dale, Ill.

McDONALD, Billie K., '89 02/28/03, Olympia, Wash.

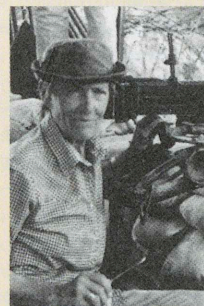
VIERNOW, M. Jon, '89 03/01/03, Viola, Ill.

CARREL, Timothy Ray, M.M. '91 04/30/03, Marion, Ill.

LAI, Tai H., '97 03/26/03, Arlington Heights, Ill.

LACEY, Kendron "Kenny" Student 03/23/03, Carbondale, Ill.

Jan Spencer Scott, Set Designer Who Won 11 Emmy Awards



They all called her simply "Scott." It was her nickname at Carbondale High School, and it stayed with Jan Spencer Scott throughout her brilliant career as a scene and set designer for stage, screen and television. The 1936 Southern graduate, an art director and production designer who won more Emmy Awards than any woman in history, recently died in Hollywood Hills, Calif., at the age of 88.

Scott was nominated for 30 Emmy Awards, and won 11 over four decades. By 1956 she had received her first Emmy nomination, and by 1968, her first Emmy for her work as an art director for "Kismet." She designed sets for the Dave Garroway and Steve Allen shows, and for the early Hallmark Hall of Fame productions. Even in her later years, she remained active in her profession and was nominated for an Emmy as late as 1996.

Faculty & Staff

BAILEY, Shirley (Hardcastle) Registered Nurse, Health Services 04/13/03, Herrin, Ill.

BARWICK, Walter Vernell Emeritus Civil Service, Maintenance Supervisor, Physical Plant 02/13/03, Carbondale, Ill.

BEASLEY Jr., Blair Edward Guest Director and Instructor, Theater Department, 03/17/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

BREEZE, Jewell D. Emerita Civil Service, Building Services 03/12/03, Zeigler, Ill.

BRIDWELL Jr., Eugene E. Former Humanities Librarian Morris Library 03/02/03, Burnaby, British Columbia

COLEMAN, John L. Emeritus Civil Service, Inventory Control 04/22/03, Johnston City, Ill.

DIETZ, Kenneth L. Emeritus Civil Service, Physical Plant 02/15/03, De Soto, Ill.

EASTON, Shirley M. Emerita Civil Service, Groundskeeper Physical Plant 04/10/03, Gorham, Ill.

GARAVAGLIA, Louis Anthony "Geneto" Former Civil Service, Painter 03/02/03, Zeigler, Ill.

GRAMMER, John H. Emeritus Civil Service, Janitor 03/01/03, Benton, Ill.

HEUSNER Jr., William Former SIU Swimming Coach 08/09/02, East Lansing, Mich.

HOWELL, Pamela A. Worked on issues for SIUC Undergraduate Student Government; assisted in setting up the first bus transit system at SIUC. 03/13/03, Carbondale, Ill.

HURLEY, Paul J. Emeritus Professor of English 03/31/03, Carbondale, Ill.

IRWIN, Marian L. Emerita Civil Service, Bookkeeper School of Medicine, Springfield 12/10/02, Springfield, Ill.

JENKINS Jr., James Emeritus Professor, Education and

Workforce Education 04/27/03, Bath, NY.

JOHNSON, Marvin E. Emeritus Professor, Associate Dean College of Engineering and Technology 03/14/03, Carbondale, Ill.

KURTZ, John L., M.S. '67; Ph.D. '73 Former Assistant Director, University Broadcasting Service 03/07/03, Henderson, Nev.

LYNCH, Charles T., Ph.D. '72 Emeritus Professor, Communications 04/08/03, Kalamazoo, Mich.

MOORE, Beatrice R. Emerita Assistant Editor, SIU Press 03/11/03, Cartersville, Ill.

NICKLIN, Theodore "Nick" Emeritus Civil Service, Production Manager, Residence Hall Dining 03/16/03, West Frankfort, Ill.

ORECHWA, Olga Susezenok Emerita Associate Professor, Slavic Languages, 02/05/03, Carbondale, Ill.

PARRAN, Jerrold Bird Emeritus Civil Service, Custodial Services 03/02/03, Decatur, Ga.

PHELPS, Lela Virginia (Morris), '43; M.S.Ed. '59, Former Coordinator and Supervisor, Child Study Cooperative Research Nursery, Psychology Dept; Supervisor of Nursery and Kindergarten Instruction at University School 02/24/03, Lake Charles, La.

PIERSON, Clayton Emeritus Civil Service, SIU Farms 03/16/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

ROADY Jr., Thomas G. Former SIU School of Law Associate Dean and Professor, 03/30/03, Carrollton, Ill.

ROBERTSON, John Freeman Emeritus Civil Service, Physical Plant 03/26/03, Lake of Egypt, Ill.

SLINKARD, Barbara J. Emerita Civil Service, University Housing 03/27/03, Carbondale, Ill.

STIBITZ, E. Earle Emeritus Professor, English 03/22/03, Carbondale, Ill.

WHAM, Donald S. Emeritus Medical Physician Health Services 04/04/03, Carbondale, Ill.

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

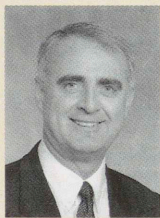
1960s

Chuck Stookey ex '52 and his wife, Alice, operate the Carriage House Bed and Breakfast in Madison, Wis. The 150-year-old B & B is located in downtown Madison in a neighborhood of historic homes, close to shopping, restaurants and the Ohio River. Open from May 1 to Oct. 31, reservations can be made by calling (812)265-6892.

Joan Myers '63 exhibited a collection of her sculptures titled "Marketing Satire" last month at the Tallgrass Art Association in Park Forest, Ill. She earned a fine art degree in 1992 from the Chicago School of the Art Institute.

John Plumb M.S. '63 received the 2003 Distinguished Alumnus Award at Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Va. A professor emeritus in Auburn University's Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures, Plumb earned his bachelor's degree from Bridgewater and his doctorate from Auburn. During his tenure, Plumb developed three graduate courses to prepare students to diagnose and treat fish diseases and is recognized as a world authority.

John Foehr '66, M.S. '69, who has practiced dentistry in Bloomington, Ill., since 1976, has been awarded fellowship status in the International Congress of Oral Implantology. Dr. Foehr also



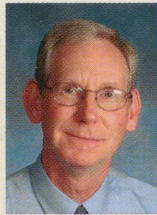
has earned a fellowship and master-ship in the Academy of General Dentistry and served as president

of the McLean County Dental Society, receiving the President's award in 1993-94. He is on staff

at BroMenn Regional Medical Center in Bloomington and at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Normal, Ill. He lives in Bloomington with his wife, Regina.

Laureen Vee '68 is a self-employed art teacher and artist living in Barrington, Ill.

Fred Hahn '69 has been certified by the United States Green Building Council as a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) consultant. Hahn, who has more than



30 years of design and project management experience, is a senior mechanical engineer for

Shive-Hattery, an architectural and engineering firm, in the company's Bloomington office.

1970s

Denise (Morgan) Whittaker '70 will become president of San Bernardino Valley College in California on July 1. She is currently vice president of grants and contracts at Fairmont State College in West Virginia. Whittaker received her master's degree in counseling at California State University, Los Angeles, and began her doctoral program at UCLA.

Peggye Weaver '70 was one of 33 finalists for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching, an award given annually to 10 of the most outstanding teachers in the Chicago metropolitan area. Weaver teaches at Sexton Elementary School.

Glen Bower '71 recently received the Department of the Army's "Outstanding Civilian Service Medal." He is shown receiving the medal from Maj. Gen. David Harris, Adjutant General of Illinois. Bower, an Effingham, Ill., resident, received the medal for "exceptionally mer-

itorious service to the United States Department of Defense, the State of Illinois and the



Department of Military Affairs." Bower, former director of the Illinois Department of Revenue, retired in 1999 as lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Air Force Reserve after 28 years of service.

James Seitz Ph.D. '73 has written a book on woodcarving titled *Practical Woodcarving Design and Application* that has been published by Schiffer Publishing of Atglen, Pa. Seitz has written seven books since retiring in 1986 as founding president of Edison State Community College in Ohio. "I enjoy creating things and do not pass my days in retirement sitting in a rocking chair," he writes. In addition to writing, Seitz founded a senior center, a local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, and the Shelby Woodcarvers Guild, all located in Sidney, Ohio, where he and his wife, Arlene, reside. He sings with the local American Legion's Singing Soldiers, making around 40 appearances annually.

Harriet Wilson Barlow '74, M.S. '79, Ph.D. '85 was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame at Dwight D. Eisenhower High School in Blue Island, Ill., last May. She was honored for her professional and community service and achievements. She writes that most of her family, including her late father, an SIUC alumnus, her mother, brother and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins also graduated from the high school. Barlow is assistant dean for graduate student services at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Robert Giron M.A. '75 has completed a translation of

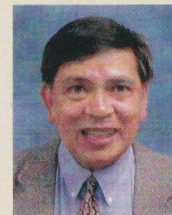
Songs for a Single String, the only poetry collection written by the late Jesus Gardea, a noted Mexican novelist. Gival Press published the translation.

Frank Larocca '75 was promoted to first vice president and controller of the Options Clearing Corporation (OCC) in Chicago and will be responsible for all benefit programs, overseeing the project office, accounting administration, finance and human resources departments. Larocca lives in Palatine, Ill.

William Haley '76 is professor and chair of the department of gerontology at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Last August he received the Mentor Award from the American Psychological Association, Division of Adult Development and Aging.

Michael Harker '76, an ophthalmic photographer at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, has completed *Harker's Barns: Visions of an American Icon*, a publication featuring 75 black and white images of Iowa barns. The book is available through the University of Iowa Press. Harker's photographs are currently featured in the traveling exhibit, "Barns Again! Celebrating an American Icon" organized by the Smithsonian Institutions Traveling Exhibition Service and the National Building Museum.

Benjamin Muego Ph.D. '76 is serving as chair of the Bowling Green State University Faculty Senate for the second time since joining the university in 1980. Muego is professor



of political science and Asian studies. A Fulbright scholar and former relations fellow at

the East-West Center in Honolulu, Muego is also adjunct professor of Southeast Asia Studies at Ohio University and at the U.S. Foreign Service

Locke Named BCA National Female Coach Of The Year



SIU Volleyball Coach Sonya Locke '83 was recently named the Black Coaches Association's 2003 National Female Coach of the Year. It was the first time in the history of the organization that a non-basketball coach received the female portion of the award.

Locke was presented with the award at the BCA national convention in June, as she was honored along with Notre Dame's football coach Tyrone Willingham (BCA Male Coach of the Year).

"I'm so humbled and honored to represent everyone involved at SIU and in SIU athletics," Locke says. "This award reflects outward to everyone who has supported me and given me the opportunity to be part of a team."

Locke was awarded the 2002 Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year for guiding her team, picked eighth in the preseason poll, to a third place regular season finish. It was the first time an SIU volleyball coach received the honor. She also earned her first 20-win season, and the 12th-year Southern coach picked up her 200th career win.

The Salukis closed out the season with a 23-10 record – their best finish in 17 years. They stayed strong in post-season, before losing in the championship game of the MVC Volleyball Tournament.

Institute in Arlington, Va. He and his wife, Patricia, live in Sandusky, Ohio.

Ronald Lamb '77 owns and operates R.W. Lamb & Associates in Mt. Zion, Ill., a company providing land and highway survey services. Lamb is a licensed professional land surveyor in Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky with 25 years of varied work experience. Also in the business are Lamb's wife, Vonda Lahniers Lamb, and his son and daughter, Mary and Sam Lahniers.

Deborah Herrick '78 is teaching at Wilkins Junior High School in Indian Springs, Ill. She lives in Palos Heights, Ill. Her son, Sean, is a graduate student in educational administration at Governor's State University.

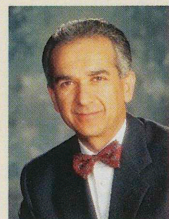
1980s

Paula Staab-Polk '80 was named 2003 Mother of the Year by American Mothers Inc. She is married to Dennis Polk, a real estate broker, and is a licensed funeral director. Staab-Polk is the mother of five children: Christine Polk, an attorney; Mark Polk, business owner, realtor and licensed funeral director; Karla Polk, a children's social worker in California, and Megan

Polk, high school senior and community volunteer. The family lives in Springfield, Ill.

H. Charles McBarron '82 has been named director of communications for the Illinois Education Association (IEA). McBarron served as the Chicago-based media relations director for the 115,000-member education employee union since 1996. As a result of this promotion, McBarron, his wife, Jeanne, and children, Anne, 8, and Hugh, 5, will relocate to Springfield, Ill., where McBarron spent seven years in radio following his graduation from SIUC. In Chicago he was with Bozell Public Relations and later headed his own company, McBarron Media Inc.

George Sehi '81, M.S. '84, Ph.D. '90, dean of Engineering and Industrial Technologies at Sinclair Community College in



Dayton, Ohio, has been elected a fellow by the American Society for Mechanical Engineers.

He was elected to the executive council of the Engineering

Technology Leadership Institute in 2001. Since Sehi was named dean in 1993, the engineering technology enrollment at Sinclair has doubled, making it the third largest division of its kind in the nation.

Watson Mali Mwale '84 is director of the Cotton Development Plant and is deputy director of agricultural research in Zambia. He lives in Chilanga, Zambia, with his wife, Margaret. The couple have five children.

Navy Chief Petty Officer **Shelly Rawson '87** is serving aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima, part of a group ready to participate in the global war on terrorism. Her ship's group has been in the Straits of Gibraltar and Mediterranean Sea.

Marianne Thomas '87 works for the Los Angeles County Sanitation District as an environmental health and safety manager, a recent promotion. In 1997 she earned her MBA from Keller Graduate School. Thomas lives in Long Beach, Calif.

John Walbaum '87 has written his first book, *The Know-*

It-All's Guide to Life, which has been published by Career Press. Walbaum, who lives in Chicago, is a writer and consultant. He had a 12-year career in banking and is currently writing a book about Wall Street.

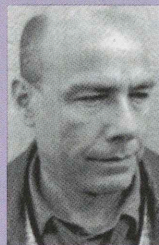
Eva Keiser '89 was honored by the Minnesota Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America for her volunteer work with the Arthritis Foundation. She is an employee of Padilla Speer Beardsley Inc. in Minneapolis.

Paul Santucci '89 is president and CEO of Incisive Media, a creative marketing service firm he co-founded two years ago. Santucci formerly worked for the U.S. Department of Defense and for Deloitte & Touche in Chicago. He lives with his wife, Jennifer, and children, Gabrielle and Nicole, in Palatine, Ill.

Santucci was recently elected to the board of directors of his alumni association at Oak Park and River Forest High School and was named to the International Who's Who of Professionals.

David Tauber '89 is president of Avanti Linens in

Southern – A Setting For A Murder Mystery?

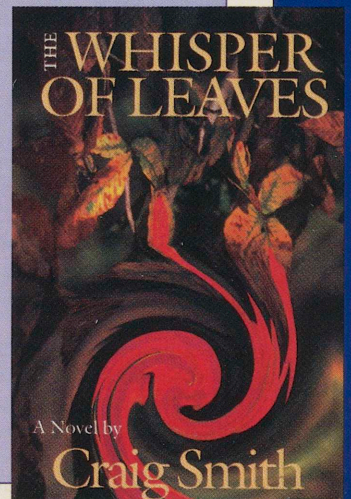


Craig Smith Ph.D. '88 has written a novel set in a Midwest college town that closely resembles his alma mater and the town of Carbondale.

The murder mystery/suspense thriller, *The Whisper of Leaves* was published by the Southern

Illinois University Press late last year. The author and his wife, a native of Switzerland, live in Lucerne, Switzerland.

After leaving SIUC, Smith taught English at Arkansas State University and the University of Northern Colorado before deciding to become a novelist. He has published two novels in Europe and has drafted the sequel to *The Whisper of Summer*.

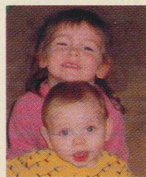


Moonachie, N.J., which he calls "the world's largest embellish towel company." Tauber lives in Livingston, N.J., and has two children, Justin, 7, and Jeremy, 3.

1990s

Janet Barker '91 has been promoted to executive vice president, group creative director for DraftWorldwide Chicago, a marketing agency. Barker is past president of the Chicago Chapter of Women in Direct Marketing International and recipient of multiple creative awards.

Michelle '91 and Joey '92 McLaughlin are the parents of



1-year-old Johnathan (Jack) and 2-year-old Sarah. Both employees of Saga

Communications in Springfield, Ill., Joey is the Morning Show host on COOL 101.9 FM and Michelle is the news director at WTAX-AM.

David Neilson '91 was promoted to managing director for The PrivateBank and Trust Co., Chicago, a unit of PrivateBancorp Inc. He has



been with the company for eight years and is an MBA candidate at Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate

School of Management. He lives in Oak Park, Ill.

Brien Leahy '92 was recently promoted to senior vice president, commercial banding manager, at MB Financial Bank in Morton Grove, Ill. Leahy lives in Grayslake, Ill., with his wife and two daughters.

Edward Zaengle M.S. '92 has joined the law firm of Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon in Chicago. A member of the Illinois State Bar Association and American Bar

Association, Zaengle is experienced in civil litigation and arbitration involving such claims as breach of contract, fraud, patent infringement and wrongful death.

Navy Lt. **Eric Manfull '93** is in the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the dock landing ship USS Comstock, homeported in San Diego. He is one of nearly 22,000 aboard 14 amphibious ships of Commander, Task Group 51, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Ronald Biddle '94 was honored with three national awards last year. He received the 2002 Master Teacher Award from the Western States Communication Association; the 2002 Excellence in Teaching and Learning Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development; and the 2002 Community College Outstanding Educator Award from the National Communication Association. Biddle teaches at Clovis Community College in Clovis, N.M., where he resides.

Carl Bradley '95, his wife, **Christine '93** and their children, Curtis Lee and Clara, have moved to Fargo, N.D., where Carl is assistant professor in the Department of Plant Pathology at North Dakota State University.

Adriane Brubaker '98 writes to say that her father, **David Brubaker Ph.D. '77** is the current world champion player of the board game, Risk. "SIU sure does breed world champions," she says.

Navy Chief Warrant Officer **Roderick Guile '99** has completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the USS Denver, which is homeported in San Diego.

Barry Kent '99 and Amy Dawn Miller '01 were married Oct. 26, 2002, and live in Morrisonville, Ill. She is an early childhood teacher at Taylorville High School, and he is an engi-

neer technician for the Illinois Department of Transportation. Amy, an Alpha Gamma Delta, and Barry, a Beta Theta Pi, met at a fraternity/sorority social.

2000s

G. Andy Leek '00 has joined Forum Studio Inc. of St. Louis. Leek has experience in



architectural and graphic design, having worked for firms in St. Louis, Illinois and Indiana. His projects

have been recognized in *American School and University* and *Building Design & Construction* magazines. He will create preliminary designs and coordinate projects for the St. Louis company.

Marine Corps 1st Lt. **Eric Barton '01** is assigned to Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa, with a unit of nearly 1,700 personnel from several countries partnered in the global war on terrorism. Barton's unit is responsible for land area, airspace and adjacent waterways of Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan, Eritrea, Djibouti and Yemen.

Navy Seaman **John Bayler '01** completed the eight-week U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

Navy Ensign **Brian Hower '01** received a Letter of Commendation while assigned at Naval Hospital, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twenty-nine Palms, Calif. He was recognized for dedication and initiative in performing his duties.

Suma Mallavarapu '01 is winner of a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship and is attending the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. The fellowship offers recognition and three years of financial support for advanced study. Mallavarapu received her bachelor's degree in zoology.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class **Eve Burton '02** was selected for the Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program and will pursue a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is currently assigned to the Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Navy Ensign **Tracy Rients '02** was commissioned to his current rank after completing Aviation Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

Brad Cole Elected Mayor Of Carbondale



SIUC product and former SIU Alumni Association Assistant Director **Brad Cole '94**, was recently elected Mayor of Carbondale. Cole narrowly defeated fellow Southern alumna **Maggie Flanagan '81, M.S. '88** to become the youngest mayor in the city's history.

Cole replaces **Neil Dillard '55, MBA '68**, who recently finished up his fourth term in the office. He hopes to attract small businesses and light industrial and manufacturing businesses to Carbondale, while continuing the community's partnership with the University. As he recently told area media, "The mayor needs to be the number one salesman for Carbondale, and needs to be the one singing our praises and doing whatever he can to attract people here."

First elected to the Carbondale City Council in 1999, Cole was Southern's Student Government President in 1992-93. Most recently, he worked as Gov. George Ryan's deputy chief of staff for downstate, where he was responsible for coordinating the administration for government services for 40 counties. ■

SIU Graduate Credits Extern Program For Job Opportunity

by Greg Scott

Bethany Hays was aware of SIU's Extern Program and what it afforded students. While completing requirements for her bachelor's degree during the spring 2002 semester, she was interested in attaining some real-world experience in her chosen field and knew this program provided such opportunities for students.

The Extern Program is sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council in cooperation with the University's eight undergraduate colleges. The award-winning program places students in professional work environments during Spring Break week. Students apply skills learned in the classroom and observe professionals, often alumni or friends of the University, in their chosen career fields.

Hays chose to bypass a week on a sunny beach in Florida and participate in SIU's Extern Program. After being selected for the program, she was matched with Boeing St. Louis, where she was scheduled to shadow SIU alumnus Harry Fanning '83. However, Hays' excitement would soon turn to disappointment.

"I had to withdraw at the last minute because of my job at Best Buy in Carbondale. We were scheduled to prepare for our Grand Opening that week, and they wouldn't allow me to miss work," she says. "Although the externship presented a great opportunity, I wanted to graduate and couldn't afford to miss work. I reluctantly chose to work at Best Buy that week."

After canceling her externship, Hays called Fanning and asked if she could reschedule it after graduation. He was willing to accommodate the request, but



Hays' Extern application proved invaluable in gaining employment at Boeing.

Fanning, who held on to Hays' resume, urged her to apply for a *full-time* position as a Product Support Specialist. After going through the job application and interview process, Hays received a job offer from Rudy Bess, Boeing Product Support Skills Manager, a week before graduating from Southern. She began working at Boeing shortly after receiving her aviation technologies degree from Southern.

Hays credits the Extern Program for finding out about the job opportunity.

"Although I didn't get to participate, my resume being sent to Boeing during the Extern application process proved to be incredibly valuable," she says. "If I had never tried to participate in Extern, I might have ended up like many of my fellow Aviation Tech classmates who are still searching for jobs. I love my job, and everything has worked so well."

Bess was impressed with her education and the experience she had already attained at Southern.

"Of course we're aware of the quality program Southern offers to students. But we advertise our jobs online, and everyone has an equal chance of applying and being considered," he says. "Bethany's position was highly competitive. Her experience and background in the industry, together with her Southern Aviation Technology degree, were the primary factors of consideration in the candidate review and selection process."

Hays has performed so well that she has been selected for a position in Boeing's facilities group, where she will assume additional responsibilities. But those plans are on hold for now, as Hays had to leave the company for military duty in Iraq in early March. Fanning says prior to her departure, Hays was coordinating activities for student

externs matched with Boeing this year. The company is a perennial participant in the program and sponsored nine SIU students in March.

"The Extern Program allows students to discover what they can do in the workplace and solidify their career course. It presents us with an opportunity to watch them in action and decide if we're interested in possibly hiring them if a position is available," Fanning says.

"The students I've met through the Extern Program are a lot like Bethany. They come in with the mindset of working hard and gathering all the information they can. Hey, they're giving up a week on the beach to enhance their education. That says a lot for each of them because it demonstrates a great deal of initiative on their part."

Anyone interested in participating as a sponsor for next year's Extern Program is encouraged to contact the SIU Alumni Association at (618)453-2408. ■

Alumni Calendar Of Events

JULY

- 4 SIU Day at Wrigley Field, Chicago Cubs host the St. Louis Cardinals. Pre-game gathering at the Cubby Bear Lounge. Game time set for 2:20 p.m.
- 17-20 9th Bi-Annual Black Alumni Group Reunion. For more information, call Tuesday Ashner, SIU Alumni Association, (618) 453-2408.
- 24 8th Annual Jackson County Alumni BBQ and Sunset Concert.
- 26 SIU Day at Coors Field, Denver, Colo. Join other SIU alumni to watch the Rockies host the Brewers. Pre-game gathering at 4:30 p.m. Game at 6:05 p.m.
- 27 SIU Picnic For Seattle Alumni And Friends. 2-8 p.m. at the home of Len and Linda Boscarine.
- 31 14th Annual Chicagoland Golf Outing, Bloomingdale, Ill.

AUGUST

- 1-3 Decatur Celebration, Decatur, Ill
- 8-17 Illinois State Fair, Springfield, Ill. Visit the SIU tent to see

- 10 exhibits of latest happenings at the University. SIU Family Day at Comiskey Park, Chicago, Ill. Chicago White Sox host the Oakland A's
- 23-9/1 Du Quoin State Fair, Du Quoin, Ill. Visit the SIU dome to see exhibits of the latest happenings at the University.
- 28 **Saluki Football vs. Quincy**, home, 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Saluki Football at SE Missouri State, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 6 p.m.
- 13 **Saluki Football vs. Murray State**, home, 6 p.m.
- 27 **Saluki Football vs. St. Joseph's College**, home, 6 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Oct. 11 SIU Alumni Homecoming Celebration
- Oct. 25 Parents Weekend
- Nov. 2 Jackson County Awards Banquet

Southern Memories *(continued from page 37)*

Going back to SIU in 1976 was one of the best decisions I have ever made. My fear of somehow reliving the past was quickly allayed. So much had changed in Carbondale and on the campus: the "Plan A" house and Old Main were gone, the Rec Center was completed, the Center for English as a Second Language and the Linguistics Department now had nice offices in the new Faner Building. As entering graduate students in the program we were welcomed with warmth, guidance, and high expectations. As teaching assistants we began teaching our CESL classes at the same time we began our academic coursework – one sinks or swims!

Fortunately, the spirit among CESL mentors, student teachers, and international students was superb; supervision was excellent and we knew just where to go for help. Being somewhat older meant being a whole lot wiser. And, like riding a bike, which I did the second time around too, time management and study skills reappeared. The teachers were demanding, but the general atmosphere was competitive and fun. And there were parties, fabulous parties, with faculty, staff, and students featuring cuisines from all over the world.

It was a short 12 months. With my SIU Master's degree in hand, I had to make a decision: money, travel, independence or continued study in a newfound intellectual interest, theoretical linguistics? It was easy. A teaching position in Kuwait was my hands-down first choice, but the University of Southern California had accepted my application for admis-

sion into their Ph.D. program and was offering me a full-tuition teaching assistantship to begin in September. Would I take it, they demanded? As it happened that August, it was the time of Ramadan and the final offer from Kuwait was slow in coming. Seven years later, Ph.D. completed, I began my real-life teaching career in California, which led eventually to a decent salary, travel, independence, a Fulbright Lectureship in Hungary, my husband, Germany, and my research career.

Thank you SIU! Time and again you have offered me much and have figured positively in my life. For that I am ever so grateful to you. ■

Linda Thornburg (lthornburg@alumni.usc.edu) holds two degrees from SIUC: a B.A. in English (1967) and an M.A. in English as a Foreign Language (1977). Her Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of Southern California was completed in 1984. She and her husband, Klaus, spend most of the year in Hamburg, Germany, where they teach linguistics, co-author papers and keep themselves busy with publication projects and conferences. In their twice-yearly visits to southern Illinois to visit Linda's family, they present their latest work to Linguistics faculty and students. The essay "SIU and Me" is a revised version of the one written in March 2002 for the occasion of Alumni Recognition Day. During the fall semester of 2002 she taught two linguistics courses with the same professor who had taught her about the scientific study of speech sounds in the early 1960s. "It was a wonderful experience," she notes, "that included a project to organize a volume of papers written by linguists who had been my professor's students or who had been influenced by his research."

Distinguished Seniors Recognized At SIU

The SIU Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council presented 25 of Southern Illinois University's elite students with the Distinguished Senior Award in April. All recipients were recognized at a Super Student Dinner co-hosted by the SIU Chancellor and Mrs. Walter Wendler and the SIU Alumni Association. Each student received a certificate and first-year membership in the Alumni Association.

The Distinguished Senior Award is given each year to 25 outstanding students who have enriched the University through their involvement in campus activities. In order to qualify for the honor, students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and be a graduating senior who has contributed to the University and Carbondale community.

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

Joshua Aaron, College of Science, Physiology, *Ewing, Ill.*

Adeniyi Adesokan, College of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, *Lagos, Nigeria*

Omar Baig, College of Applied Sciences and Arts, Aviation Management, *Ames, Iowa*

Kelli Belangee, College of Business and Administration, Administration, *Dahlgren, Ill.*

Stephannie Cabrera, College of Liberal Arts, History, *Richland, Wash.*

Stephanie Collins, College of Liberal Arts, Speech Communications, *Tremont, Ill.*

Shawna Cowman, College of Agricultural Sciences, Animal Science, *Olney, Ill.*

Regina Hobbs, College of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, *Bolingbrook, Ill.*

Steven Little, College of Engineering, Civil Engineering, *Foosland, Ill.*

Andrea Lockhart, College of Science, Zoology, *Lawrenceville, Ill.*

Morgan Look, College of Liberal Arts, Speech Communications/Public Relations, *Matteson, Ill.*

Natalie Metz, College of Liberal Arts, Sociology/Administration of Justice, *Carbondale, Ill.*

Kendra Moore, College of Education and Human Services, Health Care Education/Physical Education, *Des Peres, Mo.*

Mollie Nolan, College of Liberal Arts, English, *Lyons, Ill.*

Tonya Northern, College of Business and Administration, Management, *Carbondale, Ill.*

Emily Ostendorf, College of Liberal Arts, English, *Litchfield, Ill.*

Lindsey Schultz, College of Engineering, Civil Engineering, *Valparaiso, Ind.*

Sarah Schweizer, College of Business and Administration, Finance, *Eagle River, Ark.*

Jacob Sinclair, College of Liberal Arts, College of Education and Human Services, Psychology and Social Work, *Gillette, Wyo.*

Nathaniel Uchtmann, College of Science, Biological Sciences, *Sparta, Ill.*

Christina Van Hoorn, College of Education and Human Services, Special Education, *McLean, Ill.*

Jason VanSickle, College of Education and Human Services, Social Work, *Kell, Ill.*

Erika Velazquez, College of Applied Sciences and Arts, Aviation Management and Flight, *Durango, Mexico*

Mary Wallace, College of Liberal Arts, Psychology, *Oak Lawn, Ill.*

Erik Wiatr, College of Liberal Arts, History, *Bridgeview, Ill.*

SIU Super Student Scholarships Awarded



Ballta

Elga Ballta of Tirana, Albania and **Stephanie Deruntz** of Imperial, Mo., are the recipients of the 2003 Super Student Scholarships, sponsored by the Southern Illinois

University Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council. Both students were honored during the Super Student Dinner in April.

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



Deruntz

Ballta, a finance and MIS major at SIUC, is vice president finance of the International Student Council and treasurer of Asian Students and Friends. She is a Dean's

list student, and a member of the Financial Management Association and Palestinian Student Association. Ballta is the daughter of Jani Ballta.

Deruntz, a mechanical engineering major at SIUC, is vice president of administration of the Residence Hall Association and secretary of the Society of Women Engineers. She is a Dean's list student, member of the Golden Key International Honor Society, Newman Student Organization, and National Society of Black Engineers. Deruntz is the daughter of Michael and Mary DeRuntz.

The Super Student Honors Banquet is co-hosted by SIU Chancellor and Mrs. Walter Wendler and the SIU Alumni Association. ■

A Step Back In Time

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Diamond Jubilee Homecoming October 20th-22nd

75th Anniversary Program

by E. G. Lentz, Chairman
Diamond Jubilee Committee

Southern alumni within convenient reach and many from long distances will be returning to the old campus for the 75th anniversary. Some who have not been back for many years will be here to revive old memories and to meet friends and schoolmates of former years. The Diamond Jubilee festival is dedicated to the memory "that auld acquaintance may not be forgot." And all the hosts of the sons and daughters of Southern, whether present or absent, will be keenly interested in the rich and varied program of the Jubilee activities.

Southern has already celebrated with impressive ceremonies its birthday, July 2, as Founders Day. Now, October 20-22, with reunions, dinners, memorial addresses, exhibits and pageantry, the old school will greet its students of other days. The two days' review of a significant past will mark the close of an historic era. Southern will then look to its greater destiny of the immediate future as a developing great regional university. In the early spring of 1950 a great conference or series of conferences will be held on the campus to which will be invited distinguished leaders in education as well as representative leaders of Southern Illinois. And this observance dedicated to the future will conclude Southern's 75th anniversary celebration.

Zetets And Socrats Again

An outstanding feature of the Diamond Jubilee Homecoming will be its reunions on Friday afternoon, October 21.

The Zetetic Literary Society, organized seventy-five years ago by authority of the first Board of Trustees on the petition of students, and the Socratic Society, its counterpart and rival, similarly organized a few months later, have long since ceased to function. They have given way to the newer developments in speech and dramatic training. But these societies for more than half a century rendered an incalculable service in extra-curricular training for leadership. The Socratic and Zetetic Societies will be recalled to life during our Homecoming with programs reminiscent of old times. Prof. W. C. Cline and Prof. R. E. Muckelroy, one a Zetetic, and the other a Socrat of fifty years ago,

GUEST SPEAKERS



FRED L. WHAM



JOHN STELLE

have arranged programs which will add greatly to Southern's vivid revival of its past. The songs popular fifty years ago will be revived under leadership of Miss May Dorsey for the Zetets and Mr. Lonnie Ethernott for the Socrats. Recitations, orations, optional, and debates (brief, of course) will bring back the old style program.

A roster of all members present with present mailing address will be provided as a souvenir of the occasion, and a history of these societies prepared by Mrs. Mae Trevillion Smith of the English department will also be given out as a prized memento.

The Kappa Phi Kappa, the oldest of Southern's honorary fraternities but much younger than the literary societies, will have a reunion and informal program under the direction of Dr. Bruce W. Merwin, the sponsor. This honorary educational fraternity, organized in 1932, now has more than 600 members.

Many other campus organizations will have planned reunion meetings.

Exhibits

An exhibit of historical materials including pictures, programs, catalogs, annuals, miscellaneous mementos, and old texts used at Southern before 1900 will be on display in the first floor corridor of Old Main throughout Homecoming. The Diamond Jubilee Committee has made every effort to as-

semble as complete an exhibit showing Southern's historic past as possible. An important part of the exhibit is the collected publications of Southern's alumni which makes an altogether impressive showing of productive scholarship. A mural in the form of a large scale chart will show Southern's curricular evolution over the past seventy-five years.

Exhibits and demonstrations will also be provided by many departments. The museum, the art department and the libraries will be especially worth visiting.

McAndrew Memorial

On Saturday, October 22, at 10:30 an impressive ceremony in memory of Gen. William McAndrew, maker of Southern's athletic history, will be the unveiling of McAndrew Memorial Plaque at McAndrew Stadium. The speaker for this occasion will be the Hon. John Stelle, former Governor of Illinois and Past National Commander of the American Legion. Mr. Stelle will be introduced by Gen. Robert W. Davis, chairman of the S. I. U. Board.

Mr. Leland P. Lingie, Southern's track coach, as master of ceremonies will formally present the Memorial Plaque which will be received by President D. W. Morris.

A History of Southern's Athletics prepared by Mr. Lynn Holder, basketball coach, will be presented to all visitors as a memento of the occasion.

Join the Alumni Association Now.

Homecoming-- Southern Style

All the fine features of our traditional Homecoming will be in evidence, but projected upon a much more elaborate scale with emphasis upon Southern's 75th anniversary as the three-day ceremonies get under way Oct. 20.

The annual Homecoming play, the coronation of the Homecoming Queen, the freshman bonfire, football game and above all the gigantic parade are given a new significance in this historic celebration.

Homecoming will be launched with a reunion banquet honoring former members of the S. I. N. U. Board. Immediately following the banquet a special program has been planned in Shryock Auditorium with University President D. W. Morris, presiding.

Guest speaker for the Thursday evening program will be Judge Fred L. Wham, U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Illinois. Judge Wham, a '04 alum of Southern, practiced law in Illinois and Arkansas for nearly 20 years before 1927 when he was appointed to the U. S. District Court. He will be remembered by many as a former member of the firm of Wham and Wham in Centralia. He still resides in Centralia.

Continuing a practice begun in 1947, the queen will be crowned Thursday evening following the reunion program. She and her court will then reign over all the Homecoming events.

The induction of the freshmen into the inner circles of Southern tradition via the bonfire will take place on the athletic field after the queen's coronation.

Friday morning, students will gather for a pep session at ten, when classes will be dismissed for the remainder of the week. In the afternoon students will be guests of the Varsity Theatre for a free movie.

Friday afternoon, a reception will be held honoring the new Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees and their wives, to which alumni, faculty, employees, and citizens of Southern Illinois are invited.

Climaxing Friday's events will be "The Male Animals" staged by the Little Theatre at 8:20 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Saturday is always a big day for Homecomers and this year (Continued on page 3)

Southern At 75 ...

With all the excitement surrounding the "Southern At 150" plan, we found it interesting when Jean Muckelroy '61, M.S.Ed '63 dropped us an old copy of *The Southern Alumnus* to add to our files. What made this particular edition unique was the cover's subject. The pristine copy shown at left, dated October 1949, detailed the Diamond Jubilee Homecoming, and served as the 75th Anniversary Program for the University. "I just thought you might like a copy of this in case you did not have one," Muckelroy, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association says. The final version of "Southern At 150, a long-range strategy that articulates the institution's vision of becoming one of the nation's top 75 research institutions by 2019, was recently unveiled during a gala event at the SIUC Student Center.

Appreciating Their Alma Mater

When Judy Rice Cernkovich accepted the 2003 "Teacher of the Year Award" at an international conference of the Council for Exceptional Children's Division on Visual Impairments held in Seattle, Wash., she thanked her professors at Southern Illinois University.

"They long ago encouraged me to consider a major in special education. Without them I would not be standing here today accepting this wonderful award," she said in an acceptance speech, which also included a special "thank you" to her husband, Steve, who she met and married while at SIU.

Cernkovich was honored because she was instrumental in establishing the only program for infant, toddler and preschool children with visual impairments in rural Ohio and for more than 20 years has been an educator, advocate and dedicated activist for families and children with visual problems. More recently she has been involved in a program at Bowling Green State University preparing graduate students in special education to work with visually impaired children.

One of her professors, Dr. Thomas Shea, recently retired from SIU-Edwardsville, was not surprised to hear that she had won the award. "I'm so pleased," he said, recalling that she at one time babysat for his children. "She was a wonderful girl and she hasn't changed. She is someone who is always enthused, always ready to go after it."

Judy and Steve met in 1968 in Lentz Hall at Thompson Point and were married in December of 1969 the year they received their bachelor degrees. Judy earned her master's in special education in 1970 and taught in Du Quoin for five years, while Steve completed his master's and doctorate in sociology.

A professor in the Department of Sociology at Bowling Green State University, Steve has spent his career researching crime and juvenile delinquency. He teaches criminology, juvenile delinquency, and deviant behavior, and is currently director of graduate studies and associate chair of his department.

Warm SIU memories for the Cernkoviches include the "beautiful drive up to Southern Hills on the road that goes behind the high rise dorms, the Dairy Queen, Jim's Pizza, The Club and Italian Village."

The couple has two daughters. Erin, 24, is working on her Ph.D. in nutritional biochemistry in the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and plans to teach. Abby, 21, a senior biology major at Indiana University in Bloomington, will pursue graduate studies in nursing to become a nurse practitioner.

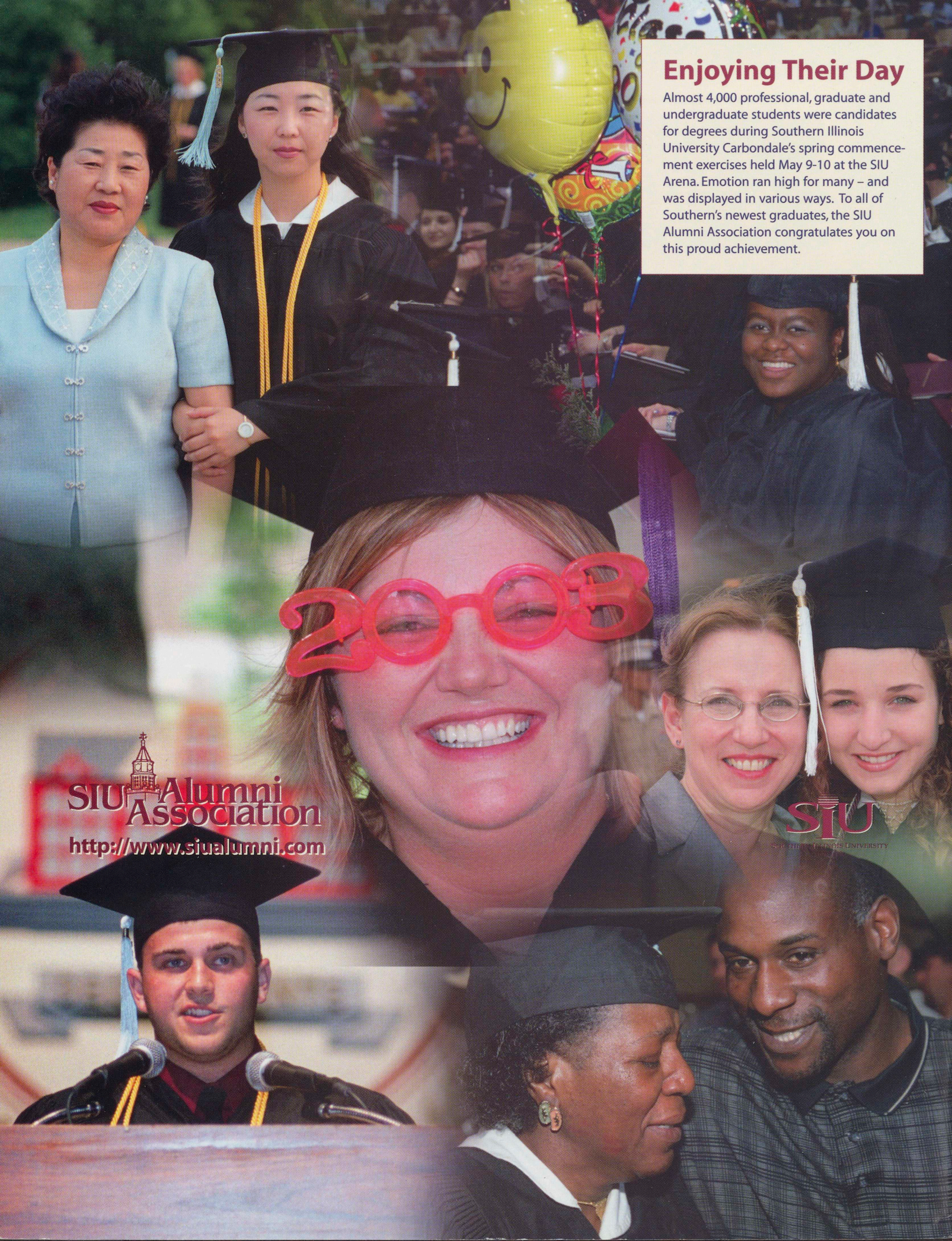
For their contribution to education and their community, and for their loyalty to Southern Illinois University, the SIU Alumni Association proudly salutes Steve and Judy Cernkovich.

"We both enjoy being life members of the SIU Alumni Association because it allows us to remain connected to SIU and to southern Illinois. We like to read about how SIU is growing and developing, but we especially enjoy the Southern Alumni articles on well-known alumni such as Jim Belushi and Walt Frazier, as well as the everyday students like us from the late 1960s and early 1970s."

Judy Rice Cernkovich '69, M.S. '70
Wood County Educational Service Center, Bowling Green, Ohio
Steve Cernkovich '69, M.A. '71, Ph.D. '75
Bowling Green State University
SIU Alumni Association Life Members



The Cernkovich family celebrated the Easter holiday at their home in Bowling Green, Ohio. From left are Judy, Abby, Erin and Steve, along with the family dog, Bailey.



Enjoying Their Day

Almost 4,000 professional, graduate and undergraduate students were candidates for degrees during Southern Illinois University Carbondale's spring commencement exercises held May 9-10 at the SIU Arena. Emotion ran high for many – and was displayed in various ways. To all of Southern's newest graduates, the SIU Alumni Association congratulates you on this proud achievement.


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