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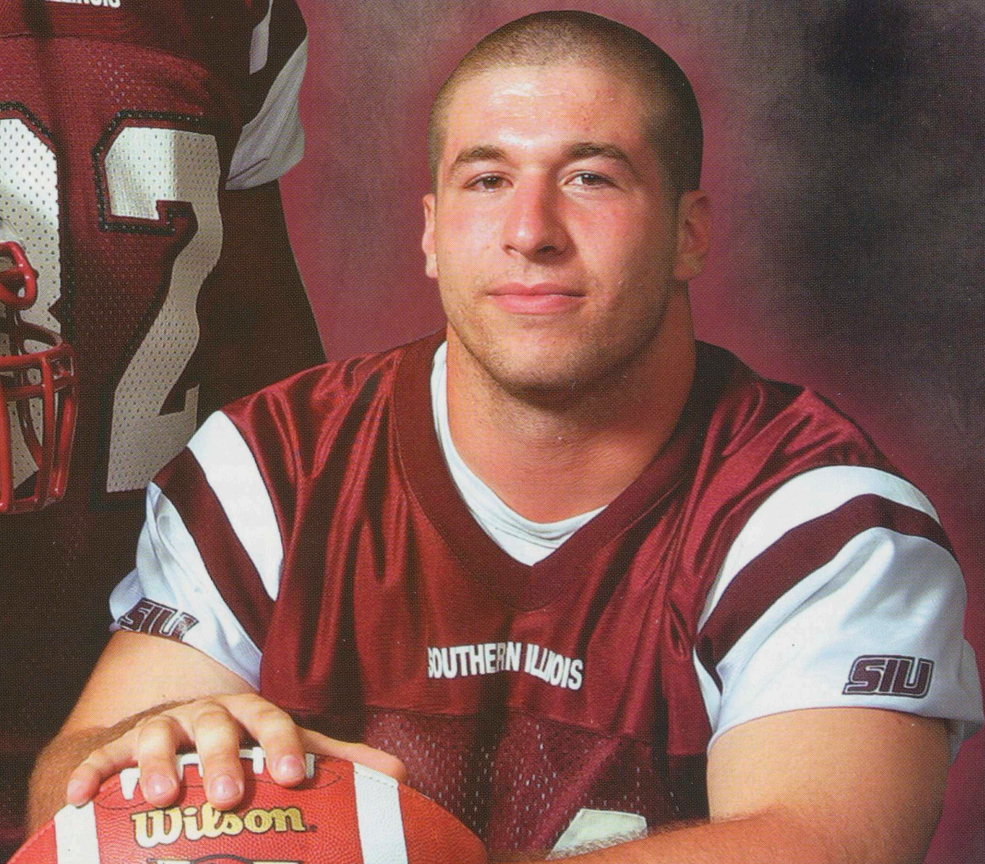
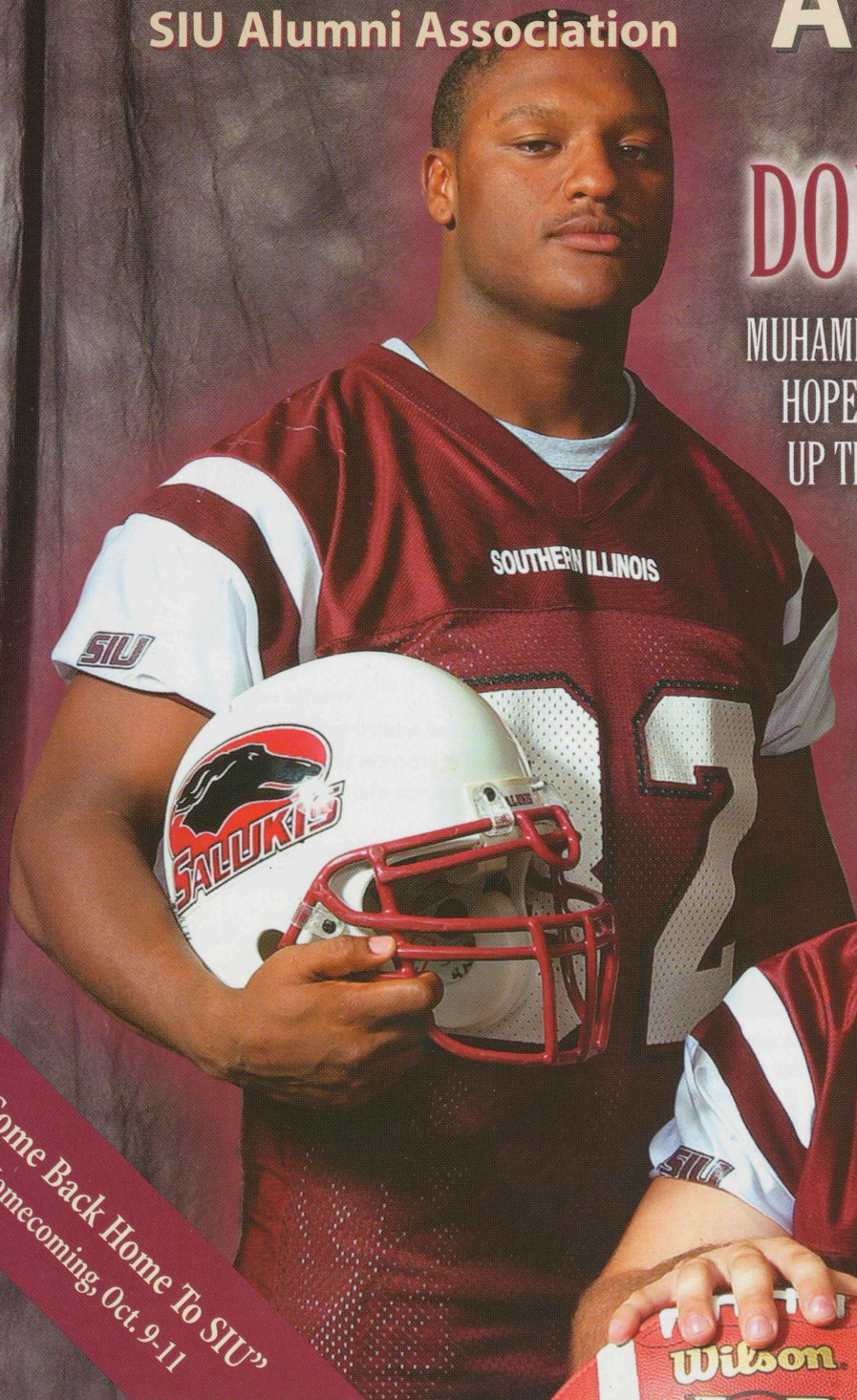
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MUHAMMAD ABDULQAADIR AND TOM KOUTSOS
HOPE TO LEAD SIU'S FOOTBALL PROGRAM
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Scholarships Will Help Disadvantaged Women

*M*argaret Atwood, who began her education in a one-room school near Johnston City, Ill., graduated from Southern Illinois State Normal University in 1940, and used her education to carve out a successful career as a teacher and realtor in Portland, Ore.

After her death in 2001, the Margaret Atwood-Twerdal Endowment Fund was established with \$535,000 from her estate, providing scholarships to help pave the way for disadvantaged young women to obtain their college education at SIUC.

Although most of Atwood-Twerdal's family is gone, her third cousin, Laurie Rolling and her husband, John, of Littleton, Colo., along with other relatives and friends, remember her as a worldly woman – generous, sophisticated and most successful.

John Rolling thinks her sensitivity to the difficulties women face in being successful might have been her motivation in creating such an award, pointing out that Atwood-Twerdal was at one time the only female member of the board of realtors in Portland. "I think she wanted to give young girls a chance," he adds.

"I believe Mrs. Twerdal understood the power of American higher education, and wanted to share the opportunities it creates with others," says SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler. "We are most appreciative of her thoughtfulness and hope that she serves as an example for the young women who will receive these scholarships."

While at SINU, Atwood met and married Marvin Twerdal, who was a forester. The couple had no children and he died in 1977.

The endowment will provide three undergraduate scholarships that will not exceed \$5,000 and a maximum graduate scholarship of \$10,000. Applicants with physical limitations, minority status and/or financial need will be considered for the scholarships, which will become available next fall.

"SIU Carbondale has long been committed to providing educational opportunities for those who face challenges, whether economics, race, physical limitations or being a first generation college student," says Rickey N. McCurry, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and CEO, SIU Foundation. "In recognizing the challenges that women face in obtaining educational opportunities, Mrs. Twerdal's gift will help ease some of those challenges."

Jim Moore 59, M.S. '62, a professor in the SIUC College of Business for 26 years and friend of the Atwood family, helps maintain the family farm, located near Johnston City. At the request of Laurie Rolling, Moore, who maintains close ties to the University and is a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, helped facilitate contact between the University and representatives of the estate. ■



Atwood-Twerdal, shown here in a recent photo as well as her senior picture, was a successful teacher and realtor.



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All-American Muhammad Abdulqaadir (standing) and Saluki all-time leading rusher Tom Koutsos are anxious to keep SIU's football program going in the right direction.

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Publicized this season as "Thunder and Lightning," SIU running backs Tom Koutsos and Muhammad Abdulqaadir form one of the most prolific tandems in college football. Bolstered by stronger and faster teammates, Southern's dynamic duo hopes to lead the program to its first winning season in over a decade and keep head coach Jerry Kill's rebuilding plan headed in the right direction.

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A Southern Girl At Heart



As new president of the SIU Alumni Association, Mimi Wallace displays a large dose of Saluki Pride from her home in Beverly Hills, Calif. Although she has lived on the West Coast for over four decades, the Centralia, Ill., native is living proof that one never really gets southern Illinois out of their system. "Never mind my zip code," Wallace says with a laugh. "I'll always be a Midwesterner at heart."

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Still Flying High



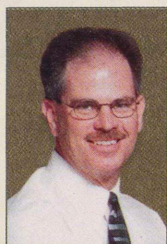
Former fighter pilot and best-selling author Danny Cox travels the United States to inspire successful leadership and personal productivity for a virtual "who's who" clientele of corporate America. Drawing on some SIU experiences and those of mentors and friends, Cox stays in constant motion with a demanding schedule of seminars and speeches. "The airlines just love me," he says. "If I take a few days off, they send me get well cards."

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Voice Of Summer



When Rick Rizzs came to SIU in the early 1970s, he had a schoolboy desire to become a professional baseball player. When it became apparent that scenario wasn't in the cards, the Blue Island, Ill., product focused his attention on a fledgling broadcasting career and pursued a dream that became reality. Now in his 20th season as a Major League Baseball broadcaster, the voice of the Seattle Mariners feels he has "the greatest job in the world."



by Gene Green

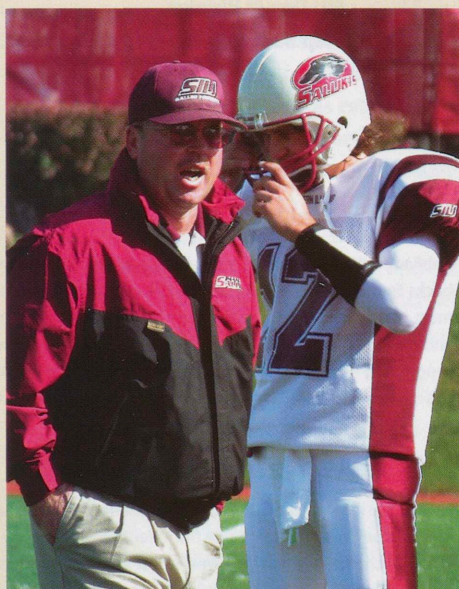
Plenty of excitement is expected from the 2003 SIU Football Salukis, with record-setting running backs Tom Koutsos and Muhammad Abdulqaadir ready to lead the charge. While the *Southern Alumni* cover boys have been getting most of the publicity, SIU Head Coach Jerry Kill knows it will take his entire squad to lift Southern up the Gateway Conference ladder.

And in case you are wondering whether the Dawgs understand, rest assured that they do.

"On the first day of practice, I went out on the field with a big rope," Kill explains. "I put Tommy and Muhammed on one end, and the rest of the team on the other. I told both ends to pull as hard as they could, and as you can imagine, they lugged those two all around McAndrew Stadium."

The point had been illustrated in simple, yet sweaty, fashion.

"Guys - listen up," Kill told his squad. "As you can see, these two men can't do it on their own. It's going to take all of you to make this season a success."



Head Coach Jerry Kill discusses a play with quarterback Joel Sambursky. The SIU skipper knows it will take the entire squad to make Southern an improved team.

State on Oct. 4. It was a 54-52 win over Western Illinois in 2002 that ended a two decade slide against the Leathernecks. This season the Indiana State game provides the chance to slap another old monkey off the maroon and white's backs.

"It's been 10 years since SIU has defeated Indiana State," Kill says, as he shakes his head with a grin. "Beginning the league season by breaking *that* streak would be a great way to get things started."

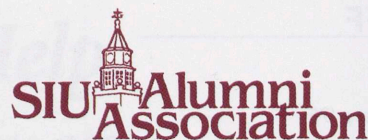
Even if you checked our full 2003 Homecoming schedule in the recent edition of *Saluki Pride*, you might want to take a moment to browse the material on page 19 of this magazine. While most of the event information remains the same, we have added some additional items which may interest you during the Oct. 9-11 festivities.

No matter what you plan to attend, however, we certainly hope you plan to visit with fellow alumni under the SIU Alumni Association "Big Tent," located, as always, just east of McAndrew Stadium's north end zone. ■

As you will read in Greg Scott's feature, SIU's fabled tandem of "Thunder and Lightning" give the Salukis a pair of great weapons to compliment a revitalized and physically stronger team. In the third year of a demanding rebuilding effort, Kill sees a 2003 squad which could produce the first winning season at Southern in over a decade.

"Don't get me wrong," he notes. "My goal each year is to win the conference title - not just have a winning record. That is how I go about business each day, and we are stronger and getting closer to making that a reality. The main thing we can control *right now* is to try and get a little better each week and lay down those building blocks you position a successful program on."

Following four non-conference games to begin the season, SIU starts Gateway Conference action at Indiana



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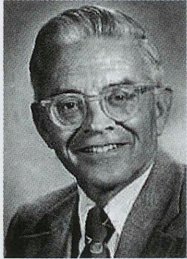
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Remembering Mentor Who Inspired Many

I wanted to share some thoughts regarding the passing of Dr. John Kurtz M.S. '67, Ph.D. '73 (*In Memoriam*, June 2003 issue), the former chair of the Department of Radio-Television at SIU. Dr. Kurtz was a favorite



John Kurtz

of thousands of Radio-TV grads who were fortunate enough – as I was – to have

him as a professor during our time at SIU.

And like so many of his students, I was privileged to be able to continue my relationship with him after graduation. He was a mentor to me throughout my career, and even during the extended illness that eventually claimed his life. Former SIU students from around the country traveled to Henderson, Nev., in March for his memorial service to honor this outstanding man who played a key role in making SIU's Radio-TV program one of the best in the nation.

John's headstone reads, "Husband, father, grandfather and an inspiration to many." That he certainly was.

Kurt Mische '78
Life Member
KLVX TV
Las Vegas, Nev.

Editor's Note: Dr. Kurtz began his SIU career in 1962 as executive producer for Southern Illinois Instructional Television Association before serving as production manager for WSIU-TV, station manager for WSIU-FM, and as acting and assistant director of the University Broadcasting Service. He attained the academic rank of assistant professor before leaving to chair Ball

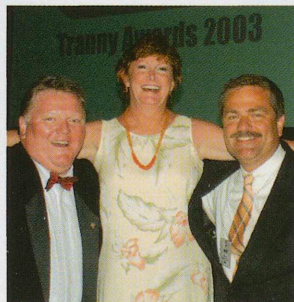
State University's telecommunication department in 1980. His family notes that memorial contributions can be made to the National Broadcasting Society, (Alpha Epsilon Rho) in care of SIUC.

Salukis Find One Another At TMCA Conference

At the annual Transportation Marketing and Communications Association (TMCA) conference held recently in Hilton Head Island, S.C., I noticed that three of us there were – quite coincidentally – all Salukis and all actively employed in businesses directly related to our fields of study.

Woody Mosgers '72 is Marketing and Special Projects Manager at the Regional Transportation Authority in Chicago and the 2002-03 TMCA President; Matt Ferguson '81 is principal of Matt Ferguson Photography, LTD, Chicago; and I am Director of Marketing and Communications for the Regional Transportation Commission in Reno, Nev. and a Tranny Award recipient. (The Tranny Awards Program recognizes best practices in marketing and communications in the transportation and passenger transit industries.)

I loved my years at SIU and had great friends and colleagues in Radio-Television and



From left, Mosgers, Pearl and Ferguson renew their Saluki connections at the recent convention.

(Photo courtesy of mattferguson.com)

theater (my minor). We're all in agreement that we're proud of our 'Southern heritage.' I thoroughly enjoy the magazine; you do a great job of letting us know how some things have changed and, fortunately, how some things remain the same.

Nancy Pearl '69
Life Member
Reno, Nev.

She Hopes The Varsity Can Live Again

Seeing the *Southern Alumni* article about the Varsity Theatre reminded me of a similar theatre in Normal, Ill., home of Illinois State University, and the town where we lived for many years after our SIU graduations. It might be worthwhile for someone to investigate the history of the Normal Theatre. It is now a cultural theatre with historic connections and present-time varied uses.

I suggest that someone go to the www.normal.org site, click on Downtown Renewal and read the *History* section and *The Process* section. At the bottom of "Downtown Renewal Plan" (and end of Illinois State

University section), you will find phone numbers for the city manager and the downtown development director.

Maybe the Varsity Theatre can also live again!

Best wishes.
Verna Rees McAteer '59
Life Member
Greenville, Ill.

Last Issue Was Special To These Life Members

My husband and I enjoyed your recent magazine. We always look forward to receiving it, but the June 2003 issue was special.

First, it was fun to learn about Tom Ulrich and his work. We enjoyed seeing some of his material – especially the polar bear photo, which is a treasure. It was also a nice surprise to spot a photo of my husband on page 28 of the 1966 track team that beat Kansas. He's on the far right – Mitchel Livingston – and was a sophomore high jumper that year. I've heard lots of stories regarding the track teams

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Dear Readers...

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

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

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

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

from that time, especially about Lew Hartzog. Competing on those squads was a highly valued experience for my husband, and is what enabled him to attend SIU.

We have really noticed the improvement and evolution of *Southern Alumni* magazine and appreciate the content and quality of the articles you choose to publish. As really "old" alums, it's also fun to see people and events featured from our era.

Keep up the good work!

Carol '71 and Mitchel Livingston '69, M.S. '71
Life Members
Cincinnati, Ohio

Neely Hall Friends Meet Again

The first weekend in May this year, seven friends from our days in Neely Hall met in Carbondale for a 33-year reunion. We all had decided that it had been long enough



Neely chums together again, front row from left: Patti Mosher, Betty Randerson and Arlene Logan. Second row: Linda Currey, Johanna Kinley and Sheila Obranovich. Back row: Chris Wright.

and it was time for a visit together again at SIU.

We did many things that weekend – a visit to Mary Lou's, a walk to the Student Center for alumni shirts, a stroll around campus, a drive to Giant City State Park and Makanda, an outing to a local watering hole,

and even a journey to old off-campus housing sites that a few lived in and that were now finally condemned!

It was wonderful to be back at SIU again, and the weekend was such a success that we have decided to get together once a year in each of our hometowns.

Sheila Obranovich '70
Life Member
St. Louis, Mo.

SIU Still A Special Place In Their Hearts

Southern Illinois University occupies a special place in the hearts of Mary Lou and I. Recently I visited the campus, and arriving early, I stopped at the Rec Center where I was welcomed warmly by Bill McMinn. I also made sure to see Larry Dietz and his staff, many of whom I worked with years ago.

Wherever Mary Lou and I have traveled, we always meet alums from SIU – probably

because we are often wearing SIU T-shirts or see similar things being worn by an alum.

Over the past four years, I have been part of a Daytona Beach Fiction Writer's group. When Charles Bertram joined, it took a very short time to discover our mutual connection

with SIU. He graduated from Southern in 1965 and worked with the University Photo Service for three years with Rip Stokes. My wife and I recall Rip and Gloria Stokes with great affection.

Bertram recently published a book of short stories titled *Chipped Beef On Toast (SOS)*. If there are any innocents left out there who don't know to what SOS refers, ask a service person. It does not stand for "Save Our Ship." Bertram writes of military life, and his stories range from the sublime to the ridiculous, often with an O. Henry type twist at the end. If you have occasion to get a copy for yourself or for a friend who has served our country, you will be rewarded by this SIU alum's creativity, humor and, always, his human touch.

Bruce and Mary Lou Swinburne
Emeritus
Ponce Inlet, Fla.

Salukis Lose One Of Their Best Fans

I'm writing this letter to fellow SIU alumni because I feel it is a story they need to hear. One of my former friends and classmates, Harold Norman Miller, recently passed away. A 1970 graduate of SIU, he worked for the State of Illinois in land evaluation, retiring in December 2002.

Harold purchased a trailer in 1971 and lived there until his death. He had three cars in his lifetime and was a frugal man. He also, however, was a huge Saluki sports fan. From 1965 until his death this summer, Harold had missed only one SIU home football game and only two home basketball games in 38 years.

When we were in school together, we lived in the dorms and had a meal ticket good for 20 meals per week, but nothing on Sunday evenings. On those

nights we would go to a store near campus, buy bologna, cheese, bread and a small jar of mustard. Harold did the math for the four of us, and it usually was about 55 cents per man. We also could go to the movies on campus for 25 cents. We were poor in the pocketbook, but not in spirit.

I stayed in touch with Harold through the years, and every spring or summer would return to Carbondale to have lunch with him and our friend and fellow alum, Billy Patrick. Billy played football with me at SIU and loves Southern as much as Harold did. (Billy also makes chili for alumni at every SIU homecoming game).

Recently Billy called to tell me that Harold had cancer and wasn't doing well. Doctors thought they could help give him more time, and I was looking forward to coming back to Carbondale to see him in May when I returned to my hometown of McLeansboro, Ill.

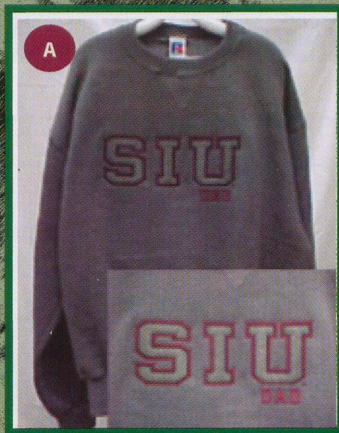
Harold was a New York Yankee fan, so I called a person who makes Major League Baseball hats for all the teams (and was making some special for Roger Clemens). He sent me one for Harold, but he didn't live long enough for me to give it to him. I gave the hat instead to Billy, as the two of us had lunch before I left and talked about the life – in my opinion – of SIU's greatest fan. Harold loved sports and would do anything for his friends with no questions asked.

A confirmed bachelor, his family was SIU. He was not a rich or famous alumnus, but was a gentle and noble man. The world and SIU need more people like Harold Norman Miller.

Carl Mauck '69
Assistant Coach
Detroit Lions
Pontiac, Mich.

Editor's note: Mauck is a member of the SIU Athletics Hall of Fame and has been in the National Football League as a player and coach for more than 30 years.

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Thanks Mom and Dad!

"I received my SIU Alumni Association membership as a graduation gift from my parents – both life members of the Association. I quickly started to enjoy reading about what some of my classmates were doing, and as the years have gone by, I've really come to appreciate even more just what a lasting gift my membership is. I'd especially urge any SIU alumnus to consider an Association membership as a gift for the "next generation" in your family."

Joey Helleny '79 Herrin, Illinois
Life Member



Helleny is an instructor in radio-television at SIU.

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Muhammad Abdulqaadir

Tom Koutsos

SIU'S DYNAMIC DUO

With the record-shattering running back tandem of Tom Koutsos and Muhammad Abdulqaadir leading the charge, SIU fans are envisioning a breakthrough season for the Saluki football program.

by Greg Scott

When Tom Koutsos strolled into last month's SIU Football Media Day, a sly grin stretched across his face. A fifth-year red shirt senior who has rushed for more yards than any player in school history, "Touchdown Tommy" wasn't thinking about scoring records as he prepared to greet the media. Instead he was piecing together the numbers on his maroon jersey.

Forced to improvise with white tape due to the theft of his actual uniform, Koutsos simply said with a laugh, "I hope this works for you guys - someone stole my jersey. It's available on eBay now."

Fellow senior Muhammad Abdulqaadir, Koutsos' running mate in SIU's talented backfield, was instantly curious and asked the question that any Internet shopper would.

"How much is it going for?" he inquired.

"I think it's up to \$15.99 right now," Koutsos responded, drawing laughter from teammates and others in attendance.

Not even a stolen jersey could dampen the spirits of the duo that many observers think is the most explosive backfield combo in Division I-AA football. But Gateway Conference defensive coordinators don't figure to be smiling when these two Salukis are turned loose this season.

In Abdulqaadir and Koutsos, the Salukis boast a rare tandem of two athletes that were leading candidates for the Walter Payton Award a year ago, the

Division I-AA equivalent to the prestigious Heisman Trophy.

SIU's top Dawgs have distinct styles that should complement each other well in the team's offensive scheme, posing significant problems for opposing defenses. The 5'11" Koutsos is a stoutly built 230-pound force who has effectively combined power and sheer determination to punish potential tacklers en route to a school-record 3,747 career yards entering the 2003 season.

Abdulqaadir at 5'7" and 200 pounds presents a different type of threat. He is not as apt to run over opponents like Koutsos, but such efforts aren't necessary when an athlete possesses blazing 4.4 speed. The speed demon earned All-America honors a year ago, bursting onto the scene scoring a single-season school-record 21 touchdowns. He is a threat to score every time he touches the pigskin, as evident by his 6.8 yards-per-carry last year.



Muhammad Abdulqaadir is a leading candidate for the Walter Payton Award, the Division I-AA equivalent to the prestigious Heisman Trophy.

Due to their contrasting styles, Koutsos and Abdulqaadir have been tabbed as “Thunder and Lightning” in SIU’s promotional and media materials. The name appears to be sticking around campus.

“I would say that is a good description of us. But I’m sick of classmates and others on campus calling me “Thunder;” Koutsos quips. “People don’t call me Tommy anymore. It’s always ‘Hey Thunder.’”

Abdulqaadir seems to think the nickname fits his buddy.

“Tommy has the ability to run right over people. If I were his size, I would do that, too,” he says. “But as it is, I would get hurt doing that.”

Saluki Head Coach Jerry Kill is the man who will mesh these two talents together in hopes of inflicting pain on the opposition and moving up in the Gateway standings. Kill, who is already revered by most Saluki fans for his own folksy style, sums up the challenge this duo presents to SIU opponents.

“Muhammad is a guy who can go 80 yards, while Tommy’s a guy who can knock your head off,” Kill says.

The Saluki seniors figure to represent one of the premier running duos in college football this season. Although injuries sidelined both players for portions of the 2002 campaign, they still contributed enough to make Southern the third-highest ranked rushing team in the country.

“People know what Tommy is capable of. We had the No. 1 ranked offense in the

nation for five consecutive weeks while he was injured,” says Abdulqaadir. “So his return to the team is tremendous. One of the problems last year was we lacked depth, and people had to play out of position.”

Koutsos says his running style should complement Abdulqaadir’s exploits.

“Muhammad is fast and elusive, but he’s strong, too. Some people don’t realize that. He’s so fast that if you give him a little open space, he’s taking it to the house. Muhammad and I together will work out well because the defense can’t just focus on either one of us. We’ll actually take pressure *off* each other. One guy won’t be expected to do it all.”

The fact that Koutsos and Abdulqaadir are joining forces this season is a sheer twist of fate in itself.

Koutsos entered what was set to be his final year in Carbondale as a preseason All-America selection and candidate for the Payton Award. Poised to be the featured back in Southern’s attack – as he had been since his freshman year – he was well on his way. The first two games of the season found him averaging a career-high 5.8 yards per carry and scoring six touchdowns.

In Southern’s third game, however, the Oswego, Ill., native suffered a broken wrist on the Salukis’ second play from scrimmage at Murray State and was lost for the season.

“It was a tough experience just watching last year. It was especially difficult to watch

us beat Western Illinois on Homecoming and not be a part of that,” Koutsos says. “Not playing football was a killer, but it helped me get my priorities in check. I wanted to come back and play another year at Southern. I missed the game.” Shortly after the season, Koutsos was granted an extra year of eligibility by the NCAA.

With Koutsos sidelined by injury, Abdulqaadir burst onto the scene as the Salukis’ featured running back. SIU fans quickly discovered that the running chores were in capable hands.

Abdulqaadir proceeded to win four Gateway Conference and National “Player of the Week” awards. The St. Louis product racked up more than 1,300 yards rushing in just six full games a year ago, setting the school record for rushing touchdowns in a season (20) and total touchdowns in a season (21), and tying a school record with six touchdowns against West Virginia Tech. In Southern’s near-upset victory over Division I-A opponent Eastern Michigan, Abdulqaadir rose to the occasion with 312 yards on 43 carries.

He was also one of many heroes in Southern’s rousing 54-52 victory over Western Illinois, rushing for 261 yards and four touchdowns, including a memorable 80-yard jaunt that Saluki fans still rave about. The win ended Southern’s 18-game losing streak to the Leathernecks.

Unfortunately, Abdulqaadir, who had made himself the leading candidate for the Payton Award, also succumbed to injury. Ironically, like Koutsos, he suffered a season-ending hand injury, causing him to miss almost all of the last four games of the campaign.

The Salukis, who stood 4-3 and earned a No. 25 national ranking after an Oct. 12 victory over perennial power Northern Iowa, wilted down the stretch without their two stars. SIU lost its last five games and finished sixth in the Gateway Conference.

This year, Koutsos and Abdulqaadir are being heavily counted on during what "Saluki Nation" hopes is a breakthrough season for the program. Some observers have questioned whether or not the star-studded backfield of Koutsos, Abdulqaadir, and versatile senior fullback Brandon Robinson (see accompanying story) can exist happily sharing the load in Southern's offense.

good friends on and off the gridiron. Abdulqaadir says they have mutual respect for each other. They speak about each other without any apparent jealousy. Instead, they are driven to be key components in an effort to revitalize a football program that hasn't received a sniff of postseason action since its 1983 National Championship season and hasn't boasted a winning season since 1991.

mist who fashions a gleam in his eye while talking about the prospects of this year's offense, echoes Sambursky's sentiments.

"I'm comfortable with how Tommy and Muhammad are meshing together. They have handled things well," Kill says. "Tommy is very focused. He's accomplished a lot here, but we haven't won.

"I think he would love to leave here with a winning season and feel that he's

"Our alumni have supported the program by donating funds to improve our facilities. We need to give something back to our alumni and fans." — Tom Koutsos

Throughout their prep and collegiate careers, Koutsos and Abdulqaadir have become accustomed to receiving the lions' share of rushing attempts. Koutsos, who is also set to become the Gateway Conference all-time rushing leader at some point this season, says winning games is the emphasis, not individual accolades.

"Everyone wants to get the ball and they're lying if they tell you otherwise," he says. "But on championship teams, several people typically make a contribution. And when you have as many talented running backs as we do, how can anyone really complain around here?"

Koutsos, who started playing football when he was 8 years old, admits to having National Football League aspirations. Although the NCAA granted him a fifth year at Southern, he contemplated leaving the University and taking a shot at professional football.

But he had unfinished business in Carbondale.

"Getting injured last year was a humbling experience for me. I could have left, but I wanted to keep playing football for SIU," he says. "Hopefully, we can go out on top, and Muhammad and I can leave this place with a winning record. That's pretty important to me right now."

SIU's running backs have become

Sophomore quarterback Joel Sambursky says the Saluki running backs are far more concerned with winning ballgames than rushing titles.

"Our running backs are some of the most selfless people I've ever been around. They want to see each other succeed," Sambursky says. "The key to our season is how we execute as a team. I'm not worried about our running backs, these guys want to win."

The Saluki head coach, an eternal opti-

improved the program – which he has. But winning is something he wants badly. I think he's willing to give up some things to do that."

How determined is Koutsos? Saluki fans may see him taking on an unfamiliar role this season: special teams. He isn't driven by returning kickoffs or punts. SIU's all-time leading rusher has volunteered his services for the kickoff team.

"I'm pretty excited about delivering some punishment instead of getting hit

Pictured high-stepping into the endzone, Koutsos earned the nickname "Touchdown Tommy" for his scoring exploits.





Koutsos autographs a poster for a Saluki fan. The senior tailback is also hoping to sign off on a winning season this year.

myself all the time," he quips. "I can get back at some of these guys who have popped me all these years."

It's understandable why Koutsos is pulling out all the stops. During his tenure at Southern, the Dawgs have a record of 13-32. The perennial all-conference running back acknowledges that the Gateway Conference is rugged, but feels his enhanced supporting cast gives the Salukis a legitimate shot to make a run at the league title and possibly a playoff berth.

"I think the gap between us and some of the other teams has narrowed," he says. "In the past, we were pummeled by these teams. Now we compete and you can just tell the games are different than they were two to three years ago. I truly feel we'll take another step forward this year because we have as much talent as anyone else in the conference."

"Our fans are taking note as well. Previously, people just talked to me about the touchdowns I was scoring. Now they're more interested in our team as a whole. I like it better that way."

Abdulqaadir says one reason for optimism is the team's attitude has improved.

"In the past, this team lacked discipline. When I first got here, we couldn't seem to get some of the older guys to do anything. They had their own agenda," he says. "But now those viruses are gone. We have younger guys with fresh minds. We can train them to do the things they need to be doing and hopefully it will carry on into the future of this program."

Both players credit Kill's recruiting exploits for the change in attitude. Despite their own talents, they say the Dawgs had to enhance other key positions to compete in a conference that includes defending National Champion Western Kentucky and perennial Division I-AA powers Youngstown State, Western Illinois, and Northern Iowa.

Like Koutsos and Abdulqaadir, the perennially upbeat Kill seems quietly optimistic as he surrounds his two stars with an array of talent on offense and defense.

Kill aspires to continue improving the team's passing game, as he expects opponents may load the line of scrimmage to

contain Abdulqaadir and Koutsos. The offense is led by the unflappable Sambursky, an intelligent decision-maker at quarterback who threw only five interceptions en route to receiving the Gateway Conference "Freshman of the Year" award last season. The receiving corps has a proven performer in senior Courtney Abbott, who caught a pass in each game a year ago.

The team has also added some young speedsters at this position and hope to keep opponents honest with a mix of passing and running plays. Kill is anxious to see what speedy receivers Kellen Allen and Brent Little can bring to the offense. Allen, an all-American long jumper, played in only four games a year ago due to injury.

When Kill came to Carbondale, the team only had four offensive linemen. Entering the 2003 campaign, the Dawgs were two-deep at each position and the projected starters average a beefy 6'4" and 295 pounds.

Even with their array of offensive talent, Kill says the Salukis must improve on a defense which ranked 101st in

Division I-AA last year. Consequently, this became a primary focus for Kill during spring practices. The defense features All-American junior safety Alexis Moreland, who ranks among the school's career leaders in tackles heading into the season. The linebacker corps includes Royal Whitaker, a member of the conference all-newcomer team, and Eric Egan, the only senior starter and a longtime steady contributor to the program.

The defensive line appears to be bulkier, as Kill is counting on production from junior Lionel Williams (6'3", 270) and sophomore Jeff Jones (6'1", 275).

One primary concern is defending

the passing game, where SIU's young defensive backs struggled a year ago. But with a year under their belt, Kill hopes this group takes a step forward as well.

"We're getting closer and gaining ground (on the top teams in the league). We'll find out how much we've narrowed the gap when we get out there and play," he says. "I feel real good about these kids we're working with. I'm enjoying them as a coach because it's a good group with great things to look forward to."

Koutsos and Abdulqaadir epitomize the type of players Kill is bringing to Carbondale. A happy-go-lucky but non-sense field general, the third-year

head coach demands dedication on the gridiron as well as commitment in the classroom. While the duo is hungry to succeed on the football field, Koutsos (radio-television major) and Abdulqaadir (university studies major) are also on track to graduate in December. The latter plans to pursue an MBA at Southern and become an entrepreneur.

When driven to succeed, one often draws inspiration from various sources. Koutsos is no exception. He is driven by two historic SIU athletic achievements: the 1983 national championship football team, which is returning for a 20-year reunion Sept. 27, and SIU's recent basketball success.

"The '83 champs were great, but we want to show them that we're all right, too," he says. "We need to demonstrate that we are keeping Saluki Pride alive and take football seriously. This isn't just a basketball school, but a football school, too. We're friends with a lot of the guys on the basketball team and all part of the athletic family – we root for each other. But we want to get our own thing going."

And Koutsos says the time is now.

"Our alumni have supported the program by donating funds to improve our facilities. We need to give something back to our alumni and fans," he says. "This is the year we need to get it done. There has been a great deal of publicity and high expectations about this team."

"If we can do something special this season, our fans will continue to attend games over the next five to 10 years. It is happening for the basketball team; we want to make Salukis fans proud as well."

Abdulqaadir says fan support will be a key factor in steering Southern's program to the next level.

"When you observe teams like Western Illinois and Northern Iowa, even their following on the road is huge," he says. "We have a loyal fan base here, but we need to continue building on that."

And with a bolt of lightning and rumble of thunder, everyone in Saluki Nation is hoping it will be this dynamic duo that reverses the fortune of SIU's football program.

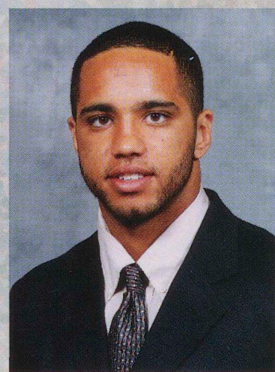
Brandon Robinson A Key To Saluki Success

Defensive coordinators around the Gateway Conference are faced with the dubious task of containing Southern's "Thunder and Lightning" tandem. But while devising game strategy, they might want to be concerned about yet *another* SIU running back.

The exploits of preseason all-conference tailbacks Muhammad Abdulqaadir and Tommy Koutsos have garnered a majority of the publicity. But both Saluki stars acknowledge that senior Brandon Robinson, the team's starting fullback, is the key component in the team offensive scheme.

Koutsos refers to Robinson as "a big part of the puzzle." Abdulqaadir, who is also Robinson's roommate, calls his friend one of the "most underrated players in the game."

"I've never come across anyone with Brandon's ability. He is a tremendous athlete who reminds me of (St. Louis Rams running back) Marshall Faulk," he says. "B-Rob is the whole package. He can run or catch the ball out of the backfield, play the slot position in addition to blocking as a fullback. You won't see anyone like him come through here for another six years."



The versatile Robinson provides the Salukis with a number of options. A walk-on who transferred from Purdue, Robinson has rushed for more than 1,000 yards in two seasons at Southern. He became SIU's featured running back after Abdulqaadir was injured late last year, rushing for 391 yards over Southern's last three games.

Robinson is also an accomplished receiver who averaged 12 yards-per-reception last year and caught the game-winning touchdown as time expired in Southern's dramatic 54-52 Homecoming victory over Western Illinois. In addition, the Fort Wayne, Ind., native threw two touchdown passes against Youngstown State and Indiana State and played on special teams.

The 5'11" and 195-pound fullback, who will be asked to block for Abdulqaadir and Koutsos, doesn't think his skills are overshadowed.

"The coaches have given me an opportunity to play a lot of different positions, like running back and wide receiver. It should be a good season for us, and I just want to help the team win," he says. "Maybe the defense will focus on me, and it will open up holes for Muhammad and Tommy."

SIU Head Coach Jerry Kill says Robinson's versatility creates matchup problems for opponents.

"Brandon provides us with the ability to change formations without changing personnel," Kill says. "He allows everybody to do a lot of things. When he plays tailback, we lose that versatility. Brandon's all-around skills make him a very valuable person in our offensive scheme."

While he will receive his share of carries, Robinson doesn't mind blocking for his two teammates.

"Muhammad is my roommate this year, and Tommy is a great guy as well. It doesn't matter who gets the ball, as long as we win," he says. "The attitude has definitely changed around here."

by Greg Scott

Mimi and Julian Wallace, along with "daughter" Ashley, enjoy a quiet moment at their Beverly Hills home.



Still A
Southern Girl
At Heart

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SIU Alumni Association President Mimi Wallace Maintains “Southern Roots” In Southern California

by Gene Green

Mimi Wallace has lived in California for almost four decades, but she wants to make one thing perfectly clear: “My roots remain in southern Illinois,” the new SIU Alumni Association president says. “I was raised, educated, and met my husband in that part of the country – I’m always quick to tell people here that I’m *still* a Midwesterner!”

And when the Centralia, Ill., native returns to campus, it doesn’t take long for instincts to kick in.

“For one thing, I consider the food in southern Illinois to be *real* eating and love to go to places like the Pioneer’s Cabin in Carterville. I especially have a guilty pleasure when it comes to the gravy you get in southern Illinois – you just can’t seem to find good gravy in Beverly Hills,” she says with her patented vigorous laugh. “Since I’m married to a cardiologist, it *might* not be the best thing for me to admit.”

One thing Wallace is proud to admit, however, is the honor she feels in repre-

senting almost 200,000 SIU alumni as president of the Association. On the national board since 1996, she calls her new position “a privilege – I want to provide service and assistance to the University that has given me so much.”

The Road To Southern

Mimi Rosenblum was born in Chicago, but moved to Centralia with her parents when she was only 8 months old. “There was an oil boom in the area at the time, and my father was a physician,” she explains. “We settled there, and that became home for us. As I grew older, it was a foregone conclusion that my college years would be spent at Southern Illinois University.”

Guided to Southern in part due to her parents’ friendship with then-SIU Board of Trustees Chairman John Page Wham and his wife, Faye, she immediately fell in love with the campus and the impres-

sive duo of Delyte and Dorothy Morris. “To see the SIU president and his wife walking around campus each day, greeting students, making them feel welcome – it was something I’ll never forget. The role Morris played in welcoming minorities, students with disabilities and people with other challenges placed him firmly as a visionary ahead of his time.”

Living most of her SIU days in Woody Hall, she says Morris also helped fill a void for many students.

“Dr. Morris and his wife were so visible and accessible to the students that it really made you feel at home. Looking back on it, there was almost something paternal about the way they handled students. Things he did so long ago still reverberate today.”

She was also impressed during her Southern years by the large percentage of students who were able to work their way through school. “I did not have to work to pay for my education, but many of my friends did, and it was commend-



Wallace, shown with Saluki dogs owned by John and Linda Saunders, also has been known to take on the mascot's appearance herself (inset) at SIU Alumni Association events.

able that the University was able to provide so many avenues for students to pay for their education. I felt SIU really personified the southern Illinois spirit.”

Wallace, who earned a degree in political science at SIU in 1962, also minored in speech. This led to stints on the SIU Debate Team and outlets for her first love, oral interpretation of literature.

“It was a wonderful time,” she recalls of her SIU days. “Marion (Davies) Kleinau had just come to the University’s speech department, and if ever I had a person placed on a pedestal, it was her. To me, she was the perfect professor in every way”

It was not, however, all work and no play for the SIU coed. In 1961, friends set her up on a blind date with a first-year res-

ident at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. Julian Wallace was a Harvard College graduate, a product of Boston University School of Medicine – and very far from home.

“They told me they would like me to meet this nice young man who was a first-year medical resident at Barnes who didn’t know many people because he was from the East Coast,” she recalls. “I guess you could say we were a good match: We were engaged three weeks after we met.”

California, Here I Come

The pair married in 1962, and three months later pulled up stakes and moved to Fort Leonard Wood (Mo.) where

Julian had been assigned by the Army. For the next two years, they called the Ozarks home as Mimi taught on the post and her husband finished his stint in the armed forces.

With military duty fulfilled, the Wallaces moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where Julian continued his medical residency and two-year fellowship in cardiology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. While his responsibilities at the hospital kept him busy, this period also served as a transitional moment for his wife.

“I was used to southern Illinois, where everyone was so friendly and hospitable,” she recalls. “Now all of a sudden I was placed in the middle of Los Angeles with no friends around me. I kind of

wondered at first what I would do to get acclimated and used to the area.”

And then it came to her: There *must* be Salukis nearby.

“I called the Alumni Association and talked to Bob Odaniell, who was the director at the time,” Wallace recalls. “Explaining to him that I wanted to meet SIU people who lived on the West Coast, he told me they had a small alumni club out in the area. He gave me the name of a contact, and I called and said I was out here and wanted to become active and involved.”

The rest, as they say, is history.

“Our alumni chapter has really grown over the years,” she says with a real sense of pride. “In addition to the greater Los Angeles area, we now have alumni from San Diego, Fresno, Bakersfield, Palm Springs, and many military bases as

well. The educational opportunity SIU offers through the military is exciting, and I find it interesting that many of these loyal alumni have never sat foot on campus yet care a great deal about their alma mater.”

“Mimi may just now be the president of the Association, but she has been a vocal leader for SIU alumni for decades,” says Executive Director Ed Buerger. “The countless alumni she has encountered, influenced, and touched over the years is a testament to the kind of person she is. It also speaks to the love she has for this institution.”

Head For The Hills

The Wallaces moved the short distance from Los Angeles to Beverly Hills

in 1970 when Mimi was pregnant with their son, Andrew. “We wanted to take advantage of what we perceived to be a stronger school system, and we’ve been here ever since,” she explains.

While serving as office manager at her husband’s practice and substitute teaching more than kept her busy, an old sense of civic duty pulled Mimi in other directions as well. She would soon become president of the Doctor’s Wives Service League of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, and was president of the Phi Delta Epsilon Medical Fraternity Intern-Resident Wives.

“I like community involvement,” she explains. “It drives me to this day – I think we all have a duty to lend a hand whenever and wherever we can. I’ve also been active in the Claremont Institute of Political Study, which ties into my political science background. This group does a great deal of work regarding Southeast Asia foreign affairs, which is something I am very interested in.”

She also tries to steer young people she meets toward SIU.

“My first selling point is the beauty of the campus. Then I explain how unique the University is. The warmth of the region, the diversity of the student body, and the quality of the education make it one of the best values in the country.”

Mimi’s long love affair with SIU has more than rubbed off on her husband.

“Julian feels like an honorary Saluki,” she laughs. “When we go jogging, we have SIU apparel on. When we travel, our clothes have something about SIU on it. It usually leads to meeting people from Southern who come up and start a conversation.”

Julian, who still practices internal medicine and cardiology, is also involved in providing medical services to correctional facilities. Should he ever quit working, however, the Harvard grad knows where he would enjoy living.

“My husband *loves* southern Illinois,” Mimi says, “and has always said he couldn’t think of a better place to retire than somewhere near SIU.”



A big SIU basketball fan, Wallace and Gray Dawg do some bonding at a recent Saluki game.

Serving The Association

As she begins her stint as SIU Alumni Association president, Wallace has a few key areas in which she plans to provide assistance and leadership.

"We need to have an accessible Alumni Center that our graduates can be proud of," she notes. "I am so pleased that the new SIU Alumni Center will provide services from one of the most visible locations on campus, as we will eventually be located on the northeast corner of the new football complex.

"Just think – when alumni first enter campus, one of the first buildings they see will be *their* alumni center. What better way for SIU to say, 'Welcome home... we haven't forgotten you!'"

Continued growth in SIU Alumni Association's membership is also a high priority during her presidency.

"With all the funding challenges state institutions currently face, we must continue to build a strong membership base. The best way to be certain we can serve our alumni is



Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole, who got to know the Wallaces well during his stint as an assistant director at the Association, was one of the close friends on hand for their 40th wedding anniversary party. "Mimi and Julian are like another set of parents for me," Cole says. "We share a common love for the University and the Carbondale community, which can only be furthered now by Mimi's leadership with the Association."

to be as fiscally strong as we can be."

While Wallace knows living on the West Coast will make it difficult to be on campus as much as she would like, she takes solace in knowing friends on the board will always be ready to lend a hand.

"This group is always ready to help in any way possible," she stresses. "I've had people like Doris Rottschalk, Sheri Hunter, Don Magee, Rick Reynolds, and others

offer to represent me or assist me whenever I need them. It is really a special group."

And while she will serve from a California zip code, those deep Southern roots will continue to come into play.

"You can take the person out of southern Illinois, but you can't take southern Illinois out of the person," Wallace says. "There's a warmth and closeness there that makes it feel like family." 🏠

An Anniversary Celebration To Remember

In 2002, the Wallace's 40th wedding anniversary was quickly approaching. How to celebrate the June occasion was something the couple discussed – but not for long.

"Julian asked me what I wanted to do in the way of celebration," Mimi remembers. "After giving it a little thought, I told him I wanted to do something at SIU when we came back for the Association board meeting in April. We would celebrate a little early with some members of our nearest and dearest extended family – our Saluki family."

After a reception hosted by Sheri and Richard Hunter, the group enjoyed a meal at her beloved Pioneer's Cabin. "It was a true Saluki party," Mimi says with a laugh. "Everyone was in casual clothes and relaxed. We asked that in lieu of gifts, that

donations be made to the Association's Legacy Scholarship Fund, and over \$1,000 was raised for that important cause."

Among those in attendance was fellow board member Jeannette Fromm, who was in the Wallace's wedding in 1962. "Jeannette and I met in grade school, went through Girl Scouts together, and then attended Southern," Mimi says. "She is like a sister to me, and many big moments in our lives have been shared with one another."

While the anniversary party was special for the Wallaces, it was also a way for some of her friends to help honor a special person.

"Mimi is such a great ambassador for SIU and the Alumni Association because of her sense of humor, her sunny smile, and personality. Everyone loves her and

her loyalty to her alma mater is contagious," Hunter says.

A trio of former SIU Alumni Association presidents agree.

"Her love for the University and her infectious enthusiasm will make her an excellent president," says Don Magee. "I know she is proud to be representing Southern."

"I'm willing to guarantee that Mimi be a superlative leader for the Association," says Richard Reynolds. "She is studying *Roberts Rules of Order* as we speak, and planning outings to the Pioneers Cabin and Tom's Place."

Adds Doris Rottschalk, "Mimi is the most generous and sincere person I know. She genuinely cares about people – of course, it *helps* if they are Salukis!"

– Gene Green

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Morris Library - See a model of the "new" Morris Library at the SIUC Alumni Tent on October 11 from 10:30A - 1:15P. The library would like to reconnect with former student workers, hear about their memories of Morris Library, and find out what they are doing now. Former student workers are encouraged to send current address information to Morris Library, Attention: Library Development, 605 Agriculture Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901, call 618-453-1633, or access an online form on the Web site at www.lib.siu.edu.

Tuesday, October 7

10:00A - 7:00P King and Queen Elections, *Student Center, Hall of Fame area.*
3:00 - 7:00P King and Queen Elections, *Student Recreation Center.*

Wednesday, October 8

8:00P Laugh Out Loud with Lav Luv, Double D & Redbone, *Student Center, Ballroom D*, \$3 and \$4 admission.

Thursday, October 9

7:00P SPC Film, "The Hulk" *Student Center Auditorium*, \$2 and \$3 admission.
7:30P Walter Cronkite, long-time CBS news anchor, free lecture, SIUC Arena (see backcover for details).

Friday, October 10

8:00A - 4:00P The Dental Hygiene Professional Seminar will be held in the *Student Center Auditorium*. Howard C. Wolfe, M.A., LMFT, will speak on "Inhalant Abuse: It's Right Under Your Nose." Contact: SIUC Continuing Education at 536-7751.
8:30 - 11:45A SIUC Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting, *Student Center, Ballroom A.*
10:00 - 11:30A Class of '53 Registration, *Student Center, Ballroom A.*
11:30A CASA Scholarship Scramble, *Midland Hills Golf Course, Makanda.* Registration for golf at 11:30 p.m., shotgun start at 1:30P, family picnic supper at 5P. Pre-registration required by calling 618-536-6682.
12:00P SIUC Alumni Association/SIU Foundation Board of Directors and Class of 1953 Luncheon, *Student Center, Ballroom B.*
1:30 - 2:30P Class of 1953 - Guided Tour of Campus and Carbondale.
2:30 - 3:30P Distinguished Alumni Recognition and Reception, *Alumni Lounge, SIUC Recreation Center.*
4:00P Department of Chemistry Seminar, "Challenges for a Chemist in the Paper Industry" *Neckers Building, Room 240*
4:00 - 6:00P Housing Alumni Reception. "Respecting our Past & Celebrating our future!" *Grinnell Hall, Brush Towers.*
5:30P Half-Century Club/Class of 1953 Reception, *Student Center, Gallery Lounge.*
6:00 - 8:00P Student Programming Council Alumni Reception, "Celebrating 25 Years," *Video Lounge, 4th floor, Student Center.*
6:15P Half-Century Club Dinner, *Student Center, Ballroom D.*

6:30P Chemistry Alumni Hall of Fame, dinner and induction ceremonies, *invitation only.*
7:00 & 9:30P SPC Film, "The Hulk," *Student Center Auditorium*, \$2 and \$3 admission.
8:30P **Homecoming Pep Rally,** *McAndrew Stadium* (under the lights), meet the Saluki football team, giveaways, show your Saluki spirit - Cruising the Nile, Saluki Style.
7:00P Paralegal Studies Program 20th anniversary celebration, *Tres Hombres Mexican Restaurant, Carbondale.*
Evening Alumni Band Group. Marching Saluki Alumni invited to attend a reception in the *Cambria Room, 1st Floor, Student Center.*

Saturday, October 11

9:30 - 11:00A Homecoming Parade, *Downtown Carbondale.*
10:30A - 1:00P **Alumni Reunion Activities,** *SIUC Alumni Association Tent, east of McAndrew Stadium.* Register at the tent to enjoy a complimentary lunch provided by the SIUC Alumni Association and the colleges.
11:00A - 2:00P Housing Reunion Tailgate. For more information call 618-536-5504.
11:30A All college deans should report to their tables under the tent.
1:30P Saluki Football Game vs. Illinois State Redbirds, *McAndrew Stadium.*
Following Game **Student Alumni Council Reunion.** All SAC alumni invited to attend a reception in the *SIUC Alumni Association Student Center Office, 2nd floor.*
5:00P College of Liberal Arts Alumni and Guests Happy Hour, *home of Dean Shirley Clay Scott.*
5:00 - 11:00P Southern Illinois Irish Festival fundraiser. Enjoy fish fry, music, contests and silent auction, *Carbondale Elks Lodge, 220 W. Jackson, Carbondale*, \$12 (in advance) and \$15 (at door).
6:30P Paralegal Studies Program 20th anniversary banquet. *Student Center Old Main Dining Room.* For more information call, 618-453-1234 or check the Web site, www.siu.edu/para.
7:00 & 9:30P SPC Film, "The Hulk," *Student Center Auditorium*, \$2 and \$3 admission.
7:30P 32nd Annual Miss Ebonyess Pageant, *Shryock Auditorium.* Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show and are available only at the Student Center Central Ticket Office. To charge by phone call 618-453-3493. Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha.

Sunday, October 12

11:30A Brunch with CASA Interim Dean Paul Sarvela and the college faculty. *Mississippi Room, Student Center.* To pre-register call 618-536-6682
12:00 - 2P Paralegal Studies program picnic. *Giant City State Park.*

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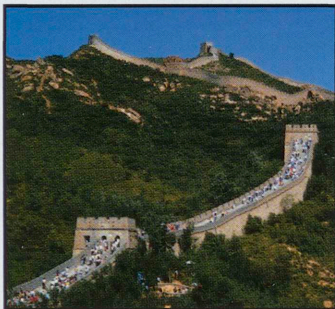
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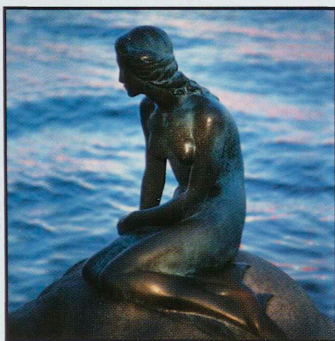


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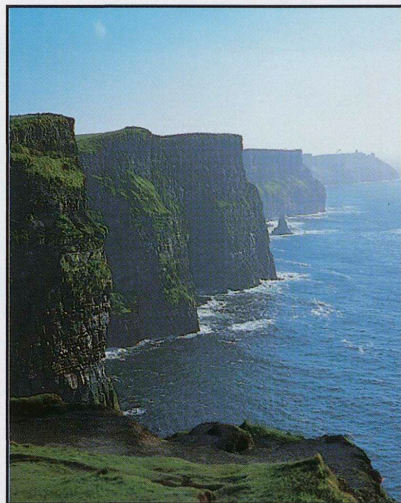
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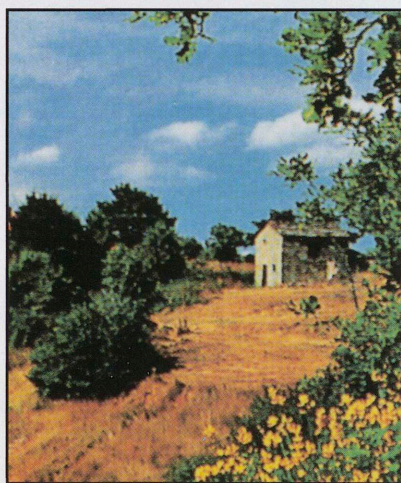
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Former Fighter Pilot Still Flying High

Internationally-known speaker Danny Cox wants to give his audiences three things he's learned: A sense of purpose, a spirit of adventure and a desire for personal growth.

by Marianne Lawrence

Danny Cox likes to share his successes – and failures – with others. The 1956 SIU graduate, former fighter pilot and best-selling author travels from coast to coast to inspire successful leadership and personal productivity for a virtual “who’s who” of corporate America. Drawing on his own experiences and those of mentors and friends, Cox is a frequent flier, fulfilling a demanding schedule of seminars and speeches designed to

build effective teams and individuals in companies, government agencies, associations, schools and service organizations.

“The airlines just love me. If I take a few days off, they send me get well cards,” quips Cox, who never complains about the millions of miles he’s traveled over the past 26 years. “I can hardly wait to get my bag packed,” he adds.

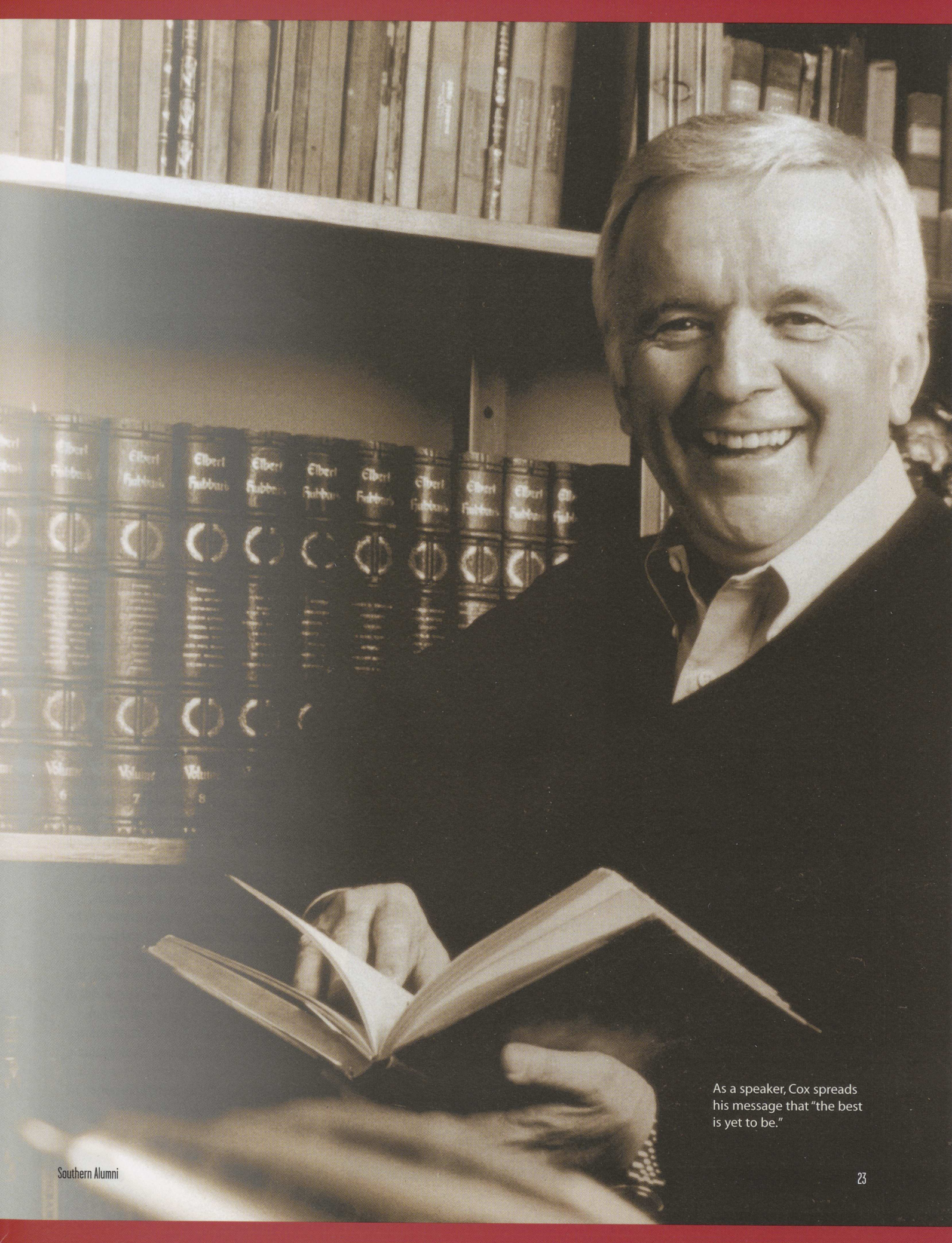
Within the covers of his books, he pays tribute to the people who helped shape his life. In *Seize the Day*, Cox writes a dedication to his father, Virgil Cox, who worked as a coal miner in southern Illinois.

“Out of his meager earnings he figured out a way to obtain his private pilot’s license. On one of those great Sunday afternoon flights out of the old Marion,

Ill., airport he let me fly an airplane for the first time. I was 12 years old. With his unceasing encouragement, I progressed from that 90 mph airplane to flying supersonic fighters at 20 miles per minute.”

Although his bachelor’s degree at Southern was in geography, the four years he spent in the University’s Air Force ROTC did more to determine Cox’s career path. When he received his degree in the spring of 1956, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant and headed for Moore Air Base in Texas for primary training, then on to Greenville, Miss., for jet training and the beginning of a 10-year stint as a pilot.

“When I began flying jets, I thought I’d died and gone to heaven,” says an



As a speaker, Cox spreads his message that "the best is yet to be."



In the summer of 2001, Danny Cox blasted off the runway at Andrews Air Force Base in an F-16 Viper with pilot-in-command Brig. Gen. David Wherley. Cox was in town to present programs for the Washington, DC Air National Guard and got the supersonic trip as a thank you.

enthusiastic Cox, who often uses piloting experiences to make his points. He received his wings, with some unexpected help from a boyhood friend (see accompanying story), and began advanced all-weather fighter inceptor training and piloting supersonic fighters.

After a stint in the Philippines, Cox was stationed in Tucson, Ariz., and later served in Columbus, Ohio, where he met and married Theo "Tedi" Walker in 1965.

A widow, her husband was one of the first fighter pilots to lose his life in the Vietnam conflict. "I lived across the street from her so I couldn't miss her," recalls Cox. "She had three little girls, Lisa, Kendra (who introduced us) and Darcie. I got a real package deal when we got married," says Cox, now the grandfather of eight.

In addition to flying the most sophisticated planes in the world, Cox perfect-

ed a "side job" that began while he was stationed in Tucson. He volunteered to do some badly needed public relations work in the Arizona communities upset by the number of sonic booms resulting from his unit's training missions.

Dubbed the "Sonic Boom Salesman" by a local newspaper reporter, Cox developed a speech he called "Better Boomed Than Bombed." He admitted it was a hard sell to convince the community that the disturbing booms they were hearing were *really* the sounds of freedom. In his leadership training sessions today, he points to this as an example of turning adversity into opportunity.

"That's when I first started public speaking," says Cox, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association. "I had just one class in speech at SIU and got a 'C.' If I'd known I was going to do this for a living, I'd have paid more attention."

Everything was going well for Cox, but there was turbulence on his radar screen. After qualifying to fly with the



Cox recently gave an animated presentation to the insurance giant, AFLAC.

elite Thunderbirds, the Air Force denied his request for a transfer that would enable him to do so. As a result, Cox resigned, believing he could easily get a job flying for commercial airlines.

He moved to California, submitted his impressive credentials – more than 2,400 hours of high-performance fighter pilot experience without an accident – but was *not* hired. Surprised but maintaining the humor he's known for, when they explained the airline's height requirement was five feet, eight inches, the five-foot Cox gamely replied, "What a coincidence, five-eight is my goal."

Airlines no longer have such a policy. But in 1967, Cox found himself without a job and with a young family to support. He recalled his sonic boom salesman days and decided that if he could sell sonic booms, he could sell anything.

He joined a major real estate company and began making more money than he'd ever made with the Air Force. "And I wasn't risking death every day," he hastens to add. Cox was soon promoted to manage the company's No. 1 sales office, and things were looking good — until office sales plummeted.

Cox delivers one of the best examples of success inspired by failure with a personal story of how he nearly destroyed the sales office he was in charge of, taking it from number one out of 36 to rock bottom.

"My boss came into my office and told me he was looking for my replacement," recalls Cox. "That was the shortest and most effective motivational seminar I had ever attended," he laughed.

Cox knew he didn't have the answers but needed to find some quickly. "I couldn't join a management class and expect my job would still be available to me when I graduated, so I began contacting people I had read stories about in magazines and in the newspapers – success stories."

He called those people, offered to take them to lunch and was amazed that many agreed to go. "I guess they sensed I really wanted to learn and listen to them," he recalls. What Cox discovered enabled him to return to the office, bring

it back to No. 1 status and continue up the company ladder to vice president and district manager. He then taught the managers in his district what he had learned the hard way, and production increased an amazing 800 percent.

In 1977, Cox decided to begin sharing this knowledge and experience on a broader level through books, leadership and high-performance seminars. His first book, *Leadership When the Heat's*

On, went through 12 printings in six different languages with more than 200,000 copies sold. The second edition of the book recently came off the press.

When Cox formed his company, "Acceleration Unlimited," he called himself the accelerationist, which he defines as "one who causes faster movement, higher efficiency and increased productivity."

His seminars and books are based on a combination of his personal experi-

A Special Friendship

Danny Cox had a special friend and mentor in Capt. Maurice "Mo" Abney '53, a hometown pal and classmate at Southern Illinois University.

"He was a little older than me, but we occasionally would car pool from Marion, Ill., to campus during my freshman year," says Cox.

"I was a soda jerk at a popular place in Marion and "Mo" used to come around there all the time," recalls Cox, who credits Abney with his success as an Air Force fighter pilot.

"When I was assigned to Greenville AFB in Mississippi for my jet training, almost immediately I was aware of a real personality conflict with my instructor. It looked like I was headed for a washout," recalls Cox.

"One of the other instructors was Abney. He rescued me. He told me he was taking me on to teach me how to *really* fly, and that we were no longer friends. He was a tough instructor, and I was the student. It worked!"

Cox explains that Abney's career sadly was cut short by a debilitating head injury received in a car accident while he was stationed in Germany. An invalid for more than 30 years, he died a few years ago.

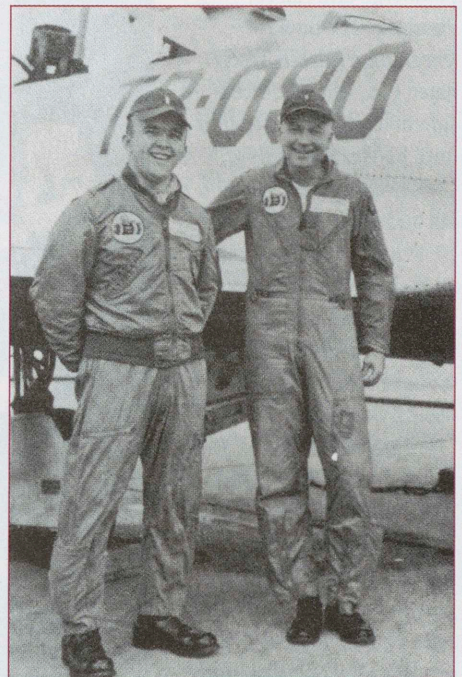
Abney is honored in Cox's book, *Leadership When the Heat's On*, and is the subject of a story in the book used to illustrate the qualities of leadership and the importance of confidence.

"Abney was my first formation flying instructor and a man of few but profound words. He explained in a preflight briefing that the pilot flying the number four aircraft should never take his eyes off number three, number three should never take his eyes off number two and number two should never take his eyes off the lead.

"Since I was number two, my hand shot up. 'Sir, what if the lead flies into a mountain?' Then I want four equal-spaced holes along the mountainside," Abney replied. Cox felt the remark was his instructor's idea of a joke. But Abney went on to say, "I'm the lead, and it's not in my flight plan to fly you into a mountain."

Cox remembers that day. "I flew closer to his airplane than any other airplane I'd flown formation with up to that time. His confidence was contagious."

The dedication to Abney in Cox's book reads: "I only thought I knew how to fly jets until he assigned himself as my instructor. He undoubtedly saw something in me that I didn't see in myself at the time. That's the way great leaders operate. Through his insight and coaching I moved to higher levels. The world needs more "Mo" Abneys."



Danny Cox, left, and "Mo" Abney pose in front of their T-33 jet trainer.

ences and those of people who influenced him. "I'm a big believer in true stories – and even in my humor I'd much rather tell a funny true story than a joke," says Cox.

He draws a wealth of material from one of his clients, Jim Newton, who became his most influential mentor. Newton was in his 80s when he hired Cox to speak to his company in Ft. Meyers, Fla., and the two became close. Newton had written a book about friends he made when in his early 20s that included Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Charles Lindbergh and Harvey Firestone. The book, *Uncommon Friends*, fascinated Cox, who spent considerable time with Newton until his death at age 94.

Newton was 66 years old and his wife, Ellie, was 73, when the couple founded their own real estate company because, as Cox explains, "they were unable to make it on their Social Security checks."

"That was 11 years before I was hired to talk to his company, which by that time was the No. 1 real estate firm in Ft. Myers, Fla., with 15 offices and 200 sales people," says Cox. At age 103, Ellie Newton wrote the foreword to the second edition of *Leadership When the Heat's On*.

There is a lot of pride in the work Cox does and he has been duly recognized for that work. His platform skills have earned him a spot in the National Speakers Association Hall of Fame and he is an elected member of the elite 20-member Speakers Roundtable. According to recent calculations, Cox says

he has delivered more than 3,000 professional speeches.

He always wants his audiences to leave with a positive, can-do attitude that will inspire and change them. A letter written to Cox by Brig. Gen. David Wherley Jr., commander of the Washington, D.C. Air National Guard's 113th Wing at Andrews Air Force Base, offers proof that Cox hits his goal and perhaps exceeds it.

In July of 2001 Cox spoke to the 113th

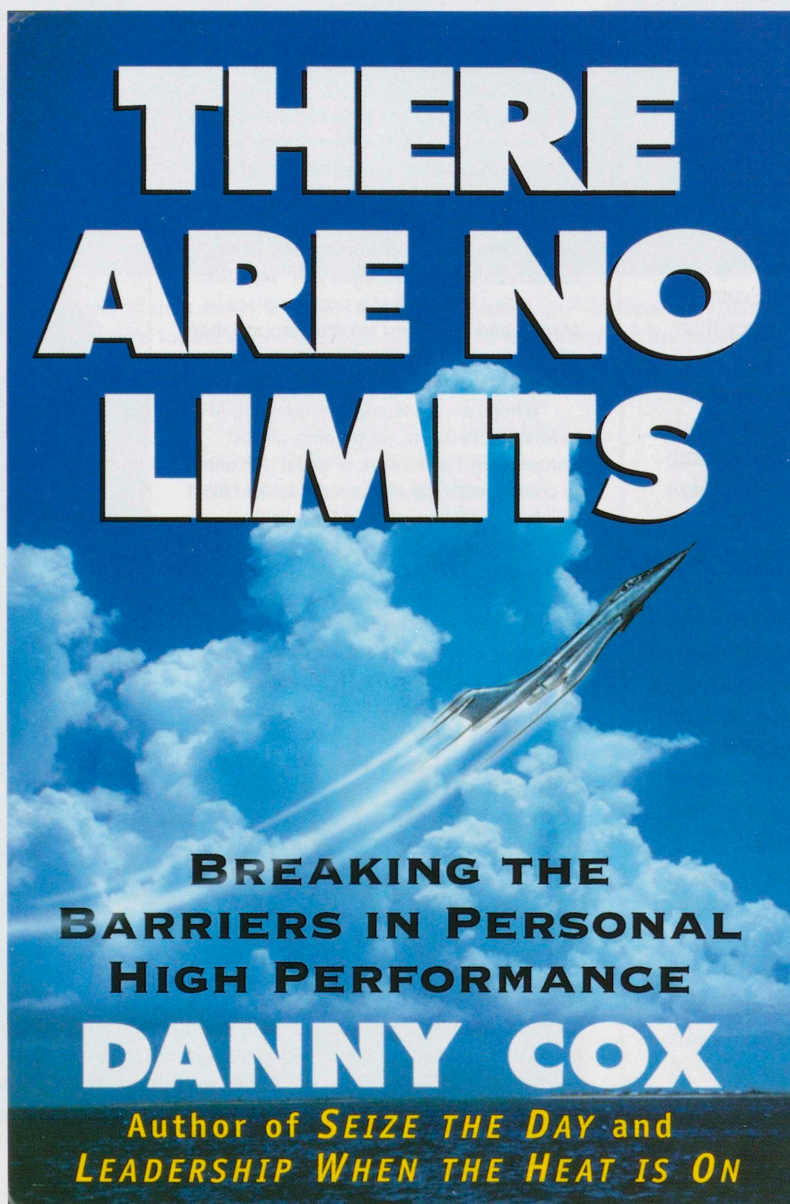
Wing for the third time. Wherley wrote to thank him saying, "I personally believe your presentations contributed to the unprecedented success of the 113th Wing on inspections and deployments. These presentations will ensure that our next generation of leadership will continue the culture of excellence that makes us one of the premier units in the National Guard."

Cox likes to point out that it was members of that F-16 fighter squadron

who escorted the president in Air Force One back to Washington D.C. on September 11.

Occasionally Cox will take a break; when he does, it's often in southern Illinois at Giant City Lodge near his hometown and alma mater. Richard Kelley x'56, owner of the lodge, says Cox frequently visits his place for some rest and relaxation and stays for a week or so in the cabins in the bluffs. "He likes our fried chicken, but he also pays a visit to 17th Street Bar & Grill, another favorite," says Kelly, who was on the SIU football team with Cox.

For Cox, his outlook on things can best be summed up by a favorite expression he likes to use at the end of a speech or when he writes an inscription in one of his books. It is his sincere belief that "the best is yet to be!" 🏠



In his book, *There Are No Limits*, Cox offers a plan for eliminating barriers to personal achievement. It is also the title of one of his popular seminars.

Grateful Alum Wants Others To Experience SIU

by LaDonne Neudecker '53

I attended SIU on a scholarship and was the first person on either side of my family to attend college. Because my experience was so worthwhile, I encouraged all my younger cousins to go to college. Three actually attended Southern: Vernon Shook, Ronald Shook and Russell Smith. My other cousins attended elsewhere. I have no brothers or sisters, so I concentrated on encouraging my cousins to go to college.

My parents could not have afforded to send me without a scholarship. I also worked to earn my spending money. For most of my years at SIU I worked as a secretary in the Office of Student Affairs and for one summer in the office at the student center. I also typed thesis papers for other students at times. I took business courses my senior year in high school, and those skills enabled me to get student work. I enjoyed working for Dean Leah Farr, I. Clark Davis, Mabel Pullium, and many others in the Office of Student Affairs. I recall the computer that processed grades filled a room in the office – quite different from ones used now.

After spending my first year in a private home, I lived in the sorority house near campus. I enjoyed being in organizations, and I served as an officer of the sorority. I recall spending my free time one summer helping redecorate the sorority house. I remember how much fun we had decorating at Christmas for open house. Rush time in the fall was a fun time and a good experience in meeting and greeting new students.

SIU enabled me to grow as a person, helped me to achieve my goals of a college degree, and to have a wonderful profession. I spent 15 years teaching elementary school and 25 years as a high school counselor. I was fortunate to teach my first year in Centralia in the elementary school I had attended. When I returned to Centralia after teaching in Cahokia, I was hired as a counselor at Centralia High School, my school from which I graduated. I liked the fact that I got to work in my old schools, and I also worked with some teachers who had taught me. It was nice to be welcomed back as a colleague.

My greatest thrill as a counselor was helping students obtain scholarships, and I was very successful in doing that. Not long ago I saw a lady who reminded me that I had helped her son

get a scholarship to become a dentist. That always makes me feel good. Living in my home town allows me to meet many of my former students who work at many professions and occupations here.

I also sponsored the National Honor Society for years and felt as though I was nurturing future leaders of our country. My husband, Cliff, and I took the NHS students to Chicago each year for a weekend so that they could experience the big city

and enjoy the cultural activities there. Teaching is a most satisfying profession. I am so happy that I made that career choice. I might mention that I did my practice teaching in the University Laboratory School under Dr. Mabel Lane. That was a wonderful experience. I felt she gave me the proper perspective in working with children of all abilities.

My husband attended Centralia Junior College but transferred to SIUE to finish his undergraduate work. However, he was given his diploma in ceremonies on the Carbondale campus. We both got our master's degrees in education at Edwardsville and both taught most of the time in our hometown of Centralia. Cliff served as super-

intendent of schools for Central City, a suburb of Centralia. After retiring from education, he was elected Marion County Clerk for three terms. The whole family enjoyed helping him campaign, especially the grandsons, who handed out candy and banners in parades over the county.


Our son, Michael Dale, graduated from SIU in 1988 with a degree in electrical engineering. He is employed as an engineer and is working in Centralia. I retired so I could help raise my three adorable grandsons, Dylan, 10, Carson, 7 and 6-month-old Chase. They tell me they want to go to SIU, and I am certain they will.

Southern offers educational, recreational and social opportunities for all students. I have always heartily recommended SIU to family, friends and students. My education there made a difference in my life, and I appreciate my experience there very much.

My husband and I have traveled over most of the world and have enjoyed the experience of seeing people of all nations. When we return home, we now appreciate America even more, and our SIU education made these trips possible. ■



Cliff and LaDonne Neudecker celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year with their grandsons, Carson, 8, and Dylan, 10 (in front), their son, Michael, and his wife Karisa. Cliff is holding three-month-old Chase.



THE VOICE OF SUMMER

BY SCOTT HOLTER

**ADVICE FROM A BROADCASTING LEGEND AND A
LOVE FOR BASEBALL GIVES SIU'S RICK RIZZS A
FRONT ROW SEAT 162 TIMES A YEAR.**



Rick Rizzs

“HERE’S THE PITCH. SWING, AND IT’S A GROUND BALL, AND IT GETS BY SNOW! DOWN THE RIGHT FIELD LINE INTO THE BULLPEN. HERE COMES BLOWERS! HERE COMES TINO! HERE COMES JOEY! THE THROW TO THE PLATE IS CUT OFF. THE RELAY BY LANGSTON GETS BY ALLANSON. CORA SCORES! HERE COMES SOJO! HE SCORES! EVERYBODY SCORES!”

It is one of the most replayed and revered play-by-play calls in the 27-year history of Seattle Mariners baseball.

Bases loaded. Seventh inning. A one-game playoff in Seattle on Oct. 2 between the Mariners and the California Angels to decide the 1995 American League West pennant. And Seattle leads 1-0.

Mariners shortstop Luis Sojo doubles past the first baseman, clearing the bases to score three runs before coming home himself on a throwing error. A now-legendary 20 seconds of fervent passion and unbridled enthusiasm, Southern Illinois University alumnus Rick Rizzs’ *Everybody Scores* call is revisited often on Seattle airwaves.

The division-clinching hit led the Mariners to a 9-1 victory that day and to a date with the New York Yankees in the

AL playoffs, part of a magical end of the season that put Seattle on the national baseball map and introduced 1975 SIU graduate Rizzs to the city’s newfangled baseball public.

“It’s a long way from my hometown of Blue Island, Ill., and Southern Illinois University,” says Rizzs ’75, now in his 20th season of baseball broadcasting. “I have the greatest job in the world. I get to go to a ballpark every day, be the eyes and ears of the fans, and put them in the front row at every game.”

Rizzs, 49, knows the connection baseball fans can have with their hometown team’s announcer. As a kid growing up on Chicago’s south side, he tuned into his favorite team, the White Sox, every day by radio. “I wanted to be the next (hall of fame shortstop) Luis Aparicio,” he remembers. “But as I got older – my mom was a Cubs fan – when I’d get

home from school each day, the Cubs game was on TV. I became a Cubs fan. I mean, how can you *not* like the Cubs with Ernie Banks on the team?”

Rizzs loved Banks, the affable Mr. Cub, as well as Chicago outfielder Billy Williams, third baseman Ron Santo and pitcher Ferguson Jenkins. Yet he was enamored with another side of the ballclub: Cubs’ announcer Jack Brickhouse, who called games for WGN for four decades.

By age 15, as friends were dreaming of becoming doctors, lawyers and astronauts, Rizzs had decided on a career behind the microphone. “So one day I wrote Mr. Brickhouse a letter,” he recalls, “and asked him how I could become an announcer. He wrote me back and told me to get a good education and always believe in myself. And he told me not to be afraid to work myself up through the minor leagues.”



Rizzs shares a light moment during an interview with Seattle catcher Dan Wilson.

FRONT THRONE IN THE BASEBALL PALACE

It's two hours before first pitch, and Rizzs is seated in the Mariners' first base dugout at Safeco Field, Seattle's 4-year-old, \$517 million ballpark. The success of that '95 team – led by former Mariners and future hall-of-famers Randy Johnson, Alex Rodriguez and Ken Griffey Jr. – was enough to convince the city to replace the indoor Kingdome with a new, state-of-the-art baseball palace.

"This is the best ballpark in the country," says Rizzs, gazing across the infield as Mariners' players take batting practice. "They took the best from the newer parks and older parks to make this one. It has the look and feel of the

old parks: green seats, terrace levels, bleachers in left and center fields. And there is not a bad seat in here. You can walk around the entire ballpark without missing a pitch."

Now a full-time Pacific Northwesterner, Rizzs lives 15 miles from the ballpark with his son, Nick. "I love this city," he says. "I love the people here. I love the weather. I'd love to stay here this time as long as the Mariners want me."

He's now in the middle of the ninth season of his second stint with the Seattle Mariners, the organization that in 1983 provided his initial promotion to the major leagues after eight years in the minors. He left for an opening with the Detroit Tigers in 1991, then

returned to the Mariners three years later when the team gave him a second chance – just in time for Seattle's 1995 baseball revival.

"Thank God I didn't miss that season," he says.

FROM CARBONDALE TO COLUMBUS

Rizzs' first encounter with SIU came during a visit to older brother Don, a student, in the early 1970s. Instantly hooked by both the allure of the campus and the reputation of the School of Communications, Rizzs jumped in microphone-first.

During his first two years in Carbondale, Rizzs was heard reading news and sports broadcasts on WSIU,

and by his junior year he had become sports director at WCIL Radio, where he served as announcer for Saluki baseball, basketball and football. At WCIL, Rizzs met John Dittrich, owner of an Illinois Avenue arcade, who left town in 1975 to become general manager for baseball's San Diego Padres Double-A minor league club in Alexandria, La. Months later, Rizzs accepted his SIU diploma and joined Dittrich, who hired him as a clubhouse attendant and announcer-in-training.

"For \$200 a month, I washed uniforms, shined shoes, polished spikes, basically did everything necessary to make sure the team was prepared for

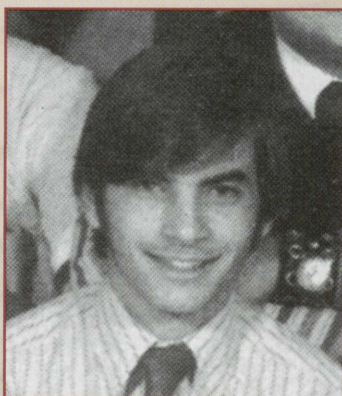
each game," Rizzs recalls. "They had a full-time announcer, but I got my chance to learn on the job."

By the time the Louisiana franchise moved to Amarillo, Texas, two years later, Rizzs was behind the mike full time for the Texas League club. However, Amarillo's shoestring budget allowed for limited road travel for the play-by-play man, leaving Rizzs to resort to a little 1940s baseball trickery – game re-creations.

From the studio of the team's flagship radio station, Rizzs communicated by telephone to an Amarillo player in the visiting ballpark from towns like Little Rock, Ark., or Shreveport, La. who

provided raw statistics to him on the half-hour. For cushion, he would begin his actual game broadcast 30 minutes *after* the first pitch, offering the authentic game information – ground ball to short, fly ball to left, base hit to right – interspersed with ball-and-strike counts that he would make up on the fly depending on how much time he had or needed.

"I had to shut my eyes and create everything, but it really helped me improve as a broadcaster and to expand my feel for the game," he says. "Here I am looking at dials and switches, but I have to pretend I'm at the ballpark so my listeners feel the same way."



Rizzs, shown above as an SIU student while a resident in Schneider Hall, worked in radio at both WSIU and WCIL.

ITCH JONES REMEMBERS RIZZS

Rick Rizzs says he learned a great deal about baseball from former Saluki head coach Itch Jones. The veteran Seattle Mariners announcer went out for the SIU baseball team during his early days at Southern, but soon realized that it was a seat behind the microphone – not in front of it – that would provide him with a career in sports.

"When he came out for the team, I remember him really working hard," Jones recalls. "But I also knew he was interested in broadcasting, and eventually told him he should not worry about playing and just pursue announcing to the best of his abilities. To say the least, he has done quite well."

Jones, who has encountered Rizzs over the years, has fond memories of the former Saluki. "Around me, he was a great guy," Jones says. "I remember his teammates also thought highly of him – they all seemed to like him."

The SIU Hall of Famer, who has had the pleasure of being interviewed on the air during a Seattle game by his former player, says Rizzs is an example of someone who followed a dream. "He wasn't going to have a career as a player, but as an announcer he has made himself into one of the best. Southern should be proud of him."

– Gene Green



Before he left to run Tampa Bay, manager Lou Piniella called the shots for the Seattle Mariners. Piniella is shown recording his pre-game show with Rizzs.

Though he aimed to stay two innings behind the game's real time, there were times when Rizzs came close to catching up. "If I had to gain a little time, I'd make up a rain delay or I'd have a guy foul off 15 straight pitches – anything to slow the game down a bit."

One night in El Paso, Rizzs even called in a four-legged creature to hold a game in check. Midway through the contest, Rizzs announced that a pony being used for that night's promotion was "running loose on the field" and acknowledged the heroics of the Amarillo right fielder to corral the pony to safety. When the team arrived home the following day, the player was

besieged by fans wanting to know more about the unruly pony.

"Luckily he played along with it," Rizzs remembers with a laugh, "but the next time he saw me he said, 'Hey, what did you have me doing in El Paso?'"

Rizzs' popularity grew, and in 1978 he left for Memphis, joining the Montreal Expos organization as the announcer for its Double-A club. Three years later he jumped a league closer to the majors when the New York Yankees hired him for its Triple-A affiliate in Columbus, Ohio.

He became sports director at WBNS Radio where he also called Ohio State football. When the Ohio Sportscasters

Association named him that state's "Sportscaster of the Year" in 1981, Rizzs made his move, applying for an opening with the Seattle Mariners who were looking for a broadcasting partner for their own Dave Niehaus.

Owned by a California realtor named George Argyros, the Mariners had just finished their sixth season in the American League West. Rizzs flew west to meet with Argyros and remembers, "He shook my hand and offered me the job."

Playing in a dank concrete slab called the Kingdome, Seattle won 60 and lost 102 in Rizzs' first season and did not play its first .500 baseball season until

finishing 83-79 in 1991. That season was also the swan song summer of Ernie Harwell, the legendary Detroit Tigers' announcer. "Of course, the word in Detroit was that he was being forced out," says Rizzs. "Ernie told me that June that he wanted me to apply for his job. I told him I felt sorry for the poor son of a gun who would have to replace him. He was such an icon."

TO MOTOWN AND BACK AGAIN

On his 38th birthday, Nov. 17, 1991, Rizzs answered the telephone. It was Bo Schembechler, Tigers' general manager. "We want you to be our guy," he told Rizzs. And the Mariners' announcer was gone.

But the Tigers were in turmoil. The team won just 75 games in 1992, and Detroit fans had become disenchanted by the team's treatment of Harwell. After Rizzs' first season, Dominos Pizza founder Tom Monahan sold the ballclub to Little Caesar's Pizza founder Mike Ilitch, who put his stamp on the Tigers by bringing back Harwell for the 1993 season. Rizzs and Harwell, together.

"Working with Ernie Harwell, are you kidding me?" Rizzs says. "One of the truly great guys in baseball, it was a pleasure to go through what turned out to be almost two seasons with Ernie."

In August 1994, Major League Baseball players went on strike, calling a halt to the season and, eventually, leading to the cancellation of the World Series. "I got a call from the Tigers the

week before Christmas, and they said they were letting me go. They never said the word 'fired,' but ... thank goodness, the Mariners hired me back."

After three years away, Rizzs was once again calling Mariners' games, and this chapter was a winning one. The 1995 team came within two games of a World Series appearance. In 1997, Seattle won the AL West again and, two years later, moved outdoors for the first time in the team's existence. Along the way they traded Johnson to Houston, sent Griffey to Cincinnati and let Rodriguez go to Texas—who is paying the shortstop \$252 million over 10 years, the richest individual contract in sports history.

Baseball experts called for the team to suffer in the standings, but in 2001 the Mariners did the unthinkable, winning 116 games to tie the 1906 Chicago Cubs for the most successful regular season in baseball's grand history.

Rizzs and Niehaus — who has called Mariners games since the inaugural 1977 season — were right there for all 162 games, putting Pacific Northwest baseball fans in a front row seat from April 1 through the middle of October, when the Mariners lost in Game 6 of the American League Championship Series to the New York Yankees.

"How lucky was I? I not only observed the best season a team could ever have, I did it next to Dave Niehaus," says Rizzs. "There has never been an announcer, other than Vin Scully, who can set a scene and create an atmosphere without getting in the way of the game.


He just has a way of capturing the moment and saying the right thing at the right time."

Mariners fans agree, as both Rizzs and Niehaus are treated like rock stars at Safeco Field. They sign autographs, appear on banners in the stands and answer letters from fans, including those from kids looking to one day get into the business. Thanks to Jack Brickhouse, Rizzs knows exactly what to say to them.

"I always look up their phone numbers and try to call them," he says. "I tell them to learn the game. Learn the language. Get a good education. Ask a lot of questions. And do what I did. Get a job in the minors and work your way up. If I can do this, anyone can do this. The only person who can stop you is yourself."

And every time he gives advice, Rizzs thinks of Brickhouse, who died in 1998, remembering fondly the first time they finally met face-to-face.

"It was 1983 in Mesa, Ariz., and the Mariners were playing the Cubs in spring training, and there's Jack Brickhouse," he says. "I said, 'Mr. Brickhouse, when I was a kid I wrote you a letter and I wanted to thank you for writing me back and offering such encouragement.'"

Brickhouse reached out and, shaking Rizzs hand, asked, "What are you doing up here today?" Rizzs shook back, smiled, and said, "I'm the new announcer for the Seattle Mariners." 

— *Scott Holter is a Seattle freelance writer who lives five miles from his favorite seat in the leftfield bleachers at Safeco Field.*

Early MVC Action, TV Tilts Highlight Dawgs' Schedule

Although Missouri Valley Conference play typically begins in January, the SIU men's basketball team will play two conference games in December this year. New head coach Matt Painter says the conference games were needed earlier because the Salukis are hosting Charlotte in January and the Bracket Buster game in February.

"That opened up a couple slots for conference games in December," Painter explains. "I really do like the schedule, and it should help us get ready for the conference tournament."

The Salukis do not play arch-rival Creighton until Feb. 7, when SIU travels to Omaha, Neb., for a nationally televised game on ESPN2. The Bluejays play in Carbondale on Feb. 24, in a rematch of last year's sold out contest in which SIU clinched the MVC regular-season title.

At least five Saluki games will air on

regional or national TV. Fox Sports Midwest will show the games at Drake (Dec. 6), vs. Wichita State (Jan. 11) and vs. Northern Iowa (Jan. 31). ESPN2 will provide the telecast at Creighton (Feb. 7), and ESPN or ESPN Regional will air the Bracket Buster match-up on Feb. 21. WSIU-TV also plans to again televise selected Saluki road games.

The 2003-04 men's regular season basketball schedule is as follows:

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 22	@Wyoming	TBA
Nov. 26	JACKSONVILLE STATE	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 29	@Wisconsin-Milwaukee	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 3	SE MISSOURI STATE	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 6	*@Drake (MVC-TV)	3 p.m.
Dec. 15	@Wright State	6:05 p.m.
Dec. 17	@Murray State	7 p.m.
Dec. 21	MONTANA	2:05 p.m.
Dec. 28	*ILLINOIS STATE	2:05 p.m.

Jan. 2	CHARLOTTE	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 7	*@Indiana State	6:05 p.m.
Jan. 11	*WICHITA STATE (MVC-TV)	2 p.m.
Jan. 14	*EVANSVILLE	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 17	*@Bradley	2:05 p.m.
Jan. 21	*@Illinois State	TBA
Jan. 25	*INDIANA STATE	2:05 p.m.
Jan. 28	*@Wichita State	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 31	*N. IOWA (MVC-TV)	3 p.m.
Feb. 3	*SW MISSOURI STATE	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 7	*@Creighton (ESPN2)	3 p.m.
Feb. 11	*DRAKE	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 14	*@SW Missouri State	TBA
Feb. 18	*@Evansville	TBA
Feb. 21	ESPN Bracket Buster	TBA
Feb. 24	*CREIGHTON	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 28	*BRADLEY	7:05 p.m.
Mar. 1	*@Northern Iowa	TBA
Mar. 5-8	@MVC Tournament (St. Louis, Mo.)	

All games CST. *Denotes MVC game. Home games in CAPS and **boldface**.

Saluki Women To Play Game On Fox Sports

Highlighting the SIU 2003-04 women's basketball schedule will be a rare opportunity to shine at home on regional television. The Salukis battle Evansville at 5:05 p.m. on Jan. 10 on Fox Sports Midwest, marking only the program's second appearance ever as part of the Missouri Valley Conference's television package.

After opening the season with seven of its nine non-conference games on the road, the televised game could serve as a solid momentum-builder for SIU, as the contest is one of five home games the Salukis play in their first seven league contests.

The regular season opener will be Nov. 21 at Southeast Missouri State, followed by four more road games before the squad hosts Southern Mississippi on Dec. 16. SIU tips off its 18-game Valley season on Jan. 3

when it hosts Drake.

The regular season schedule for Head Coach Lori Opp's Salukis is as follows:

Date	Opponent
Nov. 21	@SE Missouri State
Nov. 24	@Middle Tennessee State
Nov. 28	@Long Island
Nov. 29	vs. UA-Birmingham
Dec. 3	@Tennessee Tech
Dec. 14	@DePaul
Dec. 16	SOUTHERN MISS
Dec. 20	NORTHWESTERN
Dec. 29	@St. Louis University
Jan. 3	*DRAKE
Jan. 5	*CREIGHTON
Jan. 10	*EVANSVILLE (MVC-TV)
Jan. 16	*@Indiana State
Jan. 18	*@Illinois State

Jan. 22	*WICHITA STATE
Jan. 24	*SW MISSOURI STATE
Jan. 29	*@Northern Iowa
Jan. 31	*@Bradley
Feb. 7	*@Evansville
Feb. 12	*INDIANA STATE
Feb. 14	*ILLINOIS STATE
Feb. 19	*@Wichita State
Feb. 21	*@SW Missouri State
Feb. 25	*BRADLEY
Feb. 29	*NORTHERN IOWA
March 3	*@Drake
March 6	*@Creighton
March 11-13	@MVC Tournament (Springfield, Mo.)

All games CST. *Denotes MVC game. Home games in CAPS and **boldface**. Most game times were still to be announced at our press time.



A Salute To Sal

With Cardinal General Manager Walt Jocketty in attendance Aug. 11, former SIU baseball standout Sal Frisella hit a two-out, walk-off homer in the bottom of the tenth inning to beat the Bristol White Sox 6-5. At left, Johnson City Cardinals bat boy Cody Guess, 9, smiles and salutes as he greets Frisella following the winning hit. Drafted in the 37th round this summer by St. Louis, Frisella exploded onto the scene for the Class A Johnson City Cardinals leading the entire Appalachian League in on-base percentage (.437), ranking second in slugging percentage (.544), and fourth in in batting average (.333). He also was the team's only representative on the 2003 Appalachian League All-Star Team.

Photo by Angela Jones, Johnson City Press

Alumni Of SIU Athletic Training Program Gather In St. Louis During NATA Convention

Over 100 alumni of Southern's Athletic Training Program attended a reception held in June during the National Athletic Trainers' Association meetings in St. Louis. The SIU Alumni Association hosted the event with support of Saluki Athletics Head Trainer Ed Thompson, who conducted a brief program. The University's Physical Education Department provided refreshments during an evening of fellowship for a large number of its graduates.

Among those in attendance was for-

mer director Sally Perkins, who is credited for enhancing the program through its national accreditation and certification. Others there were Pete Carroll, acting chair of the Physical Education Department, retired professor Claudia Blackman, Ron Wagner, director of the Athletic Training Program, and current SIU assistant athletic trainers Brenda McVinua and Lee Land. Dave Ardrey, director of off-campus alumni programs, was on hand to represent the SIU Alumni Association.



Various alumni who came through the SIU Athletic Training Program, met for an alumni reception during a recent convention in St. Louis. The event was hosted by the SIU Alumni Association with support from Saluki Head Trainer Ed Thompson.



Rec Center Alumni Meet In Cleveland

SIU was well represented earlier this year at the 2003 National Intramural Recreational Sports Association Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. More than 60 Salukis attended the event, which also served as the location for the SIU Student Recreation Center's annual alumni breakfast.

The breakfast was attended by former graduate students who worked in the SIU facility and are now employed in the profession at other universities around the nation.

Shown below is Laura Sutter M.S. '94, now at the University of Maryland, who was named the Rec Center's alumni of the year.



New SIU Law School Dean Excited About What Lies Ahead

by Tom Woolf

Peter Alexander is part marketer, part salesman and part cheerleader.

They are all components of his position as the new dean of the Southern Illinois University Carbondale's law school. Though on the job for only a few weeks, Alexander clearly is excited about what lies before him.

The SIU Alumni Association Life Member is also excited to return to Carbondale, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science in 1979. Along the way, he was a member and president of the Undergraduate Student Government. He earned his law degree from the Northeastern University School of Law in Boston in 1983.

After growing up near New York City, Alexander chose SIUC because he was "looking for an adventure."

"I didn't want to stay in New York, where I had lived all my life," he says. "I thought I'd try to find a state similar to New York, which I did in Illinois. I loved it, and I knew I'd return to Illinois after law school."

The decision to pursue a law career was "happenstance," Alexander says, noting, "I didn't really have the burning desire to be a lawyer." But he found his student government experience rewarding, and like many of his fellow political science majors, he enjoyed pre-law classes.

"I thought to myself, 'What else am I going to do with my political science degree?'" he recalls. "Law school wasn't anything that was pre-determined for me. I actually thought as a kid I'd be an architect or a teacher."

After earning his law degree, Alexander served as a law clerk for the U.S. District Court in Danville until 1985. He then went into private practice in Champaign, and a short time later



Alexander left his position at Penn State to return to Southern because "I didn't have the desire to be a dean anywhere else but SIU."

opened his own firm in Savoy. He opened a second law office in Watseka as his practice grew.

"I had two offices and a couple of lawyers, but I decided in 1991 I was going to make a change. I was teaching part time at Parkland Junior College and thought that was much more interesting than practicing law. I liked running the business part of the law office and loved teaching at Parkland. I was just OK about the practice of law, and I had a practice that was fairly national in scope."

He handled bankruptcy cases and federal civil and criminal litigation primarily in the eastern half of the country, which meant lots of travel.

"That was exhausting, and that was a big part of how I felt," he admits. "I thought teaching was much more exciting. I applied for jobs and wound up at the Dickinson School of Law, which in 1997 merged with Pennsylvania State University."

After 11 years at Penn State, Alexander finds himself back at his alma

mater. He sought his new position "to give something back to this University."

"I had been a law professor for 11 years, had served as associate dean, and had done some other administrative chores in the (Dickinson) law school," he says. "I told my colleagues for years that if the opportunity ever came up to be a dean at SIU, that's something I would consider. But I didn't have the desire to be a dean anywhere else."

He inherits a strong program. In 2002, applications for admission to the school increased by 18 percent compared to 2001. For 2003, applications increased 13 percent from the previous year.

"We're becoming more selective," Alexander stresses. "The more we can get the word out about what we do, the better off we'll be and the better off the University will be." What the school does, he says, is remain true to its original mission.

"We are uniquely situated as a school created by the legislature to serve the public interest. I think the school has been true to its mission since its founding in 1973, and that's the thing that impressed me the most. We are a public-interest school serving the public good."

"The fact that we have kept tuition affordable, the fact that we have attracted people from southern Illinois and the fact that we have placed lawyers back in southern Illinois, which heretofore was an underrepresented part of the state," is his evidence.

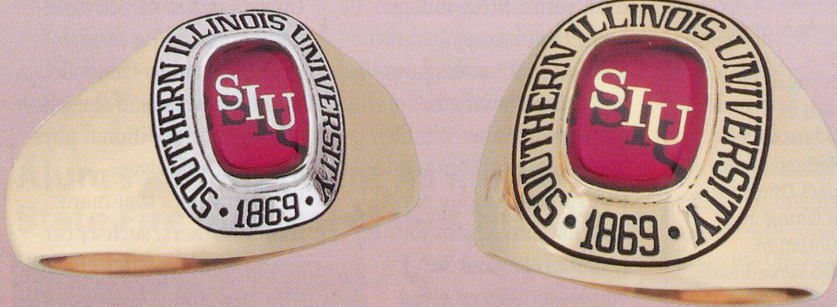
Now it's Alexander's job to make the case for the school in the court of public opinion and to enable others to do the same. But he considers this a fairly easy task.

"We've got a good product, lawyers are advocates, and the thing I'm advocating for is a wonderful thing. It shouldn't be that hard to sell." ■

Presenting The Official Southern Illinois University Class Ring

For the first time in Southern Illinois University Carbondale's history, SIU students and alumni can purchase and wear class rings with an identical design. SIU and the SIU Alumni Association are introducing an official class ring available to alumni and students who have made significant advancement toward attaining their degree.

The new Official Southern Illinois University Class Ring, designed to provide students and alumni with a symbol to forever commemorate their college experiences, was recently unveiled and is now available for purchase. To place your order, call 1-866-225-3687 or visit www.siualumni.com to view online, or visit with a Balfour Ring representative at the SIU Alumni Association's "Big Tent" on Oct. 11.



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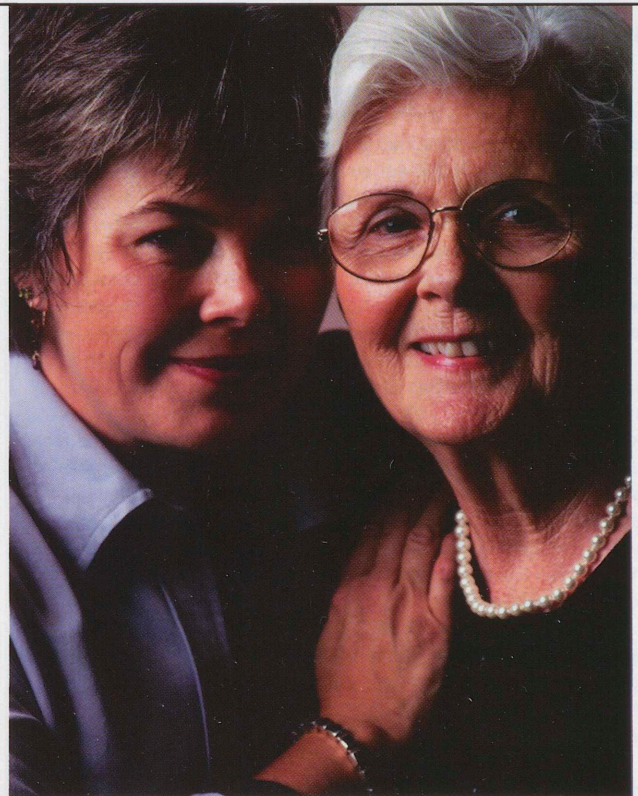
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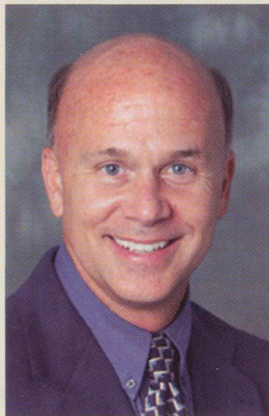
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On The Side

Carr New President Of SIUC Foundation Board Of Directors

Mike Carr '74, J.D.'79 was recently elected president of the Southern Illinois University Foundation's board of directors. The



Carbondale resident will serve a two-year term. Larry DeJarnett '62, M.S.'63, is the president-elect of the board. Both are life members of the SIUC Alumni Association.

Carr replaces Marsha Ryan of Murphysboro, who served as Foundation board president for the past two years. He is a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Illinois and he has been on the Foundation board since 1999. He also served two four-year terms on the board of directors for the SIUC Alumni Association and was president in 1998.

He is married to Nancy Carr, a two-degree graduate of Southern and assistant director of information technology at SIUC.

Carr says his efforts are a way of giving back to the University for the many forms of support he received as a student.

"We want to be second to none in our undergraduate program offerings and opportunities. That takes money," he notes. "To the extent I can, I want to be a cheerleader, be involved, and I want to do whatever I can to support those objectives."

Carr says the vision created in "Southern at 150: Building Excellence Through Commitment," dovetails with the Foundation's goals. "The idea that we have a mission statement that has been put together not by an administrator but by listening to all of the interested parties, to me, is exactly the reason I wanted to be involved in the Foundation. I wanted to have some input into that process."

DeJarnett of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., has been on the Foundation board since 1989. He is the founder and managing director of The Lamar Group, which provides personal advisory services for organizations in transition. Until July 1999, DeJarnett was a vice president of A.T. Kearney Inc. and CEO of Enterprise Solutions, a joint venture of Electronic Data Systems (EDS) and A.T. Kearney.

He is a member and past chair of SIUC's College of Business and Administration External Advisory Board and is a former SIUC Alumni Association board member.

The Foundation is the "visible development arm of the University," DeJarnett says. "It is where the programming and planning for major development goes on. It is a critical external voice of doing the mechanics, legwork and footwork of tying those programs together."

He is married to Mary DeJarnett, who earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Southern and is a founding member and co-chair of the Morris Library Board of Visitors. ■

SIUC Dealing With Challenges Forced By Budget Cuts

In mid-July, Southern was forced to issue 82 layoff notices as University officials dealt with a \$16.6 million budget cut imposed on the institution from the governor's office. Southern Chancellor Walter Wendler, however, recently announced that Human Resources officials have saved jobs for nearly half of the Civil Service employees who received those notices.

"We have worked hard to match qualifications with open positions across the University. We care about our employees, and I said from the start that we would look for creative solutions, I think we've done that," Wendler says. "I am pleased we have found good fits for 39 of the 82 who received layoff notices. Our success so far has been linked to the seasonal need for new workers as school starts."

In placing employees, the University reduced the number of employees who expected to be bumped along seniority continuums from 74 to 39.

Nearly all of the 39 who will now remain on the job are clerical workers. Initially, 43 individuals in non-trades positions had received layoff notices. At press time, 12 of those were

to be unemployed after Aug. 15.

In addition, the University has placed eight janitors (building service workers), and has extended the effective date of the layoffs for four additional physical plant employees.

Wendler hopes that many trades workers, such as carpenters and electricians, will find positions through local union halls. "Some employees affected are seasonal workers, and their employment fluctuates throughout the year," he says.

SIUC issued layoff notices after receiving the state funding cuts, and Southern will still reduce the number of its employees with the changes. In April, Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich said he hoped to trim state employees from 69,000 to 63,000 as he looked for ways to balance the state's budget.

As positions came open across campus in the past three weeks, SIUC administrators looked for internal candidates.

"We have had some success and will continue to look for other matches," Wendler stresses. "I know our Human Resources director, Kathy Blackwell, and her staff have put in many hours to find solutions." ■

Poshards Establish \$500,000 Endowment For Transfer Students

Glenn and Jo Poshard know the power of higher education. On the day of his retirement celebration at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the former congressman and his wife announced they will establish a \$500,000 scholarship endowment to benefit middle- and low-income students who transfer to Southern from five

local community colleges. "We both benefited from the education we received at SIUC and have been fortunate," explains Poshard, the University's vice chancellor for administration the past four years. "As a teacher for nearly 30 years, I want others to know what opportunities a college education can provide," adds Jo Poshard, who teaches

third grade at Tri-C Elementary School in Carterville, Ill. "We will contribute \$25,000 annually to the fund over the next 20 years."

Fully funded, the endowment will create 20 undergraduate scholarships. The couple has designed the endowments so half of the scholarships will go to men, half to women. Half will go to minorities, and half to non-minorities. In addition, students must maintain a B average. SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler appreciates

the Poshards' generous gift.

"These scholarships reflect the values of Glenn and Jo, who are known throughout the region and state as caring, compassionate, giving people," Wendler explains. "We greatly appreciate the Poshards' deeply held commitment to young people and to our University."

Students who transfer from John A. Logan, Rend Lake, Kaskaskia, Southeastern Illinois and Shawnee colleges will be eligible for the awards. ■

Alum's Appointment As Illinois State Fire Marshal Makes History



Southern alumnus Peter Viña made history when he recently became the first Hispanic to be appointed Illinois State Fire Marshal by Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

The former firefighter and investigator earned his associate's degree in fire technology from Triton College before receiving a bachelor's degree in fire administration from

SIU in 1988. He has an Arson Investigation Certification from the National Fire Academy in Maryland.

Born in Mexico, Viña grew up in the Chicago suburb of Melrose Park and now lives in nearby Maywood with his wife, Barbara. The couple has four grown children.

Viña has nearly 17 years of fire service experience, serving 11 years on the Maywood Fire Department. He managed the Chicago branch of the State Fire Marshal's office from 1989 to 1999 and more recently served as an internal affairs investigator for the Department of Public Aid. At the time of his appointment, he was assistant chief of the Bureau of Latino Relations within the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Viña says the appointment is a dream come true. "I am excited, humbled and privileged," he says. "I remember, when I started my job in 1979, wishing that I could some day work for the State Fire Marshal's office." ■

On The Side

Chancellor's Scholarships Awarded To 10 SIUC Students

Hard work in high school is paying off for 10 new Southern Illinois University Carbondale students.

They are all recipients of a Chancellor's Scholarship, a \$5,521 award that covers this year's in-state tuition and fees. The scholarship is a four-year award as long as students maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average. High school class rank and test scores were the criteria used to select recipients, who began their freshman year at SIUC last month.

Scholarship winners, by hometown, are:

- Brookport, Ill. – *Julie Jacobs*, Massac County High School. She plans to major in pre-pharmacy.
- Carbondale, Ill. – *Zhen Xu*, Carbondale Community High School. She plans to major in accounting and fashion design.
- Fairfield, Ill. – *Jonathan King*, Fairfield Community High School. He plans to major in math education.
- Fowler, Ill. – *Travis Stratman*, Quincy Senior High School. He plans to major in electrical engineering.
- Marion, Ill. – *Austin Mohr*, Marion High School. He plans to major in engineering.
- Murphysboro, Ill. – *Kathryn DeWulf*, Murphysboro High School. She plans to major in psychology.
- Noble, Ill. – *Jason Walker*, West Richland High School. He plans to major in animal science.
- Wonder Lake, Ill. – *D. Joshua Haas*, McHenry Community High School-West. He plans to major in music composition and theory and biology.
- Moores Hill, Ind. – *Cherylynn Schilling*, South Dearborn High School. She plans to major in engineering.
- Kirkwood, Mo. – *Rachel Borgwald*, Kirkwood High School. She plans to major in chemistry. ■

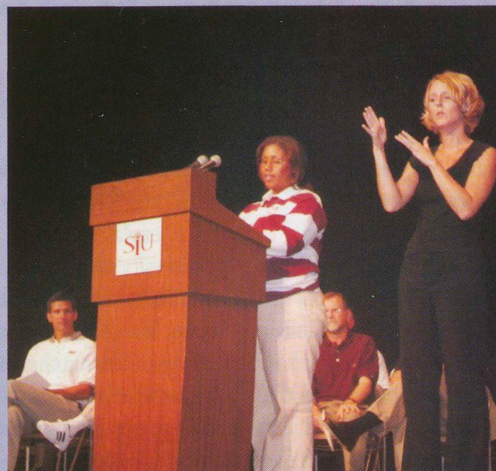
SIU Alumni Association Welcomes New Students

The SIU Alumni Association recently joined in Welcome Week Festivities for incoming freshmen and transfer students.

The Association hosted a table in front of the Student Center on August 14, where students were able to receive information about student membership, Student Alumni Council, scholarship opportunities, and all other benefits the Association provides.

Association staff also greeted students in the University Bookstore August 14-17. One benefit for student members is receiving \$20 off each semester's textbook purchase of \$300 or more.

In addition, during the New Student Welcome Fest and University Picnic on August 17, the Association distributed class ring keychains to new students in attendance. At right, Nadia McClellan, president of the Student Alumni Council, addresses the students about the Association's class ring program, and the importance of tradition on the SIU campus.



Support Black Undergraduate Education Scholarship Recipients

Wanda Duncan of Carbondale, Crystal T. Laura of Dolton, LaToya Locke, a native of Chicago, and Alaina Tandy of Olympia Fields have won Support Black Undergraduate Education Scholarships to continue their studies at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The scholarships are funded by the Black Alumni Group of the SIU Alumni Association.

Duncan is majoring in radio-television production at Southern and expects to graduate in December. She has held several production positions at the WSIU television and radio stations on campus. In addition, she is a Golden Key National Honor Society member, is listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Laura, a speech communications major, was expected to graduate in August. She has been president of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. (Nu Psi Chapter), vice president of the Pan-Hellenic Council, and philanthropy chair of the NAACP Student Club. Laura served as director of marketing for the Student Programming Council and is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, the Order of Isis Scholastic Fraternity and the Order of Omega Scholastic Fraternity.

A double major in accounting and finance, Locke is a charter member of SIUC's chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants, which she helped organize. She belongs to the Beta Alpha Psi National Honor Society and has been on the Dean's List and in the University Honors Program.

Locke, who expects to graduate in May 2005, has set a goal of graduating with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in her double major.

Tandy, a mechanical engineering major, is a member of the National Society of Black Engineers and has assisted with that

group's community service projects, such as feeding the homeless. She belongs to Gamma Beta Phi, the National Honors Society at Southern, and has participated in the minority engineering program.

Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble Held

More than 100 individuals participated in the 14th annual Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble in July. The event, co-sponsored by the Chicagoland Golf Committee and the SIU Foundation with support from the SIU Alumni Association, raises funds for the Saluki Athletics Department.

It has become a popular outing for Chicago-area alumni and Saluki sports fans. SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler and Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry were among those participating. SIU Alumni Association representatives in attendance were Howard Spiegel, a national board member, and Dave Ardrey, director of off-campus alumni programs.

SIU Family Day At U.S. Cellular Field In Chicago

Approximately 130 alumni and guests attended SIU Family Day on Aug. 10 at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago. The group enjoyed a Saluki-style tailgate prior to watching the Chicago White Sox - Oakland Athletics baseball game. The tailgate-style picnic featured raffle giveaways and the opportunity to interact with live Salukis. A festive day at the ballpark which featured an afternoon of food, fun, and baseball, was coordinated by a committee of Chicago-area alumni. Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry and his family were among those attending the function.

Black Alumni Enjoy Memorable Reunion

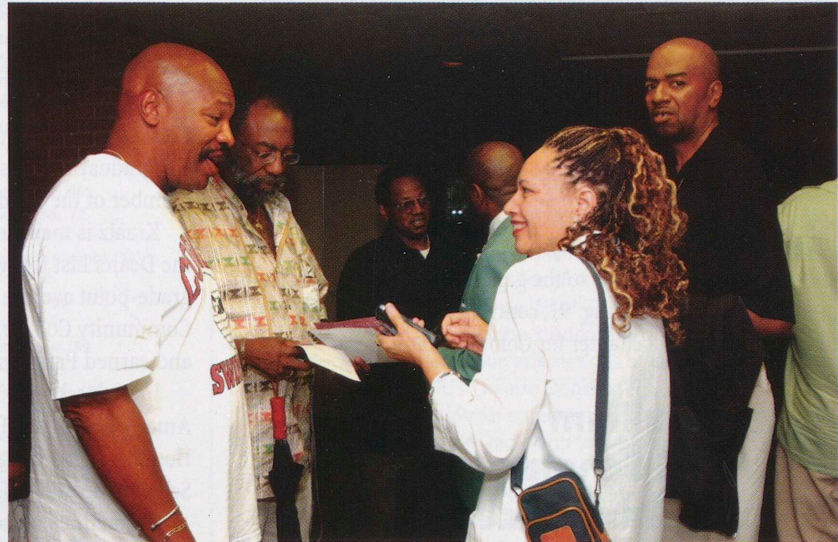
Approximately 350 alumni and guests journeyed to Carbondale in July for the ninth annual Black Alumni Group Reunion. The Black Alumni Group is a constituent society of the SIU Alumni Association and hosts a reunion in Carbondale every other year. Established in 1988, the group helps maintain professional, social and educational relationships developed at SIUC within the African-American community.

Reunion activities included workshops, socials, an open market, campus tours, golf and tennis outings, a picnic, banquet, and prayer breakfast and business meeting. The theme of this year's reunion was "Coming Home To Nourish Our Roots." To further accentuate this theme, several prominent civil rights activists joined their African-American peers for the weekend's festivities.

Featured guests and honorees included three famous alumni: Minnijean Brown Trickey, Thelma M. Wair and Terrance J. Roberts, who were among the so-called "Little Rock Nine," a group of black students who integrated Arkansas' Central High School in 1957.

Another highlight of the program was the return of Dick Gregory, an SIU alum and successful activist, comedian, nutritionist and civil rights pioneer, who deliver the banquet's keynote address.

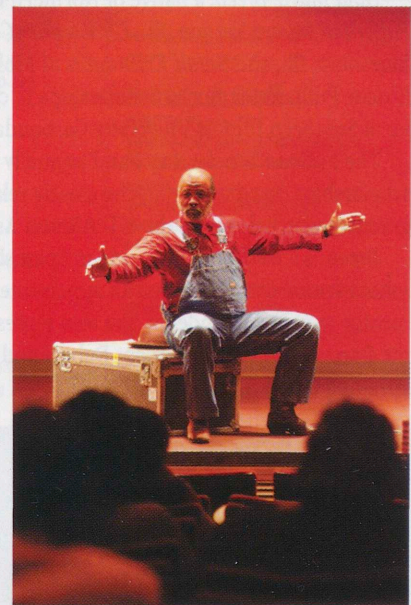
John M. O'Neal Jr., playwright, artistic director and founder of Junebug Productions Inc., performed his critically acclaimed play, "Don't Start Me to Talking or I'll Tell You Everything I Know:



Above, alumni enjoy one of the many social gatherings during the weekend. Right, John O'Neal entertains the crowd with his play, "The Life and Writings of Junebug Jabbo Jones."

Sayings from the Life and Writings of Junebug Jabbo Jones." O'Neal is a 1962 graduate of Southern.

The mission of Junebug Productions Inc., located in New Orleans, is creating, producing and presenting high-quality theater, dance and music to inspire and support individuals who strive for justice in the African-American community and in the world at large. O'Neal tours extensively throughout the United States performing the three-volume series of plays known as "The Life and Writings of Junebug Jabbo Jones."



Calling All SIU Alumni In The Nashville Area

Robert Rickman '74 wishes to hear from other alumni in the Nashville, Tenn. area to "test the waters," and help determine if there is sufficient interest in starting a chapter in that region. Rickman suggests a good starting point might be a gathering with other SIU grads on an informal basis, possibly at a lunch, to determine the level of interest.

If you are interested in joining other Salukis for activities in the Nashville area, contact Rickman at 5047 Murfreesboro Rd., La Vergne, Tenn. 37086, call him at 615-793-8921, or send e-mail at rpxw@highstream.net.

Greater Michigan Alumni Picnic

Forty-six alumni and guests attended the fourth annual Greater Michigan Alumni Picnic in August at the Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton, Mich. The group enjoyed activities sponsored by the Greater Michigan Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association.

Recreational games and programs were available for adults and children. University representatives on hand included Jack Greer, chairperson and assistant professor in the Automotive Technology Department, and Mike Behrmann, associate professor in the department. Also in attendance was Michael Ellis, chief development officer in SIUC's College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

Seattle Alumni Picnic

Twelve alumni and friends of SIU gathered at the home of Len '67 & Linda Boscarine for an alumni picnic in Seattle. Guests enjoyed visiting with fellow alumni about their days at Southern, in addition to recreational activities throughout the afternoon. ■

Dawgs See The Rockies

Eighteen alumni and guests gathered at Coors Field in Denver to enjoy the baseball game between the Colorado Rockies and Milwaukee. The group attended a pre-game social at Lodo's Bar & Grill prior to the game. The Denver-area alumni group, led by Sean Lervaag '91, continues to generate interest toward developing a chapter for Colorado alumni. ■

Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarship Winners Announced

Gina Marie Breen, a native of Northern Ireland; *Nicole Ann Fulford* of Mount Vernon, Ill.; *Christopher Cody Kraatz* of Jonesboro, Ill., and *Sarah Krismanits* of Moline, Ill. have won Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarships to continue their studies at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The Pulliam Scholarship Fund annually conveys four, \$1,000 scholarships. Recipients must be closely related to an SIUC graduate who belongs to the SIU Alumni Association.

Breen is a freshman majoring in Spanish at SIUC. As a high school senior, Breen received an appointment to serve as a mentor to younger students. She also represented her school in the European Youth Parliament Debate and won an award for speaking Gaelic in 1998. ■

Fulford is a special education major at SIUC. She began her college career at Rend Lake College, where she was on the president's list four semesters. At Southern, she has been on the dean's list two semesters, earned National Dean's List honors, attained "Who's Who Among American College Students" honors, and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

In high school, Fulford was a high honor roll student and President's List honoree, along with being the salutatorian of her graduating class, the school's cheerleading captain and a member of the Homecoming court.

Kraatz is majoring in horticulture at SIUC. He has been on the Dean's List for two semesters while maintaining a 3.6 grade-point average. Previously, while attending Shawnee Community College, he fashioned a 4.0 grade-point average and earned Presidents List honors four semesters.

In high school, Kraatz received the honor of "Who's Who Among American High School Students," earned American Honor Society recognition, and received the Holcomb/Kiwanis Scholarship and Masonic Scholarship.

Krismanits is a biological science major. A two-year member of the Saluki women's tennis team, she received an appointment to the College of Science Dean's Advisory Committee. Her honors include receiving the Leo Kaplan Biological Sciences Scholarship and Joan F. Knowles Biological Sciences Scholarship. She is also a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Fraternity.

A four-time all-state tennis player at Moline High School, Krismanits also received numerous accolades prior to attending Southern. She was a three-time recipient of the school's Student Recognition Award for Excellence in English, History, and Spanish. An Illinois State Scholar and high honor roll student, she was a member of the National Honors Society and an all-state choir member. ■

Jackson County Alumni Chapter Hosts Annual Barbecue Dinner

The Jackson County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 66 alumni and guests at its eighth annual barbecue in July. Alumni and guests gathered at the Mississippi Flyway in Carbondale prior to attending a sunset concert at nearby Turley Park. President Kitty Mabus conducted a brief program at the Flyway and welcomed guests, including SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler and his wife, Mary, shown chatting with her at the event. ■



Alumni Deaths

Fall 2003

ALLEN, Frank B., '29
06/22/03, Elmhurst, Ill.

BREWSTER, Brossell, ex '31
06/29/03, Benton, Ill.

REEVES, Alene Hickam, '31
08/03/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

WIEMKEN, Cynthia E., ex '31
05/14/03, Marion, Ill.

ANDERSON, Mary Virginia, '33
06/28/03, Effingham, Ill.

YANDELL, Dorothy J., '33; '59
05/12/03, Herrin, Ill.

RAY, Harold L., ex '34
05/03/03, Marion, Ill.

SCHNEIDER, Virginia E., ex '34
07/23/03, Metropolis, Ill.

BERRY, William Harris, '36
09/13/02, Flour Bluff, Texas

SHACKFORD, Marjorie Ruth Brown, '36
07/14/03, Mt. Vernon, Iowa

GREATHOUSE, Stanely E., '38
06/04/03, Johnsonville, Ill.

MATLAVISH, John Kenneth, ex '38
06/09/03, Christopher, Ill.

GARRISON, Robert R., ex '40
07/09/03, Flora, Ill.

CASPER, Ellen Josephine, '41
03/28/03, Medford, Ore.

HAKE, Lester V., ex '41
05/25/03, Nashville, Ill.

JOHNSON, Walter C., '41
06/15/03, Benton, Ill.

ROGERS, Charles Eugene, '41
08/01/03, Columbus, Ohio

TAYLOR, Lida Pearl Lisenby, '42
05/24/03, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

LOCKARD, Leland, '43; M.S.Ed. '55
06/24/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

COLEMAN, Evadeen, ex '45
06/21/03, Shawneetown, Ill.

MONTGOMERY, Marie D., ex '45
05/21/03, Anna, Ill.

EDWARDS, Edward Stratton, ex '46
07/20/03, Belleville, Ill.

MANN, Alice L., '46; M.S.Ed. '48
08/04/03, Crainville, Ill.

CRIPPS, Dorothy (Logan), '47;
M.S.Ed. '58, 06/23/03, Algonquin, Ill.

O'BRIEN, Robert F., '47
07/01/03, South Bend, Ind.

SHINNEMAN, Anne Frances (Huha), '47
4/26/03, Westminster, Co.

GOLDEN Jr., Andrew, ex '48
05/31/03, East Peoria, Ill.

DAVIES, William, '49; M.S.Ed. '50
06/17/03, Centralia, Ill.

SOHN, Ruth, '49
07/23/03, Urbana, Ill.

HICKMAN, William Gerald, '51
07/06/03, Lake Park, Ga.

PURDY, Leslie E., ex '51
04/13/03, Olney, Ill.

COFFEY, Norman Lee, ex '52
06/28/03, North Fort Myers, Fla.

DOWELL, James Edward, '54
02/03/03, Sacramento, Calif.

OAKLEY, Roland Wendell, ex '54
08/04/03, Marion, Ill.

BARR, Wilford Paul, ex '55
10/11/02, Cambridge, Ohio

EVERETT, Robert Carroll, '55;
M.S.Ed. '63, 04/03/03, Golden Eagle, Mo.

JOSEPH, Bill Bailey, '55; M.S. '65
07/26/03, Carterville, Ill.

MILLER, Gregory C., '55
05/31/03, Marion, Ill.

TONNEY, Willova Wise, '55
05/17/03, Aurora, Ill.

CONATSER, Connie M., '56;
M.S.Ed. '57, 05/11/03, Newington, Conn.

ODOM, Ira Edgar, '56
05/22/03, Libertyville, Ill.

STEVENSON Jr., Thomas Martin, '56;
M.A. '59, 07/09/03, Granite City, Ill.

KELLY, Douglas E., '57
08/05/03, St. Louis, Mo.

LIPE, John, '57; M.S.Ed. '60
05/25/03, Cobden, Ill.

REDFEARN, Joyce A., ex '57
05/29/03, Okeechobee, Fla.

COOPER, Bryan K., '58; '72
05/28/03, Burns, Tenn.

HENDRICKS, Eugene Prentice, '58
06/10/03, Nashville, Ill.

ATWELL, Thomas E., '59
04/24/03, Newark, Ohio

COWSERT, Frances Sue, '59
07/10/03, Elizabeth, Ill.

WHITESIDE, Benjamin A., '59;
M.F.A. '61, 05/16/03, Sullivan, Ill.

BULLOCK, Maxine, '62; M.S.Ed. '65
07/31/03, Tamaroa, Ill.

REAGAN, Richard C., '62
07/18/03, Atlanta, Ga.

THIELGES, Bart A., '63
06/29/03, Philomath, Ore.

LOWRANCE, Beverly I., '65
05/06/03, Marion, Ill.

GARRISS, Sandra R., '66
06/25/03, Poquoson, Vir.

CATLIN, Thomas Dean, '68
03/17/02, Washington, D.C.

ELLIS, James William, '68
02/10/03, Danville, Ill.

HAMLIN, Griffith, M.S.Ed. '68
05/23/03, Columbia, Mo.

REYNOLDS, James T., '68; M.S.Ed. '69
05/01/03, Belleville, Ill.

YERYAR, Terry James, '68
07/20/03, Granite City, Ill.

BURBANK, Vicki Eileen, '69
05/23/03, Olney, Ill.

McGHEE, James R., M.S.Ed. '69
07/07/03, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

PASSARELLA, Frank J., '69
05/09/03, Wayne, N.J.

VANCIL, Alice L., '69; M.S.Ed. '70
07/04/03, Carterville, Ill.

DUNN, Chesley Norvell, '70; M.S.Ed. '71
08/02/03, Marion, Ill.

RODOCKER, Sharon, '70
06/20/03, Carrier Mills, Ill.

SAILLY, Mark Steven, '70
07/20/03, Thompsonville, Ill.

SPRINGER, Maurine G., '70
05/20/03, Chanute, Kan.

DAVIS Jr., Edward Garfield, '71;
Ph.D. '79, 04/24/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

KOHN, Stephen Mark, '71
05/06/03, Grand Chain, Ill.

PRICE, Franklin Lewis, '71
05/09/03, Sherwood, Ark.

WRIGHT, Barbara A., '71
05/28/03, Burns, Tenn.

MYERS, George Charles, '72
04/22/03, Heidelberg, Germany

VICK, Curtis LeRoy, '72
06/21/03, Harrisburg, Ill.

LUCENTE Jr., Richard P., '73
05/05/03, Poplar Grove, Ill.

HOMERSTAD, Constance (Thelander) '74,
05/05/03, Salt Lake City, Utah

BRITT, Robert Alan, ex '75
02/15/03, Greenwood, Ind.

RANEY, Rick, '75
07/24/03, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

David Terwische, Former R-T Faculty Member



Dr. David Terwische, a popular Radio-Television faculty from the 1970s and 80s, recently passed away at the age of 59. A native of Quincy, Ill., he was chairman of the Department of Electronic Media at Eastern Washington University at the time of his death.

Terwische maintained lifelong friendships with many of his former SIU students, whom he influenced through coursework in writing, critical analysis, performance, and broadcast advertising. For almost a decade he also hosted a live weekly variety-talk show on WSIU-TV entitled "You're In Good Company," and founded the Student Television Workshop, which produced many television adaptations of classic plays for WSIU in association with SIU's Theatre Department.

Terwische's passion for entertainment media began at an early age with his training in both radio and television, working in the industry at CBS Television and McGuire and Nichols. He later built a career out of sharing that passion with new generations, starting at Southern and then at the University of Arizona and Eastern Washington.

RANSON, Edna Mae, M.S.Ed. '75
06/28/03, Benton, Mo.

WALKER, James Tracy, '75; J.D. '78
06/15/03, Anna, Ill.

WILSON, Raymond Jay, '75
07/12/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

CHIAPETE, Ronald W., '77
02/06/03, Rice Lake, Wisc.

BELIK, John, M.S.Ed. '78
07/13/03, Royalton, Ill.

THOMPSON, Dwight O., Ph.D. '78
05/13/03, Bonsall, Calif.

BAFIA, Leonard M., '79
06/02/03, O'Fallon, Ill.

ASPLEY, Joseph F., '82
07/07/03, Round Lake Beach, Ill.

NEUMAN, William Joseph, '82
05/14/03, Beecher City, Ill.

WASHINGTON Jr., James, '82
07/10/03, Moreno Valley, Calif.

HARRIS, Berry Don, '83
05/26/03, Carlyle, Ill.

JONES, Shirley Rae, '83
07/19/03, Montgomery Village, Md.

SILVERS, Norman B., '85
06/30/03, Las Vegas, Nev.

GRACE, Julie, '86
05/20/03, Chicago, Ill.

BOWDEN, Charles L., '87
03/05/03, Franklin, Tenn.

BOUCHER, Andrea Kay (Colp), '88
06/21/03, Pinckneyville, Ill.

HATHAWAY, Cody Joe, '89
06/09/03, Harrisburg, Ill.

STONE, Jeffrey C., M.S. '89
08/04/03, Geneva, Ill.

OVERSTREET, John W., '90
07/03/03, Raleigh, Ill.

TAYLOR, Steven Gregory, '90
06/17/03, Raleigh, N.C.

ZOLLERS, Kurt, '91
07/28/03, Batavia, Ill.

SMERKEN, David S., Ph.D. '94
06/05/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

OPP, Betty Sue, '95
05/03/03, Pinckneyville, Ill.

DAVIS, Christopher Robert, J.D. '98
06/18/03, Carbondale, Ill.

JONES, Christopher J., '02
07/19/03, Marion, Ill.

Faculty & Staff

AUSTIN, Velma G.
Emerita Civil Service, Food Services
06/18/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

ERVIN, Osbin Lee
Emeritus Associate Professor,
Political Science
06/16/03, Carbondale, Ill.

GROSS, Chalmer A.
Former Instructor, Physics and Chemistry
05/19/03, Madison, Wisc.

GUILFOYLE, Kathy, '78; M.S.Ed. '87
Assistant Director, Student Recreation
Center, 08/01/03, Makanda, Ill.

HEAD, Larry D. "Fred"
Assistant Professor, Aviation Technologies
05/13/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

HUFNAGEL, William Edward
Emeritus Civil Service, Shop Foreman
07/15/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

LANGE Jr., Charles H.
Former Professor, Anthropology
07/08/03, Santa Fe, N.M.

ROACH, Joseph E.
Emeritus Civil Service, Maintenance
08/03/03, Johnston City, Ill.

STEARNS, Herbert "Hoover" Leo
Emeritus Civil Service, Physical Plant
05/07/03, Makanda, Ill.

STREETER, Elizabeth Berg
Director, Student Legal Assistance
06/03/03, Carbondale, Ill.

SWINNEY, William J.
Emeritus Physician, Student Health
Programs
02/03/03, Benton, Ill.

TABELS, Joanne Marie
Emerita Civil Service, Housing Coordinator
06/12/03, Carbondale, Ill.

WILSON, Howard Leslie
Emeritus Civil Service, Custodian
06/06/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

WISE, Ralph W. E.
Emeritus Clinical Assistant Professor
School of Medicine
06/22/03, Springfield, Ill.

Alumni listed in maroon are SIU Alumni Association members.

1950s

James Hurst '56, M.S. '60 will have his second book, *Blackjack's Expedition: The United States Army in Mexico, 1916-17*, published this fall. Hurst retired a professor emeritus from Joliet Junior College in 1991 and he and his wife, **Annette x54**, moved to Mesilla, N.M. His interest in the impact of the Mexican Revolution on the American Southwest resulted in his first book, *The Villista Prisoners of 1916-17*, which won the Southwest Book Award "for literacy excellence and enrichment of the cultural heritage of the Southwest" in 2001.

1960s

Charles Westwick '62 wrote a book called *Caribbean Green*, which was published by Xlibris Corporation. A copy has been donated to the Morris Library at SIUC.

Carolyn Hardimon '63, M.S. '68 retired in 2001 after teaching home economics at Belleville Township High School



for 34 years. In her retirement she edits a weekly column for the *Belleville News Democrat*

called "Kids Cook" and develops recipes for a farmer's market and fitness center. She also volunteers at the Southwestern Illinois Violence Prevention Center. Hardimon and her family designed and maintain a recipe Web site, www.recipeladies.com. "SIUC prepared me for a wonderful life," she writes.

Paul Stein '66 has been the managing partner for the Stein

Group of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in Troy, Mich., since 1985. This year his agency

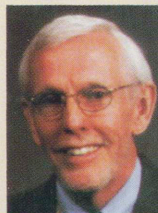


received the Master Agency Award given by the General Agents and Managers Association.

Stein lives in Birmingham, Mich., with his wife, Margie, and their two children.

James Coble '67 of Springfield, Ill., a board member of the Illinois State Historical Society and Sangamon County Historical Society, teaches painting at Lincoln Land Community College and is researching and writing the history of Leland Grove, Ill. In addition, Coble is tracing a path from Edwardsville to Springfield used by the first settlers of the "Sangamo River Country," which is the area that now includes Sangamon County and Springfield. In addition, Coble serves as a volunteer at the Lincoln's Home National Historic site and conducts workshops on 19th century trades and crafts. He is working on his master's degree at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Jon Carlson '67, M.S. '68 has had three books published over the past year. *Time for a*



Better Marriage: Training in Marriage Enrichment was written with Don Dinkmeyer; *Bad*

Therapy: Master Therapists Share Their Worst Failures and The Mummy at the Dining Room Table: Eminent Therapists Reveal Their Most Unusual Cases, were both written with Jeffrey Kottler. Carlson is a professor in the division of psychology and counseling at Governors State University near Chicago and is

Remembering 1953

The Class of '53 will return to campus this fall to rekindle memories of their college days. The SIU Alumni Association sends a form to members of the class, gathering information for a 50-year reunion booklet. Here are some of the responses we received when we asked them to list their fondest memories of that era on campus:

"Singing with the Choral Union group in the "Messiah," which led to my return to sing with the same group for the past 20 years when we moved back to southern Illinois."

Raymond Odle,
Goreville, Ill.

"The panty raid at Anthony Hall in 1952 and the night Art Miller played the jazzy record on the Baptist Foundation's public address system at midnight."

John Oberheue, Jacksonville
Beach, Fla.

"Designing and working on the winning Homecoming float for the Ag Club – a pyramid made out of ears of corn."

Edmund Kueker, Waterloo, Ill.

"Friendships that have continued throughout the years and knowing Dr. and Mrs. Morris!"

Guindoline Neely Walters,
Woodridge, Ill.

"Graduation and SIU's 75th anniversary."

Dorothy Thompson Qualls,
Murphysboro, Ill.

"President of the Commerce Club my senior year and playing intramural basketball."

Russell Cloud,
Monticello, Ill.

"Beginning some lifelong friendships and participating in the choir under Floyd Wakeland and the "Messiah" with Dr. Kesnar."

Freda Thompson Woodrome,
Columbia, Ill.

"Having classes with academic greats such as Faner, Wynn, Coleman, etc., and knowing Delyte Morris personally."

Earl Doughty, Alton, Ill.

"Being present when they buried the time capsule."

William Lewis,
Edwardsville, Ill.

Vacationers Make SIU Connection In Mexico



Tanya Moss

While vacationing last winter, **Arlene Heisler M.S. '59** discovered an unexpected connection to SIUC. "I was on a cruise to the Panama Canal with another retired professor, Catherine McHugh, and heard that jeweler Tanya Moss would be in her Cozumel store. I wanted to meet her since she had designed some jewelry I had purchased," says Heisler.

Much to her surprise, she discovered the young woman had been an exchange student at SIUC and was introduced to jewelry making by Richard Mawdsley, professor in the school of art and design.

Moss mentions SIUC, Mawdsley and "other great professors" in her promotional materials and on her Web site. "She was as excited as we were when she learned we were retired faculty from SIUC," recalls Heisler. "It is such a thrill to find successful former students from our University."

Moss owns six shops in Mexico City and one in Cabo San Lucas in addition to the one in Cozumel.

SIU School Of Medicine Alumni Board Elects Officers

New officers of the Alumni Society Board of Governors for the SIU School of Medicine have been elected. Sam Gaines '77 will serve as president; Doug Carlson '84, vice president; Mark Weaver '80, treasurer; and Jane Arbutnot '78, secretary. New members on the board are Paul Checcia '93, Deborah Fowler-Dixon '93, Constance Shabazz '86, Chris Sweeny '95, and Andrew Varney '88.

Re-elected to second terms on the 20-member board were Douglas Carlson '84, Holly Novak '79 and Wesley Robinson-McNeese '86.

a psychologist at the Wellness Clinic in Lake Geneva, Wis.

Cezarija Abartis '69, Ph.D. '76 has published a collection of fiction titled *Nice Girls and Other Stories*. It was a Minnesota Voices Project Award winner and was published by New Rivers Press. Abartis teaches English at St. Cloud State University and lives in St. Cloud, Minn.

Lloyd Bockstruck M.A. '69, head of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library in Dallas, Texas, received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Northeast Texas Library System last June.

1970s

Mark Maller's first novel, *Getting Back*, has been pub-

lished by Writer's Showcase, iUniverse. Maller '70 received a Ph.D. from Duquesne University and M.L.S. from the University of Pittsburgh. He has taught philosophy at the College of DuPage and Lewis University near Chicago for the past six years. He writes that he lives in a west suburb of Chicago with two cats.

Linda Lyerly M.S. '74, controller at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C., prepared a comprehensive annual financial report for the university that won an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

Mark Bradley '77 is corporate director of sales for

Resources in Food/Food Team Inc., a national temporary staffing company with headquarters in Columbia, Ill. Bradley, who lives in Maeystown, Ill., is responsible for handling national accounts and marketing for the company. He encourages his "old Saluki friends" to contact him at work, 618-281-3100, ext. 626, or at home, 618-458-5658.

Pat Fabiano '77, received the "Ruth E. Boynton Award" given at the annual meeting of the American College Health Association. The award is given for distinguished service to the association. Fabiano, co-chair of the association's task force on standards of practice for promoting health in higher education, presented her research on comprehensive alcohol abuse prevention at the meeting. She is program director of prevention and wellness services at Western Washington University in Bellingham.

Tim Glotzbach MFA '77 received the Rube Osolnik Award for 2003 from the Kentucky Craft Marketing Program and the Kentucky Museum of Arts. The award recognizes artists for contributions to the craft community. Glotzbach is dean and founding director of the newly formed Kentucky School of Craft in Hindman. He is academic dean, division of heritage and humanities, and campus coordinator, Knott County Branch at Hazard Community College, which is a part of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. He also spent 20 years at Eastern Kentucky University. While at SIUC Glotzbach studied jewelry and metalsmithing under L. Brent Kington.

Don Kliment A.A. '77 is the new police chief in Springfield, Ill. Kliment received an associate's degree in law enforcement from SIUC and did an internship with the Springfield Police Department before being hired there. He earned a

bachelor's degree in social justice from the University of Illinois at Springfield, where he is working on a master's degree in labor relations. The 23-year veteran of the department and his wife, Kim, have been married for 15 years and have two children, Donald, 13, and Courtney, 9. He also has a stepson, Brad Szoke, who is married and has two children.

Gary Otten '77 is political director for the Painters Union District Council #2 and is a photographer for the *St. Louis Labor Tribune*. A resident of Ballwin, Mo., Otten is also a CPR instructor for the Red Cross, a safety trainer, a lead abatement licensed instructor, and volunteer for the St. Louis Habitat for Humanity.

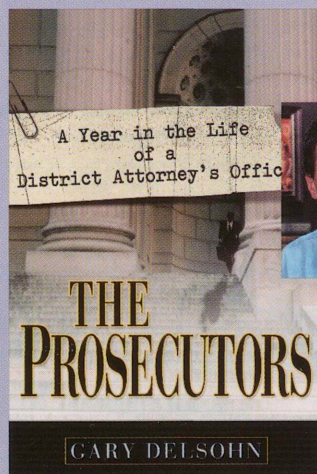
1980s

Sherry Knapp M.A. '82, Ph.D. '85, chief executive officer of the Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addition Services Board in Cincinnati, Ohio, recently participated in a three-week program for senior executives in state and local government through Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

William Parham Ph.D. '82 was honored as 2003 Father of the Year at a dinner sponsored by the Orange County, Calif., Father's Day Council and Chapter of the American Diabetes Association. He was one of four men honored for their accomplishments as model fathers.

N. Faith Potts '83 is an actress and recently appeared in two productions at the Wayside Theatre in Middletown, Va. She played Annie in *Foxfire* and Nelly Dean in *Wuthering Heights*. Potts writes that over the past six years she has narrated 60 books for the Library of Congress Blind and Handicapped Recorded Book Program.

The Prosecutors Looks At Courtroom Drama



A book detailing a year in the life of a district attorney's office has recently been published. *The Prosecutors*, which chronicles the real-life

legal dramas that are waged daily in our courtrooms, was written by Sacramento Bee senior writer **Gary Delsohn '75**. Called a "valuable insider's

account for those fascinated by true crime and our justice system," by well-known crime expert and author Vincent Bugliosi, Delsohn's initial offering details the intricacies that make the legal system work. For more about this publication go to www.GaryDelsohn.com.

Brian England '86 has been promoted to senior executive vice president of First Oak Brook Bancshares Inc. in Oak Brook, Ill. In addition to his existing responsibilities as chief marketing officer in charge of commercial and institutional banking, he will have commercial lending and commercial real estate lending units reporting to him.

Ken Newhaus M.S. '86 will take over as baseball coach at Freedom High School in Tampa, Fla. Newhaus, a former assistant baseball coach at SIUC, was head coach at Bethel College in Minnesota for 14 years.

Andy Singer '86 is executive vice president and general manager of Radio Waves, a manufacturer of microwave



and broadband wireless antennas, located near Boston. Over the past 15 years, Singer has written numerous articles for technical magazines and is a member of the IEEE and Radio Club of America. Singer writes, "My experiences at SIU both in and out of the classroom prepared me well to excel. In particular I owe thanks to Dr. Lindsey and Dr. Barbey, professors who provided useful knowledge about engineering and the school of life."

Shawn Eubanks '87 and his wife, Sarah Chang Eubanks, welcomed their first child, Sophia Kathleen Eubanks, in February 2003. Shawn is vice president of institutional sales at Fremont Investment Advisors, a San Francisco-based investment advisor. Meanwhile, Sarah is enjoying an extended maternity leave from her position as a labor and employment attorney with the Judicial Council of California.

1990s

Dennis Kearn '90 has been named a regional director for Jiffy Lube. He was appointed vice president, divisions operations manager for the south-east. The Kearn family, which includes two children, lives in Boca Raton, Fla.

Chyrese Wolf '92 is an adjunct professor at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, Ill. She has begun work on her dissertation in curriculum and instruction at Loyola University in Chicago with plans to graduate in 2004.

Navy Lt. **Kirby Tolch '93, M.S. '97** recently returned from the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf where he was assigned to Carrier Air Wing THREE (CVW 3) aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S Truman. Tolch was among more than 8,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines participating in operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Patrick Walls J.D. '93 is chief development and administrative officer for McAlister's Deli, a fast-food restaurant chain based in Ridgeland, Miss. Walls was formerly senior vice president of franchise sales and has served as general counsel since joining McAlister's in 1997. Walls is a resident of Flowood, Miss.

Kevin Farmer '95 has been promoted to first vice president of Hilliard Lyons, an investment



company, in Louisville, Ky. A seven-year veteran of the field, Farmer serves investors from the company's Sturgis and Henderson, Ky. offices.

Katina Strange '95 and **Stephen Boergerhoff '95** were married in 2000. She is an international production coordinator with Aquarius Ltd. in St. Louis, and he is a professional surveyor with Woolpert LLP of

Belleville, Ill. The couple lives in St. Louis.

John Burklow '97 has been appointed associate director for communication of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., where he has worked since 1999. He formerly served in the office of cancer communications at the National Cancer Institute. He has published articles on a range of health communications topics and is a contributing editor to "Making Health Communications Programs Work: A Planner's Guide," which is widely used in health departments and universities.

Steven Rud '97 was promoted from news photographer to news operations manager for WXIN-TV Fox 59 in Indianapolis, Ind.

Michael Seneca '97 has joined Howard & Howard



Attorneys in Bloomfields Hills, Mich., where he will concentrate his practice in trademark law, intellectual property litigation and commercial litigation.

Joanne Detore-Nakamura Ph.D. '98 recently presented a paper and chaired a special session at the Popular Culture Association's annual conference in New Orleans. She is an assistant professor of humanities and communication at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where she teaches literature, composition and media-related courses. She resides in Port Orange, Fla. with her husband **Eric Nakamura '95**, who is a business developer for Training Institute Inc., and their daughter, Emily.

Kendra Helmer '98 is a reporter/photographer for the military newspaper *Stars and Stripes* in Naples, Italy. She was an embedded reporter with the USS Kitty Hawk battle group in the Persian Gulf for 39 days during the Iraqi War. Helmer covers U.S. and NATO



troops and their families in southern Italy, Sicily, Sardinia and Crete and writes that she is probably headed to Iraq later this year. Helmer's family lives in Du Quoin, Ill.

Jennifer Shafer '98, M.S. '01 is a nationally certified counselor at Rend Lake College in Ina, Ill. She and her son, Landon Steven Shafer, who was born on Nov. 4, 2002, live in Marion, Ill.

Sunil Sinha MBA '98 will serve on the 2003 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, an award created by public law in 1987 and given to a U.S. organization in recognition of performance excellence. Sinha is with the VA Maryland Health Care System in Baltimore.

2000s

Belinda Anderson '00 is working with the Illowa Council of Boy Scouts of America in Davenport, Iowa. Her duties include event planning, promotions, membership, media, community and volunteer relations and fund raising, as well as recruitment. She credits two former SIUC professors, Gee Ekachai and Laurel Hetherington with her success. "I use a great deal of the information and templates I received in their classes," says Anderson.

Julie Treat Stiefel '01 is one of four Native American students earning their master's degree in the speech-language-hearing Project CIRCLE program at the University of Kansas. A member of the Creek Nation, Stiefel plans to work with young children as a speech therapist in a Leavenworth County nonprofit agency. She lives in Lawrence, Kan., with her husband, Scott.

OCTOBER

- 3 *Chicago City Limits*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Saluki Volleyball at Southwest Missouri State, Springfield, Mo., 7 p.m.
- 4 Saluki Football at Indiana State, Terre Haute, Ind., 1 p.m.
- 4 *Leo Kottke*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Saluki Volleyball at Wichita State, Wichita, Kan., 7 p.m.
- 7 **Saluki Volleyball vs. Tennessee-Martin**, Davies Gym, 7 p.m.
- 7-11 *Actors From the London Stage*, McLeod Theatre
- 10 **Saluki Volleyball vs. Illinois State**, Davies Gym, 7 p.m.
- 10 *The Ten Tenors*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 **SIU Alumni Association Homecoming Celebration**, pre-game tailgate east of McAndrew Stadium, **Salukis vs. Illinois State**, 1:30 p.m.
- 11 **Saluki Volleyball vs. Indiana State**, Davies Gym, 7 p.m.
- 14 Saluki Volleyball at Murray State, Murray, Ken., 7 p.m.
- 18 Saluki Football at Western Illinois, Macomb, Ill., 1:05 p.m.
- 18 **Saluki Volleyball vs. Evansville**, Davies Gym, 7 p.m.
- 23 Saluki Volleyball at Bradley, Peoria, Ill., 7 p.m.
- 24 Saluki Volleyball at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 7 p.m.
- 25 **Saluki Football vs. Southwest Missouri (Family Weekend)**, 6 p.m.
- 29-31 *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, McLeod Theatre
- 30 *Maxwell Street Klezmer Band Chicago*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 31 **Saluki Volleyball vs. Wichita State**, Davies Gym, 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 1 **Saluki Volleyball vs. Southwest Missouri State**, Davies Gym, 7 p.m.
- 1 Saluki Football at Western Kentucky, Bowling Green, Ken., 4 p.m.
- 1-2 *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, McLeod Theatre

- 2 Jackson County Awards Banquet
- 4 *Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra: Classics From Three Centuries*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Saluki Volleyball at Indiana State, Terre Haute, Ind., 6 p.m.
- 8 **Saluki Football vs. Youngstown State**, 6 p.m.
- 8 Saluki Volleyball at Illinois State, Normal, Ill., 7 p.m.
- 8 Central Florida Reception, Grand Hyatt, Tampa Bay, Fla.
- 12 *Saturday Night Fever*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Saluki Volleyball at Evansville, Evansville, Ind., 7 p.m.
- 15 Saluki Football at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA, 4:05 p.m.
- 15 *Trinity Irish Dance Company*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 **Saluki Volleyball vs. Drake**, Davies Gym, 7 p.m.
- 22 **Saluki Volleyball vs. Creighton**, Davies Gym, 7 p.m.
- 22 at Wyoming Basketball Pre-Game Reception, TBA
- 28-29 MVC Volleyball Championships, Springfield, Mo., TBA
- 29 at UW-Milwaukee Basketball Pre-Game Reception, TBA

DECEMBER

- 3-7 *Lady From The Sea*, McLeod Theatre
- 4 *Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra With the SIUC Concert Choir and Choral Union: Handel's Messiah*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 5 *Christmas With The Mantovani Orchestra and Chorus*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. SIU Alumni Member Night Shryock. Pre-concert dinner at the Old Main Room.

FUTURE EVENTS

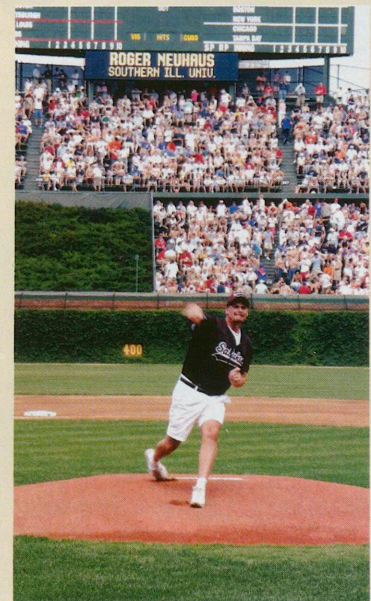
- Jan. 30 SIU Alumni Member Night with the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra
- TBA St. Louis Symphony
- March 5-8, 2004 MVC Men's Basketball Tournament, St. Louis, Mo.
- March 26 and 28 2004 NCAA Midwest Regional, St. Louis, Mo.

SIU Day At Wrigley Field

A sold-out crowd of over 1,300 alumni and guests attended the 26th annual SIU Day on July 4 at Wrigley Field in Chicago. SIU alumnus George Loukas '73 and the SIU Alumni Association hosted a gathering at the Cubby Bear Lounge, located across the street from Wrigley Field. Afterwards, guests walked across the street to watch the Chicago Cubs - St. Louis Cardinals baseball game.

Roger Neuhaus '90, associate vice chancellor, is shown at right throwing out the ceremonial first pitch for a perfect strike. It was Cardinal fans going home happy this year, as St. Louis defeated Chicago 11-8.

Among those attending this popular annual event was new Saluki head basketball coach Matt Painter and his family (below). Four members of the SIU Alumni Association national board of directors - Steve Falat, Don Magee, Howard Spiegel, and Darla Treece - attended the event. Association staff members attending were directors Dave Ardrey, Gene Green, Greg Scott, and Michelle Suarez.



A Step Back In Time



50 Years Ago ...

Jo Rushing (Koeneman), the 1953 SIU Homecoming Queen, is shown in this photo looking through shots of homecoming events in the Tri Sig living room. Jo, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association who served on the board of directors in the early 1970s, still lives in her native Chester, Ill., with her husband, Bill.

Distinguished Educator Pays Tribute To SIU



Each time Carl Anderson opens a copy of the *Southern Alumni* he receives because he is a member of the SIU Alumni Association, his thoughts turn to the many faculty, staff and students who contributed to his personal development in the 1950s.

"I remember Max Turner, who was associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and my freshman political science instructor. One day he stopped me on campus and said, 'Carl, are you here on a scholarship?' I said no and when he asked if I could use one, I replied that I sure could. He told me to stop by his office and when I did he gave me an envelope to take to the bursar's office. They refunded my tuition for that quarter and my tuition for all four years was paid," recalls Anderson.

Education remained a high priority for Anderson, who spent 32 years at Howard University in Washington, D.C., serving as director of student activities, associate dean of students and vice president for student affairs. His work resulted in significant honors, including the National Leadership Award in Education for the Decade, a Ford Foundation Grant for Doctoral Research and the Nelson Mandela Award for Leadership in Higher Education.

In 1990 Anderson was honored by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators with the "Scott Goodnight Award," given for outstanding performance as a dean.

Most recently he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Maryland, where he earned his Ed.D. in student personnel administration, along with the university's Outstanding Leader in Education Award.

Now retired, Anderson continues a commitment to his SIU fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, as founder and president of the Kappa Endowment Fund, Inc., which annually gives more than \$55,000 in scholarships to District of Columbia public high school students.

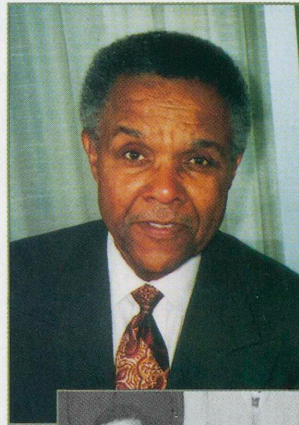
In recalling his SIU fraternity days he especially remembers the determination of Dean of Student Affairs I. Clark Davis to do whatever was necessary to enhance diversity on campus. "He helped our fraternity acquire a house on East Washington Street just across from campus," says Anderson, who in 1971 received the SIU Alumni Achievement Award.

Anderson served as president of the fraternity and is still extremely proud of earning the SIU Interfraternity Council Scholarship plaque given for the highest GPA each quarter. "If a fraternity succeeded in achieving the highest GPA for three quarters (a school year) they could keep the trophy. Our fraternity took the top spot 15 out of 18 quarters," explains Anderson.

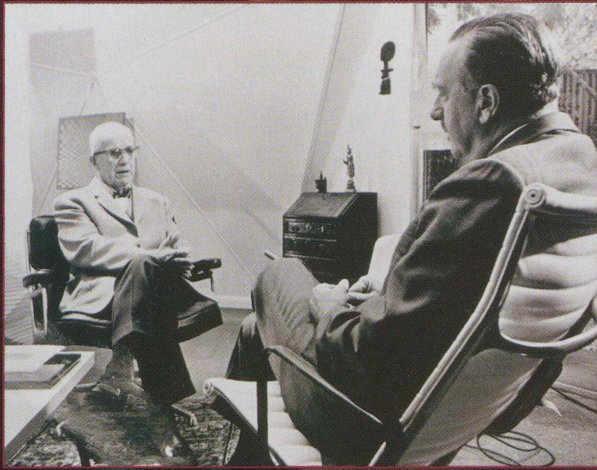
A classmate and fraternity brother, Richard Reynolds '56, M.A. '57, also proud of the fraternity's accomplishments, gives Anderson a lot of credit for the group's success. "Carl led us to greatness," says the former SIU Alumni Association President. "He got the attention early on from faculty and staff because of his leadership abilities and sound academics. Carl was our leader, our inspiration." ■

"My membership in the SIU Alumni Association has enabled me to keep abreast of developments taking place at Southern as well as helping me maintain contact with many friends and acquaintances from the six wonderful years I spent on campus. I shall always be indebted to SIU for helping to shape my life and career in so many positive ways."

Carl E. Anderson '56, M.S. '58
Retired educator
Life Member, SIU Alumni Association




Anderson, above, and shown with fraternity brother Richard Reynolds in 1955, was a leader in education.



Cronkite To Speak At SIU Arena On Oct. 9

A broadcasting icon and one of the most respected newsmen ever will help usher in the Homecoming weekend. Former CBS television news anchor Walter Cronkite will present a free lecture at the SIU Arena on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. The appearance is sponsored by the Public Policy Institute, the Laborer's International Union of North America, and the SIU Alumni Association. While a visit to Carbondale by Cronkite is a rare occurrence, it has indeed happened before. In the inset photo, Cronkite is shown in 1960 when he journeyed to SIU on a news assignment to interview legendary SIU professor Buckminster Fuller.


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