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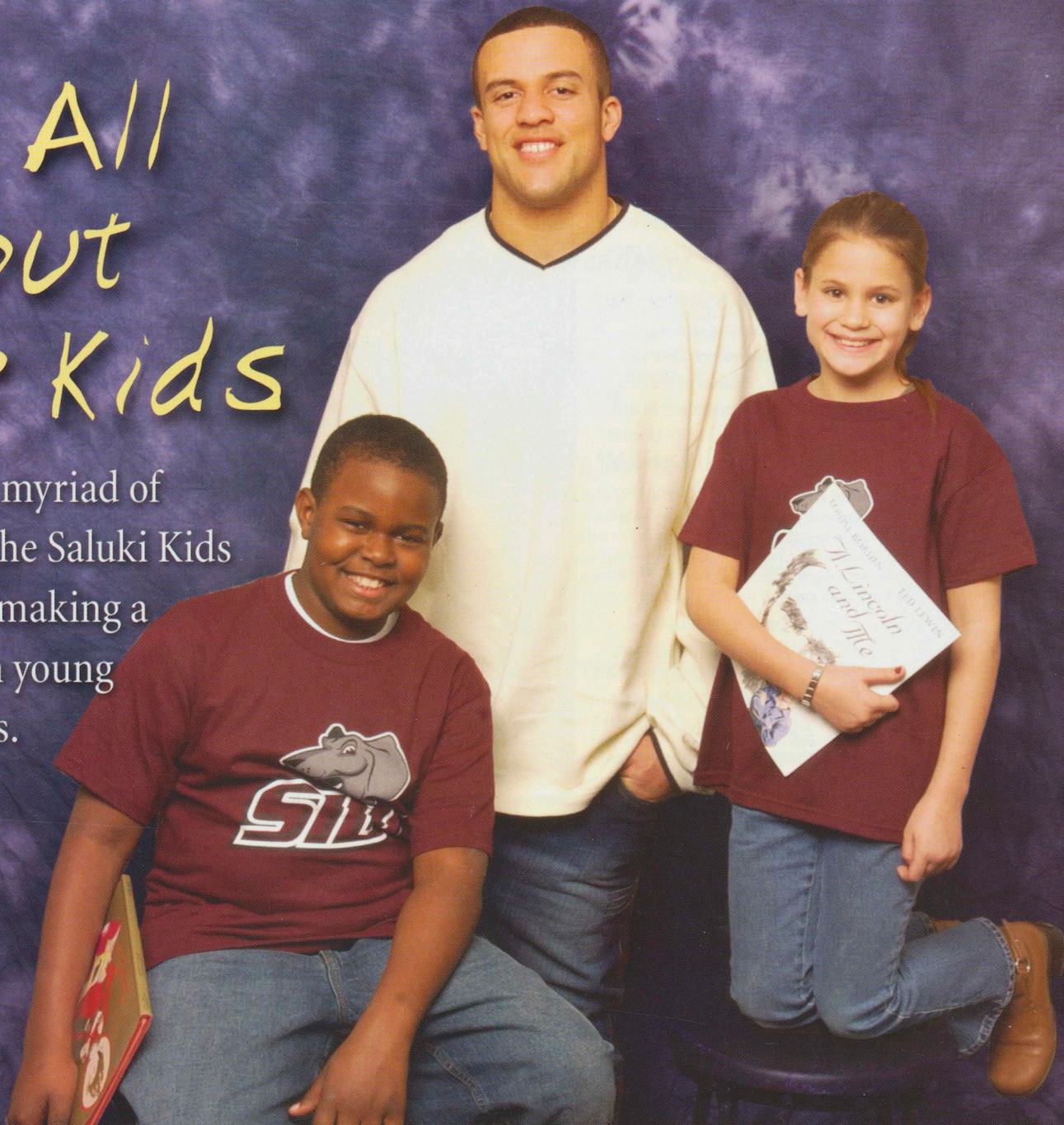
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## It's All About The Kids

Thanks to a myriad of volunteers, the Saluki Kids Academy is making a difference in young people's lives.



Inside: Saluki Family Association, Alumni Travel, Class Notes, Alumni Apparel and more...

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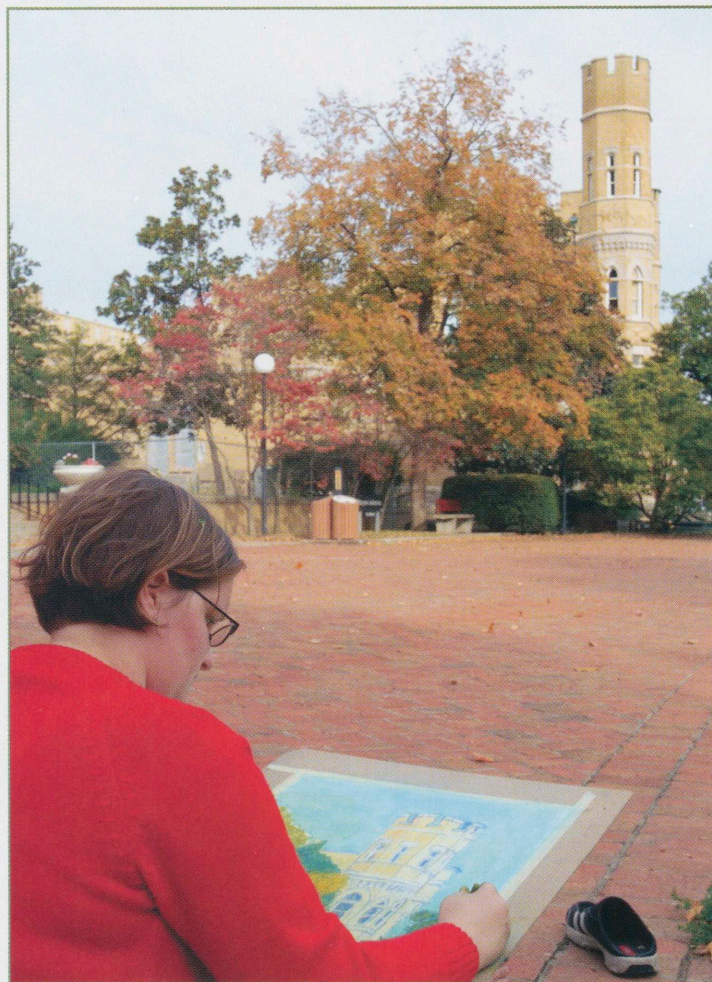
One such alumnus who uses this program is Howard Spiegel '75, a recent addition to the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors. The field sales representative for Arrow Component Solutions in Chicago has had his donations to SIU matched by his company for the last 10 years.

Dr. Rickey McCurry, SIU's Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and CEO of the SIU Foundation, maintains that support in the form of Matching Gift Programs like Arrow's is key to the school's survival.

"Many people are under the impression that public universities like Southern are completely supported by the state," explains McCurry. "In fact, we get less than 40 percent of our support from the state to provide the fundamental basics. We need to generate public support from alumni and others to assist in making up the remaining 60 percent."

Kevin Lister, director of Annual Giving, encourages alumni to check with their company's human resources departments to see if they have a matching gifts policy before they donate. "It's a simple procedure to double your contribution, and large companies like Caterpillar, State Farm Insurance, Boeing and IBM are all active participants in the program," explains Lister.

For more information, contact the SIU Foundation, Department of Annual Giving, at 618-453-4900.



The ultimate beneficiaries of Matching Gift funds are Southern students like Katherine Grueneburg, shown above sketching historic Altgeld Hall on the SIU campus.

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## ON THE COVER

Micha Turner, an SIU student volunteer for the Saluki Kids Academy, is shown with sixth graders Jessica Leathers of Grand Chain, Ill., and Allen Cruthird of Cairo, Ill. The Saluki Kids Academy is a two-week camp program held at SIU and on the campus of Shawnee Community College.

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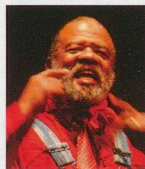
### Saluki Kids Academy



A kaleidoscope of people are coming together on the Southern Illinois University campus to make learning fun for more than 200 fourth, fifth and sixth graders in the region. From SIU students, faculty, and staff, the collective effort of the Saluki Kids Academy is proving that the University can make a major impression on its students of the future.

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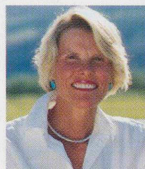
### Living For His Work



When John O'Neal '62 hits the stage with his one-man show, he is fulfilling a pledge he made to his father years ago: "I told him that I didn't plan to *work* for a living, but *live* for my work." His talent as a writer, performer, and director has been showcased to audiences throughout North America and Europe, and recently was featured where his roots remain deep – on the campus at Southern.

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### Breaking Barriers Along The Way



financially-troubled magazines.

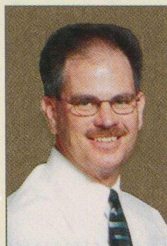
As founder and CEO of her own magazine, Carol Arne Decker '69 came to SIU in the early 1960s with dreams of becoming a television sports commentator. "I wanted to interview the athletes as they were coming off the field," she laughs. Most likely she would have crashed through the glass ceiling in television, but she ended up breaking the gender barrier in advertising sales at two New York publications and gained a reputation for being able to turn around

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### Not Just Fun And Games



Dan Leahy '94 knows that playing video games at work will never get him into trouble. As a producer for NuFX, Inc., a software company that produces PlayStation 2 and Xbox titles for EA Sports (the world's largest game developer), endless hours spent in front of a video screen has paid off in the form of his dream job. "The hours are long and the pressure can be pretty intense," he says, "but I still can't believe that I'm getting paid to do this."



by Gene Green

**A**t 6-4, 250 pounds, Micah Turner is an imposing figure on the football field. The SIU business management major, however, can also display a less daunting, quieter demeanor than his physical presence would suggest.

Put the sophomore tight end in a game, and he can make life miserable for any defender. But position him around young children, and the Topeka, Kan., native bonds immediately while showcasing a wide grin on his face.

Turner, shown on the cover of *Southern Alumni* with two of his new friends from the Saluki Kids Academy (SKA), is one of more than 50 SIU students who are involved with this relatively new program. Started in 2002 as a summer camp to encourage area at-risk youngsters to stay on the right educational path, SKA is now touching hundreds of lives in the region.

For Turner, volunteering is an extension of his high school experience. At Topeka High School, he belonged to a group that spoke to kids about staying away from violence, gangs, drugs, and teen pregnancies. The program even worked to derail things such as gossip among elementary school children.

Southern's SKA program now affords Turner the opportunity to once again make a difference in the lives of young people.

"I like to get up close and personal with kids, spending time with them on an individual basis," Turner says. "If I can talk to one or two at a time, and really get to know them on a deeper level, that is when I feel it really works the best."

While most students assist campers during activities at the Rec Center, SKA also is comprised of a myriad of citizens who care about kids. Counting visiting teachers, faculty, teachers' aides, members of the community, and volunteers from Shawnee Community College, SIU College of Education Dean Keith Hillkirk says more than 200 people are involved in making the two-week experience a meaningful endeavor.

Though the volunteers come from various backgrounds, they all share a common passion – making a difference in the life of a child.

Turner plans to continue his involvement with SKA this summer, and has a challenge for his fellow Salukis.

"I would *really* like to get more members of the football team involved," he says. "I think they would find it to be one of the most rewarding things they could do with their free time."



Bivins (left) and Cox shown during their flying days.

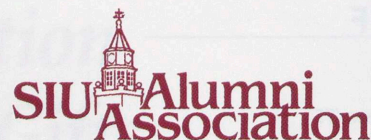
As you read some of the letters in this issue, you will note the "small world" nature of being a graduate of SIU. Whether you are in Africa, Asia, or around the corner, there seems often to be a good chance you will find a fellow Saluki nearby.

One such occurrence involved two men recently featured in the magazine. A few months ago we profiled Danny Cox '56, the accomplished business speaker and author. A native of Marion, Ill., Cox also logged hours as a student pilot during his years at Southern.

A recent "Southern Memories" story penned by Rex Bivins, Jr., concerned how his late father's education had been put on hold by military duty during World War II. Bivins Sr. '46 had *also* been a pilot in this area. We wondered ... could they have *possibly* crossed paths?

"Sure I remember Rex Bivins," Cox says from his home in Tustin, Calif. "I even remember where he lived – it was next door to the Warder Street Baptist Church in Marion. As a matter of fact, when our daughter named our grandson Rex, he was the first person I thought of. I even flew a couple of times with him at the Marion Airport years ago."

Our graduates are indeed everywhere, and it appears many of them meet somewhere along the way. Enjoy your magazine, while keeping your eyes peeled for fellow Salukis.



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## There Are Salukis Everywhere!

In the summer of 2003, Flint, Mich., was the site for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Buick Motor Company. (The Buick car had been built in this city for 98 of those years.) I attended this event, and while walking through the courtyard where several hundred of these cars were displayed, I stopped to talk to the owner of a 1955 Buick that displayed Alaska license plates. There had been an article in our newspaper about how far this man had driven the car to attend Flint's international gathering.

I introduced myself to Gary Klecka, and after chatting with him for a few minutes, asked him if he grew up in Alaska. "Nope," he replied. "I grew up in Illinois." He added that he made his living as a teacher, and got his training from a place he probably thought I knew little about. "I went to school at Southern Illinois University – do you know where that is?"

After a moment of shock, I told him that was my home territory and was where I also attended college and graduated. Even though we were several decades apart in age, we felt immediate SIU family warmth. When I told my wife about this meeting, her remark was "small world!"

**Dr. Franklin Hamilton '45, M.A. '49**  
**Annual Member**  
**Flint, Mich.**

**Editor's Note:** *Since their chance meeting, Hamilton and Klecka '77 have maintained contact with one another through e-mail. As it turns out, the Eagle River, Alaska, resident drove his 1955 Buick Roadmaster a total of 9,515 miles on the roundtrip to Flint, Mich. "Most people find it difficult to believe that the engine, transmission, and rear axle have never been rebuilt,"*

*Klecka reports. "Since my car was assembled in Flint in the fall of 1954, it was sure great to take it 'back home.'"*

## Trip Back To Southern Reconfirms Alum's Strong Feelings

Recently I took my son, Jared, for a three-hour ride south to Southern Illinois University. He was contemplating a transfer to Southern, so we drove down and met with SIU Admissions Counselor Kelly Jackson '92 regarding such a move. The positive feelings that I have had for many years about SIU were soon reconfirmed.

Jared will be transferring to SIU to take advantage of the opportunities offered in the field turf management program at the School of Agriculture, while also earning a business management co-major. This change has come about without previous complications. He has been bounced around at his current university whenever he has needed to obtain a certain class or receive special permission to do something that does not fit the common mold.

At SIU we soon sensed things would be quite different. Ms. Jackson is the kind of ambassador that every organization should hope to have. Her kind and caring manner, her listening skills, and her willingness to get up from her desk and walk over to another building office where a pivotal question could be answered, was certainly refreshing to Jared (as a prospective student) and to me (as an SIU alumnus and parent). Our experience at other universities has not been this positive.

I have let Ms. Jackson know how impressed I was with her, and I hope her supervisors get a glimpse of this message. It is encouraging to note that SIU

still has people who are there to serve the student body as they prepare for their futures. I am sure that many others have had similar experiences that we had on our visit.

**Emmett Aubry '74**  
**Life Member**  
**Decatur, Ill.**

## A Safari Full Of Salukis

Each time I open the *Southern Alumni* magazine, I am impressed with the beautiful photography and graphics, but I am also absolutely amazed at the growing number of articles about successful and famous alumni. SIU has certainly come a long way since I first enrolled in 1944 – in scope and world influence as well as in population.

That impression was reinforced recently when I was on safari in Africa. Of the 36 people in our group, three of us were greatly surprised to learn that we were Southern Illinois



From left: April Lloyd, Carl Lutes and Sana Abbed.

University graduates – an incredible average considering we were thousands of miles away from SIU, standing in South Africa. We were together for several weeks, starting in Capetown and venturing north through the country and then into Swaziland, Botswana, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Along the way we spotted many exotic animals in the bush, and found time to reminisce often about our years at SIU who, though many miles away, faithfully

and poetically fulfilled her role as alma mater.

My SIU companions on the trip were April Lloyd '93 (now an account manager for Heineken USA and living in Commerce, Mich.) and Sana Abbed '98 (now a business manager of physical and occupational therapy at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Ill.).

As for myself, I am a native of Christopher, Ill., who earned a degree at Southern in English and music. After continuing my studies at Columbia University and the National Conservatory of Music in Paris, France, I returned to the Midwest as principal flutist of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. I later received a master's in English at SIU and was a faculty member in that department for five years before settling in New York City, where I lived for 36 years while teaching and playing the flute.

Now retired, I travel as often as I can.

**Carl Lutes '48, M.S. '59**  
**Annual Member**  
**Somers, N.Y.**

## Alum Is Always Grateful For The Magazine

I want to thank the SIU Alumni Association and the University for sending *Southern Alumni* magazine. I am always so grateful to receive the publication, and appreciate the time that is spent producing each issue. Thanks again and have a great 2004.

**Thomas Woods '88, M.A. '91**  
**Champaign, Ill.**

## A License Plate Update

It was interesting to read in the December issue of *Southern Alumni* about the SALUKI license plate that Tom Van Horn recently obtained.

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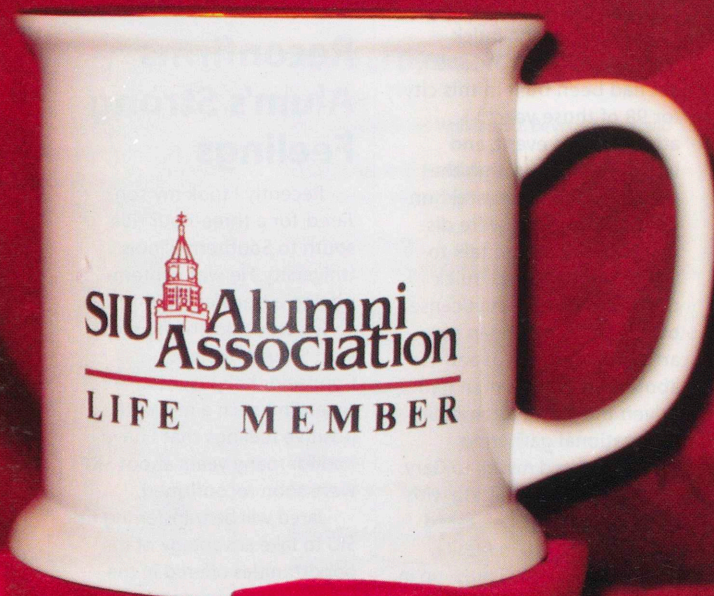
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There is live entertainment Thursday through Saturday when the restaurant is open from 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Hours Wednesday through Sunday are 11 a.m.-11 p.m. The restaurant is at 104 W. Jackson, a block north of the Highway 51 north and Route 13 west intersection.

"Everything at the restaurant is made from scratch," says **Robert Bauman '75**, manager. "We also try our best to hire SIU students," he adds. "I know what it's like for students trying to work their way through school."

For the latest menu and specials, visit the Web site at [www.big-boysqn.com](http://www.big-boysqn.com).

### Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios

The Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, located in Carbondale's Eastgate Shopping Center, is offering a 10 percent discount to members of the SIU Alumni Association.

Hollie Taylor, owner and operator of the studio, carries the full line of makeup and skin care products in addition to a selection of cosmetic bags, jewelry and other gift items. The free makeovers she offers are in keeping with the "try before you buy" philosophy of the cosmetic chain.

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## On The Side

### SIU Music Professor To Perform At Lincoln Center

Alumni and friends of Southern Illinois University are invited to enjoy pianist Heidi Louise Williams perform at the Lincoln Center in New York on April 17. Williams, a music professor at Southern, will begin performing at 8 p.m. in Alice Tully Hall.



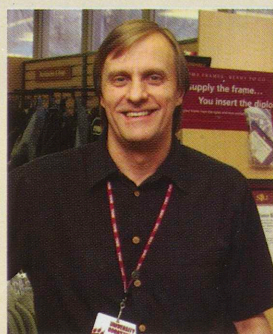
General admission is \$20; seniors and students pay only \$10 with valid identification. Tickets can be purchased by calling Tully Hall Box Office at (212) 875-5050. Alumni can purchase two tickets for the price of one if they send their checks to: SIU School of Music, Mailcode 4302, Carbondale, Illinois 62901 by March 31.

Williams has appeared in solo and chamber music performances across the United States and Europe. She has won numerous awards including a 2003 Artists International Presentations New York Recital Debut Award, Alternate-Semifinalist in the 2003 New Orleans International Piano Competition, the 2000 St. Louis Artist Presentation Society Auditions, the La Gesse Foundation Piano Fellowship, the W. Frederick Schaad Award at the Carmel National Chamber Music Competition, two Peabody Career Development Grants, and the Peabody Sidney M. Friedberg Prize in Chamber Music.

She joined the School of Music piano faculty at SIU in 1999. ■

### Two Degree Alum Is New Bookstore Manager

Robert Jansen is back where he got his start. The two-degree graduate of Southern Illinois University is the new manager of the University Bookstore in SIU's Student Center. A native of the



Chicago area, Jansen earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1981 and a 1987 master's in business administration. His professional background includes six years as manager/owner of a food service establishment, medical and financial sales and six years as a department manager/buyer for an area bookstore.

For the past five years, Jansen managed the bookstore at Southeastern Illinois College in

Harrisburg. Within his first two years of overseeing the operation, sales increased 40 percent and yearly net educational revenues more than doubled. "I'm excited about the opportunity here," he says of his new position. "I had success in my previous job, but had reached the limit of what I could do at Southeastern."

Along with a customer-service focus, Jansen wants to develop a close working relationship with faculty members that will benefit students as well.

"I want to work with faculty so book adoption decisions can take place closer to our deadline each semester," he notes, adding industry statistics show that 83 percent of students want used textbooks. "The single biggest factor contributing to us helping students save money through used books is faculty turning in their book adoption forms in a timely fashion." ■

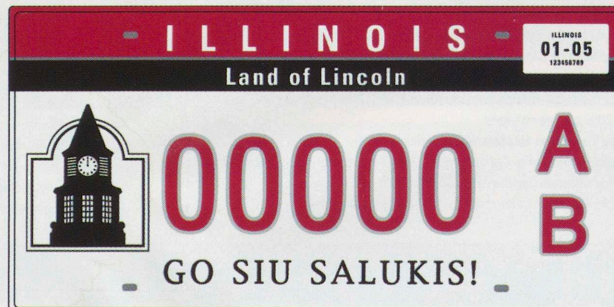
## SIU License Plate Project Moves To Secretary of State

Southern Illinois University Carbondale Chancellor Walter Wendler recently unveiled an SIU license plate design that has been in the works for months. He says the plate will build goodwill for the University, help clarify the institution's identity, and raise money for undergraduate scholarships.

"We know there has been interest in a plate for our institution and the design is distinctively Southern," Wendler says. "There was plenty of interest among our

Media & Communication Resources office, strategically uses two key identifiers in the design, says Sue Davis, MCR's executive director. "Anyone who knows SIU knows we are the Salukis and Pulliam Hall is a stately icon that is unique. Our graphics supervisor, Jay Bruce, did an excellent job in creating a plate that will appeal to our constituents."

Ed Buerger, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association, adds, "I'm sure I speak for many alumni by saying how pleased I am



faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends in showing their support, and we are gratified with how quickly people responded."

SIU obtained the necessary 850 petition signatures in less than a week and moved the project forward with the Secretary of State's Office. The plate design features the school colors, maroon and white; the words, "Go SIU Salukis," and an outline of Pulliam Hall's clock tower.

The project, under the direction of the University's

that the University is going to provide an SIU plate. Many alumni have contacted us in past years wanting to buy one, and this is a small – but important – step in demonstrating pride in the institution."

Collegiate plates cost \$132 initially and \$105 for subsequent years. Colleges collect \$25 for each plate that is sold and SIU will use the money to fund additional undergraduate scholarships provided through the SIU Alumni Association. ■

## The Obelisk Yearbook To Return To SIU

**K**rista Kukowski, a Keyesport, Ill., native and sophomore in the broadcast news program, is helping lead Southern Illinois University's effort to resurrect its yearbook. Publication of the annual *Obelisk* ceased in the early 1980s due to plummeting demand, but a recent proposal from Dallas-based yearbook firm Taylor Publishing Company has persuaded the University to take a run this year at resuscitating the proud tradition.

"We're excited by this opportunity," says Walter Jaehnig, director of the School of Journalism, which will house and oversee the *Obelisk's* revitalization. "We think it has tremendous potential and is kind of retro."

Kukowski will serve as chief editor and call the shots on the 2003-04 pilot edition. She brings four years of yearbook experience, having worked on her Greenville High School yearbook for three years, before becoming its top editor her senior year.

About a dozen additional SIU students will join the staff to handle some of the marketing while others will provide photography, sell advertising or work as editors of sections devoted to academics, student life, campus organizations, and sports.

Jaehnig says advisers will encourage the yearbook staff to piggyback with the award-winning student newspaper, *The Daily Egyptian*, to take advantage of its editorial and photographic content as well as its advertising activities.

Taylor Publishing is planning to offer the \$75 yearbook through direct mail sales, primarily to parents of undergrads. Additional copies will be available for purchase by students, faculty, staff, alumni, and anyone else who wishes to buy an issue either by mail or on campus early next fall.

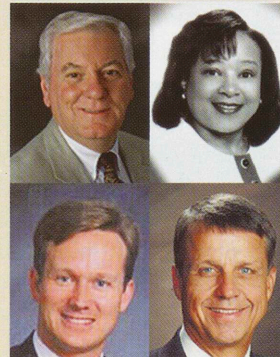
This *Obelisk* is expected to be available around August 2004.

## Governor Names Four To Board Of Trustees

**G**lenn Poshard, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association and a veteran public servant with longstanding ties to Southern, couldn't be happier about joining the SIU Board of Trustees. Governor Rod Blagojevich recently named Poshard, Marilyn Jackson, John Simmons and Roger Tedrick to the Board.

**Poshard** will be the first three-degree graduate of SIU to serve on the Board and says he appreciates the opportunity to continue to help the University system move forward. "I'm really thankful for the opportunity and will work hard to do the best job I can as a trustee," he says. "I really feel there is a corner being turned, and the next few years will be a great time to be associated with SIU."

A man who has always valued education, Poshard arrived on campus as an undergraduate after serving in the U.S. Army. He would go on to complete three degrees at SIU, a bachelor's in secondary education (1970), a master's in educational administration (1974) and a doctorate in administration of higher education (1984).



Clockwise from top left: Poshard, Jackson, Tedrick and Simmons

**Jackson**, a dentist from Chicago, studied biological sciences at SIU's Med Prep program and then earned a degree in dentistry at the University of Illinois. She is known for reaching out to grade school and high school students in Chicago and encouraging them to set high personal and academic goals.

The 1976 Southern graduate has received numerous awards and believes the University's commitment to diversity will be paramount to future success. "I want to increase the morale of the students and the faculty," she notes.

**Simmons**, an Edwardsville, Ill., resident who holds a bachelor's degree from SIUE and a law degree from Southern Methodist University, owns a law firm in East Alton. Most recently an early contender for the Democratic race in the U.S. Senate, he dropped out and endorsed Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes. The Army veteran was student body president at SIUE.

**Tedrick**, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, lives in Mt. Vernon, Ill., and runs his own insurance agency. The 1970 SIU graduate served on the Association Board of Directors from 1991-95 and has been on the SIU Foundation Board of Directors since 1991.

He feels one of the University's biggest opportunities is to "take this time of budget shortfalls to reorganize and learn to do things in a more economical way. He also notes the important role SIUE campus plays in the state and in the Metro East region, and hopes the SIU Medical School's excellence can be "enhanced and supported."

## Facilities Agreement Will Assist Chicagoland Salukis In Aviation Program

**S**outhern Illinois University recently signed a facilities agreement with the Aviation Professional Education Center in West Chicago, Ill. This agreement provides space for the Aviation Management Program that is offered in the Greater Chicagoland area. Even though the space provides a home for the Aviation Management Program, it has far wider implications for students in the Chicago area.

The Aviation Professional Education Center provides a program that trains aviation maintenance technicians. Students in this program are enrolled through City Colleges of Chicago (Richard J. Daley College Campus) or College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Upon completing the technical courses at the aviation center and their general education courses at the community college, students will receive their Associates of Applied Science degrees.

With this degree they then can transfer to SIU and complete a bachelor's degree in Aviation Management. With this facilities agreement, students will start and finish their program at the Aviation Professional Education Center in West Chicago and earn their degree from Southern. For more information on these programs, contact Brian Hall, [brianh@siu.edu](mailto:brianh@siu.edu), or Gene Wagner, [gw@aviationprograms.org](http://gw@aviationprograms.org), at the aviation center.

## Moody Honored For Service To SIU

A small delegation from Southern Illinois University recently traveled to Carmel, Ind., to honor retired Eli Lilly & Co. executive John Moody for his tireless service to the University and the SIU Foundation.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler presented Moody '66 with a resolution naming him the first ever "President Emeritus" of the SIU Foundation Board. He also received the Foundation's Medal of Distinction. Moody served as the Board's president from 1996 to 1999, longer than any other individual.

"You can never underestimate the power of alumni who give back to future generations," Wendler says. "John Moody has made significant contributions to this institution and to the SIU Foundation."

Accompanying Wendler were SIUC Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry, former SIU Foundation presidents Marsha Ryan, Jim Gildersleeve and Paul Conti, along with SIU Foundation Board legal counsel John Huffman.

"John Moody has meant so much to this University and to the SIU Foundation Board," McCurry stresses. "His contributions are unparalleled. I'm honored that we had this opportunity to give him this well-deserved recognition."

Moody has provided exceptional leadership and service to the University since he earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural business and economics in 1966. He has returned to campus repeatedly, speaking to agriculture stu-



John Moody (center) is shown with (from left) former SIU Foundation President Jim Gildersleeve, SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler, and former SIU Foundation presidents Marsha Ryan and Paul Conti.

dents, chairing a task force created to examine saving costs by sharing services across the SIU system, and as a member of the Leadership, Governance, and Organization Committee for

received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Agriculture and served as the University's commencement speaker. His career at Eli Lilly spanned 34 years. ■

"Southern at 150: Building Excellence Through Commitment."

Moody was a founding member of the Foundation's Chancellor's Council, a member of the Paul & Virginia Society, and a member of the Agriculture Development Team. He is also a Life Member of the SIU Alumni Association.

In May 2001, Moody

### SIU Receives Cancer Treatment Simulator

Equipment recently donated to SIU's Health Care Professions department is helping train students in cancer treatment.

Exton, Penn. based Accelletronics Inc. donated the radiation therapy simulator to the department's radiological sciences program. Replacement value for a new machine is between \$450,000 and \$500,000.

"The equipment simulates exactly where radiation is to be delivered during treatment of cancerous tumors to help reduce potential injury to adjacent tissue," explains Steven Jensen, a professor in radiologic sciences. "The equipment uses low-energy X-rays so students can help physicians determine how best to treat a patient's tumors. It's an opportunity for the students to practice radiation therapy treatment planning."

Previously, students travelled to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale to get oriented to the radiation therapy simulator; now, the equipment is right at their fingertips.

The College of Applied Sciences and Arts paid for a complete remodeling of an existing room to accommodate the simulator, including the installation of one-eighth-inch thick lead sheeting to prevent escape of radiation to surrounding areas.

Scott Collins, an assistant professor in radiologic sciences and radiation therapy specialization director, works with students in the new lab. "It's going to give the students hands-on experience before they have their clinicals in the spring," he says. "Students *always* want more hands-on." ■



Scott Collins (left) and Steven Jensen demonstrate the radiation therapy simulator.

SIU Broadcast Alums Invited To Attend

# Chris Bury To Be Inducted Into Illinois Broadcasters Association Hall Of Fame

**A** Salute to Southern Illinois University” is the underlying theme for the Illinois Broadcasters Association’s (IBA) planned 2004 annual state convention, set for June 29-July 1, at the Westin River North Hotel in downtown Chicago. The event will begin with the IBA Hall of Fame Induction of *ABC-TV Nightline’s* Chris Bury, a 1975 graduate of Southern Illinois University and a Life Member of the SIU Alumni Association.

“The positive impact the College of Mass Communications and Fine Arts at Southern Illinois University has had on the nation’s broadcast industry is simply phenomenal,” remarks SIU Alumni Association Life Member Dennis Lyle ’75, M.S. ’00, and president/CEO of the IBA. Bury and Lyle worked side-by-side as SIU student volunteers at WIDB, the campus student radio station that was, at the time, located in the basement of the on-campus college dormitory, Wright Hall.

Bury isn’t the only notable SIU graduate gracing today’s national airwaves. Broadcast journalists Jim Bitterman ’70, Roger O’Neil ’68 and Walter Rogers ’62, M.A. ’64 each spent undergraduate years at Southern. So did TV’s *NYPD Blue’s* Dennis Franz ’68 and *According to Jim’s* Jim Belushi ’78, as did countless other Salukis who now

hold jobs both behind and in front of broadcast cameras and microphones and in broadcast-related fields. In fact, if all goes according to plan, a number of SIU broadcast alumni will be invited to have emcee or moderating roles



Chris Bury, SIU Alumni Association Life Member

throughout the three-day event.

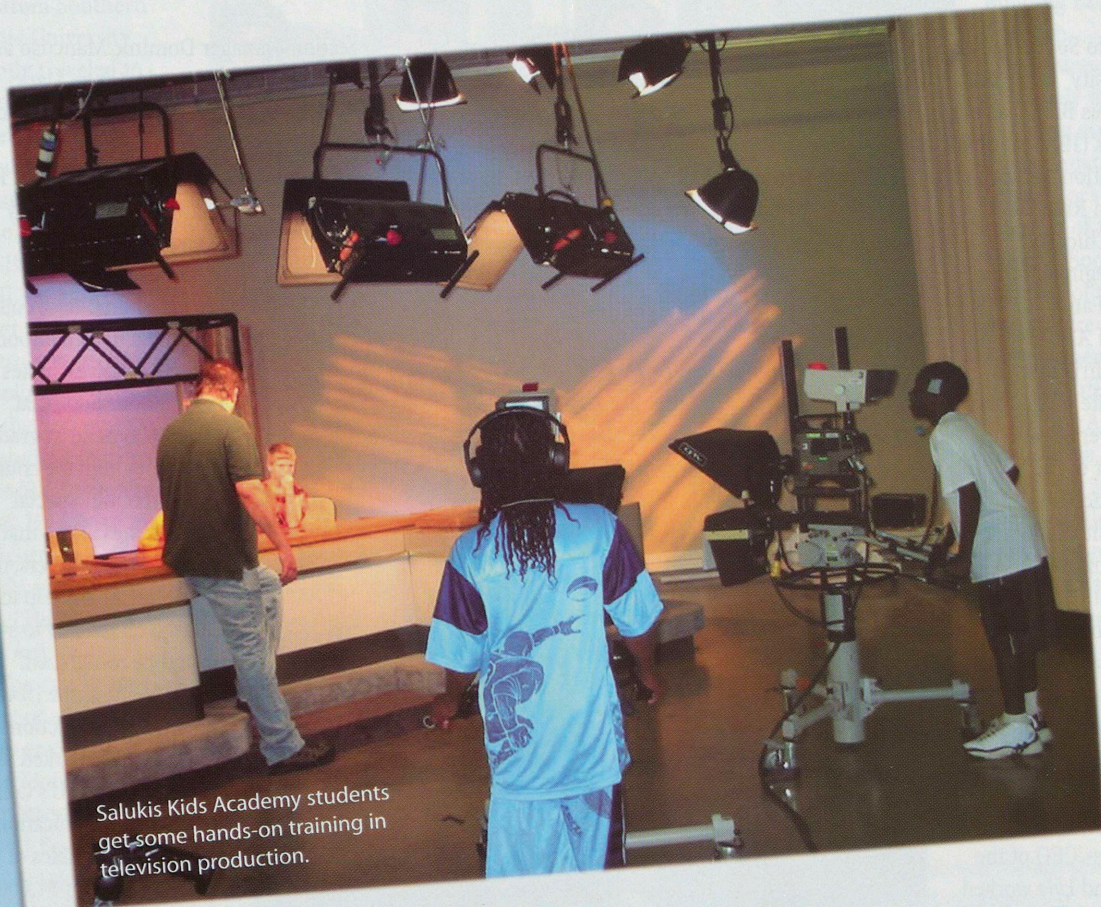
Chaired by IBA board director and ABC Radio-Chicago’s President/GM Zemira Jones, the IBA 2004 Convention Committee includes WGN-TV Chicago’s

Station Manager Dominic Mancuso and such notable SIU graduates as Mark Krieschen ’80 (VP/GM of WGN-Radio), Robert Ramsey ’79 (Tribune Broadcasting, San Diego, Calif.), and Rod Zimmerman ’75 (VP/GM for Infinity Broadcasting).

“Chicago-area SIU broadcast graduates could likely fill a hotel ballroom all by themselves,” notes Lyle. “It’s our hope that once SIU broadcast graduates throughout the country learn of our special salute to the college that launched their careers, they, too will make the trip to Chicago on June 29 to stand up and be recognized.”

Profits from the IBA Hall of Fame induction dinner will be earmarked as an endowment to SIU’s College of Mass Communications and Fine Arts. Tables of 10 are being sold for \$1,000, while individual tickets are available to IBA members and SIU broadcast alumni for \$125 per person. If an SIU graduate is employed by an IBA-member station, he or she can attend the entire convention for just \$149 (\$350 non-members) allowing admission to all on-site sessions, workshops and events.

For more information on the IBA Convention, including a full list of speakers and events available, contact the IBA office at 618-942-2139 or send an e-mail to [ilbrdcst@neondsl.com](mailto:ilbrdcst@neondsl.com). ■



Salukis Kids Academy students get some hands-on training in television production.

## Summers of Hope

by  
Marianne Lawrence

For two weeks in the summer, a kaleidoscope of people come together on the Southern Illinois University campus to make learning fun for more than 200 fourth, fifth and sixth graders in the region. It's something John Davis, director of the Saluki Kids Academy, never tires of talking about and marvels at each day.

Davis has a favorite story he likes to tell about a young man from Carbondale who attended the first summer camp in 2002.

Out of the 200-plus students from low-income school districts who came to the SIU campus to participate in this special camp, this young man was noticeably apart from the others and definitely **not** interested in any of the activities. "He had his head down and was not participating – not disobedient – but painfully shy," recalls Davis.

Near the end of the first week the students were due to visit the SIU School of Music. Broken into small groups, they were given the opportunity to play a musical instrument, something few of them had ever done. The Carbondale boy's group was assigned a saxophone.

One by one the kids tried to blow into the instrument and coax out some notes. But according to Davis, the sounds were pretty atrocious, until the shy kid from

Carbondale took the instrument and, much to the amazement of everyone, was able to make the instrument respond. The graduate student who was in charge seized the opportunity to praise the youngster, encouraging him to somehow find a sax and join his school band, even offering to call the school on his behalf.

"There was a significant change in that kid's behavior that continued for the remaining eight days of the academy," says Davis. "If you can get a child to lift his head and keep his head up, that is a pretty profound thing, and I'll bet the ranch that music will be an important part of his life."

The Saluki Kids Academy (SKA), a school and community-based program that focuses on southern Illinois children in low-income school districts, was developed under the direction of SIU College of Education Dean Keith Hillkirk based on a program he was familiar with

at Ohio University. Hillkirk stresses the importance of introducing kids to the University so they will feel a connection and stay in school.

The SIU program partners with Shawnee Community College to provide opportunities for at-risk children and their parents that encourage lifelong learning through academic and recreational enrichment by extending the two-week summer camp to activities throughout the year.

Davis initially worked to involve all aspects of the University, making the best use of students, faculty and facilities. He explains that the three components of the Academy's mission statement – service, research and teaching – were based on President James Walker's vision speech and the Southern at 150 goals.

In addition, political leaders, local police and firefighters, state and local



Lawrence Lewis of Cairo, Ill., is all smiles after learning a little about what's in an airplane cockpit from Omar Baig of the SIU aviation management program. Baig is a 2003 SIU graduate.

agencies, businesses and corporations became actively involved in the agenda Davis and Hillkirk put forth.

In the complex and interactive undertaking everyone seems to benefit. Teachers enlisted from the Southern Illinois region receive inservice training by University faculty and staff, who have also developed many of the enrichment units used in the program. A by-product of their involvement is the possibility of research.

"Not only do the kids benefit, but the professional development we offer these teachers enables them to do a better job back in their individual schools," explains Davis. SIU students training to become teachers get added

exposure to children and the learning process through their work in the summer classrooms.

Elementary education major Kristine Perry '03, was deeply involved in the planning and execution of the 2003 camp as Davis' assistant. "Kristine learned administrative skills that she could not have learned any other way," explains Davis.

Perry, now with an AmeriCorps project in Washington State, is still exuberant when she talks about her experiences. "I learned so much about budgeting and financing to make a camp like this work," says Perry, who did everything from fundraising to scheduling the kids' day. "I learned so much

about how to draw resources from the community and how to cut costs. It gave me a lot of confidence in myself that I have been able to use in my work here."

As a volunteer with AmeriCorps, a domestic version of the Peace Corps, Perry is using much of what she learned at SIU last summer to work with students who attend struggling schools in Brewster, Wash.

One of the people Perry worked closely with was Micah Turner, a business management major from Topeka, Kan. Turner was a teacher's aide for last summer's camp, but has decided he wants to do more. "Micah was great with the kids, and I hope he decides to change

his major to education,” she laughs.

Turner was one of the SIU students who stepped forward and asked, “What can I do to help?” according to Davis. The sophomore tight end on SIU’s football team participated in a volunteer program at Topeka High School called STRAPP, which stands for Students Together Rising Against Packing Pieces. The group would speak to other students, mostly younger, against violence, and drugs and gang-related activity.

“I like to talk to one or two kids at a time and get to know them on a deeper level,” says Turner, who is getting an opportunity to do just that. He and some other students he recruited volunteer in a Murphysboro elementary school, tutoring and helping students catch up on

their reading. Vince Turner (no relation), a special education teacher from the school, who also taught in last summer’s camp, says, “Micah and his friends provide a positive role model for the students, letting them know that what they are learning is important.”

People like Turner, Perry, Davis, Hillkirk and a host of others welcome the buses as they roll onto campus loaded with expectant kids about to experience things unknown to them before. Mornings are spent at the SIU Recreation Center, where youngsters who had never been to an indoor pool learned water safety, thanks to the participation of Short Enterprises of nearby Anna.

Davis is particularly grateful for the SIU Athletics Department’s willingness

to share their coaches and athletes.

“Student athletes were paid a student wage to work with the children, but the coaches all volunteered their time.”

Next year’s Academy will focus on math and science, but the first year was built on literacy and around aviation, arts, music, and literature. “We would read about aviation with emphasis on women and minorities in aviation – Amelia Earhardt and the Tuskegee air-men,” explains Davis. “Then we would go the airport and show them the airplanes – inside and out.”

The same thing happened with architecture. Students read about skyscrapers and castles before they had the unique experience of designing their own building using computer assisted graphics under the watchful eye of faculty and graduate students in that department. The focus on Native American pottery featured a trip to the University Museum and gave students the opportunity to make their own pottery in the campus labs.

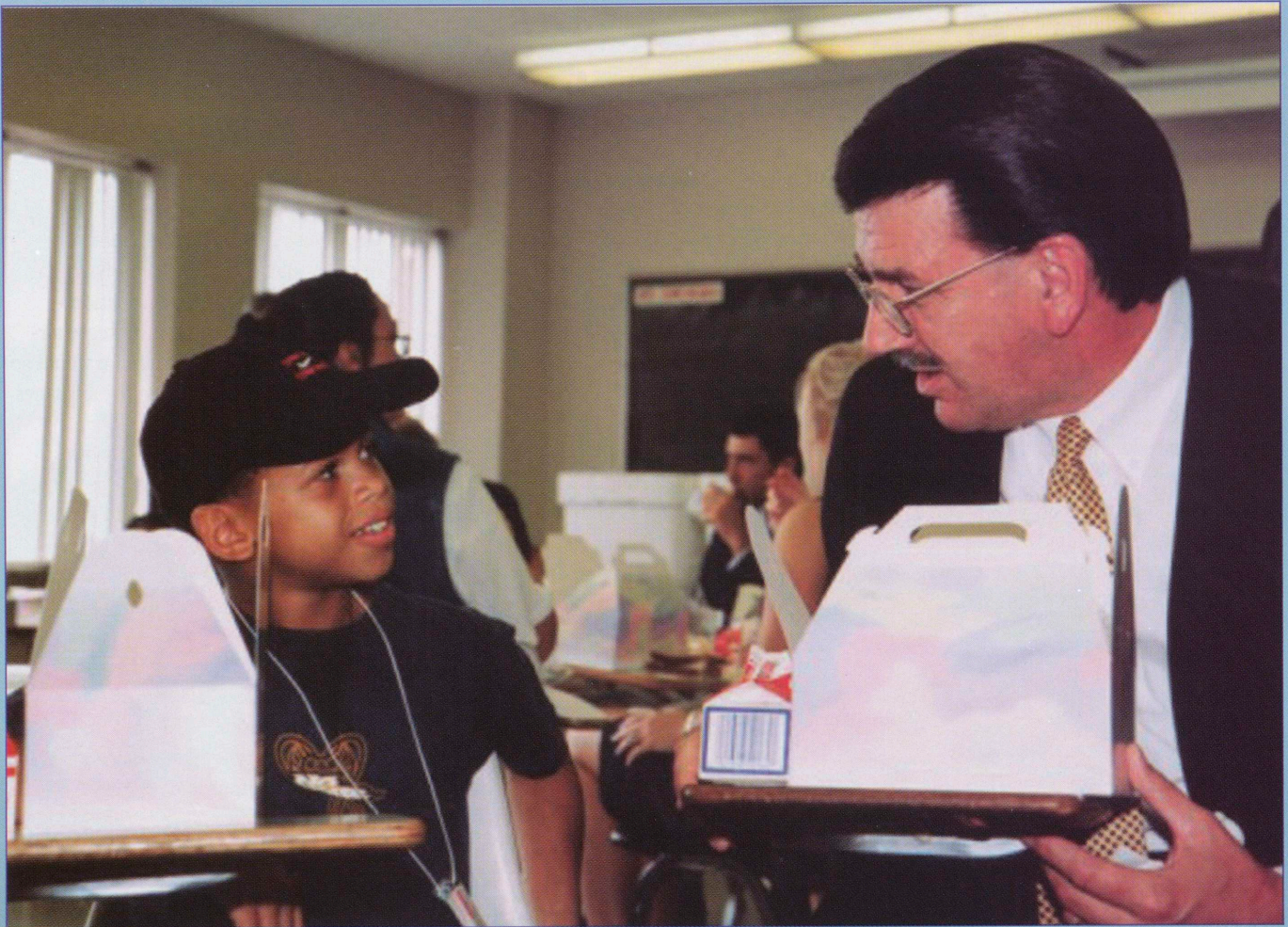
During the two-week period, students learned fishing techniques on Campus Lake, ran television cameras in the WSIU-TV news studio, learned about the political process from former and current office holders in a program called “Democracy Rocks!” and heard about fire safety from SIU and Carbondale police and firefighters.

Parents of participating kids are happy with the results. Tracey Parker, a teacher’s aide in the school attended by her son, Justin, and daughter, Jessica, thought that the experience brought her son out and drew him closer to his sister. “They have a memory to share, and they sit around and talk about what happened at the camp.”

Monica Cruthird rode the bus to Carbondale with her sixth-grade son, Allen. “Even though we had to get up early (the buses left around 6:30 a.m.), it was worth it.” Monica was one of the teacher aides for the summer camp and, along with Allen, benefited from the experience and is glad that her son got to



Saluki Kids Academy participants learned about safety from the Carbondale Fire Department and then had a little summer fun using the fire hose.



Kids Academy student Malcolm Fraction of Mounds City, Ill., enjoys lunch with SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler.

meet different kids and experience so many different things.

Swimming was big for these two parents. They noted that the former mayor of Cairo, Ill., bought swimwear for the kids, some who, for the first time, would experience swimming and fishing. Local people from the deep southern Illinois region stepped up to help their community's children participate. Davis explains that one leader in Cairo made a commitment to support about 40 children in the program.

"There are lots of different players out there," says Davis. The University of Illinois Extension Service, several county health departments and Southern Illinois Healthcare just to mention a few

figured prominently in the health and nutrition units.

And, according to Davis, additional help came from two new doctors, who are married and grew up in the communities the SKA serves.

Davis is grateful for the help and support. "When I was hired, I was told that if you're going to do this you are going to have to find the funding." He is always positive about the possibility of finding new sources for funds to support his program. His former assistant, Perry, recalls her disappointment when funding didn't come in from a proposal they had written. "John was always stay upbeat, saying, 'it's OK, we're just going to write another one.'"

The project finds time to bring students to campus for athletic and cultural events, but Davis emphasizes that SKA won't always be bringing the kids to Carbondale. "We take resources from Carbondale to the community learning centers, where everyone in the community can learn year round, with a special emphasis on health and nutritional needs. And not long ago the Southern Illinois Children's Choir and Suzuki Strings paid a visit to southern Illinois schools to entertain students.

The thing that Kristine Perry remembers most about her experience with Saluki Kids Academy is the watchword that Davis started and spread throughout the project: "It's all about the kids." 🏠



## How The Saluki Kids Academy Grew At Southern

The seed for the SIU Saluki Kids Academy was actually planted in the mind of Southern's College of Education Dean Keith Hillkirk while he was at Ohio University 10 years ago.

That was when Ann Teske was brought to the university to develop a faculty retirement community. While there, she observed the poverty in the Appalachia area around Athens, Ohio, got the idea of creating a program for kids, and "just did it," according to Hillkirk. "After coming to SIU, I decided we really needed something like that here."

In the Fall of 2000, he organized meetings with selected educators from the University and the region to discuss the feasibility of creating an enrichment program for kids in southern Illinois.

By the spring of 2001, school, community, and state leaders had come on board, and the Saluki Kids Academy was born. Ann Teske joined the early planning meetings, and representatives from SIU's fledgling program visited Kids on Campus at Ohio University.

An advisory board was formed and when funding was secured for the first year of the program, John Davis, a retired school superintendent and three-degree SIU alum, was hired. By the time the kids arrived in the summer of 2002 to attend the first Saluki Kids Academy, an abundance of programs and people were waiting to make their two-week experience a success.

As the Academy plans for its third summer, Hillkirk explains that continued funding is the toughest part. "We have a big challenge like a lot of other people in this environment of budget constraints." He praises Davis for his efforts to get long- and short-term funding. "John has done a wonderful job of getting out and shaking hands to get support for the program."

Donors range from corporations to individuals, with the cost for each child estimated at \$500. For additional information, or to help sponsor the program, contact John Davis at 618-453-6468 or by e-mail at [jcdavis@siu.edu](mailto:jcdavis@siu.edu).



Gwendolyn Walker, wife of SIU President James Walker, is a key supporter of the Saluki Kids Academy. Here she meets with College of Education Dean Keith Hillkirk, (standing), and John Davis, director of the Academy, to begin planning for the 2004 summer camp.

# Wind Ensemble Journeys To England On Concert Tour

The University Wind Ensemble, Southern's select concert band, will travel to England on a concert tour this May. This trip marks the first time a student musical group from the SIU School of Music has ever toured outside this country.

The band will tour central England from May 21-24 performing shared concerts with the White Russian Army Band, one of the top military bands in Russia. The Wind Ensemble will journey to London, seeing the sites and performing two concerts from May 25-29. One of those performances will come as part of a massed-band festival at Knellar Hall, The Royal Military School of Music.

Wind Ensemble Conductor Mike Hanes says this trip will provide many opportunities for SIU students.

"Trips such as this are becoming fairly common among university bands around the country," Hanes says. "SIUE's concert band had a similar tour in 2001, and now we are proud to represent the University overseas as ambassadors for Southern."

Hanes says such trips not only enhance the prestige and reputation of the Wind Ensemble and the School of Music, but also serve as a recruitment tool. The timing of the trip is also of note, as when the Wind Ensemble returns to campus, it will be moving into

the newly renovated and expanded Altgeld Hall.

The individual student members making the trip will provide the majority of the tour expenses. The touring band is made up of approximately 45 student performers, with four or five staff members accompanying the group. The estimated cost for the trip (airfare, ground transportation, hotels, touring and some meals) is estimated at \$1,900.

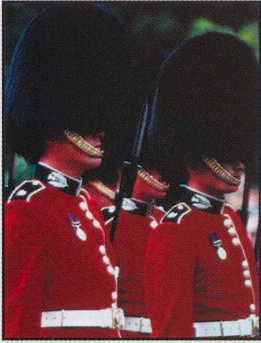
To help offset this cost, students are conducting fund-raising projects in hopes of raising between \$15,000-20,000 toward the trip expense. As a major scope of this effort, the group recently published a cookbook (shown here) titled *Culinary Compositions*, which features 300 recipes from band members, their families, School of Music faculty, and numerous "Friends of the Wind Ensemble."

The book sells for \$15 and is now available at several stores in Carbondale, including The Apple Tree, Tina's Hallmark, Kaleidoscope, Hundley House, 710 Bookstore and Saluki Central Bookstore. Books may also be ordered by writing to Hanes at the following address:

Mike Hanes, University Bands, School of Music, Mailcode 4302, SIU, Carbondale, IL 62901. Hanes may also be contacted via e-mail at [hanes@siu.edu](mailto:hanes@siu.edu).

Books ordered by mail should include payment for \$18, with \$3 allotted for shipping and handling.





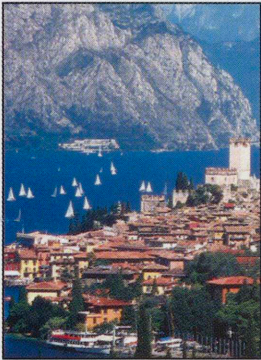
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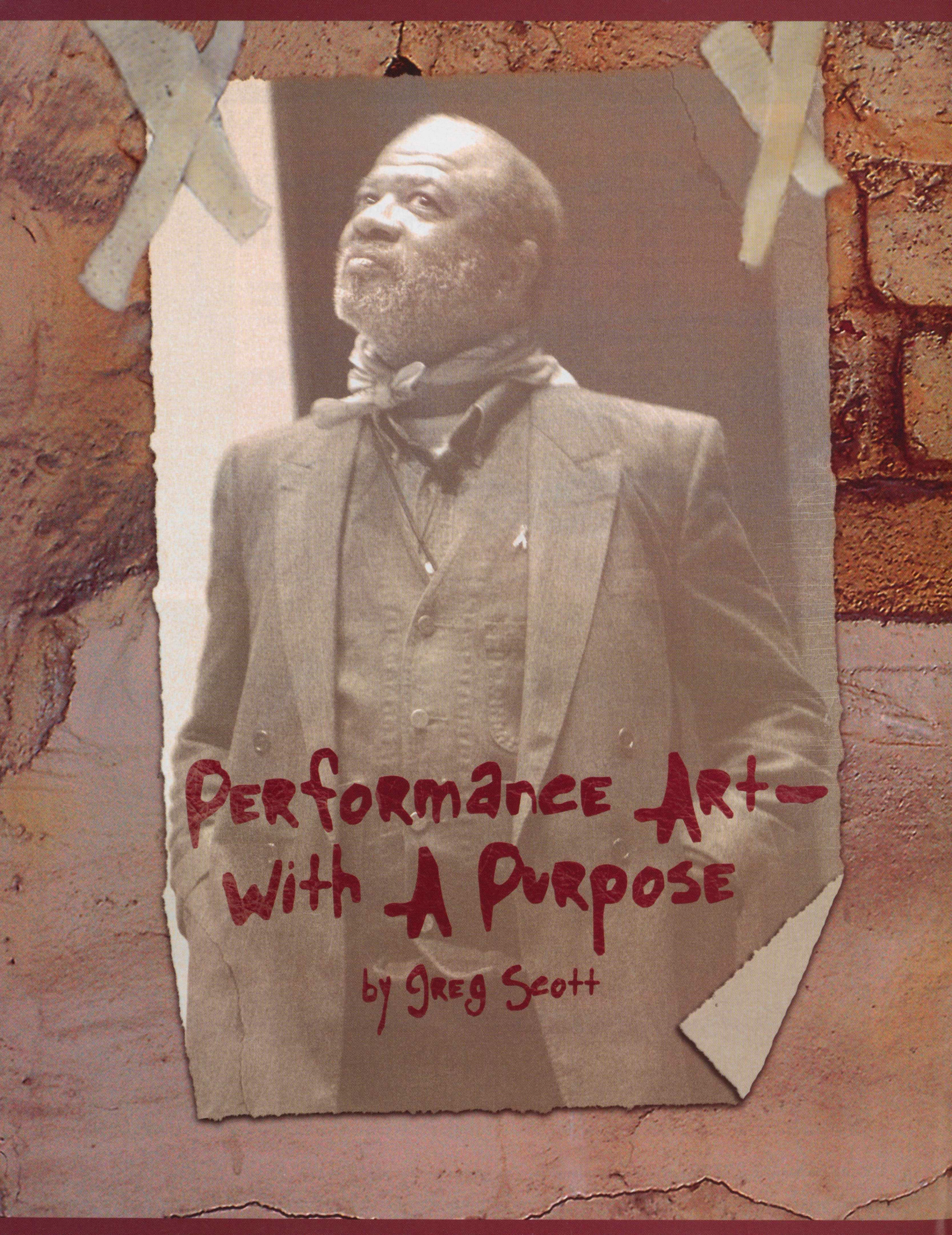
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PERFORMANCE ART -  
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by GREG SCOTT



John O'Neal's words and expressions keep his audiences entrenched in his performances.

John O'Neal still remembers his father's reaction. In the midst of his senior year at Southern Illinois University, he informed his parents that he was moving to New York to pursue a playwriting career. The elder O'Neal, whom his son describes as a practical man, was *not* initially supportive.

"My dad said, 'I wanted to be a writer myself – but decided to work for a living instead,'" O'Neal laughs. "I told him that I didn't plan to work for a living, but live for my work. At that point, he supported my decision."

However, O'Neal, whose work as a writer, performer, and director has been showcased to audiences throughout North America and Europe, placed his

career aspirations on hold due to societal issues in the 1960s. A 1962 SIU graduate, he became active in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, a student activist organization seeking equality for minorities. The Civil Rights Movement was gaining momentum nationally, and O'Neal aspired to be an agent of change.

Instead of moving to the Big Apple to pursue his career dream, O'Neal decided to journey south and participate in the Civil Rights Movement, with hopes of ceasing racial tension in the country. But this endeavor would be more extensive than he originally thought.

"I made a commitment to work with the Movement for two to five years and

then move to New York. Within a few months, I discovered it (discrimination) wasn't just a problem in the South. It was an issue nationwide," O'Neal says. "Skin color wasn't the only factor. Politics, power, and the economy also played a role."

"It was going to take more than two years to solve these problems . . . it would take a lifetime. My grandchildren may still have to deal with it. The gap between blacks and non-blacks is growing."

This quest continues to inspire O'Neal's work in theater. As artistic director, president and founder of Junebug Productions in New Orleans, he strives to create, produce, and present high-quality theater, dance, and music that supports



SIU alumni enjoyed O'Neal's talents when he performed during the Black Alumni Group Reunion on campus last summer.

individuals seeking justice and equality in the black community and in the world-at-large.

He seeks to encourage blacks to enhance the quality of life available to them and pay tribute to those who participated in the Movement. O'Neal says Junebug, organized in 1980, is an alternative to traditional organizations that were formed in the quest for Civil Rights in the 1960s.

"The government received the reports, wrote guidelines and set parameters. We didn't understand that kind of politics back then," O'Neal says. "Those of us who weren't comfortable disfranchised. That is when I organized Junebug Productions. We needed another way to work."

Junebug Productions was preceded by the Free Southern Theater, a cultural arm of the Civil Rights Movement, co-found-

ed by O'Neal and Gilbert Moses in 1963. Free Southern Theater began as a drama workshop and grew to become a theater of national significance as it settled in New Orleans in 1965.

The Theater served as an instrument to stimulate the development of cultural and reflective thought among Black people in the South and support efforts of those involved in the Civil Rights Movement. The theater concluded in 1980, the same year Junebug was organized.

"The Civil Rights Movement was the most important thing in the world at that time. I got caught up in what was happening," he says. "Realizing that I couldn't leave the South and go to New York and pursue a career in theater, I started wondering how I could do some work to make sense of the Movement.

"Finally, we realized that if art meant anything anywhere, it should mean something (in the South). Therefore,

Junebug Productions was founded as an alternative in the quest for Civil Rights, O'Neal says.



why not make a theater that was part of the Movement?"

In 1980, O'Neal says conditions had changed so drastically that he and his cohorts had to "adjust their strategies, but not their philosophy or goals." This is when Junebug Productions replaced Free Southern Theater.

"In the 1960s, you couldn't get on college campuses with Movement-related issues, but that changed for the better later," he says. "However, a negative change was that early on people worked collectively in support of the Movement. But by 1975, you could no longer recruit volunteers. It changed the scale of what we could do. Those of us in the Movement had to justify our behaviors and actions in the community we worked in."

O'Neal's work as a writer-performer includes a myriad of plays he writes and performs to audiences all across the country and in several international locations. His signature efforts center around a storytelling mythic char-

acter referred to as Junebug Jabbo Jones, which features O'Neal as a one-man show in three plays. He performed the second volume, *"You Can't Judge a Book by Looking at the Cover: Sayings From the Life and Writings of Junebug Jabbo Jones,"* during the SIU Black Alumni Group Reunion last summer in Carbondale.

"I never thought of myself as a storyteller. But when I started performing, people asked me to share stories with children. So now I do children's performances, too," O'Neal says. "A good story sticks with people. It's a constant exchange that doesn't stop."

A native of Mounds City in deep southern Illinois, O'Neal has performed and taught in all but two states. He has received several awards and fellowships, including the Louisiana Artist's Fellowship in Theater and grants from the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations. In 1988 he was awarded a major fellowship for playwriting from the Rockefeller Foundation.

O'Neal, whose essays and plays have been published in several journals and books, completed a three-year stint as visiting professor in Cornell University's theater department. His most recent venture, "The ColorLine Project," is a story collecting and performance event about the Civil Rights Movement. Communities throughout the U.S. will collect stories about the Movement. O'Neal will assist in devising ways to present stories to the public to stimulate further dialog about them and their importance.

And for O'Neal, a new set of challenges continue to inspire him.

"There is social distance within the black population. The black middle class is pulling away from the black masses and moving into little clusters," he says. "Structure is changing. Segregation kept everyone together in the past. Our relationships are thinner and we're becoming uncomfortable with each other in some circles.

"We have a lot of work to do." ▲

## What They're Saying About John O'Neal



A Mounds City, Ill., native, O'Neal has performed and taught in all but two states.

**"Everyone who comes in contact with John O'Neal is changed for the better by the occasion. He works with all people with respect, humor and the quietest passion. It is difficult for people in our area to set aside time to renew a spiritual relationship to art and to history. Those who take the opportunity to do so with John O'Neal never forget it."**

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**"There is magic to his art."**

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Seattle Times

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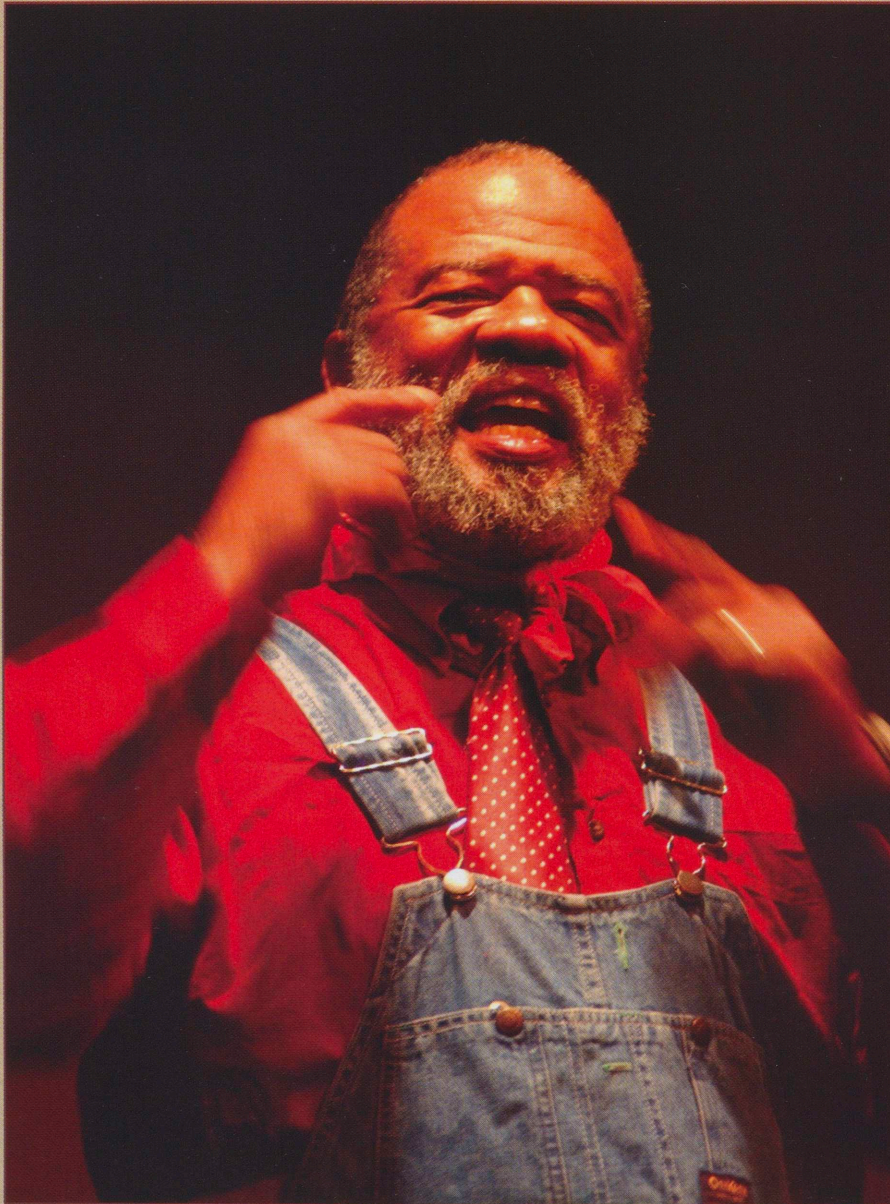
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# About The Character, Junebug Jabbo Jones

as told by John O'Neal

The Junebug character that we have created three plays around is a folk character in the fullest sense of the term, despite the fact that most of the folks who participated in the generation of the character are literate. Although Junebug himself can be dated back to the early 1960s, he is an expression of a generic character type as old as the ages. Wherever and whenever oppressed people have taken stock of their situations and begun to consider what to do about them, Junebug or somebody like him may be found nearby.

Junebug comes from a long line of African storytellers. Aesop, the African, was one of Junebug's forbearers. The innumerable praise-singers, the oral historians who have carried the records of events and the families of African peoples from time immemorial to now, are ancestors to the Junebug. The tales of Anansi the spider, Uncle Remus, and John and Master tales, Langston Hughes' character, Simple, the street corner poets who chime the rhymes of Shine and Stagolee, all these and more are ancestors to this keeper of dreams and other sacred things.



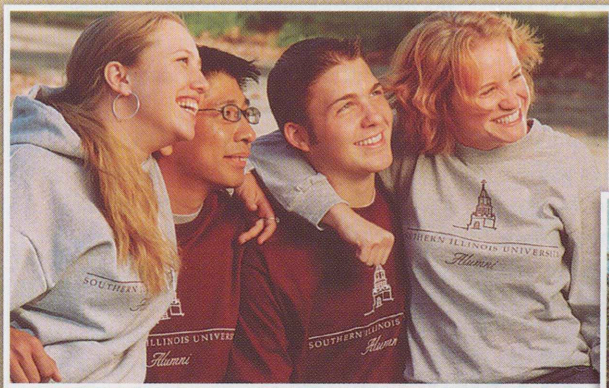
O'Neal has created three plays around the Junebug Jabbo Jones character he portrays.



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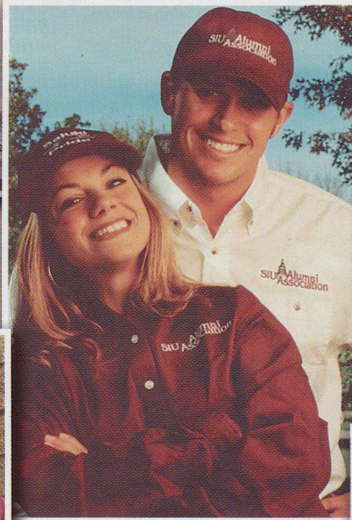
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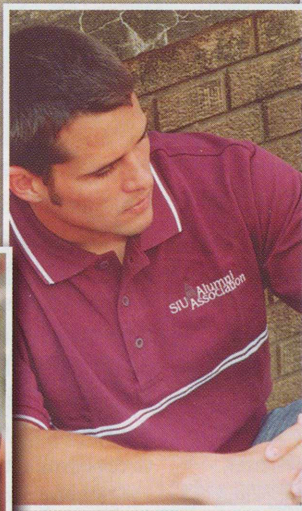


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## University Collaboration To Strengthen Relationship With Families Of Southern Students

by Greg Scott

Once SIU students conclude their initial year on campus and parents complete their inaugural year as Family Association members, they are invited to become a member of a “larger SIU family” by joining the SIU Alumni Association.

Alumni, students, and friends of Southern Illinois University have historically been encouraged to establish a life-long relationship with Southern and each other through the SIU Alumni Association. Due to a new collaborative effort on campus, parents of current SIU current students can remain a part of the University family long after their child graduates.

The SIU Alumni Association and Family Association (formerly the Parents Association) at Southern are partnering to strengthen the relationship between parents and the institution.

Currently, incoming freshmen and their parents receive a complimentary membership into the Family Association, comprised of 2,000 families, when they participate in SOAR, the University’s orientation program. During their initial year on campus, the Family Association strives to create a smooth transition for new students in the University setting, and address parental concerns. Their pri-

mary goal is to nurture a positive relationship with first-year students and their families.

Following their first-year experience on campus, families will be urged to continue their relationship with the University through membership in the SIU Alumni Association. They will receive all benefits inherent of becoming an alumni member, including invitations to functions in their area of

earn their college education. Their encouragement and support often make the difference between academic success and failure for their son or daughter,” says Ed Buerger, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association.

“Our partnership with the Family Association recognizes that SIU parents and families are also vital members of the Southern family. This relationship begins when their child first arrives on campus, and continues long after their son or daughter graduates from Southern.”

The New Student Programs department will continue offering programs such as SOAR, and Family Weekend activities on campus, in addition to benefits at numerous

businesses, and communication through its *Insight* Newsletter at least twice a semester to first-year parents.

“The collaboration between the Saluki Family Association and SIU Alumni Association allows us to better serve students and their families,” says Beth Lingren, director of New Student Programs. “We strive to establish relationships with families at the beginning of the enrollment process.

“Through our partnership with the SIU Alumni Association, members receive an increased number of benefits,” Lingren continues. “In turn, the University’s relationships with SIU families will endure.”

“I look forward to seeing families of our SIU students at alumni member functions for many years to come.” ■



## Saluki Family Association

residence such as SIU’s events at Wrigley Field and Busch Stadium, in Chicago and St. Louis, respectively. In addition, the Association welcomes members at appreciation football, basketball, theater, and symphony events on campus throughout the year.

New members can also stay abreast of SIU news through *Southern Alumni* magazine and *Saluki Pride* newsletter, and receive discounts for products and services at various local and national businesses. (Please refer to page 5 of *Southern Alumni* for a complete list of benefits).

The Family Association is comprised of 2,000 families.

“Parents and families are truly unsung heroes as our students strive to

# Salukis Induct Six Into Hall Of Fame

**S**outhern Illinois University Athletics inducted six new members into its Hall of Fame recently. The 2004 contingent includes *Oyd Craddock* (football, 1976-79), *Steve Heckel* (golf, 1966-69), *Sterling Mahan* (basketball, 1987-91), *Jamie Schutteck* (softball, 1994-97), *Doug Shields* (baseball, 1987-90) and *Rob Siracusano* (men's diving, 1992-95).

Here is a quick overview of the newest induction class:

**Craddock**, regarded as one of the best defensive backs in school history, played on the highly successful Division I Saluki teams of the late 1970s before the program joined the Division I-AA ranks. He started 43 out of 44 games in his career, was a three-time all-conference selection, and was named both honorable mention All-America by the Associated Press and first team All-MVC in 1979.

Craddock recorded 426 tackles in his career and ranks second in that category in school history. He also ranks third in career interceptions at SIU with 11. The former SIU standout has worked the last 23 years for IBM in sales, marketing and management. He began his career with IBM in his hometown of New Orleans and relocated to Atlanta in 1995.

**Heckel**, who has been the head professional and co-owner of Crab Orchard Golf Club in Cartersville, Ill., since 1972, was a vital member of the successful Saluki men's golf team of the 1960s and went on to have a prolific professional career. The SIU golf team recorded a combined record of 50-18 from 1967 to 1969, with Heckel leading the 1968 team with a 73.6 stroke average while being the only Saluki selected to compete in the NCAA post-season tournament.

As a professional golfer, Heckel was a PGA Championship qualifier in 1987 and a United States Senior Open Championship qualifier in 1996, 1998 and 1999. He served as the Gateway PGA vice president for 12 years and was the Gateway PGA Player of the Year in 1988. He has also won numerous Gateway PGA honors.

**Mahan** had a stellar four-year career during a remarkable era of Saluki basketball in the late '80s. He ranks among the career leaders at SIU in numerous statistical categories, including ninth in scoring (1,503 points), eighth in three-pointers (118), third in free throws made (383), second in steals (171) and fourth in assists (381). He was a First Team All-MVC performer in 1990, a member of the MVC All-Defense team in 1990, and was named Second Team All-MVC in 1991.

The former guard ranks high in several single-season categories, including first in assists in a season with 144 in 1990. He currently resides in Wyatt, Mo., where he works for a construction company.

**Schutteck** is one of the best softball players in the history of the University and

ance. The Salukis were 49-14 that season and won two games in the NCAA West-I Tournament. He was named Third Team All-America that season and led the team in homers (9) and RBI (64).

He stands fourth in career RBI (146), second in career games played (236), third in career at-bats (781), fourth in career runs scored (169), third in career hits (256), fourth in career doubles (46) and third in career total bases (373). He was named First-Team All-MVC in both 1989 and 1990 and led the '89 team in hitting with a .364 average. Shields, who was drafted by the Kansas City Royals and played professionally in the minor leagues, currently resides in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he works as the superintendent for Ameritek Homes.

**Siracusano** was one of the world's top divers in the early '90s and had an amazing career at SIU. He was a seven-time All-American on the 1 and 3-meter boards and competed in four NCAA Championships in his four years, helping lead SIU to three Top 25 finishes. He competed in 10 of 10 U.S. National and National Indoor Championships from 1990-95 and became the first diver since Greg Louganis to place a new dive in the NCAA rule book.



From left, Steve Heckel, Doug Shields, Oyd Craddock, SIU Athletics Director Paul Kowalczyk, Jamie Schutteck, Sterling Mahan, and Rob Siracusano.

the Missouri Valley Conference. A pitcher and designated player, she was a three-time First-Team All-MVC performer (1994, 96 and 97) and was the conference's Most Valuable Player in 1997. She was also named All-America in 1997, one of only three All-Americans in the program's history.

Schutteck rewrote the Saluki record book and still ranks first in career wins (69), complete games (73), winning percentage (.734), shutouts (23) and RBI (130). She also ranks first in numerous single-season categories, including RBI (44), batting average (.439), winning percentage (.933) and wins (28).

She currently resides in Herrin, Ill., and has returned to Southern to complete a degree in elementary education.

**Shields** played outfield for the Salukis and was a member of the 1990 squad, SIU's last to make an NCAA Tournament appear-

A member of the U.S. Diving National Team, he competed at the 1994 World Championship Trials and earned a fifth place finish. He also participated in the national team's 1994 tour of China and Germany and competed in the Olympic Sports Festival in 1991, 93 and 94.

Siracusano holds SIU Pool records on the 1-meter (341.48) and 3-meter (386.47) boards in a dual meet (six dives) and on the 3-meter (583.50) board in a championship meet dual (11 dives). He also holds school records in the 1-meter dual (376.80) and championship (547.72) and 3-meter dual (427.40) and championship (597.05) dives. In 1995, he became the first MVC champion in the 1- and 3-meter dives. He is a native of Long Island, N.Y., and currently resides in suburban Chicago where he works as an investment broker for Wachovia Bank. ■

## National Polls Tab Baseball Dawgs 2nd In Missouri Valley Conference

**F**resh from a strong second-place finish at last year's Missouri Valley Conference Baseball Tournament, SIU Head Coach *Dan Callahan's* Salukis have been picked to finish second in the 2004 league race by *Baseball America* and *Collegiate Baseball* magazines, and by the head coaches in the Valley.

SIU finished among the top three teams in the league for the second time in Callahan's nine years as head coach, and the Salukis ranked among the nation's best defensively. Southern led the NCAA in double plays (72) in

2003 and has established itself as one of the favorites in the Valley.

"We feel like we've come a long way in the last two or three years, and it's nice to be recognized by our peers and by a couple of reputable publications like *Collegiate Baseball* and *Baseball America*," says Callahan. "We know, however, that our games are not played in the press, and we fully realize how difficult our schedule is."

SIU (30-25, 17-13) was picked second to Wichita State (40-26, 19-11) in both preseason polls. Both teams last met in the MVC



Second baseman Greg Andrews provides senior leadership for this year's Saluki baseball squad.

Tournament Championship round a year ago, where the Shockers posted a pair of wins to clinch the league's automatic NCAA berth.

"It appears Wichita State will be the team to beat in the league this year," Callahan says. "Although we know we'll have our hands full with every Valley school, we feel we have the personnel to compete for the top spot in the league."

Also included in *Baseball America's* 2004 MVC breakdown is a section titled "Best Tools." Mentioned among the league's "Best Tools" are senior second baseman *Greg Andrews* (Best Defensive Second Baseman) and junior shortstop/pitcher *P.J. Finigan* (Best Defensive Shortstop and Infielder with the Best Arm). The middle infield tandem was the best in the Valley last season, as it led SIU to a school record 72 double plays. SIU returns 17 total lettermen and three of

their four starting pitchers from last year's squad.

Southern also returns starters *Nathan Boldt* (3B), *Josh Markle* (1B) and *Cory Newman* (CF—was injured last season), along with considerable pitching depth with *Bryan Ruerger*, *Marshall Tucker*, *Josh Joiner*, *Eric Haberer*, *Tyler Norrick*, *Adam Snyder*, and veterans *Jerel Deitering* and *Ryan Welch*, who hope to battle back from injuries.

SIU, which opened its non-conference season with a three-game series at Florida Atlantic on Feb. 13, starts Valley action March 27-28 hosting Bradley at Abe Martin Field. The schedule with times of the games can be seen in Calendar of Events on page 45 of this issue of *Southern Alumni*. Player bios and a full season outlook may be viewed at <http://siusalukis.ocsn.com/sports/m-basebl/silu-m-basebl-body.html>.

### Softball Salukis Take National Ranking Into New Season

**T**he 2004 Saluki softball team was ranked 24th in the NFCA Preseason poll, as expectations are high for last year's Sweet 16 Salukis. Southern returns all 10 starters, including pitching ace *Amy Harre*, one of the top pitchers in the Missouri Valley Conference – and the nation.

Head coach *Kerri Blaylock* knows the publicity generated from the ranking will help her team deal with having a bullseye on its back when the league season begins in March. "We're trying to use that as a positive and play with confidence," she says. "We have veteran team members that know if they work hard, things will turn out fine."

The Salukis already enjoyed a pre-MVC treat, playing in Hawaii at the Malihini Tournament from March 4-7. This was one of five tournaments the squad was scheduled to play in, giving SIU one of its toughest slates in years. Southern is coming off a 39-14 mark and SIU's first NCAA Tournament wins in 2003. The Salukis went 3-2 at the NCAA Region VIII Tournament, reaching the first regional final in school history and ending the most successful postseason at SIU as one of the final 16 teams playing in the 2003 NCAA Tournament. The Salukis also went 18-6 in the Valley, finishing second—softball's best finish since winning the 1991 Gateway title.

In addition to pitching ace Harre, the infield of *Katie Louis* (1B), *Samantha Carter* (2B), *Jenny Doehring* (SS) and *Haley Viefhaus* (3B) returns with the outfield of *Lindsey Bonnell* (RF), *Maria Damico* (CF) and *Katie Jordan* (LF). *Kelly Creek* also returns as the designated player to complete the lineup.

SIU will host the 2004 MVC Tournament May 13-15 at Charlotte West Stadium. The schedule with times of the games can be seen in Calendar of Events on page 45 of this issue of *Southern Alumni*. Player bios and a full season outlook may be viewed at <http://siusalukis.ocsn.com/sports/w-softbl/silu-w-softbl-body.html>.

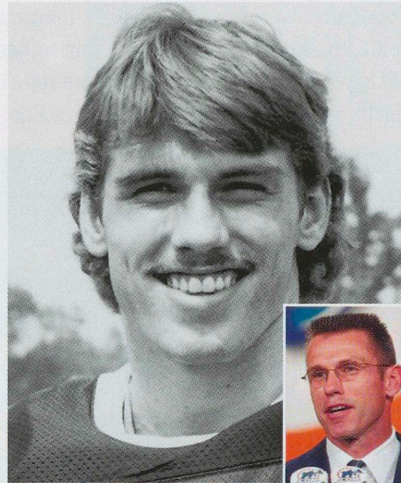
## Former Saluki Star Named GM Of The Miami Dolphins

**W**hen Rick Spielman embarked on a brief National Football League career, it ended when he was released for the third time without ever playing a game. The former star Saluki linebacker, however, continues to blaze quite a trail in pro football in administrative roles.

The 1987 SIU graduate was recently named general manager of the Miami Dolphins, having previously served the organization as vice president for football operations/player personnel.

Spielman, who played for the Salukis from 1983-86, knows Miami's fortunes will now rise or fall largely on his judgment. The day after Miami ended a disappointing season at 10-6, coach Dave Wannstedt was stripped of authority over personnel. Spielman, who during the last four years has advised Wannstedt on the draft, trades and free agency, will now make the call in those areas.

As a player at Southern, Spielman was selected to the 1986 Gateway All-Conference Team and earned first-team honors that year from United Press International while leading the team with 105 tackles. He is the older brother



Rick Spielman as a Saluki linebacker, and at the press conference announcing him as the new general manager of the Miami Dolphins.

of Chris Spielman, a former Pro Bowl linebacker with the Detroit Lions (1988-95) and Buffalo Bills (1996-98).

"I'm elated to have this opportunity," he says of his new role with the Dolphins. "The buck is going to stop on my desk."

Rick, wife Michele '87, and their three children reside in Davie, Fla.

## Swimmers Do Well In Valley Meets

**T**he SIU men's swimming and diving team won the first-ever Missouri Valley Invitational championship recently, claiming eight event titles along the way. Junior *Ivan Sanchez*, a double winner at the meet with wins in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle, finished second in the 1650 free with a time of 15:47.59. Junior *Marcelo Possato* won the 200-yard backstroke title with a time of 1:46.94, setting set a new school record and recording an NCAA provisional qualifying time.

The SIU men took the crown after collecting 821.5 points, followed by the 2003 MVC champion Southwest Missouri State with 779 points for second and Western Kentucky in third (742.5). Evansville (369) and Louisiana-Monroe (344) rounded out the five competing teams.

The SIU women's team (771.5) finished second in the Missouri Valley Conference Championships for the second straight season behind 898 points from the eventual winner and defending champion SMS. Rounding out the women's teams was Evansville with 477.5 points and Northern Iowa with 281 points.

Sophomore *Elizabeth McGowan* took home the 1650-yard freestyle title on a time of 17:05.08, setting a new meet record. Fellow sophomore *Briley Bergen* finished third in the mile-long event, clocking in at 17:15.32. Junior *Ashley MacCurdy* grabbed second in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:05.11, but it was sophomore *Kelsey Kinsella's* come-from-behind win in the 100-yard freestyle that brought a roar to the Shea Natatorium. She finished in 51.98.

## Saluki Men Gain National Ranking, Another MVC Crown

**T**he SIU men's basketball team entered the Associated Press Top 25 poll this season for the first time since the 1976-77 campaign, ranking as high as 15th in the nation. The Salukis also claimed their third straight Missouri Valley Conference title, and were 24-3/17-1 and the number one seed entering the league tournament.

"It's a special feeling to be ranked," head coach *Matt Painter* says. "We were picked fifth in our league three months ago, so to get ranked in this fashion and win the conference title is certainly satisfying and a tribute to the players and staff." The last and only other time Southern was ranked in the AP poll was in 1976. During a three-week span from Nov. 30 to Dec. 14, 1976, the Salukis were ranked #17, #18 and #18, before dropping out of the Top 20.

"Our oldest player was born in 1981, so it shows you how long ago it really was since we've been ranked," *Painter* notes. "I was six years old the last time we were in the Top 25."

Junior guard *Darren Brooks* enters the league tournament as the odds-on favorite to win MVC Player of the Year honors, as he leads the Salukis in scoring, rebounding, steals, and assists.

A wrap-up of the season will appear in the April edition of *Saluki Pride* once the 2003-04 campaign is complete.



Matt Painter and LaMar Owen discuss a play.

## Remembering 'Mr. Two Hands'

By Don Fabian '47  
Life Member, SIU Alumni Association

John Sebastian, my college roommate before and after World War II, was one of the most colorful and talented basketball players to perform at Southern Illinois Normal University. As we approach the one-year anniversary of his death, it occurred to me that there may be some folks who would remember "Mr. Two Hands" and his exploits on and off the basketball court.

John wanted to enroll at the University of Illinois after high school because the first five "all-state basketball players" had enrolled there that year. The five would later become known as the "Whiz Kids."

However, John's basketball was a family affair. For example, he would practice daily with his older sister Alice, also an excellent basketball player. But his father and grandfather vetoed John's U of I dream, recognizing the turmoil in Europe and knowing the University of Illinois had a compulsory ROTC military program for male students.

It was agreed he would attend Southern Illinois Normal University, which was close to their home in Odin, Ill. In addition, most of the players at Southern were seniors, and there was a strong possibility that John would get a lot of playing time as a freshman.

He turned out to be a tremendous scorer with a two-hand set shot and a sizzling two-hand passing ability. His range was similar to premier NBA players of today – approximately 30-40 feet from the basket. As a freshman he made the annual trip to

Mexico City to play two games, ironic since that was his first trip out of the country and just a few years later his basketball prowess would take him to 48 states and 28 foreign countries.

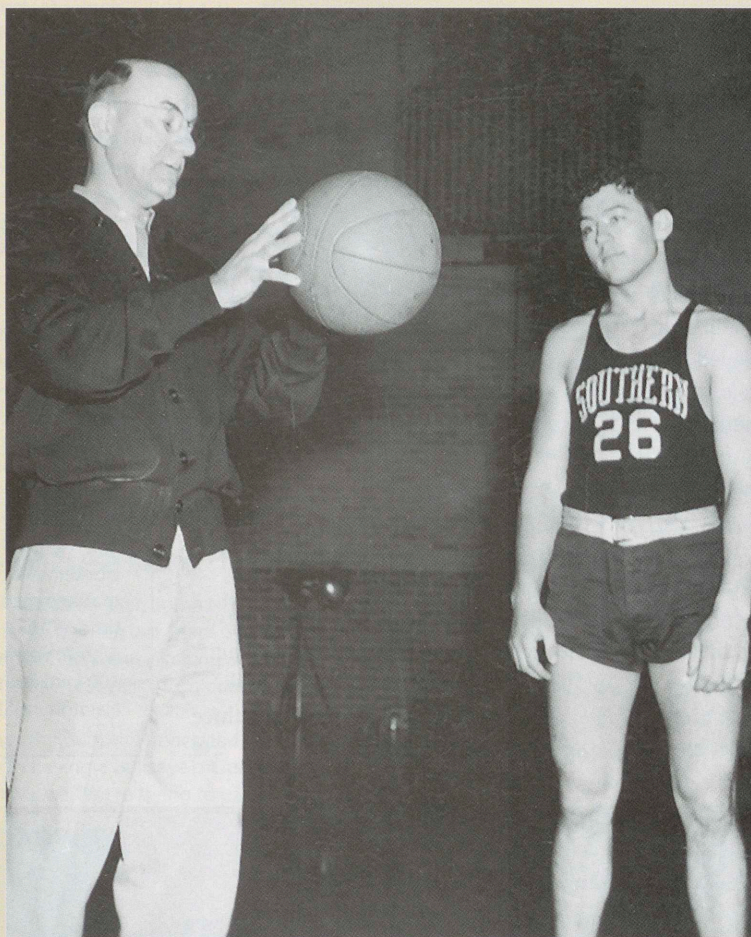
In 1943, John was inducted into the Navy and, after basic training, sent to Berea College in Berea, Ky., where he was a star player. Before returning to SINU in 1946, he played on the Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot basketball team and served in Gene Tunney's physical fitness program.

Back in Carbondale he teamed up with Ollie Shoaf to put on a spectacular shooting and passing show with Ollie's one-hand jump shot and John's still effective two-handed technique. Students and other fans labeled Ollie as "Mr. One Hand" and John as "Mr. Two Hands" and occasionally the crowd would chant for John and Ollie to "play keep away" and they would throw blazing passes back and forth.

In 1947, we graduated in the first class to receive a diploma from Southern Illinois University. John had led the conference in scoring for three years and helped win an Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship.

Although he had offers from several semi-pro corporate teams to play and work in management, he opted to take a shot at the newly created National Basketball League. He played for the Chicago Gears, Syracuse Nationals, St. Paul Saints, Hammond Packers and Detroit Vagabonds.

When Abe Saperstein, owner of the Harlem Globetrotters, spotted John playing with a bearded comedy team, he hired him to play on the Globetrotters' opposing team, and he was soon on a worldwide tour. They played before 75,000 in Berlin and at the palace of Juan and Evita Peron in



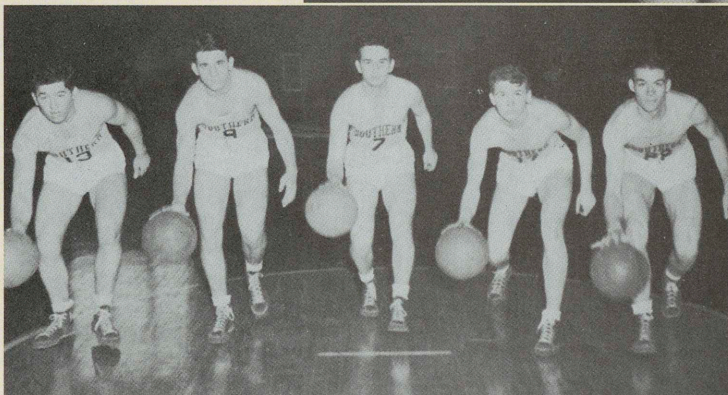
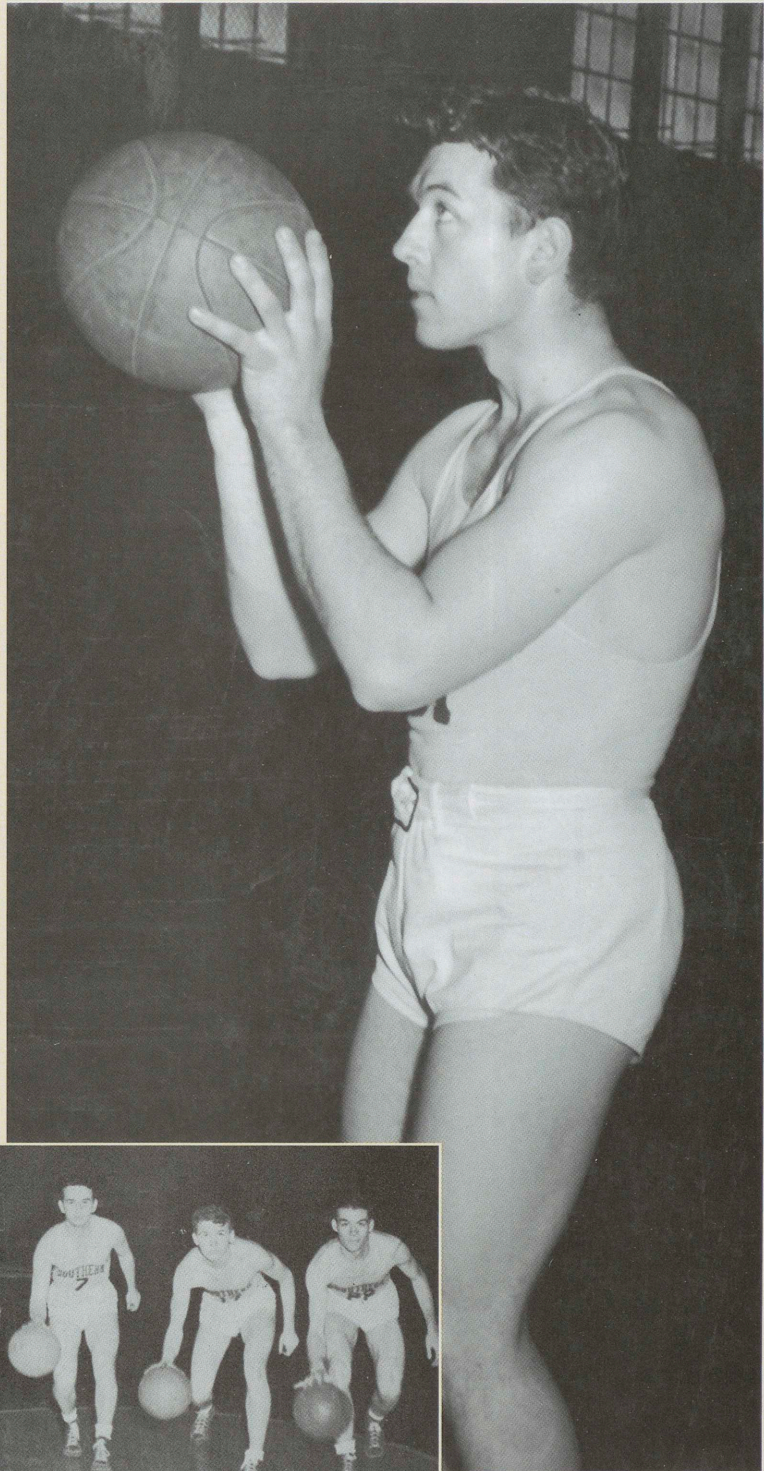
Coach William McAndrew gives his captain, John Sebastian, some pointers at practice.

Argentina. By 1953, he was tired of traveling and wanted to settle down. He married the woman who had been hired by the Globetrotters to sing the Star Spangled Banner before games and to entertain during halftime. He and Marie moved to Decatur, Ill., where John accepted a job coaching and teaching. Later, the two moved to Maine East High School in Park Ridge, Ill., where he taught for 31 years.

Keeping basketball in his life, he and Marie put together a show that consisted of spinning basketballs and shooting blindfolded, performing on local and national television, including the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. He starred in a National Marathon Oil Company commercial and was in the *Guinness Book of World Records* for making 63 consecutive blind-folded free throws.

Ironically, glaucoma left John blind in one eye 27 years ago. He decided to perform his shows dressed as a clown to cover any mistakes he might make due to his limited sight. Marie ably assisted him, entertaining with balloon animals and clown fanfare. When he lost the sight of his other eye, rather than sit home every day, he took on a partner. He trained "Slam Dunk Ginger," a Chihuahua, to slam dunk her sponge basketball into a hoop and then take a bow.

John Sebastian was a man of integrity, a good family man and conscientious teacher who was interested in his students. He was a humble person in spite of his massive world experiences. Humor was a part of his personality, which he used to his advantage in making people feel comfortable conversing with him. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, a son, two daughters, their spouses, five grandchildren and two sisters.



Sebastian takes aim for a shot with his effective two-hand set shot. Inset, Southern's starting five in 1943, from left, John Sebastian, Roy Ragsdale, Ed Moody, Don Sheffer, and Bill Millspaugh.

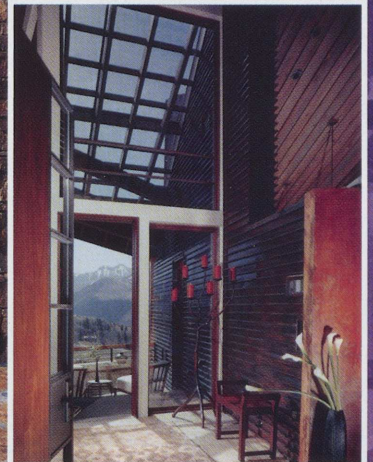
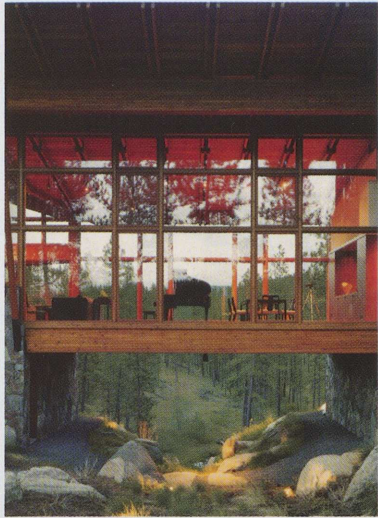


Challenges have always been exciting for Carol Arne Decker.

# Publishing CEO Succeeds While Breaking Barriers Along The Way

by Marianne Lawrence





*Western Interiors And Design* magazine features fabulous homes, such as these above. Money and imagination help create amazing homes, resorts, and businesses which the publication showcases each issue.

Carol Arne Decker doesn't let disappointments stand in her way. When she discovered that the career path she had chosen at Southern Illinois University in the mid 1960s excluded women, she simply moved on – to the big time.

Decker, founder and CEO of her own magazine, *Western Interiors and Design*, arrived on campus with dreams of becoming a television sports commentator. "I wanted to interview the athletes as they were coming off the field," she laughs.

She might have crashed through the glass ceiling in television, but she changed course and ended up breaking the gender barrier in magazine publishing instead.

Decker came from a farming community, where it was believed that going to college was a dream that only rich kids could achieve. So, after high school, Decker began her working career at a local radio station in Rockford, Ill. Her enthusiasm and ambition apparent, one of the announcers told her the world could be her oyster. He also told her it would take a college education, and because of his encouragement Decker applied to SIU as a radio-TV major.

The first college student in her family, Decker knew she would have to put herself through college with only minimal help from a scholarship. Most of her spare time during those college years was spent working — in the treasurer's office, recreation office and more important, at a pizza parlor. "That's how I fed myself," she recalls.

But as her freshman year came to a close, Decker concluded that radio/TV was a men's club and the opportunities for her seemed limited to "Weather Girl" at best.

Summer provided the answer to a new major and, ultimately, a new direction in her life. She took a summer class taught by William Ridinger, Chairman of the Recreation Department. "His courses were as much about philosophy as they were about recreation, and he really made me think about who I was and about my goals in life. I learned more in that class than any other."

According to Decker, Ridinger was an inspiration to students and faculty alike. "He was a wonderful mentor and supporter and ran a very upbeat department," she says, also recalling former instructor Bill O'Brien's positive influence. "We were encouraged to be forward thinkers. But, more importantly, 'Doc' Ridinger and his department used the recreation curriculum to teach lessons of life."

After graduation in 1969, she and a colleague started a company in Rochester, N.Y., called Leisurac Inc., a leisure time consulting company that had a travel wholesale business. "In those days if you wanted to fly cheaply, you had to belong to a group and fly on chartered aircraft, so we designed junkets for our clients," explains Decker.

"Since our company was recreation-based, we also had the idea of selling physical fitness laboratories, or in-house fitness



Charlie and Carol Decker celebrate with their daughter, Katherine, at her graduation from Middlebury College in Vermont.

centers to corporations. 'A fit employee was a productive employee!' was our motto. However, conservative corporate America in 1969 could not comprehend what we were talking about! Of course, what do you find all across corporate America today? In-house gyms. We were so ahead of our time."

Regular work coupled with travel junkets that took her literally around the world also led her to the brink of total exhaustion. After a couple of years and nearly total burnout from 90-hour workweeks, she concluded that "this was no kind of life, and it

wasn't going anywhere. Besides, at age 25 I hadn't had a date in two years." Decker recalls.

Ready for a new challenge she headed for New York City. It wasn't long before she became the first woman in advertising sales to be employed in the travel/trade publishing industry as a sales executive with *Travel Agent* magazine.

Decker thrived in ad sales and moved on to break another gender barrier as the first female sales executive hired for McGraw Hill's flagship publication, *Business Week*. She increased the magazine's net

advertising revenues for her territory by 333 percent. Lured away by *Reader's Digest*, she set a new company-wide sales record there by landing \$1.2 million in new business during her first year.

As her career progressed from ad sales to associate publisher of the *Atlantic Monthly*, then publisher of *Lear's*, she built an impressive record of financial turnarounds and in the process learned the fundamentals of the magazine publishing business. Her knowledge of the magazine business was expanded as she went on to co-found *Personal Investor* magazine and accepted some magazine consulting assignments from a major New York investment-banking firm.

While working in Manhattan with *Business Week* she met Charles Decker, a Madison Avenue advertising executive, on a blind date. They were married and, following the birth of their daughter, Katharine, the couple bought a large old mansion in Pelham, only 29 minutes by train from the hustle and bustle of their busy Manhattan offices.

Decker dove into turning the old home into a showcase, perhaps setting the stage for the innovative home design magazine she would later found. "The home was a spectacular English Tudor, a little run down but with great bones, and I had a wonderful time bringing back its dignity," says Decker.

Her habit of surveying the magazine landscape and her interest in interior design clicked to open a new opportunity. "I saw that home building in the West was exploding compared to the rest of the country and saw a real opportunity for a magazine covering the West." While exploring the idea, Decker met Michael Wollaeger, Executive Editor of *Architectural Digest*, who agreed with her assessment.

"He was aware of the West's great architecture and design that was not adequately covered by the national magazines," recalls Decker. "He was so excited about the idea that he resigned his position near the pinnacle of his



Decker rejoices as she reaches the pinnacle of the Grand Teton Mountain in Wyoming.

## Always New Obstacles To Climb

Carol Decker is a proven success in the magazine business, but frequently likes to prove herself on other grounds as well.

At age 45 she accomplished something few people have – climbing to the summit of the Grand Teton Mountain in Wyoming. “We wore rubber climbing shoes and clung to that mountain like spiders,” she recalls of the 14,000-foot climb.

“At one critical point, on a ledge with a 3,000 foot drop-off, I had to reach around a cor-

ner, get a finger and toe hold on whatever I could feel, and then shift my weight from the security of the ledge I was on to the unseen uncertainty of whatever was around that corner. I had to stay focused and controlled; death was a definite possibility,” says Decker.

She says that the experience put things into perspective for her. “In business and in life in general, the risk of pushing forward is not going to take my life. So I’m always pushing forward and upward. There’s just is no reason not to!”

profession and signed on as our Editor in Chief!”

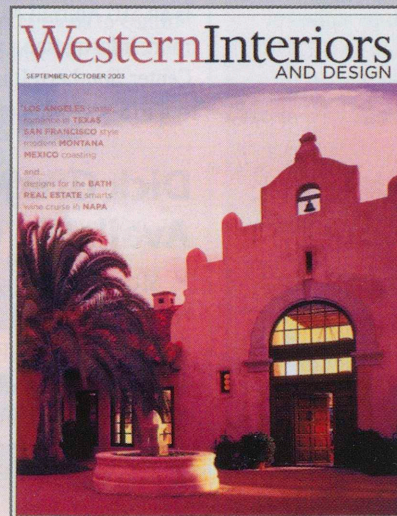
After a year of developing a business plan, it took another four years to raise the millions of dollars required to get the magazine off the ground. The premiere issue came off the presses last May, loaded with exquisite photography and engaging writing presenting design ideas inspired by the culture and lifestyle of the American West. Decker praises the 35 to 40 people who work on the magazine, saying, “The reason for our success is due to the energetic, dedicated professionals who share the vision.”

Less than a year after the magazine’s launch, Decker bought the Western Design Conference, a 12-year old business in Cody, Wyo., as a natural extension of the magazine. The focus of the Western Design Conference is an exhibition of one-of-a-kind pieces representing the finest craftsmanship in areas of furniture making, metal, leather, accessories, jewelry and fashion, all in the Western genre.

Design professionals and individuals from all around the world attend the conference, which hosts a seminar lecture series that is approved for continuing education credits by the AIA. This

June the conference expands its seminar lectures to Los Angeles and Santa Fe.

Decker acknowledges that several factors helped form her lifelong drive and passion for success. “I went to a country elementary school and was the only girl



For more information on *Western Interiors and Design* magazine, log on to [www.westernid.com](http://www.westernid.com) or call 800-477-5988.

in my eighth grade class of seven students. Sure I liked playing with dolls, but I liked the competition of playing sports better. And when you’re surrounded by only boys, if you wanted to be picked for the team, you had to be good. But

because I was a girl, I had to be better than good. What boy at age 12 wants to pick a ‘girl’ for his team unless he knew she hit home runs. I hit home runs!”

In addition, there was healthy competition between her and her brother, Darrell, who followed Decker’s lead and joined her at SIU. “We were always competing in one form or another, playing basketball, badminton, croquet or other games we devised. I guess that does begin to sharpen your edges at a pretty early age.”

Decker’s family is extremely important to her. She calls her husband, Charlie, who is vitally involved in the magazine’s operations, the “wind beneath my wings,” and is extremely proud of the accomplishments of their daughter, Katharine, who recently graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont and moved to Jackson Hole where she works at a local television station as a reporter and fill-in news anchor.

Decker is happy to have her offspring right down the road, exclaiming, “She’s doing just what I set out to do when I enrolled at SIU about forty years ago! I’m so glad she has this opportunity. I would like to think that I, and others like me, helped pave the way for her generation.”

## SIU Alumni Member Night Dinner And Christmas Program

The SIU Alumni Association hosted an Alumni Member Night dinner and Christmas program on campus in December. One hundred thirty alumni members enjoyed an eggnog reception and chicken and rice dinner in the Old Main Room of the Student Center.

Special guests included President James Walker and his wife, Gwendolyn; Chancellor Walter Wendler and his wife, Mary; Vice Chancellor Rickey McCurry and his wife, Sandra; and national board member Doris Rottschalk and her husband, Richard. In keeping with the Christmas spirit, the Association partnered with Gwendolyn Walker in promoting the "Book in Every Home" program," which strives to generate donations for new and used books for underprivileged children 3-6 years old. A total of 30 books were collected in support of this program.

Following dinner, alumni members and guests watched "Christmas With the Mantovani Orchestra and Chorus" at Shryock Auditorium. Members received a \$6 discount on tickets to the concert. More than 200 alumni members and guests purchased tickets from the Association.



Enjoying the Christmas event are, from left, Mike Solliday, Mike Vicars, and Lee Ann Vicars.

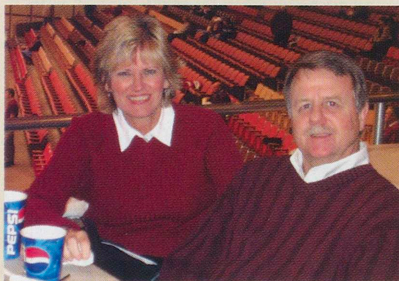
## Association Families Eligible For Scholarship

The SIU Alumni Association's Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarship Fund awards four annual scholarships valued at \$1,000 each. Applicants must be closely related to an SIUC alumnus or alumna who is a current member of the SIU Alumni Association. Applicants must either be admitted or currently enrolled undergraduate students who are registered for a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Applicants are available from the Alumni Association and must be postmarked by May 28 to be considered. Applicants must include a copy of the student's financial aid award letter and three letters of recommendation, one from the relative who is an SIU Alumni Association member. For an application and more information, contact the SIU Alumni Association, Student Center, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. 62901-6809, call 618-453-2408 or visit [www.siualumni.com/scholarships](http://www.siualumni.com/scholarships).

## Alumni Member Chili Supper

Despite adverse weather conditions — an ice storm had hit the southern Illinois region the night before — more than 200 alumni members and guests enjoyed a chili supper on the south concourse of the SIU Arena prior to a Saluki basketball game in January. The event was part of the Association's Alumni Member



Sharon and Ron Benton enjoy the pre-game chili supper.

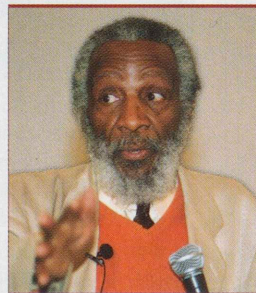
Appreciation activities.

Alumni members enjoyed a bowl of chili, salad, beverage, and dessert. Association members were also eligible to receive two complimentary tickets to watch the Salukis play Indiana

State on Jan. 25. The Association distributed 800 game tickets to alumni members and guests. The Salukis defeated Indiana State in front of an enthusiastic crowd at the Arena.

## Dick Gregory Speech Available On Videotape

SIU alumnus and civil rights pioneer Dick Gregory delighted SIU alumni and guests during his return to campus for the Black Alumni Group Reunion last summer. A successful activist, comedian, and nutritionist, Gregory shared numerous anecdotes and memories of Southern.



Dick Gregory

Alumni and friends of SIU are invited to purchase a videotape of Gregory's memorable speech at the Black Alumni Group Reunion banquet on July 19, 2003. Cost is \$24.99 per person (includes shipping & handling), and all proceeds benefit the Support Black Undergraduate Education Scholarship Fund. Checks can be mailed to SIU Alumni Association, 1255 Lincoln Drive, Bldg. 45, Campus MC 4420,

Carbondale, Ill. 62901. Orders can also be placed by calling 618-453-2417. All major credit cards are accepted.

## Distinguished Alumni Award Nominations

The SIU Distinguished Alumni Award is presented annually to up to five alumni to acknowledge their outstanding professional accomplishments and/or their exemplary history of service to the University. The awards are presented by the SIU Alumni Association at a Homecoming luncheon co-hosted by the Association and SIU Foundation national board of directors.

Recipients are invited back to campus for Homecoming weekend, and their photographs and biographical sketches are showcased on the SIU Distinguished Alumni wall in the Student Recreation Center. A seven-member committee reviews all nominations and selects the recipients.

If you would like to nominate someone for the 2004 SIU Distinguished Alumni Award, please log on to <http://www.siu.alumni.com/upfiles/nominationform.pdf> for a copy of the nomination form and submit no later than April 2, 2004, to: SIU Alumni Association, c/o Greg Scott, Colyer Hall, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. 62901-6809. For more information, call 618-453-2408.

## Central Florida Chapter

The Central Florida Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted a Saluki Social and Networking Reception in November at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay. Alumni socialized and shared experiences from their days at Southern. The Chapter plans to continue developing programs to encourage alumni involvement.

## Wyoming Area Salukis Cheer On Basketball Team

The SIU Alumni Association journeyed to Laramie, Wyo., to host alumni and guests at a reception prior to SIU's game against the University of Wyoming. Forty-six alumni and friends attended the pre-game gathering at the Altitude Chophouse and Brewery in Laramie. Despite blizzard conditions, Saluki fans watched Southern defeat the Wyoming Cowboys in an important non-conference game.

## Milwaukee Area Alumni Root The Dawgs To Victory

One hundred thirty SIU alumni and guests enjoyed a pre-game gathering in November prior to Southern's basketball game against the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee. The event was held US Cellular Arena. In addition to Milwaukee-area alumni, Chicago-area Salukis made the trip and helped cheer the Dawgs to victory.

Milwaukee-area alumni also began discussing the possibility of developing a chapter for alums living near the city and throughout the state of Wisconsin. The group plans to continue

## 'Take Me Out To The Ballgame'

SIU alumni and guests can mark their calendars for several upcoming baseball functions, including and SIU Family Day at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago, and the popular "SIU Days" at Wrigley Field in Chicago and Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

The first alumni baseball event is Saturday, April 17, in Tampa, Fla. Alumni and friends in **central Florida** will meet for a pre-game gathering. Afterward, the group will watch the Tampa Bay Devil Rays host the Chicago White Sox at 5:15 p.m. at Tropicana Field.

St. Louis-area alumni are invited to watch **Saluki Baseball** in action against St. Louis University on May 12. The game will be played at GMC Stadium in Sauget, Ill. and will feature both teams using wooden bats.

**SIU Family Day at U.S. Cellular Field** has quickly become a popular event with Southern graduates. The third annual affair will be held Saturday,



Salukis tailgate prior to last year's SIU Family Day White Sox event.

June 12, in conjunction with the White Sox game against the Atlanta Braves, beginning at 6:05 p.m., with fireworks after the game. The price for this event will be \$30, which includes the pre-game tailgate. Look for more

details on this event in the April issue of *Saluki Pride* newsletter.

Dates for the traditional "SIU Days" at Busch Stadium and Wrigley Field have also been set. The **20th Annual SIU Day at Busch Stadium** will be held Saturday, July 10, in St. Louis. The Cardinals and Cubs play at 12:20 p.m., with alumni and friends meeting prior to the game.

The **27th annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field** is Monday, July 19. Prior to watching the Cardinals-Cubs game at Wrigley Field, alumni and guests will gather at 5 p.m. at the Cubby Bear Lounge across from Wrigley Field, owned by SIU alumnus and former Saluki football star George Loukas. The game begins at 7:05 p.m.

Due to the large number of season tickets already sold, the Cubs are not providing group ticket sales for most weekend games. This change in policy forced the Association to change to the weekday date. Tickets for this event will go on sale March 22. Watch [sualumni.com](http://sualumni.com) for more details on ticket prices and availability. ■

## Support SIU Baseball From A Rooftop Near Wrigley Field

George Loukas will also host a **fund-raiser** in Chicago on Aug. 28 for Saluki Baseball. For a \$100 per person donation, alumni and friends will be able to enjoy food and refreshments and watch the Cubs-Astros game at 3:05 p.m. from a rooftop location in right field. Call event coordinators Clark Guyre (618-549-5847) or Stella Black (312-701-0079) for more details on this baseball fund-raiser. ■

this process at future meetings. Among those in attendance at the basketball function were Paul Sarvela, interim dean at the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, and Dave Ardrey, director of Off-Campus Programs for the SIU Alumni Association.

## Saluki Basketball In Normal

Fifty-five alumni and friends of SIU gathered for a meal prior to Southern's basketball game against Illinois State. After enjoying refreshments at the old Horton Field House, the group walked next door to Redbird Arena and watched the Salukis defeat Illinois State.

Among those attending were Roger Neuhaus, associate vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement, Ed Buerger, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association, Don Magee, past president of the Alumni Association, and Dave Ardrey, director of Alumni Off Campus Programs.

## Saluki Fans Gather In Peoria

One hundred seventy-five alumni and friends of Southern gathered for a pre-game reception at the Pere Marquette Hotel prior to the SIU-Bradley basketball game in January. The group enjoyed lunch and basketball talk prior to game time. Fans then settled into the Peoria Civic Center where they watched the Salukis

defeat the Bradley Braves. Among those in attendance were national board members Don Magee, Mike Munge and Ray Serati.

## Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble Will Be Held July 29

The 15th Annual Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble will be held Thursday, July 29, at Bloomingdale Golf Club in Bloomingdale, Ill. There will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m., with dinner following the event. The entry fee is \$150, with all proceeds benefiting Saluki Athletics.

This event has raised more than \$200,000 since 1989, and sponsorships are still available. If you need additional information, please contact Liz Sexson at 630-920-8032 or e-mail her at [lizs@siu.edu](mailto:lizs@siu.edu). Look for a recap of the action in a future issue of *Southern Alumni* magazine.



Golf Scramble committee members are, from left, Howard Spiegel, Nick Harkovich, Paul Conti, Mike Davids, Bob Chamberlin, Bob Richter, Anthony Ryan, and Forrest Fairall.

## Presidential Scholarship Golf Scramble Set May 14

The 2004 Presidential Scholarship Golf Scramble will be held on Friday, May 14, at Stone Creek Golf Club in Makanda, Ill. There will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. An entry fee of \$100 will be charged, with all proceeds being used for scholarships to attract the best and brightest students to the Southern Illinois University Carbondale campus.

Sponsorships are available. For additional information, please contact Bryan Vagner at 618-453-4913 or via e-mail at [bvagner@siu.edu](mailto:bvagner@siu.edu).



Posing with SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler (center), are recent Presidential Scholarship recipients, from left, Katie Miller, Lyndsey Wilmot, Mary Ann Boyt, William Biby, Bethany Clutts, Daniel Raino, Stephanie Lamb, and Dustin Davis.



## Board of Directors Ballot

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

Only the votes of dues-paying members are valid in this election. Ballots must reach the alumni association offices no later than noon on **April 9, 2004.**

### Directors for Election (four year term)

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### Director for Re-Election (four year term)

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All candidates are life members of the SIU Alumni Association.

### Please return your ballot to:

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

Name of person(s) voting:

## Alumni Deaths

### Spring '04

**HARRISON**, Ferne Elizabeth, '29  
12/13/03, St. Louis, Mo.

**MOREY**, Helen Biggs, ex '32  
10/22/03, Athens, Ill.

**WATERS**, Jessalyn W., '33  
12/19/03, Dongola, Ill.

**RAY**, Blanche H., '34; '64  
01/23/04, Goreville, Ill.

**EASTER**, Floy Metcalf, ex '36  
12/25/03, Grand Chain, Ill.

**SPEER**, Ethel Louise, ex '36  
01/07/04, Junction, Ill.

**ZACHEIS**, Helen L., '36  
01/08/04, Oakdale, Ill.

**DAVIS**, Kathryn S., ex '39  
01/13/04, Fishers, Ind.

**HAVENS**, George L., '39  
11/24/03, Jerseyville, Ill.

**MARIETTA**, Neola Whitlock, '39  
11/20/03, Kalamazoo, Mich.

**RASCHE**, Martha Jean, ex '39  
01/15/04, Carbondale, Ill.

**HILLER**, John "Jack," ex '40  
12/15/03, LaVerne, Calif.

**RODDY**, Jarrett Leo, ex '40  
11/08/03, Quincy, Ill.

**BOZARTH**, Charles M., '41  
12/18/03, Tuscola, Ill.

**DOVEMUEHLE**, Margaret Fern, ex '41  
12/25/03, Steeleville, Ill.

**AYERS**, Esther Mary, '42  
11/02/03, Anna, Ill.

**HICKMAN**, Joseph W., ex '42  
12/24/03, Benton, Ill.

**KLAUS**, Lucy Purdom, ex '42  
11/02/03, Carlinville, Ill.

**CANTRELL**, Sue R., '43  
12/08/03, Rockford, Ill.

**TAYLOR**, Harold W., '45  
01/12/04, Winter Haven, Fla.

**TRIPP**, Emma C., ex '46  
11/17/03, Marion, Ill.

**BERRY**, Dale L., '47; M.S.Ed. '52  
12/09/03, Clifton, Ill.

**DAVIDSON**, Robert "Zeke," ex '47  
11/27/03, Anna, Ill.

**MEDLEY**, Kenneth Wayne, '47  
11/21/03, Arlington, Va.

**KROENER**, David Duguid, '49  
12/05/03, Oakdale, Ill.

**CORZINE**, Mildred Lockard, ex '50  
12/02/03, Anna, Ill.

**CRAIN**, Robert L., ex '50  
12/19/03, Canton, Ga.

**MEDEARIS**, Charles M., '50  
11/21/03, Elgin, Ill.

**ELLBOGEN**, Jeanne Malone, ex '51  
01/05/04, Chicago, Ill.

**PARKER**, James S., ex '53  
11/12/03, Milton, Ill.

**DILLOW**, Edward W., '54  
01/09/04, Plano, Ill.

**RAINEY**, H. Bruce, '54  
12/11/03, Marion, Ill.

**WHEATLEY**, Mary Louise, '54  
01/16/04, Du Quoin, Ill.

**BUTLER**, Phyllis Ann, ex '55  
12/31/03, Marion, Ill.

**SANDERS**, Thomas Edward, '55; M.S.Ed. '57  
12/05/03, Pittsburg, Ill.

**VUNESKY**, Cheryl Crawshaw, '55  
11/18/03, Collinsville, Ill.

**BARTON**, Allen B., '56; M.S.Ed. '60  
12/05/03, Benton, Ill.

**BROWN**, William T., '56  
01/07/04, Reidland, Ky.

**MITCHELL**, Jeanne Marie, '56; M.S.Ed. '70  
12/09/03, Cartersville, Ill.

**PARKHILL**, Harry A., ex '56  
11/27/03, Gilman, Ill.

**FETTER**, Robert E., '57  
11/23/03, Pottersville, Mo.

**HART**, Jerome P., '57; M.M.Ed. '58  
01/10/04, Vergennes, Ill.

**HOAGUE**, LaDonne, '57  
01/27/04, Herrin, Ill.

**SHOOP**, C. Robert, '57  
11/07/03, Cumberland Island, Ga.

**BRYANT**, Paul M., '59  
01/24/04, Carbondale, Ill.

**HANKLA**, Gordon R., '59  
01/16/04, St. Louis, Mo.

**GIRTEN**, Donald E., '60  
12/04/03, Benton, Ill.

**POORE**, Harold M. "Peanuts," '60  
11/18/03, Eldorado, Ill.

**GERDES**, Jerrie Ruth Tally, '61  
01/14/04, Collinsville, Ill.

**KRAUDEL**, Robert Lee, '62  
01/12/04, Decatur, Ill.

**MILLER**, Everett V. "Evvie," ex '63  
01/26/04, Carbondale, Ill.

**BERG**, James L., '64  
01/19/04, Darien, Ill.

**STEVENS**, Joe R., '64  
11/13/03, Metropolis, Ill.

**CARAKER**, Kenneth Lorraine, '65  
11/21/03, Marion, Ill.

**COLOMBO**, Thomas Albert, '66; '72  
12/15/03, Herrin, Ill.

**JOHNSON**, James David, '67  
12/24/03, Sun City West, Ariz.

**PIPER**, Michael Kent, '67  
01/25/04, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

**STEARNS**, Claude Hugh, '67  
12/19/03, Anna, Ill.

**DUNAGAN**, Dan A., '68  
12/09/03, Morrison, Ill.

**JOHNSON**, Robert J., '68  
11/22/03, Staunton, Ill.

**SNODSMITH**, James Mecord, '68; '70  
10/30/03, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

**WAGGONER**, Betty M., '68  
01/27/04, Macedonia, Ill.

**MARCO**, Philip David, '70  
11/25/03, Prairieville, La.

**WELDON Sr.**, John J., Ph.D. '70  
12/11/03, Deerfield Beach, Fla.

**HOWARD Jr.**, Robert E., '71  
01/25/04, West Frankfort, Ill.

**PRILLAMAN**, William D., ex '71  
01/03/04, Springfield, Ill.

**STEFFY**, James P., '71  
12/13/03, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

**STEPHENSON**, Ronald Keith M.S.Ed. '72  
12/18/03, Sarasota, Fla.

**HICKS**, Lorimer Earl, M.S. '73  
11/07/03, Marion, Ill.

**MILLER**, Tom, '73  
01/06/04, Anna, Ill.

**ROGERS**, Paul A., '73  
11/12/03, Benton, Ill.

**ADAMCZYK**, Francis "Frank," '74  
12/12/03, Channahon, Ill.

**COLEMAN Jr.**, William Michael, '75  
01/03/04, Anna, Ill.

**THOMPSON**, John W., '76; M.S.Ed. '82  
11/28/03, Jonesboro, Ill.

**LONG**, Nancy Hankins, J.D. '77  
12/18/03, Evansville, Ind.

**BAILEY**, Lauren "Lori" S., '78  
11/24/03, Weston, Fla.

**GRAESSER**, Raymond Charles, '78; M.S. '85  
01/09/04, Richmond, Vir.

**DALY**, Claudia T., M.S. '79  
11/15/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

**SNEDDON**, Donald L., '79; '81  
12/19/03, Anna, Ill.

**BOSTON**, Muriel Eugene, '80  
01/14/04, Sparta, Ill.

**BUSBY-HORN**, Denise, '81  
11/07/03, Carbondale, Ill.

## Tom Leffler, Former SIU Police Chief



**T**om Leffler, longtime police chief on the SIU Carbondale campus, died recently at 79 following an extended illness. In 1959 he became chief of security at Southern, and in his tenure as chief, graduated from the FBI National Academy, founded the Saluki (student) Patrol, and served through the civil unrest in Carbondale in the late 1960s.

In 1974, Leffler became special assistant to the president at SIU Edwardsville, and served four university presidents, also as chief of security and as legislative liaison, until his retirement in 1981. A Mt. Vernon, Ill., native, he saw action in the North Atlantic aboard the USS Robinson, a destroyer escort which was part of an anti-submarine Task Group cited by Congress for having sunk the only Japanese submarine in the Atlantic. Leffler was honorably discharged in 1945. In 1950, Leffler joined the Illinois State Police, stationed in Du Quoin. He was promoted to supervisor, assigned to the Training Academy, and conducted state-wide vice and gambling investigations.

In 1995, he returned to Carbondale with his wife, Lenora. Memorial contributions in the name of Thomas L. Leffler may be made to the SIU Crime Study Center Activity Fund at the SIU Foundation.

**HILL**, Marvin L., '82  
12/02/03, Johnson Creek, Wis.

**McANALLY**, David R., '83  
12/19/03, Marion, Ill.

**PINGLE**, Gary L., '83  
11/27/03, Anna, Ill.

**TYLER**, Ruth C., '83; '84  
11/12/03, McLeansboro, Ill.

**ROYALS Sr.**, Thomas M., '86  
12/26/03, Aurora, Ill.

**McCOMBS**, Archie Ray, '88  
10/27/03, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

**GINGERICH**, Denny W., '94  
06/27/03, San Diego, Calif.

**SIMS**, Marvin L., M.F.A. '97  
12/25/03, Richmond, Vir.

**MURROW**, Lisa Gail, '98  
01/03/04, Raleigh, Ill.

**TRIPP**, Gregory D., '99  
11/27/03, Peoria, Ill.

**SMITH**, Orvell Leon, '01  
11/22/03, Marion, Ill.

**YOUNKIN**, Bradley Kent, M.F.A. '01  
11/15/03, Metropolis, Ill.

**WYATT**, Brandon N., '02  
12/08/03, Riverton, Ill.

**DALLAS**, Ashley Nicole, Junior  
01/05/04, Galesburg, Ill.

**DURFEE**, Howard Keith, Junior  
01/19/04, Carbondale, Ill.

**JUDKINS**, Ayesha, Junior  
12/28/03, Chicago, Ill.

**RIVERA**, Roxana, graduate student  
Graduate Teaching Assistant  
English Department  
11/21/03, Lynwood, Calif.

### Faculty & Staff

**AVERY**, Emma G.  
Former Civil Service, Food Dept.  
01/13/04, Herrin, Ill.

**BABURNICH**, William "Butch"  
Emeritus Civil Service  
Computer Programmer, Computing Affairs  
12/27/03, Benton, Ill.

**DAILEY**, Leo C.  
Emeritus Civil Service, Groundskeeper  
11/07/03, Herrin, Ill.

**DAVIS**, Lela M.  
Emerita Civil Service, Cashier, Bursar  
01/11/04, Carbondale, Ill.

**HARTMANN**, Donna R.  
Emerita Civil Service  
Accountant, Disbursements  
11/03/03, Cairo, Ill.

**HAWSE**, Mara Lou  
Former Editor/Writer  
Coal Research Center  
12/19/03, Carbondale, Ill.

**HUNTER**, James A.  
Emeritus Civil Service, Electrician  
01/08/04, Wayne City, Ill.

**JANKAUSKI**, Ruth H.  
Former Civil Service Supervisor  
Medical Transcriptions, SIU School of  
Medicine, 01/08/04, Athens, Ill.

**KARNES**, Rex D., '49; M.A. '51  
Emeritus Director, Area Services  
Office of Regional Research and Service  
12/14/03, Carbondale, Ill.

**LEDGETT**, Deanna D.  
Emerita Program Director  
SIU at March Air Force Base  
12/12/03, Riverside, Calif.

**MORRILL**, Sylvia Bassoe  
Former Academic Adviser  
College of Science  
11/14/03, Delaware City, Del.

**PETROPOULOS**, Dorothy M.  
Emerita Civil Service, Billing and Collections  
Supervisor  
SIU School of Medicine  
11/14/03, Springfield, Ill.

**RAGSDALE Jr.**, Joseph R.  
Emeritus Civil Service, Benefits Counselor,  
Personnel Services  
01/06/04, Carbondale, Ill.

**RAINES**, Mary Bernice, ex '36  
Former Clerk, Graduate School  
01/16/04, Murphysboro, Ill.

**SEYMOUR**, John "Chief"  
Emeritus Civil Service, Electrician  
11/03/03, Herrin, Ill.

**WEBER**, Mary Opal Hastings  
Emerita Civil Service  
Administrative Secretary  
12/17/03, Murphysboro, Ill.

# REMEMBERING PAUL SIMON

**"IN ANOTHER ERA, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN  
A FOUNDING FATHER."**

SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY



The trademark bow tie and resonating voice of Paul Simon became part of the Southern Illinois University landscape, especially after the former U.S. Senator founded the Public Policy Institute here in 1997. The vacuum left by his death on Dec. 9, 2003, was felt deeply on campus.

Simon, who died of complications following heart surgery at the age of 75, founded the Institute after retiring from a brilliant political career that spanned 40 years, including a run for the presidency in 1988.

Beginning in 1954 he served 14 years with terms in the Illinois House and Senate before his election as lieutenant governor in 1968. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1974 and to the U.S. Senate in 1984, where he served until he retired and founded the institute.

Under his direction, the Institute plunged into tough issues like mental

health care for prison inmates and preventing future Rwanda-like genocides. It found a way to provide dental care for underprivileged children in southern Illinois and to reform the state's campaign finance laws.

Because of Simon, foreign heads of state and icons such as Carol Channing, Coretta Scott King and Walter Cronkite enriched SIU's campus.

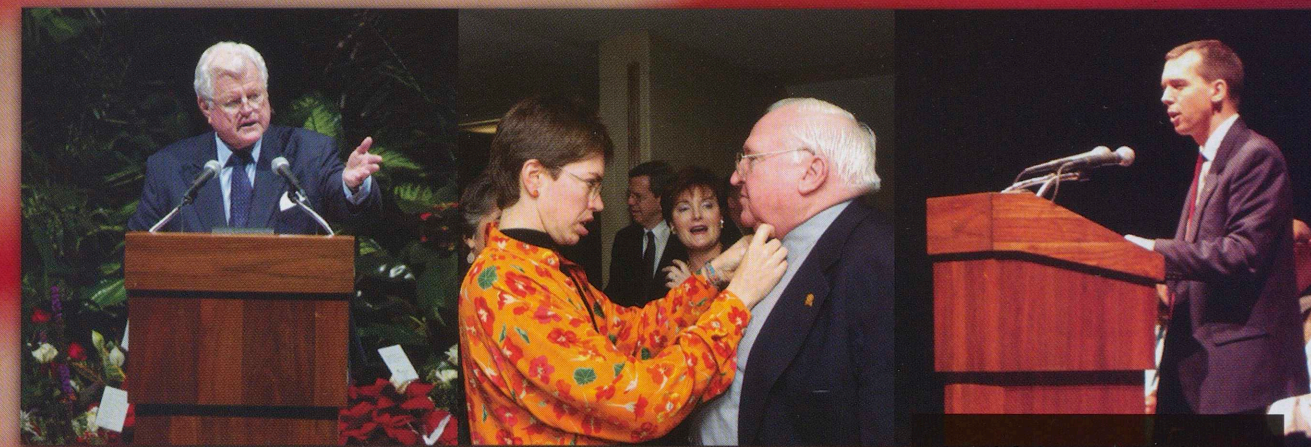
Then there are his contributions as a journalist and writer. He was the youngest newspaper editor-publisher in the nation at age 19, and in 1972 he founded the Public Affairs Reporting program at Sangamon State University,

now the University of Illinois-Springfield. In addition, Simon authored 22 books in his lifetime.

The presidential hopeful was recognizable to people everywhere. Whether rushing to meet with his class in the Communications Building, making his way through an airport, or escorting a dignified visitor to the Old Main Dining Room for lunch, he *always* made time if someone wanted to stop and chat.

Thousands attended his funeral on Sunday, Dec. 14, where his qualities as a human being were extolled by speaker after speaker, and words like honesty, integrity, caring, courage and dedication hung in the air.

Because of his dedication to accomplish meaningful things and to help people everywhere, Paul Simon made Southern Illinois University and the world a better place.



From left: Senator Edward Kennedy speaks to the gathering about his long-time political colleague and friend; daughter Sheila Simon adjusts a bowtie for "Paul" bearer Gene Callahan; son Martin Simon speaks about his father's life.

## OTHER VOICES

*"He didn't walk into a room and say, 'Here I am.' He walked in and said, 'There you are.'"*

Kristina Herrndobler, former Simon student and *Daily Egyptian* columnist

*"Paul Simon set the standard for honesty and caring in public life. At a time when people gave up on other politicians, they never gave up on Paul Simon."*

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois

*"Paul Simon was a great servant to the world, nation, the state of Illinois and Southern Illinois University. His passing will leave a void on the campus here that will never be filled."*

Southern Illinois University Carbondale Chancellor Walter Wendler

*"He didn't teach me how to be a good person, he showed me."*

Martin Simon

*"Paul will be missed, and so, too, will his endearing spirit and love of life."*

Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Dennis Hastert

## LAWRENCE NAMED PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE INTERIM DIRECTOR

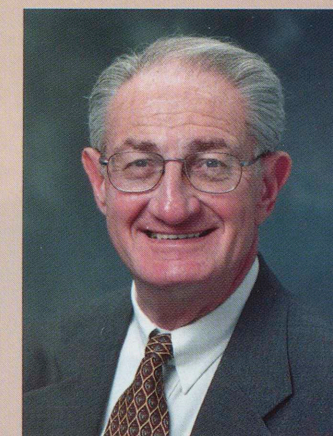
Mike Lawrence, senior policy adviser and press secretary to former Gov. Jim Edgar and associate director of the Public Policy Institute, will now head the institute on an interim basis. He will continue setting the day-to-day agenda for the think tank founded by the late Sen. Paul Simon and will also take the leadership role until a national search is completed.

"Paul Simon was a planner and always looked ahead," SIU Chancellor Walter Wendler says. "He had plans for the center, and those plans will continue to flourish and grow, even in his absence." Wendler adds that the search for a permanent director will begin later this semester.

SIU Provost and Vice Chancellor John Dunn adds he is pleased that Lawrence agreed to fill the slot. "Mike worked side-by-side with Senator Simon for the past six years to bring the institute this far, and I am confident in his ability to oversee the operation – Mike understands what Paul's vision for the future encompassed, and he will continue to move the institute forward."

Lawrence, who has been at Southern since July 1997, says his overall concern is to stay true to Simon's vision. "I want to ensure that the Institute continues to go on and grow as Paul would have wanted it to grow. I want to do everything we can do to keep faith with his vision for the institute."

Lawrence has an extensive background in media relations, management in the public and private sectors, joining Edgar's team in 1987. He also served as the Springfield bureau chief for Lee Enterprises from 1979 to 1986 before capping his journalism career as the Statehouse bureau chief in Springfield for the *Chicago Sun-Times* from 1986 to 1987. He holds a bachelor's degree from Knox College, and his alma mater awarded him with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1998.





# Not Just Fun And Games



After years of reviewing video games, Dan Leahy is now surrounded by the responsibility of producing such entertainment.

*For Dan Leahy, countless hours playing video games ended up being anything but a waste of time.*

*by Gene Green*



**A**s an avowed sports nut and video game enthusiast, Dan Leahy became accustomed over the years to hearing the questions: “Why don’t you do something more productive? Don’t you realize all you’re doing is wasting your time?”

Now as a video game producer for NuFX, Inc., Leahy chuckles at the memory of such remarks. Working in Chicago for a software company that produces PlayStation 2 and Xbox titles for EA Sports (the world’s largest game developer), he is enjoying his dream job.

And the 1994 Southern Illinois University product has also been able to have the last laugh with friends, family – and even faculty – who used to fret about all the hours he spent playing

video games while a student at Southern: “It was worth it,” the 31-year-old Leahy says with a laugh. “There ended up being a method to the madness.”

After years of reviewing video games as an editor for various magazines, Leahy now is on the other side of the fence as a producer of such entertainment. The hours are long and the pressure intense, but doing the job right makes it all worthwhile.

His ultimate goal as a producer can almost sound simplistic. “We want to make games that are fun to play,” he says. “Making it enjoyable is a difficult challenge that incorporates a huge creative process. There are too many games on the market that are just not deserving of the customer’s money.”



Once Leahy joined the NuFX team, he realized he would be working with a fellow Saluki. Mitch Deason '96 (left) earned an electrical engineering degree at Southern and has worked at NuFX since 1999 as an engineer developing software for console video games.

### **Getting His Start At SIU**

A decade ago when Leahy was at Southern, he worked at the *Daily Egyptian* and later completed an internship in sports information at SIU Athletics. Both experiences served the Chicago native well.

"Although I'm in production now, I soon realized that I've *really* been a producer of sorts since my days at the *DE*," he explains. "There I was taught to meet deadlines, stay on top of production schedules, and deal with a wide array of personalities. Those same challenges applied at SIU Athletics as we battled media guide deadlines and constant game day responsibilities. That foundation has proven to be invaluable in everything I have done since then."

While appreciating the education he received at Southern, Leahy admits, "I *probably* logged more hours playing video games than I did sitting in a classroom. My friends and I drove our girlfriends crazy, as they would be ready to go out at 10 p.m., but we would be glued to the screen whining our battle cry of 'please – just **one more** game of Madden before we go downtown...'"

Little did they realize that he was in training. A stroll down Illinois Avenue would have to wait until a bit later in the evening.

### **Taking A Leap Of Faith**

After earning a bachelor's degree in journalism at SIU, Leahy worked two years as sports information director at

Barry University in Miami, Fla. Writing, designing and editing publications for the 11-sport athletic program, he earned two "Best In Nation" awards for journalistic excellence.

Now married to Marianne (Flynn) '94, his college sweetheart from SIU, he longed to return to the Midwest and be closer to friends and family. That opportunity came in 1997, when he relocated to Dwight, Ill., to become managing editor for Star Newspapers. He managed the editorial staff for five weekly publications for almost two years, until one day he took a leap of faith.

"I saw a newspaper ad for a position as contributing editor for Ziff Davis Media, a large publisher that produces various gaming magazines," Leahy recalls. "I knew no one in the company –

it was literally a situation where I was shooting for the stars. After applying for the job via the company's human resource department in Boston, I secured a phone interview, then a site interview at their offices in Oak Brook, and finally was offered the job. A total cold call led to me getting my foot in the door."

From 1999-2002, Leahy served as contributing editor for *Electronic Gaming Monthly* (circulation 500,000-plus) and editor in chief of *GameNOW Magazine* (circulation 150,000-plus). Leading a team of 10 full-time employees and more than 20 freelance writers and artists, he and his staff focused on covering all aspects of the gaming industry, from hardware developments and pre-views, to reviewing thousands of games

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**"Every morning at work, it was like 'welcome to the toy department.'"**

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before they hit the store shelves.

"I was now basically playing video games for a living, and writing about what I liked and didn't like in the industry," he says. "Every morning that I arrived at work, it was like 'welcome to the toy department.' I had the latest systems, games, and anything else I wanted at my disposal.

"I was kind of slack jawed the entire time, and the enjoyment of what I was doing never wore off during the three years I was there – I could have done that job for 30 more years."

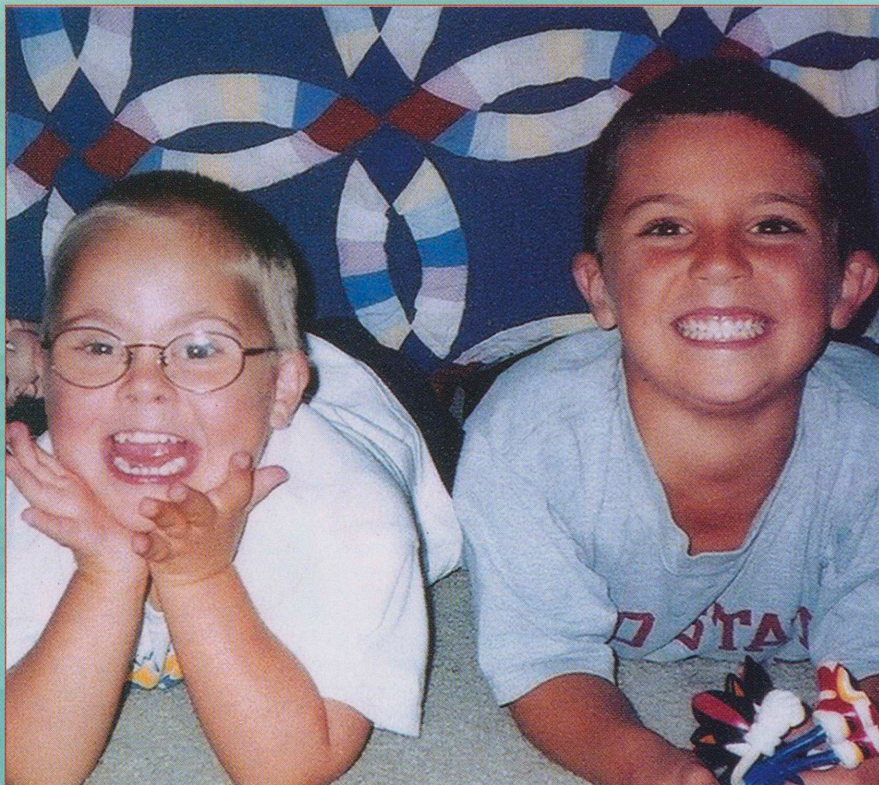
But that was not to be.

After being "back home" for five years, things were going well until Ziff Davis Media decided in 2002 to move their offices to San Francisco, Calif. Now

with two sons added to the family, Leahy was determined to keep their roots in Illinois. He passed on a chance to move to the west coast, and instead embarked on a year of freelance writing assignments for technology publications.

During that time he secured an inter-

view with Electronic Arts Canada, one of the major gaming studios in the world. Flying to Vancouver to interview for a project working on "NBA Live" (the top-selling basketball video in the country), things went well and he was offered a position as a producer.



As far as Leahy's sons Tyler (left) and Camden are concerned, their Dad has the best job on the planet.

### ***'Daddy's Job Is Awesome!'***

**D**an Leahy never worries about what his children think of his occupation. He knows without a doubt that he would be the hit of any career day event at school.

With sons Camden (6) and Tyler (5) able to look around their house and see the top video gaming equipment and software at their disposal, impressing friends is an easy assignment.

"Camden started playing things like "Donkey Kong" on Nintendo 64 when he was three years old," Leahy recalls. "Eventually I was taking him to work with me and turning him loose in our gaming library, where every imaginable game, CD, and playing system was right in front of him. I remember him taking it all in for a moment, and then yelling, 'Wow – Daddy's job is awesome!'"

For Leahy and his wife, Marianne (a junior high teacher at Timber Ridge in Plainfield), the set-up makes for constant traffic around the house.

"The kids' friends usually end up here," he notes. "Our boys are pretty pleased with the current set-up, and see little reason to go somewhere else. They can bring their gaming friends here and impress them in a hurry."

— Gene Green



Leahy and his wife, Marianne, met while students at SIU.

“We ultimately decided to stay rooted in Chicago,” he explains. “But the interesting thing is that the interview was a great experience and I met some tremendous people who I figured might be able to help me out somewhere along the way.”

Somewhere along the way arrived six months later.

### **The Other Side Of The Fence**

“I knew that NuFX had an office in Chicago, so a few months after I inter-

viewed in Canada, I decided to see if there were any opportunities here. They had produced “NBA Street Vol. 1” for Electronic Arts, so I called the people I had interviewed with in Vancouver to see if they would recommend me to NuFX for a position that was open.”

Electronic Arts called the owners of NuFX and told them they had tried to hire Leahy earlier in the year, but that relocating his family had squelched the deal. NuFX was impressed with the call and ultimately won over by the SIU product. In March of 2003, the former video game reviewer became the one producing the entertainment.

“The transition has been smooth, although it was kind of scary at first when I realized that games I am producing will now be under the scrutiny of people I used to work with,” he laughs. “And my magazine background, though invaluable, afforded me little knowledge about what lies just beneath the surface of a game. The user – or reviewer – sees little of the technical foundation.”

Leahy’s current project is “Fight Night 2004,” with Roy Jones, Jr. on the cover. “This is tech driven, and you are constantly trying to be *just a little better* than anything else out there,” he notes. “We want Roy Jones, Jr., to look more real in that game than any boxer has ever looked on video.”

Although he enjoys being on the production side of the industry, Leahy battles a love-hate relationship with the long hours. “At crunch time, it is not uncommon for us to log 72-hour work weeks,” he explains. “But then you come to a moment where you have to break away for a bit and lead a normal life. It all seems to find a way to even out.”

And one way to break away has been to return periodically to the SIU campus.

“Marianne and I love to come back to SIU,” he notes. “We graduated from Southern, met one another there in 1991, and still have friends in the area. Some things have changed a bit, but we still know our way around – it’s always great to be in Carbondale again.”



This caricature of Leahy adorned his column when he was editor of *GameNow*.

### **Electronic Arts Acquires NuFX**

Just as this issue of the magazine went to press, it was announced that Electronic Arts had completed acquisition of NuFX. Luckily for Dan Leahy and the other Chicago-based employees, NuFX will remain situated in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

“It’s an exciting opportunity to add NuFX’s talented development team to the high-per-

forming teams at EA,” says John Schappert, EA Senior Vice President and General Manager. “We have worked closely with NuFX’s team for the past 11 years and are thrilled to have them become part of EA.”

The merger is music to Leahy’s ears. “It is probably the best thing that could have happened to our company,” he says.

# Alumni Calendar Of Events

## MARCH

- 20 **Saluki Baseball vs. Notre Dame**, home, 2 p.m.
- 20 **Saluki Softball vs. Northern Iowa**, (DH) home, noon
- 21 **Saluki Baseball vs. Notre Dame**, home, noon
- 21 **Saluki Softball vs. Northern Iowa**, home, noon
- 23 **Saluki Baseball vs. SE Missouri**, home, 2 p.m.
- 25 **Saluki Softball vs. SE Missouri**, (DH) home, 2 p.m.
- 27 **Saluki Baseball vs. Bradley**, (DH) home, noon
- 27 Saluki Softball at Drake, (DH) Des Moines, Iowa, noon
- 28 **Saluki Baseball vs. Bradley**, (DH) home, noon
- 28 **Saluki Softball at Drake**, Des Moines, Iowa, noon
- 30 **Extern Recognition Ceremony**, Ballrooms

## APRIL

- 1 Saluki Softball vs. Tennessee-Martin, (DH) Martin, Tenn., 2 p.m.
- 2 **SIU Official Class Ring Ceremony**, Student Center Auditorium, 6 p.m.
- 2 Saluki Baseball at Southwest Missouri, Springfield, Mo., 7 p.m.
- 2-3 Saluki Men and Women's Track and Field, All Sport Classic, Cape Girardeau, Mo.
- 3 Saluki Baseball at Southwest Missouri State, (DH) Springfield, Mo., 2 p.m.
- 3 Saluki Softball at Southwest Missouri State, (DH) Springfield, Mo., noon
- 3 Les Ballets Africains, Jubilee!, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Saluki Baseball at Southwest Missouri State, Springfield, Mo., 1 p.m.
- 4 Saluki Softball at Southwest Missouri State, Springfield, Mo., noon
- 7 **Saluki Softball vs. Evansville**, (DH) home, 5 p.m.
- 9 **Saluki Baseball vs. Evansville**, home, 1 p.m.
- 9-10 Saluki Men's Track and Field, Indiana Invitational, Bloomington, Ind.
- 10 **Saluki Baseball vs. Evansville**, (DH) home, noon
- 10 **Saluki Softball vs. Illinois State**, (DH) home, noon
- 11 **Saluki Baseball vs. Evansville**, home, 1 p.m.
- 11 **Saluki Softball vs. Illinois State**, home, noon
- 13 **25 Most Distinguished Seniors Banquet**
- 14 **Saluki Baseball vs. Murray State**, home, 3 p.m.
- 14 **Saluki Softball vs. Saint Louis**, (DH) home, 5 p.m.
- 14 Saluki Baseball at Wichita State, Wichita, Kan., 7 p.m.
- 16 Saluki Men's Track and Field at Pomona Pitzer, Pomona, Calif.
- 16-18 Saluki Women's Track and Field at Mt. Sac. Relays, Walnut, Calif.
- 16 Saluki Baseball at Wichita State, (DH) Wichita, Kan., 2 p.m.
- 17 Central Florida Chapter at Tampa Bay Devil Rays game, 5:15 p.m.
- 17 Saluki Softball at Wichita State, (DH) Wichita, Kan., noon
- 17 Saluki Men's Track and Field at Long Beach, Long Beach, Calif.
- 17 Saluki Baseball at Wichita State, Wichita, Kan., 1 p.m.
- 18 Saluki Softball at Wichita State, Wichita, Kan., noon
- 18 Saluki Men's Track and Field at Mt. Sac Relays, Walton, Calif.
- 18-20 **Salukis Women's Golf Hosts MVC Championships**, home, Hickory Ridge Golf Course
- 19 Saluki Softball at Kansas, Lawrence, Kan., 3 p.m.
- 21 Saluki Baseball at Southeast Missouri State, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 3 p.m.
- 21-25 **In The Blood**, McLeod Theatre

- 22 Saluki Softball at Evansville, Evansville, Ind., 5 p.m.
- 22-24 Saluki Men and Women's Track and Field, Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa
- 23 **Saluki Baseball vs. Creighton**, home, 3 p.m.
- 24 Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 23-25 Saluki Men's Tennis at MVC Championships, Peoria, Ill.
- 23-25 Saluki Women's Tennis at MVC Championships, Wichita, Kan.
- 25 **Saluki Baseball vs. Creighton**, (DH) home, noon
- 24 **Saluki Softball vs. Creighton**, (DH) home, noon
- 26 **Saluki Baseball vs. Creighton**, home, 1 p.m.
- 25 **Saluki Softball vs. Creighton**, home, noon
- 26-27 Saluki Men's Golf at MVC Championships, Silvis, Ill.
- 27 Saluki Softball at Illinois, (DH) Champaign, Ill., 4 p.m.
- 30 Saluki Baseball at Illinois State, Normal, Ill., 6:30 p.m.
- 30 Saluki Women's Track and Field at Jesse Owens Classic, Columbus, Ohio

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- 1 Saluki Women's Track and Field at Jesse Owens Classic, Columbus, Ohio
- 1 Saluki Baseball at Illinois State, (DH) Normal, Ill., 1 p.m.
- 1 Saluki Men's Track and Field at Illinois, Champaign, Ill.
- 1 Saluki Softball at Bradley, (DH) Peoria, Ill., noon
- 2 Saluki Softball at Bradley, Peoria, Ill., noon
- 2 Saluki Baseball at Illinois State, Normal, Ill., 1 p.m.
- 7 **Saluki Baseball vs. Indiana State**, home, 3 p.m.
- 8 **Saluki Baseball vs. Indiana State**, (DH) home, noon
- 8 **Saluki Softball vs. Indiana State**, (DH) home, noon
- 8 Saluki Men and Women's Track and Field at Bill Hayes Invitational, Bloomington, Ind.
- 9 **Saluki Baseball vs. Indiana State**, home, 1 p.m.
- 9 **Saluki Softball vs. Indiana State**, home, noon
- 12 Saluki Baseball at Saint Louis Univ. (GMC Stadium), Sauget, Ill., 7 p.m. Pre-game alumni reception
- 12-15 Saluki Men and Women's Track and Field at MVC Outdoor Championships, Normal, Ill.
- 13-15 **Saluki Softball Hosts MVC Tournament**, home, TBA
- 14 **Saluki Baseball vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee**, home, 3 p.m.
- 15 **8th Annual Alongi Golf Tournament**, Red Hawk Country Club
- 15 **Saluki Baseball vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee**, home, 1 p.m.
- 16 **Saluki Baseball vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee**, home, 1 p.m.
- 18 Saluki Baseball at Illinois, Champaign, Ill., 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Saluki Baseball at Northern Iowa, Waterloo, Iowa, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Saluki Baseball at Northern Iowa, (DH) Waterloo, Iowa, 2 p.m.
- 22 Saluki Baseball at Northern Iowa, Waterloo, Iowa, 1 p.m.
- 26-29 Saluki Baseball MVC Tournament, Springfield, Mo. TBA

## FUTURE EVENTS

- 6-12 SIU Family Event – Chicago White Sox
- 7-19 SIU Night at Wrigley Field
- 7-29 Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble

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That plate previously belonged to a longtime Saluki breeder/judge from Sandwich, Ill., named Jayne Harpling. Ms. Harpling passed away a few years ago, which opened up that plate for reissue. My wife and I almost applied for it ourselves, but we already had SALUQI – which is the Arabic spelling of

the breed – and we wanted to keep it.

Ms. Harpling had no connection with SIU, and when we first met her, she was not happy with the way the dogs were then being treated by the University. She was glad we became involved and was quite supportive the rest of her life. She was considered

the “last word” on salukis in Illinois – and in the country for that matter. She was a co-owner of Srinagar Kennels, certainly the most prolific breeder of early salukis in the United States. Opinionated, outspoken, and totally dedicated to the salukis, she was a great help to us during our early years with the breed.

Thought you might be interested in this little bit of trivia.

**John Saunders '63, M.S. '66**  
**Linda Saunders '68**  
**Life Members**  
**Chester, Ill.**

*Editor's Note: The Saunders have long cared for, and provided, saluki dogs at SIU games and social events.*

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

## 1930s

**Marion Harrison '34** writes to report that she is still active with the Women's Marines Association in Houston, Texas, continues to play the piano at her retirement home and attends exercise classes. "Lately I've been going to the weight lifting class to strengthen my arms." To commemorate its 50th anniversary this year, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston recently purchased four paintings Harrison had done while the hospital was under construction.

## 1960s

Friends from the class of 1960 met for a weekend in Chicago recently, some coming from as far away as Alaska, New York, and Florida. Seated,



from left, are **Zelma Johnson Swailes, Sara Teschner Jones** and **Marylee Hake Prais**. Standing, from left, are **Marsha VanCleve Sosnowski, Jeanine North Hettiger, Glenda Smith Connell, Georgine Steidel Meyer** and **Helen Coberg Pike**.

**Terry McDonald '68** retired from the Office of the States Attorney of Cook County after serving more than 28 years as an assistant state's attorney. During his career he served as a first chair prosecutor in the felony trial division, supervisor of the federal litigation unit and senior assistant in the environmental division. McDonald lives in Chicago.

**Richard Rush '68** has served as president and CEO of the State Chamber, Oklahoma Association of Business and Industry since 1986. His 30-year chamber career began at



the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. He is project advisor for the U.S. Chamber's Center for International Private Enterprise, serving as a consultant in Zimbabwe, Africa. While at SIU, Rush was a student worker with the university photo service and says he still values a photo of "Old Main" he took before the fire.

## 1970s

**Tom Miller '70** recently completed a major project as overall on-site development manager for The Glen Town Center in Glenview, Ill. The center was constructed on the site of the former Glenview Naval Air Station and incorporated some of the station's buildings. Miller is vice president of development for the Chicago-based Transwestern Commercial Services. Donald



Owen, economic redevelopment director for the village of Glenview, acknowledged Miller's work, saying, "I can state that were it not for Tom Miller, this project would not have had a chance of being completed on time or to the high quality that it was built." Miller and his wife, **Avis '76**, live in Chicago.

**Sandra Webster '73, M.A. '75, Ph.D. '79** is chair and professor of psychology at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa. She recently presented research titled "South Korean and American

## A Reunion At The Fair

It was a family reunion last summer at the Illinois State Fair for **Judy Auld '72**, center, SIU's head women's tennis coach, her brother, **Richard Powell '72** of Springfield, and sister, **Patti Wilcox '79, M.A. '81**, of New York.



Negative Emotion Attribution: Gender and Age" at the 2003 American Psychological Association Conference in Toronto, Canada.

**Thomas Fisher '75** has been awarded a doctor of audiology degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, School of Audiology, Elkins Park, Pa. Fisher is an audiologist at the Ear, Nose and Throat Associates in Wausau, Wis. He specializes in the evaluation and rehabilitation of hearing and balance disorders.

**Karen Brown '76** won the 2003 Marilyn Goodman Anderson Endowed Award for Excellence in Teaching at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, N.C. She has been a communications instructor at the college since 1999. The award includes a \$1,000 stipend.

**Jim Ridings '76** has written and published *County West*, a history of western Kankakee County in Illinois, the seventh book he has written on the state's history. Ridings lives in Herscher, Ill., with his wife, Janet, and daughters, Stephanie and Laura.

**Valeri DeCastris '79, M.S. '86** received the 2003 Spirit of Caring Award from the Crusader Clinic of Rockford, Ill. DeCastris was honored for her advocacy work throughout Illinois for a variety of causes, most notably as a patient advocate for fibromyalgia syndrome and as an unpaid advocate on utility reform as vice president of the Citizens Utility Board (CUB). In addition, she operates the Rockford office of Gabriel Environmental Services and serves as pro bono coordinator at Prairie State Legal Services.

## 1980s

**Richard "Rick" Roof '80** is president, CEO and founder of Companion Air, an airline designed to allow families and their pets to travel together inside the aircraft cabin. The company has been featured on CNN's "In the Money" and on Fine Living Network. For more information on the new company, visit its Web site, [www.companionair.com](http://www.companionair.com).

**Mohammad Zahraee '81** of Naperville, Ill., professor and department head at Purdue University Calumet in Hammond, Ind., received the Ben C. Sparks Medal from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He was recognized for outstanding contributions and leadership in mechanical engineering technology education, assessment and accreditation. He has been at Purdue since 1989.

**James Ellis '82** is a program assistant for the development officer at North Carolina University College of Natural Resources in Raleigh. He retired from the U.S. Navy in 1999 after serving for 20 years.

**William Parham Ph.D. '82** has been elected a 2004 fellow by the American Psychological Association. Parham is a counseling psychologist for Student Psychological Services at the University of California-Los Angeles, where he has worked since 1981.

**Cindy Moy '89** is a member of the O'Brien Law Firm in St. Louis Park, Minn. She received her J.D. from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1994 and will be practicing in the areas of estate planning, wills, trusts, probate

## Life Member Named To Top 50 Technology List

**Dhyana Ziegler M.A. '83, Ph.D. '85** is on the 50 Most Important African-Americans in Technology list for 2004, established by the editors of *Black-money.com* and *US Black Engineer & Information Technology* magazine.



She was chosen for the list because of her work in making technology part of a global society. She was featured in the January/February issue of the magazine and throughout the year will be presented to young people as a role model.

A life member of the SIU Alumni Association, Ziegler is assistant vice

president for instructional technology at Florida A & M University, a post she has held since 1997. She hosts and co-produces a nationally syndicated radio program, "Delta SEE Connection" that features African-Americans in science, engineering and math.

Ziegler has authored two books and has produced several television documentaries and other audio-visual works.

She was on the faculty of the University of Tennessee-Knoxville for 14 years before joining Florida A & M, and prior to her work in higher education was with several mass media outlets in New York City as a reporter/producer. While at the University of Tennessee she became the first African-American to be elected to the university's faculty senate and was inducted into the African-American Hall of Fame. ■

book, *From Cave to Cubicle: A Practical Guide to Organizational Behavior*, was recently published by Vision Quest Books. Munro has 18 years of experience in health-care management and is an adjunct professor of organizational behavior at Strayer University in Newington, Va.

**Curtis Lawrence Jr. '99** was chosen by *American Legacy* magazine as "Teacher of the Year for African-American History." Lawrence was featured in the February issue of the magazine and honored at a reception.

## 2000s

**Brian Lawrence '01** and **Laura Dersch**, who graduated



magna cum laude in 2003, were married July 5, 2003, and

are now living in Arden, N.C., in the Asheville area. Both former Student Alumni Council members, Brian is shift captain and EMT for the Upper Hominy Fire Department, and Laura is teaching biology at Hendersonville High School, where she coaches the volleyball and swimming teams.

**Susan Griffithe J.D. '03** magna cum laude has joined the litigation department in the St. Louis office of Blackwell Sanders. Griffithe received her bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University in 1997



and until 2000 served as 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves. She was managing editor of the *Southern Illinois University Law Journal*.

**Angie Baxter '03** and **George Oxinos '03** are enrolled at Logan College of Chiropractic in Chesterfield, Mo.

administration and business succession planning.

**Jim French '89, M.S. '92** is superintendent of health and safety for the U.S. Borax unit of Rio Tinto in Southern California. He has been with Rio Tinto since 1992, working in Salt Lake City. He now lives in Palmdale, Calif.

**Peter Reynolds '89**, center, is working on his master's in fine arts at Temple University School of Communication and Theater in Philadelphia, Pa. He recently directed "Beautiful



Thing," a romantic comedy, for the Temple Theater. Reynolds plans to pursue a career as a professional director and col-

lege professor after completing his graduate degree. Pictured with Reynolds (center) are Temple students David Stahl and Evan Jonigkeit.

## 1990s

**Jackie Fink '90** and Rick Barstow were married June 21, 2003. She is director of Academic Advising and Counseling Services for the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University. The Barstows live in central New York and are expecting their first child in July.

**Malcolm Munro '94** is president and founder of ETP Consulting based in Germantown, Md. His new

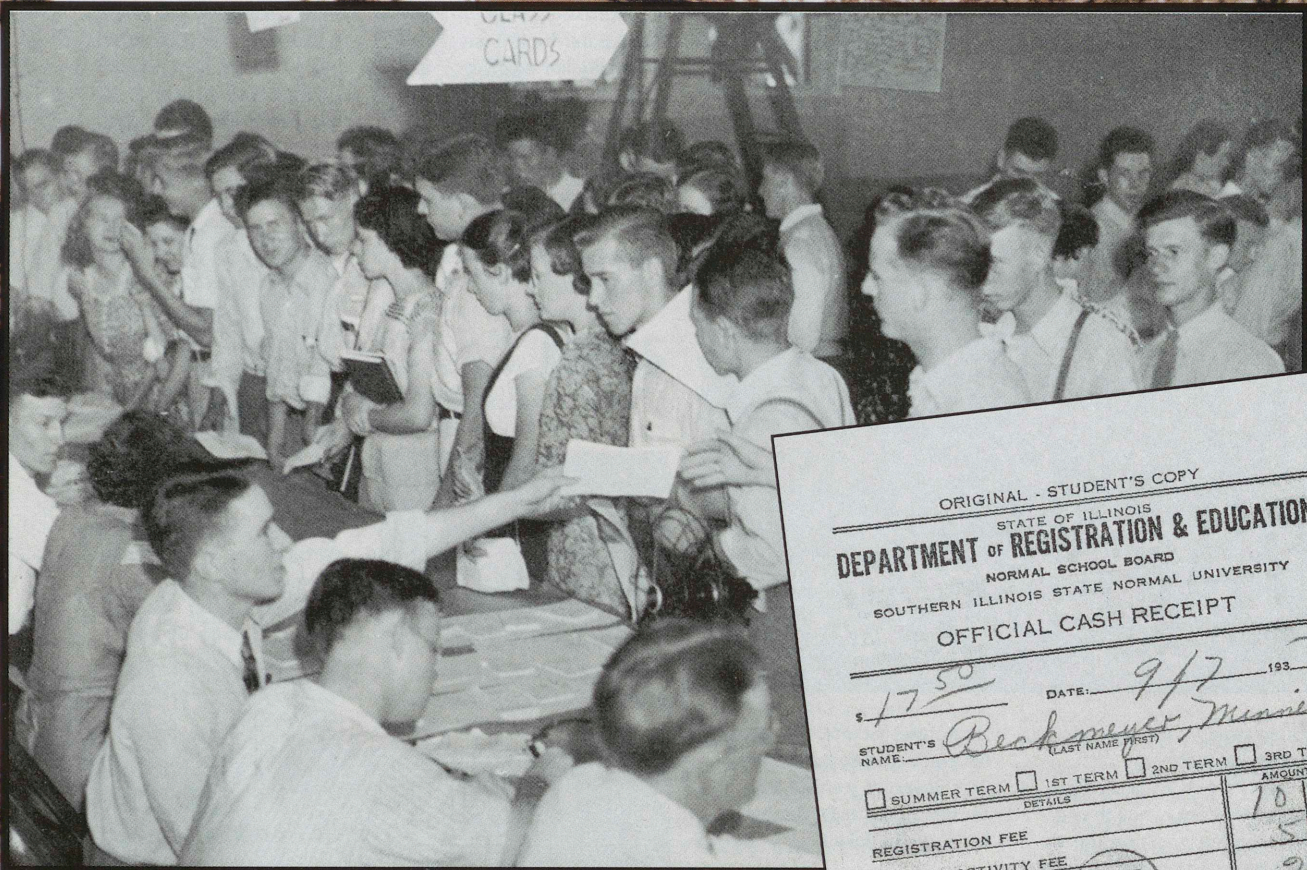


## SIU Snowman In Chicago



**T**wo-year-old Kate Bogdala, future alum and daughter of **Dave '97** and **Lynda '98** Bogdala, helped her parents build an SIU snowman over the holidays. Dave is working at Abbott Laboratories in North Chicago, and Lynda is a psyche rehab coordinator for Lake Park Center in Waukegan. ■

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## 65 School Years Ago...

It was certainly another day and time in the fall of 1938 when Minnette Beckmeyer registered at Southern Illinois Normal University and paid \$17.50 for the fall term.

The receipt shown above was recently brought to the SIU Alumni Association office by her husband, Louis Fortmeyer, who thought it might be of interest. The voucher includes charges for a student activity fee – which allowed Minnette to participate in most campus activities – and a \$2.50 book rental fee.

Though still a tremendous education bargain, today's in-state Southern undergraduate pays nearly \$2,800 in tuition and fees and studies on a campus with nearly 22,000 other students.

When Minnette enrolled in 1938 (with several other of the freshmen shown above) there were 1,879 students on campus. How times have changed!



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## Showing Their Saluki Pride

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**B**ruce and Debb Hankey are Salukis through and through. Their life membership in the SIU Alumni Association, license plates, and e-mail address all reflect their Saluki pride.

On the day they married, Aug. 3, 1985, an SIU bus from Carbondale transported the bridal party and family members from the church to their reception in Waukegan, Ill. "It was our limousine," says Bruce.

The couple met on an SIU bus trip to Six Flags Over St. Louis on Saturday, Oct. 7, 1978.

Both graduated in 1982, Debb from the College of Education, and Bruce from the College of Mass Communication.

The couple comes to Homecoming each year to celebrate the day they met, frequently arriving with their daughter, Kaitlyn, 12, and son, Brian, 9. "All of us enjoy the parade and tailgate activities as well as eating at favorite spots like El Grecos, Boobys, Quatros and the Giant City Lodge," says Bruce, adding that Kaitlyn already has plans to enroll in 2010.

Debb has taught kindergarten since 1987 at Summit Hill School District in Frankfort, Ill. Bruce worked for Service Merchandise in Chicago, Indiana and Homewood, Ill., before accepting a job with Prudential Insurance Co., and still holds his insurance license. Currently he works from home, selling a variety of products, including equipment that is used in salons and spas for skin treatments.

For their loyalty to Southern Illinois University, the SIU Alumni Association salutes Debb and Bruce Hankey.

*"We appreciate the education we received at SIU. The College of Education provided Debb with a wonderful foundation to acquire the understanding, enthusiasm and patience it takes to teach kindergarten children."*

**Bruce and Debb Hankey '82**  
Steger, Ill.  
Life Members of the SIU Alumni Association



Shown here after reciting their vows on August 3, 1985, Debb Ogilvie and Bruce Hankey and their wedding party traveled from the church to their reception in this SIU bus. The Hankeys return to Homecoming each year to celebrate the day they met in 1978.

# Show Your Southern Pride With An SIU Class Ring




New York Secretary of State Randy Daniels '73 (second from right) proudly displays his SIU Class Ring that was presented to him at commencement last spring. With Daniels, from left, are Dean Manjunath Pendakur, SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler, and Alumni Achievement recipient Samuel Glick '75.

**S**outhern Illinois University alumni and students have many reasons to be proud. The University boasts successful graduates such as television stars Jim Belushi and Dennis Franz. Southern's academic prowess features the nation's top-ranked automotive technology program and an aviation department that has produced the country's top student male and female pilot award winners. In addition, Southern's athletic programs, which have included trips to the Sweet 16 for the Saluki basketball and softball teams in recent years, are a source of pride.

Now, you are invited to demonstrate your Southern Pride by wearing a lasting symbol of your SIU experience. The SIU Alumni Association is proud to present the only class ring recognized by Southern Illinois University Carbondale ... "The Official SIU Class Ring." The exclusive class ring design will never change and it forever connects SIU alumni and students to their Southern roots...and to each other.

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