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The Dippin' Dots King

Armed with two SIU degrees in microbiology, Curt Jones is a true Southern success story.

Inside: Honor Roll of Donors, Saluki Sports, Class Notes, and more...
Make Your Gift Count: Strategies For Year-End Giving

The end of the year is a time to reflect upon the past and anticipate all that the future holds. It is also an excellent time to consider the advantages of year-end giving.

Completing a charitable gift to the Southern Illinois University Foundation by December 31 demonstrates your commitment to making a difference in the lives of SIU’s students—and can reduce your federal and state income taxes in the current tax year. Consider the following strategies as you map your charitable and financial goals for this year.

First Things First
Make a list of the SIU programs and departments you would like to support. Then consider your available resources and prioritize these philanthropic interests. For an idea of tax liability, calculate your income. If, for any reason you may owe a larger-than-normal tax bill, move some of your anticipated giving for next year forward to create a larger deduction this year.

If you don't regularly itemize, try "grouping" your gifts in alternate years so that you can take advantage of an itemized tax return at least every other year. Prepaying pledges is one way to accomplish this, as a pledge is deductible in the year it is paid.

Assets and Needs
Cash, personal property and stocks are among the most popular charitable gifts; gifts of appreciated property that have been owned for more than a year offer special tax breaks.

Depending on the gift, you are generally eligible for a charitable income tax deduction that can range as high as 30 percent to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income. If appreciated property is used to make a gift, you can first claim a charitable deduction based on the property’s fair market value, and then avoid paying capital gains taxes on the appreciation.

Even property that has lost value can provide you with tax advantages. By selling the devalued asset and donating the proceeds, you can claim a loss on your taxes and receive a charitable deduction.

Many people would like to make a charitable gift but need the security of an income. If this sounds familiar, a life income gift may fulfill your needs. The tax benefits can be outstanding, and you’ll receive regular payments for life.

Watch the Calendar
A gift’s delivery date determines the year of deduction, so if your year-end giving is about to live up to its name, make sure you have enough time to transfer the gift—especially if you are donating non-cash assets such as mutual funds or stocks.

With checks, the mailing date is the delivery date. If you are giving an irrevocable stock power and have arranged for the certificate to be reissued in the name of a charitable organization, delivery is effective on the date the security is postmarked or physically delivered to the charitable organization.

To play it safe, give early. Foundation staff is pleased to be of assistance to you at any time as you make your year-end gift plans. To be doubly safe, contact a tax advisor to discuss the full range of charitable giving options and strategies.
If you are not a member of the SIU Alumni Association, this will be the only issue of Southern Alumni you will receive – and we don’t want that to happen.

To find out more about joining the Association, and the many benefits that come with your membership, we invite you to read pages 4-5 of this issue of the magazine. You may use the postage paid envelope between pages 48-49 to send in your membership information, or you can join online at siualumni.com. Join today and let us keep you connected to Southern Illinois University.
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**FEATURES**

The Dippin’ Dots King

Aimed with two degrees in microbiology from SIU, Curt Jones has developed — and marketed — a successful business venture that millions enjoy each day. His Dippin’ Dots ice cream treats continue to expand across the country, with supermarkets the next target. Jones, who recently returned to Southern to serve as the grand marshal in the SIU Homecoming Parade, says his days at the University paved the way for what is happening to him now. “Each experience in my life has been connected to something that occurred previously,” he says.

Trading Spaces

After a successful career of trading stocks and commodities, SIU alumnus Burnell Kraft found a unique way to give back to Southern Illinois University. The Burnell D. Kraft Trading Room in the College of Business and Administration was dedicated last year, and as soon as the ribbon was cut in Room 326 at Rehn Hall, SIU business students were able to learn to trade first-hand — and in the process distance themselves from the competition.

The Riverkeeper

Phillip Gibson describes his unique job as riverkeeper for North Carolina’s French Broad River as part investigator, part scientist, lawyer, lobbyist and public relations agent. He is an advocate for the scenic river that snake’s down the mountainous west side of the state and claims his work had its inspirational roots at SIU where he worked on his master’s degree in geography department.

Southern’s Olympic Chef

Last February Kim Fornero, head chef at Monmouth College, got word that he would be putting his culinary skills to the test at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. The 1987 graduate of SIU’s Food and Nutrition program vividly recalls receiving the news. “It was real exciting at first, but then reality began to set in and you get a little nervous — even scared.” But he was thrilled to be going to the Olympics — something he had long wanted to do.
When Curt Jones '81, M.A.'86 sees his popular Dippin' Dots ice cream products being sold at malls, sporting events, and other venues around the country, he feels special pride. As you will read in this issue’s cover story, Jones not only has successfully marketed the product, but armed with two SIU degrees in microbiology, he is responsible for the process that creates the tasty treat.

That process, which requires extraordinarily cold temperatures for “the dots” to be stored in, has for now kept the product out of supermarkets. But Jones – ever the creative innovator when seeking options for distribution – has devised a plan. The innovation in the works is ‘Dots In A Block’ (a working title). This concept will feature Dippin’ Dots frozen at minus-320 degrees below zero that is mixed with conventional ice cream during its soft-serve stage (prior to being completely frozen). This new product is targeted for introduction next spring in select markets.

“The process will allow the ice cream to actually harden from the inside out,” Jones says. “It will be a whole new way of making ice cream – it’s going to be some of the best ice cream you can get.”

Another concept Jones’ staff is working on is a ‘Dotwich.’ Conventional Dippin’ Dots will be coated with chocolate and placed between two wafers. He says both products will eventually be in supermarkets. Other products in the early stages are ‘Dippin’ Stix’ and ice cream cakes, which will be sold at franchised locations and possibly in some theme park accounts.

Terry Reeves, Corporate Communications Director at Dippin’ Dots, says the SIU Alumni Association Life Member’s ability to devise strategy for the company is a key to its success.

“I'm always amazed at how creative Curt is with Dippin’ Dots,” Reeves says. “He has a gift for analyzing a situation then charting a course of action. Anyone who shortchanges Curt as a scientist – and who doesn’t understand marketing – certainly doesn’t know him. He is a visionary.”

After winning the 2004 Gateway Conference Football crown outright with a perfect 7-0 record, the SIU football team stubbed its toe in the NCAA Playoff opener with a 35-31 loss to a talented Eastern Washington squad.

Despite the disappointment of the first-round defeat, head coach Jerry Kill’s impact on the once struggling program has been nothing short of amazing. Part of the magic is the family atmosphere he fosters between players, coaches, and staff. No one noticed that more than Auburn transfer Brandon Jacobs, who led the Dawgs with 19 touchdowns in his only season at SIU.

“This coaching staff is amazing, and I couldn’t believe how quickly my teammates, the University, and the people of Carbondale accepted me,” Jacobs said in the locker room following the crushing playoff loss. “This has been one of the best experiences in my life.”

And the 6-4, 260-pound Jacobs knows where his allegiance will fall should he someday take his talents to the National Football League.

“I became a Saluki in 2004 – and I’ll die a Saluki.”
Those Southern Memories
Remain Strong In Our Minds

Dear SIU Alumni and Friends:

It is always exciting to send this complimentary issue of Southern Alumni to all alumni of record – currently more than 200,000 around the world. We hope reading it will rekindle some memories of your experiences at Southern Illinois University, while also taking note of some of the changes on campus.

Southern alumni are very loyal and play an important role in the continued growth and success of the University. The SIU Alumni Association strives to keep you connected with campus and college friends through alumni chapter activities, student scholarships, siualumni.com, and our outstanding publications.

If you are already a member of the SIU Alumni Association, you can look forward to receiving four copies of Southern Alumni each year, two editions of our fact-filled newsletter, Saluki Pride, and access to other alumni who communicate through our online community. If you are not yet a member, this issue of the magazine will be the only publication you will receive – please don’t let that happen!

Joining your SIU Alumni Association has never been easier. You can fill out the postage paid mailer inserted between pages 48-49 of this edition of Southern Alumni, or you can now join online at our Web site siualumni.com. With that commitment to your alma mater, you will soon be invited to activities such as chapter meetings, pre-game tailgates, social events around the country, and networking opportunities with fellow Salukis.

I urge you to join us in support of our alma mater. (If you are not sure of your membership status, check the address label affixed to this issue – and note the illustration below).

I hope you enjoy this complimentary issue of the magazine, and invite you to call our office at 618-453-2408 if you have any questions about membership in the SIU Alumni Association. Your support to our University’s future is crucial, and Association membership will keep you connected to Southern every step of the way.

Yours for Southern,

Ed Buerger ’70
Executive Director
SIU Alumni Association

Are you a member? Take a look at your mailing label to find out. Join today with the convenient enclosed membership envelope!
**Column One**

### Alumni Golfers Offered Low Prices, Plus Discount

Don Radcliff '70 is offering a 10 percent discount for all members of the SIU Alumni Association at his full service golf store just south of Atlanta, Ga.

ProGolf of Newnan carries all major golf club brands and, according to Radcliff, the prices are low, the company will ship anywhere in the United States and will match any advertised price on the same product. "With a 10 percent discount off an already low price and no sales tax out of state, alums become big winners," says Radcliff. "All they have to do is call and identify themselves and we will be happy to help them."

Members able to visit the store can take advantage of the full swing golf simulator, which assures a perfect club fitting and enhances teaching. According to the shop's Web site, the business is dedicated to taking the time necessary to fit clubs to the individual. In addition there is a well-equipped repair workshop on site and certified golf instructors are available to clientele.

To learn more about their products and how to order, check out their Web site www.progolfnewnan.com or call 770-252-2211.

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### Newest Benefit Partner Has Coffee Brewing

Boyer Coffee is offering a 10 percent discount for coffee lovers who are members of the SIU Alumni Association. Southern Pecan, Chocolate Raspberry and S'mores are just a few of the 25 flavors to choose from. In addition, there are regular and decaf brews that are sold ground or as whole beans.

Bill Boyer M.S. '89 explains that all alums need to do is call the alumni office, 618-453-2408, for an account number that will allow them to order the coffee they want on the company's Web site, www.boyercoffee.com. Customers can also use the toll-free number, 1-800-452-5282.

Although the discount applies only to coffee, Web site visitors can also browse the different teas, flavored syrups, soup bases, spices and coffee accessories in addition to coffee recipes.

Boyer, who works for the Illinois Department of Mental Health, has joined his father, William Boyer, in the business that he has operated in Denver, Colo., since 1965. Boyer points out that his grandmother graduated from Southern Illinois Normal University in 1927 as did his wife, Diann '79, J.D./'82 and his brother, Dennis Boyer '80.
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For contact information, links, and questions please visit www.siualumni.com or call 618-453-2408

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Sherins - William Points: 20% on regular priced items, 5% on sale items. Call the Alumni Office for account number.
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Choice Hotels (at participating Clarion Inn, Comfort Inn Quality Inn, Friendship Inn Econo Lodge, Rodeway Inn, Sleep Inn (up to 15%)
Dell Computers: 2-13% savings on Dell computers and products. Please call the SIU Alumni office at 618-453-2408 for the promotional code.
Heartland Gifts: 10% on a single gift per order
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Garfield's Restaurant: Carbondale, Marion - 20%
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It's In The Bag: Carbondale - 10% off
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Motel 6: Marion - 10%
Mug's: Boyers - 10% off
Murdy McGuire's Restaurant: Carbondale - 10%
Mundane True Value: Carbondale - 20% reg paint, 5% sale paint
Neon Internet: Carbondale - 1 full month free with first 1-year contract
Papa Mike's: O'key - 10% dine in only
Ponders: Carbondale - 10% regular priced items
Quatro's Pizza: Carbondale - free pitcher of soda with medium or large pizza
Red Hawk Country Club: Du Quoin - 18 Holes with Cart for $25
Saluki Bookstore: Carbondale: 20% for life members, 15% off for annual members on SIU apparel
Saluki Central: Carbondale - 10% off SIU apparel
710 Bookstore: Carbondale - Illinois Ave., location only, 20% for life members, 15% for annual members discount on SIU Imprinted items
Stiles Corporate Express: 10%
Super 8: Carbondale - 15% off standard room rate
Tres Hombres: Carbondale - 51 off dinner entree; 25 off lunch entree
Vogler Ford: Carbondale - 10% off any car rental
Walt's Pizza: Marion - 10%

OTHER PARTNERS
Best Western River North Hotel: Chicago, Lake Shore Drive - Sun-Thu. $115 per night; Fri-Sat. $125 per night.
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Keller Williams Realty: Austin, Tex. - ask for Steve or Judy Scott
Motel 6: Carbondale - 10%

CAMPUS PARTNERS
McLeod Theater: Communications Building - 20% adult/senior citizen tickets
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Student Center: Bowling & Billiards: members receive SIU student rates; Golf Shop: 10% off Saluki merchandise
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University Bookstore: Student Center - $20 discount off textbooks when $300 or more is purchased in textbooks per semester; and 20% for life members
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This list is subject to change.
Present your membership card to receive your discount.

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For Web site information and phone numbers of above shops see benefits partner page at siualumni.com.

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A Letter From Your President ...

2004 has been an event-filled and productive time for the Association and Southern Illinois University. The health of our Association continues to be greatly enhanced by the many programs and services we are able to offer you, our alumni and friends. We strive to keep your connected with Southern.

One of our ways of doing that is through our outstanding publications. Southern Alumni magazine is sent to members four times each year, and our supplemental newsletter, Saluki Pride, serves as an excellent complement to the magazine twice per year. We are fortunate to have a wealth of programs and services which are available to all paid members.

This was also the first year we sponsored alumni tail-gating before each home football game. These member-only events were enormously successful and produced more than 100 new memberships this Fall. It was a great way to share fellowship with Association members before walking over to watch our nationally-ranked Saluki football team.

One of the most significant and meaningful experiences I have had during my tenure as President was the past presidents weekend in September. The Association co-sponsored this event with the Chancellor’s office, as 21 of the 28 living past presidents attended. I found the insight, knowledge and experiences they shared to be inspiring. The common denominator was our beloved University and our desire to continue to foster improvement in all areas.

I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season, and hope to see you at future events on and off campus. I encourage you to actively participate in as many alumni activities as possible – fellow Salukis would love to have you join them!

Yours in Southern,
Mimi R. Wallace ’62
Life Member
President
SIU Alumni Association
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Story In Saluki Pride Leads To Big Response

I can’t tell you how happy I am with the response to the article you did on me that appeared in Saluki Pride. I have had e-mails and phone calls from alumni and friends every day since the article came out. A fellow Life Member who now works at the University of Arizona congratulated me on the great article and teased about “Who is doing your publicity these days? I can’t get coverage like that.”

I also received flowers from an alumnus at the University of Cincinnati for congratulations on my award and on the article. As I have said, your article has brightened my life.

Another SIU alumnus in Tennessee told my daughter how much the article was enjoyed. “Your mother worked, and worked, and worked some more to bring about the success she has, and to have someone notice it and give an account for all to see is wonderful.” I was also asked to be the alumni volunteer at the SIU Dome during the DuQuoin State Fair this year. I was proud to do that.

While I am proud of the recognition by the SIU Alumni Association, I hope everyone also remembers the part of the article where I talked about giving Alumni Association memberships for graduation gifts. I have given four memberships in the last month and I hope others see the possibilities in doing this for SIU graduates. It keeps them connected to a huge network of successful dreams and ideas; you can never stop learning and growing.

Thank you again for the great article and the attention you brought to the possibility of realizing a college education at any age.

Best wishes,
Dorothy Feira ’99, M.S. ’03
Life Member
Sesser, Ill.

Alum Was Inspired By Owens Story

Thank you for your recent story on Lee Owens and his quest to honor the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen by flying solo around the world. His “Wings of History” flight sounds exciting and was an inspiration to read. Remembering those brave souls who went before us is a part of us all and is something to take great pride in.

I also was impressed with Owens’ positive demeanor and the determination he displayed by obtaining his SIU degree through programs offered at his military base. I also received some hours in this fashion and realize what a commitment it takes to do your regular military job and take care of things in the classroom.

What a proud Saluki he sounds like, and we should all be proud of what he is trying to do. With that in mind, I hope SIU graduates step forward and drop Lee an encouraging note—and perhaps a contribution—as he seeks to fund this historic flight. His Web site at leeoensflight2004.org will tell you how to do that.

Best wishes from the Windy City.
Mark Owens EX ’82
Chicago, Ill.

Former SIU Cheerleader Enjoyed Article On Tut

Thank you for your recent article on [former Saluki mascot] Tut. I was saddened to hear of his passing, but appreciated the information about his accomplishments since my leaving Carbondale. I was a Saluki cheerleader when Tut first arrived on campus and remember how fast and graceful he was leading the Salukis onto the football field.

I would also like to thank John and Linda Saunders for their years of service to the University. Their love of our mascots—and our University—is greatly appreciated.

Marci Well, MD ’92, ’96
Lewistown, Ill.

Editor’s Note: We share your opinions and comments on John and Linda Saunders, and recently we were pleased to honor them for their years of service to this institution. For that story, see page 32 of Southern Alumni.
SIU Alumni Can Help Put 'A Book In Every Home'

One of the best gifts parents can give their children is the gift of reading. But in some homes, storybooks are a luxury. "A Book in Every Home," a program designed to provide books to area Head Start pupils, kicked off this fall at Southern Illinois University, and there is still time for alumni to lend a hand.

The goal of the drive is to collect enough books so every child enrolled at seven separate area Head Start centers will receive at least one book to cherish, take home and call their own. Some 433 children, ages 3-5, attend the centers in Jackson and Williamson counties.

Linda Dunn, wife of SIU Provost and Vice Chancellor John Dunn, headed up this year's book drive.

"Reading together every day encourages a love for books and at the same time offers an opportunity for some quiet time together away from the distractions of television and video games," Dunn says. "Books allow children to explore new worlds, cultures, ideas and people."

Nationally recognized for its success, the SIU Head Start program is one of only a few university-related Head Start organizations in the country. The program focuses on literacy and school readiness.

There were various locations in the area where books were collected until mid-December, and SIU alumni may still donate to the cause by contacting the SIU Alumni Association with books they wish to give to the project. Books may be dropped off at the Association office on campus, or may be sent through the mail to SIU Alumni Association, Colyer Hall, Mail Code 6809, Carbondale, IL 62901.

In choosing a book for young children ages 3-5, please consider the following:

- **Illustrations:** Large, clear, colorful pictures that relate to the words.
- **Text:** The story should be easy to follow and understand.
- **Design:** The pages in the book should be uncluttered. The print should be large and legible.
- **Language:** Books written in both Spanish and English are acceptable.

Since the first "A Book in Every Home" during the fall of 1995, more than 25,000 books have been collected.
Renovated Altgeld Hall Now
A State-Of-The-Art Facility

by Paula Davenport

She's got great bones, as they say, and now that she's had an extreme makeover, she's ready for her close-up. Born in 1896—the year Utah became the 45th state and Henry Ford test-drove his first auto—Altgeld Hall is the oldest building on Southern Illinois University's campus.

Built to resemble a castle, it originally housed the library, science labs and a gymnasium. The building became home to the School of Music in 1958 when a remodeling job created rehearsal spaces, practice rooms and offices.

Today, she looks and performs better than ever.

"We now have some of the best music facilities in the state," SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler said at a ceremony recently to rededicate the building, named for former Illinois Governor John P. Altgeld, who approved the building's construction after his 1893 election.

Added Wendler: "For years, our faculty and students produced remarkable musical excellence in spite of the building's physical drawbacks and outdated features. Now, we anticipate our music program will be greatly enhanced, and our faculty and students will be inspired to even greater achievements in their beautifully appointed and state-of-the-art surroundings."

Glenn Poshard, chairman of the SIU Board of Trustees, notes that the state provided the $13.4 million to pay for the project. "We are extremely grateful to the governor and the General Assembly for their continuing commitment to the University," he says. "By investing in our students, we are investing in our future."

The building boasts a brand-new choir room with built-in risers and acoustical curtains as well as suspended ceiling "clouds" that deaden noise in all major rehearsal rooms and hallways. Percussion students now practice in a remodeled space with a soaring ceiling, 18-inch walls and a set of mirrors to help them perfect their drum line stance.

That's not all. There's a new opera/music theater rehearsal room with a wooden floor and mirrored walls, a sound booth and recording studio attached to the band and orchestra rehearsal rooms, small and medium-sized practice spaces, class and seminar rooms, three musical instrument digital interface labs for computer music composition, an instrument repair area, 300 built-in lockers (big enough for your Sousa phone or bassoon) and a student lounge.

"This is as nice a facility as you would find at a school our size anywhere in the nation," says Robert Weiss, director of the School of Music. "Not only is the building beautiful, but the increased functionality of all of the spaces make it a pleasure to work in. Anyone who worked or studied in the old Altgeld will immediately notice a difference in how appealing it is for musicians to have well-designed acoustical spaces to listen in and rehearse music."

Altgeld Hall shines brightly after the completion of renovation. An open house was recently held to show off the facility to alumni and friends.
A jet that recently made aviation history by traveling faster than any aircraft ever has, owes its existence to the man who heads the team that engineered it – SIU Alumni Association Board Member Lowell Keel ’66.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration conducted the test flight of the unmanned X-43A aircraft. It uses an experimental scramjet engine designed to push the craft to nearly 10 times the speed of sound. In mid-November, the scramjet reached a speed of about 6,600 miles per hour, or about Mach 10.

"I'm very, very happy. Things couldn't have gone better," Keel says from his office in Tullahoma, Tenn., where he is vice president for X-vehicle programs at ATK GASL.

The team Keel headed, at its peak, involved about 80 people. Keel said the $75 million project involved the creation of three prototype aircraft for NASA. Although the first test flight didn’t work out, the second test flight last March established a record – Mach 7 – for speed.

A member of SIU's Air Force ROTC detachment, he earned his commission in December 1965 and went on to an Air Force career as an engineer developing advanced aircraft systems and procuring advanced weapons systems. After retiring from the air force 14 years ago, he joined forces with what was then MicroCraft, a small, family-owned business with a 40-year history. The mergers that led to the company becoming ATK GASL were partially the result of the relationship built during the Hyper-X program, he said.

"It's a successful team," Keel says. "Our company generally builds articles and pieces of equipment that don't get front page news coverage. Hopefully, it will be the first of many."

Keel and his team had high hopes of moving forward with the next generation of the aircraft, the X-43C. But NASA pulled its funding for what it called higher priority projects.

Nonetheless, Keel remains optimistic. He believes there is "political and management support in NASA to get the program restarted. I believe in the next few years we'll have a similar project going."

Experts say the recent flight will go down in the history books with such pioneers as Orville and Wilbur Wright. One of the parallels to the Wrights' achievement is that "they struggled a fair amount to get the technology accepted and had a few lean years after their success before repeating it," Keel said.

Keel lives in Tullahoma with his wife, Mary, a 1964 Southern graduate and native of Madison, Ill. The Keels met at SIU and have four grown children, one of whom is an SIU graduate as well.
Meet The Newest SIU Distinguished Alumni

The SIU Alumni Association recognized three prominent graduates as Distinguished Alumni during the University's homecoming activities. The trio's framed photos became part of the University's Distinguished Alumni Wall in the Student Recreation Center.

The 2004 SIU Distinguished Alumni are: Joseph Ray Hancock, president of John A. Logan College in Carterville from 1989 to 2000; Charles Johnson, an award-winning author, literary critic, screenwriter, philosopher, international lecturer and cartoonist with more than 1,000 drawings published; and Thirachai Ongmahutmongkol, who held several key executive assignments with the DuPont Corp. from 1977 to 1998, eventually ascending to president of DuPont in Thailand.

Here is a closer look at this year's honorees:

Ray Hancock, a three-degree graduate of SIU, was reared and mentored with humble roots in rural Pope County by a mother he describes as having "commitment and uncommon wisdom." He has parlayed positive influences from a variety of role models, spanning over 40 years, into a successful professional career in public education and community involvement.

Hancock's journey began in the U.S. Navy in 1955 and, following his honorable discharge three years later, he enrolled at SIU on an Illinois Military Scholarship with additional support from the G.I. Bill and his own work. Hancock was inspired by the leadership style and vision of legendary SIU President Delyte Morris. After graduating from Southern in 1962, he taught and supervised at Marion High School for 12 years, directed the Marion Recreation Department and then accepted an administrative position at John A. Logan College in 1974.

He modeled his own leadership styles and visions after the positive role models of President Morris, numerous SIU professors and the knowledge and wisdom that was offered to him at Southern. He ascended to the role of president of John A. Logan College in 1989, and the next decade saw major expansion at the college with a variety of building projects, successful public referenda, budget growth and faculty, student and program enhancement. It all led to college recognition and awards on the state and national levels. A member of the SIU Alumni Association, Hancock left John A. Logan in 2000 and continues his work in education as president of the Illinois Community College System Foundation.

Charles Johnson, an Evanston native, arrived at SIU in the fall of 1966, found his way to The Daily Egyptian and shared a portfolio of illustrations and cartoons he had published in high school. He was hired that day. Some 38 years later, Johnson's work has appeared in numer-
ous publications in America and abroad, has been translated into eight languages and has earned him the Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award from the Corporate Council for the Arts.

A literary critic, screenwriter, philosopher, international lecturer and cartoonist with more than 1,000 drawings published, Johnson is the S. Wilson and Grace M. Pollock Endowed Professor of English at the University of Washington in Seattle. A 1998 MacArthur Fellow and 2002 recipient of the Academy Award for Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, Johnson received the 1990 National Book Award for his novel Middle Passage. Johnson has published three other novels, in addition to authoring KING: The Photobiography of Martin Luther King Jr. Johnson received the Stephen Henderson Award for outstanding contributions to African-American literature and culture in 2004. A Ph.D. in philosophy who earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from SIU in 1971 and 1973, Johnson has lectured in nine countries and was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2003.

Thirachai Ongmahutmongkol, a native of Thailand, served as president of the Thai Student Association during the 1969-70 school year at SIU. Ongmahutmongkol was already exhibiting exemplary leadership skills he would later parlay into a highly successful career as an executive.

Ongmahutmongkol began his career with DuPont Corp. in 1977. He held several key executive assignments during his tenure, including regional product manager for polymers in Asia Pacific, general manager for DuPont in Hong Kong and China, managing director of a joint-venture firm, and president of DuPont in Thailand.

The Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand presented Ongmahutmongkol with the "Annual Honorable Executive" award in 1990. In 1992, Ongmahutmongkol received the Chivas Regal "Young Entrepreneur" award for corporate leadership, and the "Marketing Management" award from the Asian Institute of Management. He was also named "Executive Award of the Year" from Thai Economic Relations in 1993.

Ongmahutmongkol is a special lecturer on various subjects to MBA classes in his country. A 1972 graduate of Southern, Ongmahutmongkol is a life member of the SIU Alumni Association and assists the University with international student recruitment in Asia, particularly in Thailand.

**Distinguished Alumni Award Nominations Sought**

The SIU Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to up to five alumni annually 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 studies the information given for all nominations and selects the recipients.

If you would like to nominate someone for the 2005 SIU Distinguished Alumni Award, please send a nomination letter, career biographical sketch and/or resume no later than April 1, 2005, to: SIU Alumni Association, c/o Greg Scott, Colyer Hall, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901-6809. For more information, call (618) 453-2408.
The Dippin' Dots

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Despite tremendous success and a label as one of America's hottest entrepreneurs, Dippin' Dots President and Creator Curt Jones still embodies attributes learned growing up on a farm in downstate Illinois.

by Greg Scott
Student Alumni Council members Theresa Damian and Miriam Glaub had a chance to chat with Jones under the SIU Alumni Association “Big Tent” on Homecoming Saturday.

But the two-degree SIU graduate doesn’t seem hurried while greeting his staff, and those who know him appreciate that quality.

“Everyone wants just a minute of Curt’s time when he visits the plant,” says Terry Reeves, corporate communications director at Dippin’ Dots. “His schedule is demanding, but the conversations are never ‘just a minute.’ Even though he may be in a hurry, he gives you his undivided attention and earns respect just by taking the time to listen.”

This respect is a two-way street. Jones has equal appreciation for the contributions of his staff members. “We couldn’t have attained this level of success without a dedicated and hard-working staff,” he says. “Every day is a team effort with one department lending help to another.”

This doesn’t surprise Lyons, who hired Jones at Alltech shortly after he graduated from Southern and continues a working relationship with his former understudy.

“Curt is a home-spun boy who has made good. He is an approachable, humble man. That makes him who he is,” Lyons says. “I believe people who work for Curt gravitate to him for that reason.” People close to Jones say success hasn’t changed him, although he has enjoyed plenty of it since Dippin’ Dots Inc. was established in 1988.

Armed with undergraduate (1981) and graduate (1986) degrees in microbiology from Southern, Jones eventually saw his company ranked as the No. 1 new franchise company by Entrepreneur Magazine in 2002. In addition, for the third consecutive year, Dippin’ Dots Franchising is a member of the elite “Franchise 500,” as ranked by Entrepreneur Magazine. The publication’s January 2004 issue lists the company at No. 101 in the country, making it the highest-ranking food franchise.

Jones is pleased, but unfazed by the attention of spearheading one of the

Southern Alumni
fastest growing companies in the country. Instead, he lauds the experiences and people who contributed to his success along the way.

"Each experience in my life has been connected to something that occurred previously," he says.

This includes his time spent at Southern. Jack Parker, a friend and one of Jones' former microbiology instructors who now serves as dean of SIU's College of Science, refers to Jones as "one of the nicest men I have met."

"Being nice isn't always considered much of a compliment, and it rarely seems applicable to someone who has attained Curt's level of success," Parker says. "He is a soft-spoken and warm-hearted young man with a good sense of humor."

In addition, Parker lauds Jones, a Life Member of the SIU Alumni Association, for his continued relationship with the University.

"Too often we lose track of our former students. But Curt has been kind about crediting his teachers for helping him and maintains contact with our department," Parker says. "Therefore, it has been particularly nice to watch things work out for him. Teachers are always proud to witness a student's success at any level."

Jones' success story began in Grand Chain, Ill., a small farming community of 200 people in downstate Illinois, located approximately 50 miles southeast of the University he would eventually attend. He is the youngest of three children reared by Milford and Dorothy Jones. It was apparent early that he was different from most children his age.

In addition to regular farming duties—such as growing corn and soybean and raising pigs—Jones was interested in his father's side business of radio and television repair. He and a grade-school friend started a business of their own, becoming versed at minor radio repair.

In eighth grade, Jones joined another friend in using broom corn his grandfather raised. They made brooms and sold them in the neighborhood and at school. He later got in the chicken business and sold eggs at school. In addition, Jones baled hay and straw in high school.

"I used school a lot. My teachers probably hated to see me coming because I was always trying to sell them something," Jones laughs. "You learn how to do a number of things growing up on a farm. But I wanted to make a little extra money from time to time. I always saw myself in a manufacturing business of some sort."

Jones began his college career at Shawnee Community College, just seven miles from his home, where he played on the baseball and basketball teams. After his second year at Shawnee, his chemistry instructor asked about his future plans.

"He said I was good at chemistry and suggested pursuing a career in pre-med," Jones says. "Both of my sisters had attended SIU, and it was close to home, too. It was a natural choice because I could still help my dad at the farm on weekends."

Jones quickly joined a friend in the pig business. They rented and rebuilt a barn near Murphysboro his junior year. However, he was struggling in the classroom as a result of his various ventures.

"I got off to a bad start academically. It was a wake-up call for me," Jones says. "I couldn't do everything and go to college. I had to regroup."

He did recover and discovered his niche in short order. He was intrigued by various aspects of microbiology, which was the focus of many projects he completed en route to attaining his bachelor's degree at Southern in 1981.
Dippin' Dots Makes Commitment To Kids' Charity

Although he has derived personal success through the advent of Dippin' Dots, Curt Jones has not forgotten those around him. When Dippin'Dots became familiar with "Give Kids the World Village" in 2001, he and his staff were eager to support the cause.

Give Kids the World Village is a 51-acre, not-for-profit resort for children with life-threatening illnesses. These children have a single wish to visit this popular amusement park located in Orlando. GKTW provides accommodations, attraction tickets, and meals for a weeklong complimentary vacation for children and their families.

Dippin'Dots became familiar with Give Kids the World at an International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions convention in 2001. Shortly afterwards, Dippin' Dots began supplying ice cream to the kids and their families to eat. In addition, an employee payroll deduction program was instituted at Dippin' Dots.

"All of our employees were eager to support this program and continue to do so. This vacation provides children and their families with somewhat of a reprieve from medical treatments - although the Village is set up to provide these services," says Jones. "Needless to say, Give Kids the World is a worthwhile cause. We are pleased to play a small role in these children enjoying a special week with their families."

Give Kids the World partners with over 300 wish-granting organizations around the world to identify these children and provide transportation to Orlando. Dippin'Dots has coordinated a number of activities to raise money and build awareness of the Village. Dippin' Dots developed a cookbook with recipes contributed by employees, franchisees, and associates of the company, with proceeds going to Give Kids the World. The cookbook can be purchased online at http://www.dippindots.com/store/merchandise.asp.

Also, Dippin' Dots employees have coordinated bake sales, raffles, chili cook-offs, and unique beauty contests to raise funds. Employees, franchisees, and their families have been known to drop in and volunteer at the village in Kissimmee during their own vacations.

For more information about Give Kids the World, visit their website at www.gktw.org.

It's not all work and no play for the busy SIU Alumni Association Life Member. Here recording artist Joey Fatone of the group NSYNC poses backstage at a concert with Jones, his wife Kay, and their daughter Tracey.

Jones’ wife, Kay, gave birth to their daughter, Tracey, in December of 1982, and he began working as a teacher for Southeastern Illinois College. He taught a class at the Vienna Correctional Center on alcohol fuels.

"It was vocational school, as we were training the inmates to get a job in an ethanol plant someday," he says. "I taught some night classes in biology and chemistry as well."

Jones was holding a full-time job while pursuing his master’s degree, which he eventually attained in 1986. His extensive microbiology studies didn’t leave him time for much else.

"I kept myself busy in class, research, and working on projects. So I really didn’t get to know a lot of people in college," Jones says. "Looking back, I should have taken a little time to enjoy some of the extra-curricular activities college offers."

But Jones was focused. And his professors noticed.

"I remember Curt as always being energetic and enthused," says Parker, who also assisted Jones with his thesis project focusing on amino acids. "He was always trying to apply what he had learned to some practical problem. It was clear from the beginning that this was his focus."

"He is an example of how hard work and constant observation can pay off in unexpected ways."

Jones even worked during his vacation. He had met representatives from Alltech at a conference and was granted permission to complete final experiments for his thesis project in their laboratory.

"Within a few months, they offered me a job, right about the time I received my master’s degree," Jones says. "So I moved my family to Lexington in 1986."

Jones says his background intrigued Alltech because it was beginning to produce bacteria for use in cattle feed. One step in this process was quick freezing to maintain ice crystals so the cells would survive. While Alltech was freezing these cells in thin sheets, Jones began experimenting with liquid nitrogen and pelletizing them (into small balls).
His rationale was that this process would result in a quicker freeze because liquid nitrogen was three times colder than the product Alltech was using. Pelletizing also made crystals easier to handle and freeze dry.

This process led to the creation of Jones' brainchild: Dippin' Dots.

"I was literally making homemade ice cream with my neighbor one day and began talking to him about ice crystallization. I told him that freezing this ice cream quicker would make it fresher and less icy," Jones says. "Then it just hit me that this is what I do for a living. Within three weeks or so, I experimented and made some Dippin' Dots."

Jones shared this concept with Lyons, who encouraged him to sell the product.

"I remember my discussions with Curt as we looked for ideas. He has a background in cryogenics, and we were microencapsulating our bacteria," Lyons recalls. "We thought, 'Why not microencapsulate other ingredients?' and the rest is history. That is the power of conversation."

Eager to start his own business, Jones received positive feedback from family and friends when he made Dippin' Dots for them on weekends. He left his job at Alltech in 1987 and established his company in Lexington a year later. Dippin' Dots ice cream was initially produced in Grand Chain.

"It worried us when Curt left his job. But he would make Dippin' Dots for parties we hosted, and everyone tried and liked it," says Milford Jones, Curt's father. "It was real cold and a different type of product. We had fun with it."

Jones sold his first cup of Dots in March of 1988. However, success didn't come easy. "Of course we did everything wrong. Our store was on the wrong side of town. We broke even at best and basically lived on credit cards that first year," he says. "But we discovered that the customers we had really liked it and returned a lot. The feedback was positive, which really encouraged me."

And now, Jones' small company has blossomed into a corporate giant. In 1995, a new 32,000-square-foot production facility was opened in Paducah, and expanded another 20,000 square feet two years later.

The world's coldest ice cream had estimated sales of $38 million in 2003. The first franchise was offered in 2000, and now the company has more than 600 franchisers. Dippin' Dots are also available in Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and Venezuela.

The dots have to be stored at a constant temperature of -40 degrees and served at -20 degrees, which requires specifically designed freezer equipment and transportation. The freezing process locks in various flavors and allows the Dippin' Dots to maintain their shape and freshness.

Due to this special freezing process, Dippin' Dots are not available in supermarkets. They are most often sold in kiosks at special events, shopping malls, movie theaters, and also in vending machines in many amusement parks.

"I spent a lot of time thinking of something to create," Jones says. "This seemed like something different enough, but yet it was good. Therefore I did have a good feeling about it."

Reeves sums up Jones' rise in the entrepreneurial world. "Curt is the all-American success story," says Reeves. "A rural family supports their kids through college; an idea is born and a company formed; they see hard times and good times, and the people stay loyal to their roots."

Jones' loyalty and demeanor is typified by his reaction to being selected as grand marshal for this year's SIU Homecoming Parade. "It was a great experience. The parade was wonderful and I enjoyed the game," he says. "I got to hang out with my former professors like John Martinko and Jack Parker."

"In addition, it was a pleasure to meet some new people, some of whom graduated from SIU about the same time I did. I was honored that the University asked me."
Jeff Spaetzel '88, will ride a bicycle 2,400 miles next April to raise money and awareness of autism — a disorder that has changed his family's life.

He recalls his daughter Amber's diagnosis of autism four years ago as a devastating shock for him and his wife, Heather, who have two other children, Sean and Elyssa. After three frustrating years of dealing with the challenges of the disability and the lack of support from local and federal agencies, Spaetzel decided to take action.

"When it comes to autism, it is pretty easy to focus on the negative," says Spaetzel, who decided to leverage his strengths and abilities to create "Pedal for a Cure." The cross country ride will benefit Cure Autism Now (CAN), a foundation established in 1995 to bring together parents, researchers and physicians who have committed themselves to accelerating the pace of research, outreach and education.

The ride will begin April 17, 2005 in Newport Beach, Calif., and will conclude May 22 at Soldier Field in Chicago at CAN's Walk Now event. In the meantime Spaetzel and co-worker and fellow rider for the trip, Adam Dabrowski, are up and training at 5 a.m. every morning — rain or shine — for the road ahead.

Dabroski has experience in seven major rides including two AIDS rides from St. Paul to Chicago. "I've always wanted to do a ride of this magnitude," he says. Spaetzel on the other hand admits that until the spring of 2004 he hadn't ridden more than 55 miles in a single day and was around 20 pounds overweight.

"A year ago if anyone told me to ride a
bicycle 200 plus miles in two days, I would have said they were nuts and ask why would I want to do that. I learned that a lot can change in a year," says Spaetzel.

The riders plan to fund the ride themselves assuring that every penny raised will go to CAN. They will spend nights in campsites or homes along the route that will take them through Riverside, Indio and Blythe, California; Phoenix, Cottonwood, Flagstaff and Holbrook, Arizona; Dalhart, Texas; Guymon, Oklahoma; Liberal, Dodge City, Great Bend, McPherson, Abilene and Topeka, Kansas; St. Joseph, Missouri, Mt. Ayer, Des Moines, Iowa City, and Clinton, Iowa, and Sugar Grove, Illinois, where the Spaetzels live.

"Increasing autism awareness is perhaps the most important part of the ride," says Spaetzel. "We will talk to just about any person or group that will hear us out about the mission." They will also work with the autism community, churches, schools and community groups along the way.

Autism is a processing disorder that impacts the ability to rapidly manage uncertainty and derive meaning from change, resulting in limitations in communication, social functioning, problem solving adaptation and emotional development.

According to the Autism Society of America, diagnosis of the disability has quadrupled since 1987. Between 2001-2002 there was a 701 percent nationwide increase in children diagnosed with autism and between 2002-2003 an 870 percent increase occurred. The Centers for Disease Control published figures recently showing that autism now affects one in 166 births, making it the fastest growing disability in the United States.

Spaetzel has created a Web site, www.pedal4acure.org, which will track his ride. Visitors are also urged to sign their guest book and make a donation. Mile markers can be purchased for as little as $10 and the riders plan to send e-mail notification once the mile marker is passed. Donations can be sent to Pedal for a Cure, Cure Autism Now, P.O. Box 852, Sugar Grove, IL 60554-0852.
Shown standing in the trading room at Archer Daniels Midland, Burnell Kraft has long been an advocate for SIU students.
When Burnell Kraft retired from a successful career of trading stocks and commodities, he envisioned a unique way to give back to Southern Illinois University—he would help current students distance themselves from the competition.

The Burnell D. Kraft Trading Room in the College of Business and Administration (COBA) was dedicated last year, and as soon as the ribbon was cut in Room 326 at Rehn Hall, SIU had a high-tech, cutting-edge facility to which few other universities in the country could point.

"Utilizing hands-on technology while a student," Kraft predicts, "will make our graduates extremely employable once they hit the real world. The exposure to this equipment will serve as a tremendous simulator to real-life situations."

Kraft and SIU Dean Dan Worrell started working on plans for the room five years ago, and each now revels in the fruits of that labor. The activity of the financial markets comes directly into the classroom via state-of-the-art computer equipment, a stock ticker, Smartboard®, data/video projectors and plasma screens.
At the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Kraft Trading Room, SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler and Kraft do the honors. They are flanked by B.W. Bruce, Vice President at Hilliard Lyons in Marion, Ill. (left), and Dean Dan Worrell.

Worrell, at the time of the unveiling, said the facility would allow students to engage in “active learning,” noting the experience is “immediate, participatory and, in every sense of the word, electric.”

Finding A Way To SIU

While growing up in Chester, Ill., Kraft had always heard that college was for the rich. “And I was a poor kid; I had to find a way to make my education happen,” he remembers.

Following high school, Kraft found his path to Southern by entering the armed forces. He returned from Korea years later armed with the G.I. Bill and a scholarship to make his dream of attending college a reality. Despite commuting to Carbondale each day from Chester, he was able to take a sizeable overload of classes and graduate with a degree in accounting in only 2.5 years.

“I wanted to get through college as quick as I could, and somehow found a way to do it,” laughs the 1956 graduate, who during his school years also
worked in a family-owned dairy. “I interviewed with Tabor Grain while I was at SIU and was hired by them directly out of college.”

Showing immediate skills and acumen which would serve him well in the business world, Kraft became a vice president at Tabor within three years, executive vice president in 1961, and president in 1970. In 1975 the company merged with Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) of Decatur, a major food processor and exporter. From 1976-86, he remained president of Tabor & Co., a wholly owned subsidiary of ADM until 2001. From 1980-84 Kraft was president of ADM International S.A., and became a board member of A.C. Toepfer of Hamburg, Germany from 1978-2001.

That impressive background guides him as he now lends support to current SIU students.

Various Students Are Benefiting

In addition to being a major benefit for juniors and seniors majoring in finance and accounting—as well as MBA and masters of accounting students—members of the Saluki Student Investment Fund (SSIF) also call the Kraft Trading Room home.

SSIF student members have discretion over the management of a real dollar portfolio. The fund, jumpstarted in April 2000 through a donation from SIU alumni Omar and Carol Winter, is managed by a group of students and a faculty advisor from the College of Business and Administration. They meet weekly to monitor approximately $200,000 in SIU Foundation investments, discuss what is going on in the stock market, research their real-money transactions, and arrange field trips and meetings with brokers, bankers, and investment analysts. (To learn more about SSIF and its investments, go to its Web site at www.cba.siu.edu/rso/ssif.)

The Kraft Trading Room gives this experience an added dimension.

“I think it’s important to be involved in something like this,” says Ken Smail, a junior from Carbondale. “I realized it is somewhat easy to get a degree, but much harder to get experience—that is what I get when I walk in here.”

And that experience and interaction with high-tech equipment helps make their participation a voluntary—and fun—endeavor.

“I don’t mind spending my own time working with this group, even though it’s not an actual class and we don’t receive credit hours for it,” explains Kris Meyer, a junior from Davenport, Iowa. “Our investments are doing pretty well, so we end up using concepts that reinforce what we have learned in other classes. To see it all come together is pretty nice.”

The trading room also offers a side benefit by providing information faculty members can use in research, says Mark Peterson, finance professor and the SSIF faculty adviser.

“As faculty members increase their research productivity, they are able to disseminate more knowledge to the students,” he says. “Moreover, if faculty members spend less time gathering data, they have more time to devote to teaching activities.”

Training The Trader

Part of the hands-on experience afforded SIU students through the Kraft Trading Room is the ability to find out what works best for them. That training, according to Kraft, is invaluable.

“There are so many different manners of trading, and I have witnessed many people who are successful at it in various ways,” he notes. “Some traders are more grounded in fundamentals, some more grounded in statistics, and others in various types of technicals. Being able to expose students to all of these areas while still in school is a real advantage in finding what combinations work for them. Not everyone is cut out to be a stock broker; they will figure that out as well.”

Kraft points out that Southern's traders-to-be are now already building a
Ill holds Burnell Kraft in high esteem for his continued support of students and his alma mater.

In addition to Kraft Trading Room, he launched a scholarship and internship program at the College of Business, generously loaned one of Archer Daniels Midland's 14,000-pound compressors to the University after cooling equipment to 10 campus buildings failed during a 1992 summer heat wave, has purchased equipment for the University Career Services office to help students polish their interviewing skills, and he was instrumental in the recruitment of the COBA dean.

Kraft is a past recipient of the SIU Distinguished Alumni Award presented by the SIU Alumni Association, was named Executive of the Year in 1998 by COBA, and received a Doctor of Commercial Science degree during the May 2003 commencement ceremonies at Southern.

network with others they may soon be in business with, while acquiring contacts and information from companies around the country.

“Obviously this facility serves as a means to student recruitment, but it also acts as a retention tool as well,” Kraft adds. “SIU can now better compete for the best students around, and hopefully keep them here once they arrive.”

A Point Of Pride
Tammy Cavarretta, Chief Development Officer at COBA, says the trading room is not only a great teaching tool, but also a point of pride for the entire institution. “Admissions and Records now use this as one of their tour stops when they take prospective students around campus,” she says. “Whether the person plans to be a business major or not, that room is so impressive that it helps sell Southern to any student.”

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler said recently of Kraft’s generosity: “Actions like this one seal the fate of the institution. We’re grateful that students will be able to experience the power of Wall Street while they’re right here on Main Street.”

Kraft simply takes great pride in seeing the skills students develop from the technology afforded them at Southern.

“As an employer, I would be thrilled to hire SIU students who have been exposed to this type of high-tech training,” the Decatur, Ill., resident says. “It can save them years of experience and quickly show them if their judgments are right or wrong. They will find out what works for them, and perhaps just as important, what doesn’t.

“SIU graduates will be able to start that first real job with confidence and hit the ground running.”
Do you have photos from your days at Southern Illinois University? They may be worth publishing in a history of student life.

The SIU Department of History is organizing a project to publish a photographic history of student life from World War II to the present. Photos of great interest would focus on trends and fads in fashion and lifestyle, hangouts and housing, even informal moments as well as more noteworthy subjects that turned on politics and sometimes tragedy.

The goal is to capture the tone of student life on campus. Photos can range from the burning of Old Main, to protests over dormitory regulations, boycotts of merchants to students hanging out at the Dairy Queen or at Carter’s, students volunteering for the Peace Corps, and shots of international students living on campus. The goal is to be as comprehensive as possible.

The Department of History invites you to send your photos to be considered for publication in this history. Even pictures that you might think unimportant or casual may be interesting to other alums. Your photos could become a permanent part of SIU’s story.

When sending photographs, please include a brief description, the date of the image, the event, and identify any of the people you can in the picture. If you have a story to tell with the photo, please send it along as well.

Please send photos and related materials to: Michael Batinski, Department of History, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901. Be sure to include your mailing address and, whenever possible, your e-mail address. Please send any questions to batinski@siu.edu.

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Earlier this month the SIU Student Center hosted Touch of Nature Environmental Center's first art exhibit, "From Our Perspective: An Exhibit of Wheelchair Art." The exhibit featured 10 large-format, acrylic-on-masonite paintings produced by 2004 Camp Little Giant participants in wheelchairs.

The paintings were praised by University administrators and many of the Camp's corporate sponsors, and Wheelchair art by Julian Pineda

after viewing the artwork, Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, suggested that the paintings be exhibited to the public. Following his lead, the paintings are being displayed in Art Alley on the second floor of the Student Center through January 28, 2005.

As early as 1949, SIU President Delyte Morris and outdoor recreation specialist Dr. William Freeberg envisioned the promotion of education and individual expression through the outdoor experience. Their emphasis on both natural and human resources led to the development of the Little Grassy Campus and innovative interdisciplinary approaches to education and service.

David Gename, associate director PSO for Touch of Nature, says the vision remains largely unchanged 51 years later. "The Wheelchair Art Project exemplifies Touch of Nature's legacy of providing service to people with disabilities and opportunities for personal growth and expression through self-challenge," he notes. "The Wheelchair Art Project is a page in the current chapter of this legacy."

The legacy is, indeed, distinctly embodied in the Wheelchair Art Project. The development of creative programming by talented and dedicated camp staff has provided avenues for individual expression that may have otherwise remained unchallenged. The results are beautiful to the viewer and personally gratifying for the campers.

The original concept of using one's wheelchair as a means of artistic expression began with the simple act of running a wheelchair through acrylic paints and over butcher paper. However, with the generous assistance of Associated Lumber Company of Carbondale, large (4'x8') sheets of masonite were made available and are now used by the artistic campers as a more effective and permanent canvas.

To help facilitate genuine artistic growth of the program, the 2004 camp session included the services of professional artist Ward Smith. An artist, teacher, musician, poet and storyteller, Smith was instrumental in the evolution of the project from a routine camp activity to a true expression of personal art. Smith labels his involvement as "an opportunity to learn and grow in my abilities as an art educator. The experience was profoundly moving and rewarding."
Clockwise, above, SIU Deans greeted alumni under the SIU Big Tent. From left to right: Gary Minish-Agricultural Sciences, David Carlson-Library Affairs, Shirley Clay Scott-Liberal Arts, Jack Parker-Science, Keith Hillkirk-Education and Human Services, Manjunath Pendakur-Mass Communication and Media Arts, Paul Sarvela-Applied Sciences and Arts, George Swisher-Engineering, and Richard Rivers-Associate Dean of Business and Administration. Dawg Griller Richard Small keeps alumni fed at the Big Tent; Mimi and Julian Wallace motor down Illinois Avenue as part of the Homecoming Parade.
Rome City Stay
February 18-26, 2005
From $1399.00
Enjoy all that the ‘Eternal City’ has to offer at this time of year without the throngs of tourists. Rome is a city to thrill and enchant you! (Global Holidays, Inc.)

Imperial Vienna
April 2-10, 2005
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Home of the famous composer Strauss, the Waltz, and the Boys Choir, Vienna is rich in Baroque art and architecture. Enjoy exciting optional excursions to the Vienna Woods, 2 day trip to Prague, Schönbrunn Palace, Budapest, Romantic Danube valley and much more! (Global Holidays, Inc.)

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Chicago departure September 16-24, 2005
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Experience Ireland’s stunning seascapes and the unspoiled beauty of the countryside combined with glimpses of her mysterious past. Stay in Killarney, a sheltered Camelot-like town, surrounded by idyllic lakes, mountains, islands and castles, and Kilkenny the “Marble City.” (Global Holidays, Inc.)

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Switzerland and Germany
October 7-15, 2005
$1599.00
Villars, Switzerland. This location offers the opportunity to explore Geneva, Montreux, Zermatt, and much more! From Titisee in the Black Forest visit Strasbourg, the Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen, and Freiburg the capital of the Black Forest. (Global Holidays, Inc.)

Price per person, based on double occupancy. Dates and prices are tentative and subject to change.

Discover why so many alumni, family, and friends are traveling with Southern Illinois University at special affordable rates through the SIU Alumni Association.
Alumni College Abroad in Switzerland
August 17-25, 2005
Approximately $1,995 per person, plus air, based on double occupancy. V.A.T. is an additional $95 per person, subject to change.
Approximately $3,095 per person, air-inclusive from Chicago (ORD), based on double occupancy.

Imagine yourself relaxing on a picture-perfect get-away in the midst of the magnificent Bernese Oberland region. Discover the resort town of Interlaken, surrounded by world-famous peaks—the Eiger, Münch and Jungfrau. Ascend the Harderkulm (4,297 feet) by funicular to experience spectacular vistas over the town, both lakes and a panorama of snowy peaks! Enjoy a cruise on Lake Thun to the historic town of Thun on the Aare River. Stroll through charming Grindelwald and ride the mountain train to the awe-inspiring Jungfraujoch, the very Top of Europe! Visit the car-free town of Wengen. Walk across the famous Chapel Bridge in the fairy tale ambiance of Lucerne.

Unpack only once in a cozy, family-owned hotel and spend a fabulous week in the heart of Alpine Switzerland where ancient mountain traditions still thrive. (AHI Tours)

Alumni College Abroad in Normandy
September 12-20, 2005
Approximately $1,995, per person, plus air, based on double occupancy. V.A.T. is an additional $95 per person, subject to change.
Approximately $2,895 per person, air-inclusive from Chicago (ORD), based on double occupancy.

To explore Normandy is to hear echoes of great battles, to marvel at renowned landmarks and to experience the tranquility of apple orchards and half-timbered cottages.

Your campus site, in the heart of Normandy, is picturesque Lisieux. See the remarkable Bayeux Tapestry that recounts the Norman conquest of England. Discover ancient Rouen, the site of Joan of Arc’s trial. See Monet’s home and brilliantly colored gardens at Giverny. Make the pilgrimage to magnificent Mont-St-Michel. Visit solemn Omaha Beach, the scene of one of the bloodiest battles of the D-Day invasion, where nearly 10,000 American soldiers lost their lives. The Omaha Beach War Memorial, a protected historic landmark, stands here in silent homage to the fallen.

Whether your interest is cuisine, culture or history, Normandy offers a fascinating and rewarding journey for those dedicated to travel and learning. (AHI Tours)

Germany’s Legendary Holiday Markets
December 6-14, 2005
From approximately $1,995, per person, plus air, based on double occupancy. V.A.T. is an additional $125 per person, subject to change.

Since the 15th century, German towns have celebrated the holidays with one of Europe’s most endearing traditions, the Christkindlmarkt, or Christmas market. This spectacular cruise adventure takes you to the very heart of original Tannenbaum territory.

Delight in each town’s market, a glittering, twinkling microcosm of Old World charm where ornate vendor stalls festooned with fragrant pine branches and bright boughs of holly proudly display the cherished craftsmanship of local artisans. Explore the historic town of Nürnberg, home to Germany’s oldest and finest Christkindlmarkt. Visit the beautiful cathedral city of Bamberg and the medieval walled city of Rothenburg. Explore Würzburg, home of the majestic 18th century Residenz one of the finest Baroque palaces in all of Europe, and the fairy-tale villages of Wertheim and Miltenberg.

This year, escape the frantic pace of the holiday season. Experience the European advent spirit on this special cruise to the legendary holiday markets of Germany. (AHI Tours)

Request more information today!
Call Michael Dean at 618.453.2408 or send email inquiries to alumni@siu.edu.
Southern Illinois University Carbondale Chancellor Walter Wendler and the SIU Alumni Association recognized 21 past Association presidents who returned to campus in September.

Twenty-one of the SIU Alumni Association's 28 living past presidents attended the activities. Chancellor and Mrs. Wendler and the Association co-hosted a Friday evening dinner, along with a breakfast, brunch and campus tour on Saturday. Wendler presented each alumni president with a Southern @ 150 paper weight, and the group also was the guest of the Chancellor at the SIU-William Penn University football the next afternoon.

“We were pleased to host 21 of our living past presidents on campus,” says Ed Buerger, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association. “The University and the SIU Alumni Association are appreciative of their many years of service, loyalty and dedication to their alma mater. This was a way to extend our appreciation for everything these outstanding individuals continue to do in support of the mission of this institution.”

A 39-member board of the SIU Alumni Association governs the not-for-profit organization and its activities, programs and services. It represents 200,000 SIU graduates living in more than 125 countries and is the largest and oldest organization serving Southern Illinois University.

“It is difficult for a number of these individuals to return to campus on a regular basis due to their geographic locations. But we were confident they would be interested in Past Presidents Weekend based on their affinity to the University,” says Robert Odaniell, who served as executive director of the SIU Alumni Association from 1952 to 1984.

“The weekend also presented an opportunity for us to update our past presidents on happenings at the Association and University. It was a pleasure to reminisce with these people. The responses demonstrated how these people feel about their alma mater.”

In addition to current president Mimi Wallace (Beverly Hills, Calif.), who has headed the organization since 2003, past presidents, their years of service, and hometowns are:

**Illinois**
- **Belleville**
  - Patricia Hunsaker, 1982-1983
  - Richard Hunsaker, 1968-1969
- **Bloomington**
  - Paul Gill, 1971-1972
  - Keith Sanders, 1977-1978
- **Carbondale**
  - Michael Carr, 1997-1998
  - Larry Jacober, 1973-1974
  - Andrew Marcec, 1969-1970
  - Albert Shafter, 1974-1975
- **Carterville**
- **Cobden**
  - Roger Gray, 1976-1977
  - Wes Wilkins, 1995-1997
- **Dupo**
  - Patrick Mudd, 1980-1981
- **Du Quoin**
  - Doris Rottschalk, 1998-1999
- **Glen Ellyn**
  - Paul Conti, 1986-1988
- **Hillsboro**
  - Richard Small, 1988-1989
- **Hudson**
  - Jim Gildersleeve, 1989-1990
- **Makanda**
- **Springfield**
  - Don Magee, 2001-2003
- **Mississippi**
  - Itta Bena
  - W.A. (Bill) Butts, 1985-1986
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Enjoying the Past Presidents event were, front row from left: SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler, Albert Shafter, Robert Mees, Roger Gray, Wes Wilkins, Keith Sanders, George McLean, Doris Rottschalk, W.A. Butts, Richard Small, Richard Reynolds, and Don Magee. Second row from left: SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger, Paul Conti, Mimi Wallace, Mike Carr, Robert Odaniell, Larry Jacober, J. C. Garavalia, Andy Marcec, Paul Gill, Patricia Hunsaker, Richard Hunsaker, Robert Pulliam, and Jim Gildersleeve. Pat Mudd was not present for the photo.
Long Would Be Proud That Legacy Continues

by Dick Lee ’64

During the summer of 2004, 70 weekly editors gathered at Pere Marquette State Park near Alton, Ill., to celebrate what began a half-century ago on the Carbondale campus. And, thanks to SIU, my attachment to that band of editors known as the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors has lasted almost as long.

It came about this way. Dr. Howard Long left the University of Missouri to become the chairman of SIU’s journalism department in the fall of 1953. That same fall, I came to SIU as a sophomore in journalism. I had grown up in a weekly newspaper family in Marissa, Ill.

Long wrote later: “I had arrived in Carbondale to head an unloved department, considered the weakest of the weak, just in time to catch the coattails of President Delyte Morris as he went into an orbit destined to transform a pretty good little teachers college into the greatest educational circus in America.”

Long clearly intended to make SIU the world headquarters of weekly journalism. And, from the beginning, he ran the department his way. For example, in the spring of 1954, when the Miss Egyptian dance (sponsored by The Egyptian) had fewer than 10 couples show up, Long sidled up to those of us who were Egyptian editors and said, “Can you pay that band?” We couldn’t. He replied, “I’ll make a deal: send everyone home before 10 o’clock and I’ll pay the band.” We did.

In his second year at Southern, Long, together with Houstoun Waring, founded the International Conference of Weekly Newspaper Editors. Long became its executive director. Waring, who was nationally known as the editor of the Littleton (Colo.) Independent, became ICWNE’s first president. In 1955, ICWNE held a week-long summer conference for weekly editors who were serious about writing editorials. The conferences have continued for 50 years. The journalism department and Long became the leaders of ICWNE for the next 20 years.

The summer conferences were idea sessions with invited experts and lively discussions, patterned after the editorial conferences large dailies have every day. The editors who came quickly developed camaraderie. They returned every year and enthusiastically recruited new members. There were editors from New England, California, Colorado, New York, Illinois, Canada, Australia, the Philippines and the United Kingdom. After the first summer’s meeting on the Carbondale campus, ICWNE moved to Giant City State Park.

I left Carbondale at the end of the summer of 1954, finished my journalism degree at the University of Illinois, spent some time as editor of the Marissa Messenger and did a tour of duty with the Air Force. I came back to Southern in the fall of 1959 to seek a master’s degree and to work as Long’s graduate assistant. Long was planning a quarterly journal that would be for editorial-writing weekly newspapers and also would complement ICWNE. The title: Grassroots Editor. I was to be assistant editor—and also printer. At the time, SIU had a printing program at the Vocational-Technical Institute on the Crab Orchard campus that professors Frances Modlin and George Brown supervised.

Grassroots Editor was set on a Linotype in Murphysboro. The galleys of lead type were transferred to Carbondale, then taken to the printing plant at Crab Orchard. Headlines were handset. Pages were printed two at a time, which meant 16 times through the press to produce the 32-page magazine. Other graduate assistants and I hand-folded and gathered 8,000 sheets to complete the 1,000 copies of each issue. Grassroots Editor was a labor of love. First published in January 1960, it is alive and well today.

By the summer of 1960, the conference drew too many editors to fit into Giant City’s cabins. The meetings remained at continued on page 93

Dick Lee was managing editor of The Egyptian in the winter, spring and summer of 1954. Inset, Lee in a recent photograph.
Alumni Achievement Award
Honors John And Linda Saunders

A Chester couple respected and appreciated for more than 40 years of dedication to Southern Illinois University have received the 2004 Alumni Achievement Award for Distinguished Service.

John Saunders, a retired recreational specialist at the Chester Mental Health Clinic, and Linda Saunders, a retired special education teacher in the Chester school system, received the honor at a homecoming luncheon hosted by the SIU Alumni Association and the SIU Foundation Board of Directors on Friday, Oct. 1, in the Student Center.

The award recognizes SIU alumni or friends for exemplary service to the SIU Alumni Association and the University. John and Linda Saunders have exhibited an extraordinary commitment to Southern.

John, a four-year track letterman at Southern who received his bachelor’s degree in recreation in 1963 and a master’s degree in recreation in 1966, continued his commitment to the track program after graduation. He assisted former SIU Track Coach Bill Cornell at several track meets, serving as a judge and timer. In addition, he has served on the Alumni Association Athletics Committee, as the alumni representative on the Chancellor’s Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee, and as president of the former Saluki Booster Club.

Linda, who enrolled at Southern in 1961, married John two years later. She completed her degree in special education in 1968. Linda, who retired from the Chester school system in 2003, also supervised student teachers. She currently serves as a substitute teacher in Chester and actively recruits students to her alma mater.

University community members often associate the couple with the Saluki dogs. For 19 years, they provided Southern with live Saluki dogs, often seen at University sporting and public relations events. They have provided the University with five dogs since 1986. The last one, Tut, was humanely put to sleep on Saturday, June 26, 2004, after suffering with a malignant cancer of the blood vessels since April. He was 13 years old.

John and Linda have one son, Scott, who studied aviation at SIU and is now a corporate pilot. They are life members of the SIU Alumni Association.
Southern Illinois University Foundation

Honor Roll of Donors

Carbondale, Illinois

2004
The Honor Roll captures gifts made by individuals, corporations, foundations and organizations to SIUC through its foundation offices in Carbondale, Chicago and Springfield between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004.

In our giving societies (Allyn, Parkinson, Shryock, Pulliam, Morris, Old Main, and Chancellor’s Circle) which reflect cumulative giving, only those donors whose total giving reached a milestone level during the current fiscal year are listed. In past years, we have listed the names of donors whose cumulative giving reached a milestone in years other than the current year and have continued to list those donors whether they made a gift during the current year or not. These changes allow us to present a clearer picture of the fundraising activity of the current fiscal year.

Every attempt was made to ensure accuracy in the reporting of donors in this publication as well as to honor the wishes of anonymous donors. However, we wish to apologize for any errors which may have occurred in the omission or inaccurate listing of any name. If an error is discovered, please contact the Director of Advancement Services at (618) 453-4900, and we will correct the error.
**TOTAL SIU FOUNDATION ASSETS**

- **2004**: $98,699,258*
- **2003**: $78,937,273*
- **2002**: $70,413,793*
- **2001**: $76,139,978
- **2000**: $75,548,728

*Depreciation adjustment per GASB 35

**MARKET VALUE OF SIU FOUNDATION ENDOWMENTS**

- **2004**: $56,347,909
- **2003**: $45,328,374
- **2002**: $43,786,780
- **2001**: $48,268,393
- **2000**: $48,222,861
Salukis are #1. However, this time the number one is for all of you — alumni, friends and supporters — who stepped up this year and provided financial support to your alma mater. You elevated your giving to a total of $15.5 million. These most welcomed dollars will benefit many students, faculty, and staff for years to come. Endowments were created, new equipment secured and facilities renovated as a result of the many gifts we received.

On the next several pages, you will see the names of the many alumni and friends who joined together to advance the mission and vision of the University during the past fiscal year. We take this opportunity to thank you for the investment you have made and the confidence you have shown in the direction of the institution.

For those of you who are still considering how you can join the team of contributors, I hope the stories inside will encourage you to support your institution. You don't have to wait until you win the lottery to be supportive. Every dollar that we receive is important and each plays an important role in helping to fill the gap left by shrinking state resources.

Salukis and SIU are #1, and with your help and support we can stay on top. Excellence is our past, and excellence is our future.

Rickey N. McCurry
Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement
and CEO, SIU Foundation

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I say thank you on behalf of the students, faculty, staff and administration of our institution. As president of the SIU Foundation, I know firsthand how important private support is in ensuring a solid future for our alma mater. As an alumnus and parent of an SIU student, I know how bright our future can and will be.

Excellence is the measuring stick for our quest. We will build upon past greatness as we reach new heights and new destinations. As I see how our alumni and friends stepped up this year by contributing over $15.5 million to support SIU, I have complete confidence that not only is the goal of becoming a top 75 research institution attainable, it will be attained.

I take this opportunity to say thank you for your support this year and in the years past. I also take this opportunity to challenge you to continue to give to SIU and to encourage others to give. Our dreams are real, our vision clear, and our goals attainable.

We look forward to your continued demonstration of Saluki Pride.

Michael C. Carr, '74,’79
SIU Foundation Board President
The following cumulative categories of giving have been established to recognize those individuals and businesses that have reached the respective cumulative giving levels during fiscal year 2004 (July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004).

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#### ROSECO E. PULLIAM SOCIETY

- Businesses:  
  - Acretech, Inc.  
  - B&G Foundation  
  - Illinois Hospital Services Company  
  - St. John's Hospital  
  - Syngenta Crop Protection  

- Individuals:  
  - Michelle Pett & Roger D. Herrin  
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  - Danville Chrysler Training Center  
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  - Orthopaedic Center of Illinois  
  - PBI Insurance  
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  - Steve & Marilyn Burkart  

- Businesses:  
  - Acme Electric  
  - B&G Foundation  
  - Illinois Hospital Services Company  
  - Syngenta Crop Protection  

- Individuals:  
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  - Susan & Tom Beilstein  
  - David G. & Carol B. Beilstein  

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- Businesses:  
  - Acme Electric  
  - B&G Foundation  
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  - Syngenta Crop Protection  

- Individuals:  
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### HENRY W. SHROYER SOCIETY

- Businesses:  
  - Acme Electric  
  - B&G Foundation  
  - Illinois Hospital Services Company  
  - Syngenta Crop Protection  

- Individuals:  
  - James & Margaret M. Shroyer  
  - John W. & Margaret M. Shroyer  
  - Robert W. & Margaret M. Shroyer  

### DANIEL R. PARRISH SOCIETY

- Businesses:  
  - Acretech, Inc.  
  - B&G Foundation  
  - Illinois Hospital Services Company  
  - St. John's Hospital  

- Individuals:  
  - Daniel R. & Catherine Parrish  
  - Robert W. & Margaret M. Shroyer  
  - William T. & Margaret M. Shroyer  

### ROBERT ALLYN SOCIETY

- Businesses:  
  - Acme Electric  
  - B&G Foundation  
  - Illinois Hospital Services Company  
  - Syngenta Crop Protection  

- Individuals:  
  - John R. & Laura W. Allyn  
  - John W. & Margaret M. Shroyer  
  - Robert W. & Margaret M. Shroyer  

The University's first president (1874-1892), Robert Allyn, was inaugurated on July 1, 1874, one day before the first classes began at SIU. During his tenure, the library was established and a Model School was set up for teacher training.

### INDIVIDUALS

- Businesses:  
  - Acme Electric  
  - B&G Foundation  
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  - Syngenta Crop Protection  

- Individuals:  
  - Daniel R. & Catherine Parrish  
  - Robert W. & Margaret M. Shroyer  
  - William T. & Margaret M. Shroyer  

The fifth University president (1913-1935), Henry Shroyer, joined the faculty in 1894 in the English Department. Credited to his administration were further curriculum revision, the rural education program, and a significant physical education and athletic program, a new power plant and the construction of Shroyer Auditorium.
Southern Illinois University broke ground on the Troutt-Wittmann Center on Oct. 29, as construction is now underway for the 12,000-square-foot, tri-level academic and training center which will be located north of the SIU Arena and Lingle Hall.

Alumnus Thomas “Pete” Wittmann, a former Saluki football player who flew in from Dallas for the festivities, donated $4.5 million for construction of the building and creation of an athletics scholarship endowment to honor his father, William G. Wittmann. The facility, expected to open late in 2005, honors his longtime SIU classmate and friend Kenny Troutt.

Glenn Poshard, chairman of the SIU Board of Trustees, applauds Wittmann for his unselfishness and commitment to rising generations of student-athletes.

“The University and its students will benefit from his substantial gift,” Poshard says. “This marks the first time a new building on campus will be constructed entirely with private funds from a single donor.”

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T he State Farm Insurance Companies Foundation recently donated more than $70,000 in cash and equipment to create a new, high-end computer lab, purchase eight new computer workstations and to fund nine new scholarships for computer technology majors at Southern Illinois University.

“We’re grateful for State Farm’s generosity, foresight and commitment to our University and our students,” says Chancellor Walter Wendler.

Headquartered in Bloomington, Ill., State Farm presently employs an estimated 200 Southern graduates, is the leading auto and home insurer in the state and has grown to become a leading provider of financial services. The gift – the first of its kind from the State Farm Companies Foundation to the University – will directly benefit students pursuing computer technology careers in three separate colleges: Applied Sciences and Arts, Science, and Business and Administration.

From left, SIU Vice Chancellor Larry Dietz, Loreen Mason (State Farm agent, Carbondale), SIU Vice Chancellor Rickey McCurry, Ed Russell (State Farm agent, Marion), Navreet Kang (State Farm agent, Carbondale), Todd Baker (State Farm agent, Marion), Kenya Garner, (State Farm agent, Marion), and Brad Donna (State Farm agent, Anna).

Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement and CEO of the SIU Foundation, accepted a symbolic check from State Farm at the opening of the annual SIU fall Career Fair in the Student Center.

“It is partnerships like this that enable the University, despite tight budgets, to invest in the cutting-edge computer technology in which our students must be proficient with to make it in the workplace,” McCurry says. “Many people from both the University and State Farm devoted their time and energy to bring this gift to fruition, and we want to thank them for their selfless devotion to SIU and their desire to support our students, most of whom work tirelessly to help put themselves through school.”

In all, $18,000 of the gift will fund nine, $2,000 annual scholarships, three each for as many as 10 students in three academic departments: information management systems, computer science and business management.
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A planned gift, unlike an outright gift, is a charitable contribution that is realized by the charity in the future, rather than immediately. Because some people are unable to donate a large sum of money during their lifetime as a result of family or other financial obligations, planned gifts can be a good alternative. Planned gifts are usually realized upon the death of the donor.

In addition, a planned gift can allow the donor to make a substantial contribution while still providing for, and sometimes even enhancing, their or her own financial security and that of his or her loved ones. Planned giving can also offer substantial benefit to the donor in the form of tax deductions, professional management of assets, and increased income.

It is also of tremendous importance to the University, as Yvonne Spencer, Director of Planned Giving for the SIU Foundation, explains. "Outright gifts are the lifeblood of the university, since they help pay for the day-to-day costs of operating the institution. However, planned gifts are vital to the long-term success of the University, since they are usually larger gifts that we know we can count on in the future," says Spencer.

Following are the types of planned gifts accepted by the SIU Foundation:

**Bequest**

A **Bequest** is a charitable gift left to the SIU Foundation through a person's will. It is the most common method of leaving assets to a charitable institution. An individual can leave a specific amount of money, a specific piece of property, a percentage of his or her assets, or the "residue" or what's left after providing for loved ones. Giving a percentage of one's assets is popular because it allows for fluctuations in the value of the estate. Keep in mind when considering a charitable bequest to use the proper name of the institution you intend to give to. For example, bequests intended for the Southern Illinois University Foundation must contain the full name of the organization, not merely "SIU."

**Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust**

A **Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust** allows individuals to make gifts while still providing economic security for themselves and their loved ones. A donor transfers assets to a trust, from which payments are made to the donor and/or his designees. At the end of the trust period, the assets remaining in the trust become the property of the charitable institution. Some of the benefits to a donor can include increased income from low-yielding assets, the reduction or elimination of estate, capital gains, and gift taxes, and the diversification of investment assets. The charitable remainder annuity trust provides a fixed income based on the value of assets at the time the trust is created.

**Charitable Gift Annuity Agreement**

A **Charitable Gift Annuity Agreement** provides for an eventful gift that can be revoked at the request of the donor during his or her lifetime. The donor receives no income tax deduction for the gift. However, savings can be realized in the form of an estate tax deduction for the amount passing to charity at the time of the donor's death. This type of planned gift offers a risk-free way to arrange for a charitable gift while still retaining the right to use the assets should the need arise.

**Charitable Lead Trust**

A **Charitable Lead Trust** allows a donor's gift to provide immediate income for charitable purposes and lets the individual pass assets to his or her heirs at a reduced cost to the donor upon the termination of the trust. Charitable lead trusts have been used to pass substantial wealth from generation to generation.

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A **Revolving Living Trust Agreement** provides for an eventful gift that can be revoked at the request of the donor during his or her lifetime. The donor receives no income tax deduction for the gift. However, savings can be realized in the form of an estate tax deduction for the amount passing to charity at the time of the donor's death. This type of planned gift offers a risk-free way to arrange for a charitable gift while still retaining the right to use the assets should the need arise.

**Life Estate Agreement**

A **Life Estate Agreement** allows for a gift of real property such as a house, farm or acreage. Under a life estate agreement, the donors may continue to live in and use the property for their lifetimes. The owner continues to be responsible for upkeep, insurance, and taxes on the property, and is entitled to any income it generates. The owner may take a tax deduction in the year of the gift equal to the value of the "remainder" interest. At the time of death, the charitable recipient may use or sell the property.

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The Sunshine Kids Provide A Bright Light For This SIU Alumnus

by Tara Koosak

In 1989, Michael Abbott's spare time was a precious thing. As interim president at Southwest Texas State University, he felt his plate was full and was often stretched to the limit. And perhaps it was - until he met The Sunshine Kids.

The Sunshine Kids, a foundation that provides trips and activities to children afflicted with cancer, has now long been a part of his life. The union began 15 years ago when the foundations national spokesperson visited the campus (now called Texas State University) in San Marcos looking for activities to incorporate into one of the trips the organization had planned. He inquired if the university's theatre department was performing any plays, and there happened to be a production geared toward young people.

Abbott helped coordinate The Sunshine Kids' participation in that event, and the Southern Illinois University alumnus was soon hooked on the magic such an experience could provide.

Abbott, who earned a bachelor's in mathematics and economics (1966) and a master's in information processing science (1968) at SIU, lost his wife to cancer a year before this initial encounter with the group. He told the organization's director of his interest in the disease and said he wanted to become more involved. The next year, The Sunshine Kids came back to the university and started using it as a base of support. Now every year, children from this group stay on campus and are transported to different events by a university shuttle bus.

"It's been a real good partnership," Abbott says. "I am certainly happy that I found out about it and got involved with them. I get a lot more out of it than I give - that's for sure."

Abbott's involvement with The Sunshine Kids Foundation has expanded over the years, as he now serves as Chairman of the Board and Texas Hill Country Coordinator. The Houston-based organization sponsors 12 national trips where they take 30-40 children from hospitals all over the country and spend the week full of fun activities.

The longest running trip sponsored by the foundation is a trip to the Texas Hill Country. This past year children from six hospitals came to San Marcos to participate in events such as a rodeo, a river float, and a trip to The Alamo.

They also spend a day camping at the university, branching out to ride horses - and even taking rides on the back of Harley Davidson motorcycles - exploring the back roads of the Hill Country.

Abbott, currently the Associate Director of the International Institute for Sustainable Water Resources, has worked for Texas State University for 27 years. He has held a variety of positions at the university such as special assistant to the president, executive vice president, interim president, executive assistant to the president, deputy vice president for finance and management, and associate vice president for planning and management.

His success in the higher education field can be traced directly back to his college roots at Southern.

"I had been awarded a scholarship where I could attend any school in the state," the Kankakee, Ill., native recalls. "With friends already going to SIU, I was anxious to check it out. Once I visited the campus, I knew it was the right school for me.

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As riverkeeper for the French Broad River in North Carolina, Phillip Gibson is responsible for following up on complaints and concerns that come from residents living on or near the river. Here he and an Asheville citizen (in background) patrol the river in response to a report of improper spraying incidents.
Gibson's son, Truman Turner, participates in the release of native sturgeon back into the French Broad River.

Phillip Gibson M.S. '99 describes his unique job as riverkeeper for North Carolina's French Broad River as part investigator, part scientist, lawyer, lobbyist and public relations agent.

One of only 120 waterkeepers worldwide, Gibson is an advocate for the scenic river that snakes down the mountainous west side of the state, providing a recreation-based economy in the towns along its route, including the well-known Biltmore Estate.

Gibson claims that his work as riverkeeper had its inspirational roots at SIU where he worked on his master's degree in the geography department. "The experiences and education at SIU from both faculty and fellow classmates have influenced my life and career."

Gibson was involved in an international research project at Kentucky's Land Between the Lakes when he met David Sharpe Ph.D. '68, then chair of the geography department at Southern Illinois University. As their relationship developed, Sharpe approached Gibson about attending graduate school at SIU.
Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (right) visited Asheville recently and met with Gibson, who is a member of the Waterkeeper Alliance. Kennedy founded the international network which represents more than 120 waterkeepers worldwide.

"I thought I wanted to go to law school," recalls Gibson, who is glad that he eventually decided to enroll as a master's degree candidate in SIU's geography department. As a teaching assistant, he found himself before a classroom. "It was a meteorology class on weather forecasting," says Gibson, remembering the help and support he received from fellow teaching assistant Stephanie Alto M.S. '83, who is now based in Minneapolis with FEMA.

In SIU's interdisciplinary geography department, Gibson was able to shape his own program, developing his thesis on medical geography. "I always had this interest in the environment as it relates to human health issues even though my undergraduate degree from the University of Louisville is in political science."

Gibson, perhaps inspired by his mom, a nurse, and other members of his family who worked in the medical field, was employed in emergency medicine for several years after graduating from Louisville. He likes to point out that he is the first member of his family to get a four-year or advanced degree.

In addition to Sharpe's influence, Gibson credits Duane Baumann, now visiting professor in the geography department, for helping shape his philosophy. "Graduate school served as a training ground, boot camp and place to test assumptions and solutions for the issues that I and other waterkeepers face today," says Gibson.

Although he admits not knowing much about being a riverkeeper when the job opportunity presented itself, Gibson caught on quickly and after three years is deeply involved in the river and the people and communities along its banks.

To take up his new position, he moved to Asheville from Sylva, N.C., where as a natural resources program manager for Western Carolina University's Mountain Resource Center, he had worked to address issues such as acid rain, sedimentation and community

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development as well as delivering policy recommendations to legislative and government officials. Gibson adds that the best thing about moving to Asheville was meeting his future wife, Julia, and her son, Truman, 13.

Gibson works hard to educate people on the river by designing special programs and developing his own interactive Web site, www.frenchbroadriverkeeper.org. The site is loaded with history, detailed maps and data on the river and its watershed, a learning center and numerous links to other educational resources.

Recently more than 200 middle school students in the French Broad watershed area tested streams for pH, dissolved oxygen, turbidity and temperature with testing kits purchased through a grant. Gibson also offers training for interested citizens to become creekkeepers, enabling them to watch over sections of waterways closest to them.

When a longtime area resident and avid fisherman contacted Gibson regarding the misapplication of pesticides along the river banks, his investigation resulted in negotiations with several organizations that ultimately produced new regulations and a solution to the problem.

"As riverkeeper for the French Broad River, 60 percent and sometimes more of my time is spent addressing policy or enforcement issues as they relate to water quality, public health or management and protection of the resource," Gibson explains.

He is employed by a not-for-profit organization called RiverLink Inc., which is focused on the economic and environmental revitalization of the French Broad River and is part of the international Waterkeeper Alliance headed by Robert F Kennedy Jr.

Waterkeeper Alliance is the center of a network of programs that provide representation on issues of national interest and an exchange of information and strategies for local programs. In addition, it licenses the use of the waterkeeper names such as riverkeeper, lakekeeper, baykeeper, coastkeeper, canalkeeper and other names that have been protected under federal trademark law. The Alliance maintains a Web site, www.waterkeeper.org, and published its inaugural issue of Waterkeeper Magazine this summer.

In addition to his duties as riverkeeper, Gibson has begun work on his doctorate in interdisciplinary health studies at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. This has put him in touch with another SIU alumnus, Kieran Fogarty ’89, M.S. ’93, who is on the faculty there. Fogarty was featured in a March 2001 Southern Alumni article on his work with other alums at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

As Gibson continues his work and education he credits Southern with his success and inspiration. "I had the opportunity to expand my knowledge of public policy, parks management and environmental law." He adds, "My experience at SIU was incredible."
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Check Out These Pointers For Booking Travel

Students are often novices at purchasing holiday packages, making them ideal victims for unscrupulous operators at Spring Break travel time. What you expect and what you get can often be quite different. That “view of the ocean” could be across four lanes of traffic. A great price with accommodations could mean that you’re jammed in a room with three other vacationers. While fine if it’s what you intended to buy, an unexpected experience can put a damper on the Spring Break outing.

To help avoid being a victim of travel scams, the American Society of Travel Agents provides the following suggestions when evaluating travel offers:

- Postcard and phone solicitations which say you’ve been selected to receive a fabulous vacation are usually not as fabulous as they seem
- Unless you initiate a transaction, never give out your credit card number until you are confident about the company
- Make sure you receive complete details in writing about any trip prior to making any payments. Details should include the total price, any cancellation and change penalties, and any other specific information
- Don’t feel pressured to disclose your income to pushy salespeople, and make sure you take time to evaluate the offer
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Andre Prophet, a freshman in aviation management from Country Club Hills, Ill., chats with the SIU Alumni Association’s Tuesday Ashner during the Saluki Family Fun Festival held Oct. 30 during Family Weekend at Southern.
SIU Relentless In Defending Crown

Despite a surprising first-round loss to Eastern Washington in the NCAA Playoffs (see story boxed below), the SIU football team again thrilled fans with tremendous play. The Dawgs (10-2, 7-0) roared through the Gateway Conference to win its second straight league title, and logged a first-place ranking in the nation most of the season. Here is how the road to post-season was forged by the Gateway Conference Champion Salukis:

Game One: Auburn transfer Brandon Jacobs rushed for 106 yards and four touchdowns as the Salukis crushed Southeast Missouri State 42-3 in the season-opener in Carbondale.

Game Two: SIU routed NCAA 1-AA opponent Northern Illinois 23-16 with 2:23 left in the game, but charged 78 yards down the field and gave themselves a chance when quarterback Joel Sambursky’s threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to Brent Little with 54 seconds left to play.

Trailing 23-22, head coach Jerry Kill elected to go for a 2-point conversion instead of the tie and overtime. The play set up well, as Sambursky faked a handoff to Jacobs, but the SIU quarterback was chased backwards by a linebacker and threw low to tight end Chris Kupec.


Game Four: In a game Kill called “a business-like approach – get the job done, win and go home,” the Salukis crushed Delaware State 49-0. SIU scored on all five possessions in the first half, rolled to a 35-0 lead at intermission, and never looked back.

Game Five: In the toughest Gateway Conference tilt of the season, top-ranked SIU held off No.15 Northern Iowa 40-36 to win its Homecoming game. Safety Marlon Heaston picked off backup quarterback Eric Sanders’ third-down pass near the goal line as time ran out.

Game Six: Southern Illinois paid no mind to the four National Championship flags whipping in the wind atop Stambaugh Stadium in Youngstown, as it humbled a tradition-rich Youngstown State program 37-2.

SIU’s All-American safety Alexis Moreland set the tone for the game in the first quarter when he picked off a pass and raced 95 yards for a score. It was the longest interception return by an SIU player in 40 years and the second-longest in school history.

Game Seven: Jacobs scored three rushing touchdowns as top-ranked Southern crushed No.4 Western Kentucky 38-10 at McAndrew Stadium. The Salukis racked up 473 yards of total offense, and the Hilltoppers – despite gaining 352 offensive yards – had trouble finding the end zone.

Sambursky had no such trouble directing the SIU offense. He also eclipsed the record for the most offensive yards in school history when his first pass of the game found Micah Turner for 12 yards and a share of the record. The rest was history. His 214 yards of total offense moved him past Sherad Pateete to 5,211 yards.

Game Eight: Arkee Whitlock scored three touchdowns and Jacobs added 151 rushing yards as No.1 Southern Illinois defeated Southwest Missouri State 27-3 in Springfield.

Whitlock had 200 yards of total offense, scoring three rushing touchdowns. SIU racked up 500 yards on offense – 350 on the ground for an incredible 7.6 yards-per-carry – and held SMS to 273.

Game Nine: Southern came out and dominated virtually every facet of the game, trouncing Western Illinois 66-13 at home. The win was the 11th straight home victory for the Salukis.

Jacobs rushed for three touchdowns as SIU rolled up 436 yards on the ground compared to 50 for Western Illinois. The Salukis’ 66 points was a school record against Division I-AA opponents, and their 606 yards of total offense tied a team record.

Game Ten: SIU used a high-powered aerial attack to win at Illinois State 41-14, clinching a share of the Gateway Conference regular-season title and claiming the league’s automatic bid to the NCAA I-AA Playoffs.

Sambursky dissected the Redbirds’ defense and finished the game with a season-high 256 yards passing and three touchdowns. He also became the school’s career leader in touchdown passes with 39.

Game Eleven: The regular season finally came to an end, as the Salukis pounded Indiana State 59-10 at McAndrew Stadium for the team’s 12th straight home win. The victory gave SIU a 7-0 league record and the outright Gateway Conference title.

“It’s a great accomplishment for these young players,” said SIU Kill after the win.

“What these seniors have done for this program, and where they’ve come from at 1-10, may be the most unbelievable thing I’ve seen in college football in a long time.”

Dawgs Lose In NCAA Playoff Opener

In the end – on a rain-soaked field at McAndrew Stadium – the Salukis simply ran out of time against a hot opponent. Eastern Washington quarterback Erik Meyer threw to Eric Kimble for the game-winning 45-yard touchdown pass with 1:49 left, as the Eagles upset top-seeded SIU 35-31 in the NCAA Division I-AA Playoff opener Nov. 27.

Southern had a chance to win late, but a Joel Sambursky to Brent Little pass was just incomplete in the end zone with four seconds left. The game ended when the Saluki quarterback’s final pass was batted down at the line as time expired. Brandon Jacobs ended his SIU career in strong fashion, rushing for 166 yards and four touchdowns.

“We’re certainly down about today, but there’s been a heck of a lot accomplished here in a short time,” Kill said following the game. “I don’t feel bad for myself, but I feel bad for the seniors. They gave a lot to this program and put us where we’re at.”

Kill, shown talking to alumni and friends at the “Big Tent” homecoming weekend, expects to field another strong team next season. “We have started something here that is really exciting, and want to keep it moving in the right direction,” he says.
Saluki Men Picked To Defend Missouri Valley Basketball Crown

The SIU men's basketball team is an underdog no more. For the first time in 10 years, the Salukis are picked to win the Missouri Valley Conference in a poll of media and sports information directors.

Southern has won the conference regular-season title each of the last three seasons, but was not picked to win in any of the preseason polls. The Salukis will look to become the first preseason favorite to win the league regular-season crown since Creighton was picked to win in 2001. Should SIU win the league's regular-season title, it would be the first Valley school to grab four-straight crowns since Cincinnati ended its run of six in a row in 1963.

The Salukis have a formidable lineup returning, including preseason Valley Player of the Year Darren Brooks. Brooks is joined in SIU's starting five by honor winners Stetson Hairston and LaMar Owen. Hairston was a second-team all-MVC pick a year ago, and Owen was the league's Sixth Man of the Year.

Chris Lowery takes over the reigns at SIU as the third head coach in three years in Carbondale. The Salukis received 23 first-place votes and 357 total points to edge Wichita State in the league's preseason tabulations.

The MVC Preseason Poll is as follows:

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SIU Women Look To Climb MVC Ladder

For the fourth year in a row, the SIU women's basketball team has been picked last in the Missouri Valley Conference. Southern finished 10th in the Valley in each of the last three years, so this year's pre-season ranking comes as no surprise to first-year head coach Dana Eikenberg.

"I expected we'd be picked 10th heading into the season," says Eikenberg. "However, it is our job to continue to work hard and earn the respect that can potentially change the outcome of the postseason. "We're not ready to challenge for a MVC title, but I'd like to get us in a position where we are battling for an opportunity to represent SIU at the conference tournament in March."

Senior Danette Jones agrees, especially since this year is her last playing in a Saluki uniform. "I want our team to make the conference tournament," says Jones. "That is something I haven't experienced since I've been at SIU."

Two-time defending State Farm MVC Tournament Champion Southwest Missouri State was tabbed as the No. 1 team in the league with 379 points and 34 first-place votes. Following the Bears were Creighton (324 points), Illinois State (283), Drake (275), Indiana State (272), Northern Iowa (182), Bradley (158), Wichita State (117), Evansville (106 points) and SIU (40).

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Remembering Gymnastics Coach Bill Meade

Former SIU gymnastics coach Bill Meade recently passed away in Carbondale at 79 from complications from a lung tumor. He was a legend in the gymnastics field, coaching the sport at Southern from 1956 until the program was dropped in 1989.

During his career, Meade coached 15 individual national champions, led three athletes to Olympic game competitions, and coached the Salukis to NCAA Division I national championships in 1964, 1966, 1967 and 1972. From 1961-68 his teams won 68 straight competitions - a winning streak for all SIU teams which still stands.

Along with his success at SIU, Meade was an assistant coach for two Olympic gymnastics teams, 1964 in Tokyo and the 1980 Olympics in which the United States did not compete.

"We all had tremendous respect for coach," says Kevin Mazeika, the head U.S. men's gymnastics coach at this year's Olympic games in Athens, and an SIU gymnast under Meade from 1981-84.

"Bill was more than just a coach of gymnastics - he gave us a foundation for success in life."

Shown here kneeling in a team photo taken in 1962, Meade soon established himself as one of the top gymnastic coaches in the nation. His four NCAA titles at SIU remain a standard no one else at the University has matched, and his contributions to SIU Athletics and his former athletes will stand as a living legacy.

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Basketball Standout Gary Wilson Dies

Gary Wilson, one of the top players in Saluki Basketball history, recently passed away at 47 in Columbus, Ga.

Wilson, who played at Southern from 1975-79, was a key member of the Salukis' first NCAA Tourney team, which advanced to the Sweet 16 in 1977. He was a First-Team All-MVC pick in 1978 and a Second-Team All-MVC selection in 1979. He ranks eighth in career scoring with 1,513 points, sixth in career rebounding with 841 and fifth in career blocks with 99. He led the team in rebounds all four years he played.

During his career, he averaged 14.0 points-per-game and led the team in scoring in 1977-78 with 19.0 per contest. He was drafted by the Kansas City Kings in the 10th round in 1979, though he did not play in the National Basketball Association.
There's No Place Like Home
Saluki Trainer Ed Thompson Still Serving
SIU 25 Years After Learning From 'The Best'

by Greg Scott

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n initial impression of Ed Thompson wouldn't lead anyone to believe that he ever had problems competing athletically. But Thompson's delayed physical maturation prevented him from competing in high school sports. A lifelong sports enthusiast, Thompson whetted his appetite for athletics by serving as team manager and trainer.

He couldn't quarterback the football team or dunk a basketball, but Thompson aspired to continue his involvement with sports. The Marion, Ill., native discovered that he didn't need to venture far away from his hometown to pursue this interest.

"As far as I was concerned, the best trainer in the country was right here at SIU," says Thompson. "Southern provided me with the opportunity to study with Bob Spackman."

"If Bob Spackman hadn't had the reputation he did, I probably would not have been interested in staying in this area and studying athletic training at SIU."

Some 30 years after Southern afforded him this opportunity, Thompson has never left the University he calls home. Shortly after graduating in 1979, he was hired as assistant trainer at the age of 22. Five years later, Thompson was promoted to the head trainer role at SIU, a post he has held ever since.

As he reflects on his years at Southern, Thompson is grateful for the guidance SIU's legendary trainer provided him. Prior to the University offering an accredited athletic training program, students were required to complete necessary coursework for the national exam and spend 1,600 hours working with a certified trainer.

In Thompson's words: "We followed Doc everywhere.

"Doc Spackman taught us a great deal. He encouraged us to be creative, make intelligent decisions, and apply our knowledge in doing everything we could to help a student-athlete get better," says Thompson. "That is one of the greatest rewards we have as trainers. There is something special about devising a course of action that assists in making an athlete progress and be successful."

During his tenure as a trainer, Thompson has worked with diverse personalities in the coaching ranks. In particular, he says Rey Dempsey, SIU's Hall of Fame 1983 National Championship coach, had a profound influence on him as a student trainer.

While Dempsey challenged his athletes...
to perform at their best, he required the same of trainers.

"Coach Dempsey never wanted you to make an inappropriate decision regarding a student-athlete. But if one of his players couldn't compete, he wanted to know why in great detail," says Thompson.

"He challenged you to stay current, prepared, and abreast of every situation that would arise. Then, in turn, I would visit with the team doctors and ask them the same questions that I knew Coach Dempsey was going to ask me. This really helped me develop my mentality and philosophy in dealing with coaches in regard to student-athletes."

While assisting Saluki coaches in attaining success is a goal of his job, Thompson's primary focus is protecting the safety of SIU's student-athletes. Even for an experienced trainer, informing a competitive young student-athlete that they can't play in a big game remains a difficult task.

"You spend as much time protecting student-athletes from themselves as you do justifying to coaches why they can't play," Thompson says. "Each situation is different, and some are less threatening in the long run than others. You have to consider whether or not the injury is something that can lead to irreparable damage the rest of their lives. At the same time, you don't want to delay their down time any more than necessary."

A number of factors can influence when an athlete is cleared to compete. If a doctor confirms through an examination that a player isn't fit to compete, Thompson's job is easier because he cannot overturn their decision. But if the athlete's health isn't compromised by a serious joint or head injury and they deem themselves ready to play, these situations are analyzed on a case-by-case basis.

"Nature can help with your decision-making process. If it's unsafe for an athlete to play, then they're probably not performing at a level where they are the best player to compete on the field anyway," says Thompson. "On the other hand, if it's not a serious injury, an individual's confidence in being able to perform can be a big factor as well."

SIU's training guru has had opportunities to move on. Professional organizations such as the Seattle Mariners and Utah Jazz have expressed interest in the past. He is somewhat intrigued by the larger stage, but this isn't necessarily a goal for the lifelong southern Illinois resident.

"Sometimes you get on a grander scale and you're working with four or five doctors who don't agree. You also have sports medicine clinics who bid for an opportunity to work with professional teams, and they may have the team's best interests at heart, but not the player's," Thompson says. "It is an unsettling arena. I don't want to be a part of a situation like that—this arena is fine with me."

In addition, various promotions and relationships with student trainers and athletes have made it difficult for Thompson to leave a University he cares about.

"I have a lot of years in here. I'm from Marion, my wife is from Murphysboro,
Thompson takes special pride in seeing his former student trainers move on to success in the field.

and we're raising our kids here—this is home. I'm like a lot of people who go to school here and never leave,” he laughs.

Thompson did make a change two years ago. After 23 years of serving as trainer for the football team, he delegated these duties to his assistant, Lee Land. He is still a fixture on the Saluki basketball bench, but relinquishing his football duties has afforded him flexibility in his personal and professional life.

He and his wife, Jamie, have two children. Their son B.J. is a junior on the Carterville football and basketball teams, and daughter Kacie is in the eighth grade. Thompson now has more time to attend their extracurricular activities. “The main emphasis was watching my son play football. I only got to see four of his basketball games a year ago. But I’m more comfortable missing his basketball games than a sport like football where there is a greater chance of him possibly getting injured,” he says.

He has also aspired to become more involved in administrative issues affecting Southern’s entire athletic program. “I’m involved in aspects of administration that have nothing to do with sports medicine because of my ties to the region and wanting to help the program in any way possible. It was just an opportunity time to step away from football and take time to do some other things.”

While he has developed positive relationships with SIU coaches over the years, Thompson, much like mentor Doc Spackman, most values the opportunity to influence aspiring trainers.

“It is rewarding to work with young people whether they are working as a part of my staff or pursuing their degree in the undergraduate program. I hope I’ve instilled the importance of carrying yourself professionally, maintaining a level of respect in a service-oriented profession, while meeting various expectations. It’s important to represent yourself to the highest level of integrity.”

Somewhere, Doc Spackman is smiling.

SIU Athletic Training Alumni Enjoying Success

In his 25 years as the SIU athletic department’s head trainer, Ed Thompson is most proud of the success the University’s athletic training graduates have earned. “Our students have done well across the board. They are performing in every arena you can think of in this profession,” he says. “It is personally rewarding to witness their success. It is a tribute to the tremendous program we have here at SIU.”

The following list includes some who Thompson has mentored:

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Former Saluki Swimmer Is Elite Iron Man Performer

by Joe Szynkowski

Cameron Widoff spends his weekends running along scenic lakesides, biking on impeccably smooth roads, and swimming in calm, pristine waters. Sound relaxing?

Spread those activities over a 140-mile course and add another 1,500 individuals racing to the finish line, and leisure is the last thing that comes to mind.

Widoff, a professional tri-athlete and 1991 Southern Illinois University graduate, placed seventh recently at the Iron Man World Championship in Hawaii, finishing up at a shade under nine hours.

"Wild Man," as he is known in the racing circles, says mental toughness has played as big a role as the physical capabilities that have led him to a current eighth-place world ranking at the age of 35.

"The mental aspect of the races is important," notes Widoff. "Visualizing the course and how to get the most speed out of each segment is the most common technique I use. I like to call it meditation in motion."

The former Saluki swimmer spends his off-time leading "Iron Kidz," an organization for which he travels around the country, sharing experiences with children in town halls, playgrounds and community centers. He is also working on creating a foundation that will help kids understand the importance of health and wellness.

"It is important for kids to have positive role models," says Widoff. "It is getting tougher and tougher in this crazy world we live in. I really enjoy my lifestyle and try to share that with as many kids as I can."

Widoff swam at SIU under Doug Ingram, the former Saluki coach he says was instrumental in preparation for his career. "Doug taught me that keeping to the highest standard is never easy. I am also fortunate to have total support from my entire family. They think I'm nuts, but they know that I am happy at this point in my life racing and working hard on the pro circuit."

Widoff's father surprised him at the finish line at the 1995 Wildflower Half Iron Man Triathlon, the first professional race that he won. Also that year, Widoff's grandmother was killed by a drunk driver. It was a year of emotional highs and lows that made him realize life's fragility and helped shape who he is today.

"From my grandmother's death, I learned that life is a fragile thing," he says. "Nothing should ever be taken for granted, and you have to enjoy each and every day."

Widoff tries to spread that philosophy by motivating others to do what they don't think is possible. He agrees that his profession is tough, but offers encouragement for any wishing to follow in his steps.

"My best advice is to never give up on dreams. Nothing will happen overnight, and the road to success is paved with failure. But it isn't failure unless you commit the same mistake a second time—it's called learning."

Szynkowski is a reporter for The Southern Illinoisan.
Jackson County Chapter Honors Georgia Wessel

Georgia Wessel, a retired chief academic adviser at Southern Illinois University, was honored Nov. 14 at an awards banquet hosted by the Jackson County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association.

Georgia Wessel

Wessel served as academic adviser for the SIU Department of Cinema and Photography from 1983 to 1996. She was the chief academic adviser at the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts the last three years of her career at SIU. During her stint as an academic adviser, she was active in the Carbondale community and chaired the appropriations Committee (1991-93) and the Citizen's Advisory Board (1994-95) at Unity Point School.

After retiring from Southern in 1996, Wessel devoted more time to creating opportunities for southern Illinois area youth. Within a year, she commenced work on establishing a teen center in Carbondale, forming a board of directors for Carbondale Community Teen Center Inc., along with an advisory board consisting of area teens. Working with Adolescent Health Center, CCTC helped to procure an ongoing $250,000 grant from the State of Illinois to fund staff and programming for area youth through a Teen REACH grant.

Wessel's dream became reality on Sept. 13. Her vision for a teen center evolved into a Boys and Girls Club, which serves children ages 6 to 18. The Club, located at 250 N. Springer St. in part of the old Carbondale High School campus, is open every day after school. It offers a safe environment for children to learn and grow ongoing relationships with adult professionals, life-enhancing programs and character-development experiences.

Wessel, a 1979 graduate of Southern's Department of Cinema and Photography, served as chair of the Teen Center Board from 1997 to 2001, and continues to serve on the board, now known as Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale.

Du Quoin State Fair

The Perry and Jackson County Alumni Chapters of the SIU Alumni Association hosted alumni and guests Aug. 28-Sept. 6 at the SIU Dome during the Du Quoin State Fair in Du Quoin. A total of 188 people registered in the guest book.

Prior to the fair, 30 fair volunteers and guests enjoyed a reception at the SIU Dome. The group enjoyed a meal catered by 17th Street Barbecue from Murphysboro, Ill., and hosted by Director Dave Ardrey.

SIU Football Event in DeKalb

Three hundred alumni and guests attended a tailgate prior to the SIU-Northern Illinois football game Sept. 11 in DeKalb. The group gathered for pre-game activities in the Huskie tailgate area, enjoying an afternoon of fun, conversation and food.

The fun moved to Huskie Stadium, where the upset-minded Salukis faced a stiff test in Division IA opponent Northern Illinois. A record crowd of 28,000 watched the Salukis slice the Huskies lead to one point with a touchdown in the waning seconds. However, Southern could not score on a two-point conversion attempt to win the game in regulation as the favored Huskies escaped this dawg fight with a slim victory.

In attendance for the Association were board members Steve Falat, Don Magee, Mike Munge and Wes Wilkins. Alumni staff members in attendance were executive director Ed Buerger, and directors Dave Ardrey, Gene Green, and Greg Scott.

Representing the University were Glenn Poshard, chair of the SIU Board of Trustees; John Dunn, provost and vice chancellor; Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement; SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk; Assistant Vice Chancellor Bryan Vagner; Foundation Board President Mike Carr; and Institutional Advancement Chief Development Officers Tommy Bell and Tanna Morgan.
SIU Alumni Participate in Denver College Alumni Night

Twenty-three alumni and guests attended “College Alumni Night” festivities in August at Coors Field in Denver. The group enjoyed a pre-game meal in the Coors Field Picnic Area prior to the Colorado Rockies-Montreal Expos baseball game.

Following the picnic, the gathering moved to Coors Field, where the Rockies hosted Montreal. Guests enjoyed the game in a corporate suite, compliments of SIU alumnus Sean Lervaag. They reminisced about their days as Salukis.

Although the Rockies came up short in their bid to post a victory, a good time was had by all. In attendance from the University was Greg Scott, director of Alumni Public Relations for the SIU Alumni Association.

SIU alumni attending the College Alumni Night in Denver gather for a group photo with beautiful Coors Field in the background. Pictured in front are Michelle Schneider and Jason Zvitt '92. Back (left to right) are: Nancy '58 and Gene Richards '55, Eric Rohrer '93, MSED '98, Nelida Gil, Sean Lervaag '92, Heather Blake, Kevin Kuhlmann '83, Teresa Foster, and Linda MSED '89 and Tom Fiocchi MACC '82, MS '91.

SIU Alumni Association Welcomes Saluki Families

The SIU Alumni Association assisted in welcoming guests during Saluki Family Weekend festivities for SIU students' parents visiting campus.

The Alumni Association assisted in greeting parents and their sons and daughters at a breakfast in the Student Center on Oct. 30. Later, the Association visited with students and their families at the Family Fun Festival in the John Corker Lounge of the Student Center. Association staff distributed information about their various programs, including the SIU class ring, diploma frame displays, student membership, and the Student Alumni Council.

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**Union County Alumni Meet**

The SIU Alumni Association and the Union County Economic Development Board jointly hosted a dinner recently at the Great Boars of Fire Lodge in Union County. Speakers included Jerry Reppert, chairman of the Union Co. Economic Development Board; Walter Wendler, SIUC chancellor; and George Welborn of the SIU Alumni Association Union County Chapter.

Welborn is working with Union County alumni to revitalize the chapter, and this initial event was a huge success, as more than 170 attended the event. Representing the SIU Alumni Association were Michael Dean, Ed Buerger, Jeannie Caldwell, Michelle Suarez, Angela Spicer, Nadine Lucas, Tina Shingleton, Tuesday Ashner, and members of the Student Alumni Council.

The program highlighted Union County Economic Development progress, and Chancellor Wendler talked to the gathering about "Southern at 150" and encouraged alumni in Union County to become involved.

![Richard Schumacher (left), President of the Student Alumni Council, visits with Jim Tucka at the Union County dinner.](image)

**SIU Football Event In Normal**

More than 150 alumni and guests attended a tailgate prior to the SIU-Illinois State football game Nov. 6 in Normal. Attendees enjoyed a meal prior to the important Gateway Conference contest. Representing the Association at the event was Executive Director Ed Buerger, Directors Greg Scott, Tuesday Ashner and Gene Green, and SIU Vice Chancellor Rickey McCurry.

The Alumni Association members were joined by more SIU fans at the game, as a huge Southern crowd filled one side of Hancock Stadium and cheered the Salukis to a 41-14 win over Illinois State.

![From left, Danny Schwab, SIU Alumni Association Director of Communications Gene Green, and Rick Schwab, share a story at the pre-game event before the ISU-SIU football game.](image)

**Student Member Receives $100 Debit Dawg Balance**

Richard Schumacher, a senior in elementary education from St. Louis, is the winner of a $100 Debit Dawg Card balance. The new promotion is the result of a partnership between the SIU Alumni Association and SIU Student Center Debit Dawg Office.

Only student members who join the SIU Alumni Association during spring and fall semester are eligible to be entered into the drawings, which are conducted twice per semester.

The SIU “Debit Dawg” Account provides a safe alternative to carrying cash.

![Natalie Pereles, the Debit Dawg award winner, is flanked by T.J. Rutherford, director of the SIU Student Center, and Ed Buerger, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association.](image)
Fond Memories From The Class of ’54

"Club 16 in the fall of 1950. Sixteen freshman girls learned to share a very crowded house on Mill Street. Many of those friendships have survived these 50 years."
Martha Lee Jones Watson
Alexandria, Va.

"One evening at the Quonset Hut Student Center a tall black student began describing his tiny room. He had us laughing so hard! It was Dick Gregory!"
Carole Hughes Cross
Carterville, Ill.

"John’s Café for its $5 a week meal ticket."
Alvin Harley Roberts
Carbondale, Ill.

"I have good memories of knowing most everyone in class and maintaining friendships that last today."
Charles Hines
Carbondale, Ill.

"Living at Anthony Hall—a wonderful experience!"
Ann Steingrub Knewitz
Carbondale, Ill.

"Forging lifelong friendships, working on The Egyptian and the yearbook, and having wonderful teachers."
Wyona Smith Coleman
West Brownsville, Pa.

"The All Ag Banquet was started during the time I attended SIU. I still attend each year and have come to really cherish my own early involvement in its creation."
Richard Joseph Cerny
Cobden, Ill.

"The great teachers in the women’s physical education department, my participation in women’s sports and being a member of Pi Kappa Sigma."
Maryann Klingenberg Bender
Aurora, Colo.

Kim Fornero was able to put aside his chef's hat and attend a few events of the 2004 Summer Olympics last summer in Athens, Greece. For most of the time, he was busy directing his crew in preparing meals for the NBC News team and some of the competing athletes.

Last February, Kim Fornero, head chef at Monmouth College, got word that he would be putting his culinary skills to the test at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. The 1987 graduate of SIU's Food and Nutrition program vividly recalls receiving the news. "It was really exciting at first, but then reality began to set in and you get a little nervous—even scared." For the first time in his life he would be spending more than three months in a foreign country, where he didn't speak the language and was 11,000 miles from home and his closely knit family.

But he was thrilled to be going to the Olympics, something he had long wanted to do. His application five years earlier for the Australian games had barely missed the deadline, and reflecting on his experiences in Greece, the soft-spoken chef says he now has definite plans to apply for a slot at the next two Olympics scheduled for Turin, Italy, in 2006 and Beijing, China, in 2008. "It's just something I never would have wanted to miss."

An Early Interest

From the time he was 15 years old, Fornero was involved in restaurants and cooking. He worked in a country club in his hometown of Pontiac, Ill., and also in his family's business. "For many years my family—grandparents, cousins, and parents—owned a little roadside restaurant in Rutland, Ill. "It's something I've always done and enjoyed," he says.
When Fornero attended a meeting of the Hospitality and Tourism Advisory Board at SIU this fall, he presented his mentor and advisor, Trish Welch, with an authentic flag from the Olympics.

So with a fair amount of practical experience under his belt, Fornero enrolled in the culinary arts program at Joliet Junior College, then transferred to SIU's hotel-restaurant-travel administration program (now hospitality and tourism), where he met Trish Welch, now chair of Animal Science, Food and Nutrition in the College of Agriculture. "She was my instructor, but eventually became my advisor," says Fornero. "Since that time we have developed a strong friendship."

Ten years ago, Welch asked Fornero to serve on the Hospitality and Tourism Advisory Board, and while on campus to attend this fall's meeting, he proudly presented his alma mater with an official flag from the Greek Olympic Games. Fornero hopes the flag, now part of a display in the Food and Nutrition Department, will eventually be given to the SIU Athletic Department.

Welch values her former student's perspective as an alumnus in the business world. "He is valuable on the advisory board because of his pride in the University and the education he received here. Kim stays in touch and knows what's going on in the program," she says. "He is an example of how much our alums can give back." In turn, Fornero thoroughly enjoys contributing to the board and having input into what the industry looks for in graduates and what curriculum is important.

Meeting People Along the Way

After leaving Southern, Fornero worked in Texas, California, Iowa and Colorado before settling in St. Louis, where from 1991 to 1996 he was employed in the city's hotel system. It was where he began to meet and cook for some fairly famous and influential people, such as President Clinton and the President George W. Bush, Bill Bradley, Bill Cosby and Barbara Mandrell.

While working as a private dining chef for rooms at the Adams Mark Hotel, Fornero received a call from Joe Pepitone, former first baseman for the New York Yankees and Chicago Cubs, who had a special request. "He wanted to speak directly with me, told me exactly what he wanted, and exactly how he wanted it done," recalls Fornero.

When the server went to clear the room, Pepitone gave him two autographed pictures and told him to tell the chef that it was the best meal he'd had in
Concerned with how his new co-workers felt about Americans, Fornero says he feels good to know that there were people whose opinions changed over the course of the event. "They told me that at the beginning they thought we would be arrogant, loud and condescending, and we were able to change that and have a positive impact with them."

His experience taught him a little about how it feels to be different. "I now have a whole different respect for international students who come to this country to study, or people who are in the minority," says Fornero.

He developed a special kinship with his international team of managers, who came from Japan, China, Great Britain, Korea and Canada. "There is cohesiveness among us. We've been in tough situations and been able to overcome obstacles," explaining that it takes time and effort to become familiar with all the different types of managers, their work ethics and work styles. "We are hoping to convince the company to keep most of the group together."

Work on the NBC Project included preparing meals for some of the athletes and members of the NBC crew, including the Today Show cast. "Most everyone was appreciative of what we were doing," says Fornero, quietly adding that "as with any group, you have the ones who are more of a challenge to please."

Monmouth students are now reaping the benefits of Fornero's travels, as he collected some traditional Greek recipes while in Athens and has now incorporated them into the college's cuisine.
Quite a bit of excitement was generated at Monmouth the morning people spotted Fornero during a segment of The Today Show. “I even got an e-mail from the president of the college,” he says, although he doesn’t know when he was filmed, only that the camera focused on him for a period of time.

He quickly learned that most everyone visiting Greece was hungry for some food from home. “Many people had been in Athens for months and they wanted some good old American food. So we did casseroles, pastas and sauces (a staple), hamburgers and chicken,” he says.

In the beginning the unit was serving around 250 meals a day, but once the games began, it picked up to around 500 meals a day around the clock.

Workdays became long when the games were in full swing. Adding stress were the temperatures that soared into the 90s and 100s for most of the time, and Fornero especially remembers one very long 36-hour workday.

The SIU product is grateful for the support of his parents, Elsie and Ramon Fornero.

Even with his hectic schedule, he was able to see some of the events, including the track and field event where the U.S. won three medals in the 400-meter dash.

“I enjoyed meeting the athletes, who were congenial, down-to-earth and interesting to talk to.”

The Support From Home

His great Olympic adventure more than overshadowed Fornero’s early concerns about the extensive commitment. He is grateful to his elderly parents, Ramon and Elsie Fornero, for their support. “I was worried because I usually help them a lot during the summer, but they said, ‘No, if this is what you want to do, then we want you to do it.’

“I never thought I’d be doing something like this and meeting the people I’ve met,” says Fornero. “I give a lot of credit to SIU and the department for doing such a great job teaching and preparing me for real life.”

Monmouth Students Enjoy Traditional Greek Recipes

When Kim Fornero returned from Greece and got back to his routine of creating meals for the college crowd, he decided to incorporate some authentic Greek cuisine into the menu.

Although he cooked mainly American food while in Athens, Fornero collected some traditional recipes, which he has tried out on his Monmouth College students. The traditional gyros found in Greece are slightly different than the ones sold in the U.S. According to Fornero, the Greek gyros do not contain lamb, but are made with pork, and include french fries. The gyros were generally well-received on campus, says Fornero. “Some students were surprised to find the french fries, and a couple of students from Greece exclaimed, ‘All right!’”

Chef Fornero is happy to share the following recipes.

**Traditional Greek Gyros**

**Tzatziki Sauce (make day ahead)**

1 medium cucumber
1 small onion
1/2 cups sour cream
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/2 teaspoons chopped garlic
Salt and pepper to taste
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Cut cucumber in half lengthwise and de-seed. Shred cucumber and mince onion. Add all ingredients together and mix well. Set in refrigerator overnight.

2-pound pork roast
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 1/2 teaspoons black pepper
2 ounces fresh squeezed lemon juice

6 7-inch pita breads
2 tablespoons oil (salad or olive)

2 tomatoes sliced 1/4-inch, then cut in half (half moon shape)
1 medium red onion sliced 1/4-inch julienne
12 ounces steak fries (deep fried or oven-baked crisp)

Prepare pork roast by rubbing with kosher salt and course ground pepper. Roast in a 300-degree oven for approximately 2 hours or until internal temperature is 160 degrees. Slice pork, add lemon juice, set aside and keep hot. On a flat top grill or skillet, dip one side of a pita half way in oil, let drain, place in skillet on medium heat until side down is golden brown. Remove pita, place on a plate, spoon 1-1/2 tablespoons sauce on pita and spread around. Place 3 ounces sliced pork on pita, 2-3 tomato slice halves, julienne red onion, 3-4 steak fries and 1 or 2 parsley sprigs. Fold pita in half and ENJOY!

**Greek Salad**

1 large cucumber
3-4 medium red ripe tomatoes
1 green pepper
5 ounces whole ripe olives
Other Greek olives if you can find them (Kalamata olives work well, but the American ones are more salty than the ones you get in Greece.)
1 pound feta cheese in 1/2-inch cubes
6 ounces Italian dressing
6 ounces spring mix salad, optional

Slice cucumber into 1/4-inch slices. Wedge tomato into 8 wedges and julienne the green pepper. Mix all solid ingredients together; just before serving toss with dressing and spring mix salad greens, if desired.
1950s

Jerry Mileur '55, Ph.D. '71, longtime University of Massachusetts political science professor, retired in June. Mileur, a baseball buff, is a former owner of the Harrisburg, Pa., Senators baseball team and creator of the Jackie Robinson Initiative, a two-semester course held at the University of Massachusetts to coincide with the 50th anniversary of Robinson's entry into the major leagues. Mileur, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, endows the Morton-Kenney Public Affairs Lecture Series at Southern.

James Franklin Sharp '56, founder and chairman of Sharp Seminars in New York City, returned last May to his hometown of Chester, Ill., to give the commencement address at Chester High School, 50 years after his graduation. Sharp Seminars provides training to Wall Street analysts and portfolio managers.

Mary Beasley '57 of Galesburg, Ill., has retired after 38 years of teaching. She writes that "SIU is a big part of my life, and after years of teaching, my retirement allows me the time I need to follow the happenings there."

1960s

Ann Mowry (Fisher) '64, who majored in art education, is looking for anyone who lived at Woody Hall on B3 South from the fall of 1962 to the spring of 1964.

Marilyn Lee Mancini '69 received the 2004 Donald G. Hileman Award given each year to the outstanding advertising educator in the Deep South District of the American Advertising Federation. Mancini, since retired, taught public relations and advertising at the University of Alabama. The award is named for longtime SIU instructor Donald G. Hileman. Mancini took classes from Hileman before he left SIU to teach at the University Tennessee.

1970s

Norma Tennyson '70 has retired from teaching after 46 years. She began her career in 1958 at Belle Rive, Ill., with a provisional teaching certificate and was teaching in Bluford, Ill., at the time of her retirement. Tennyson, who took classes during the summer to complete her SIU degree, is listed in "Who's Who Among American Teachers" and is active in her church and education associations. She plans to substitute teach and travel.

James Hammond Ph.D. '73 is professor and chair of the psychology department at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Md. Recently, Hammond received the Maryland Distinguished Service Cross as a member of the State of Maryland Military Department and also a certificate of appreciation for his service on the board of directors of the Public Members Association of the Foreign Service.

Ray Griffith '75 has been promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer of Ace Hardware Corp. Griffith joined Ace in 1994 and has served in several administrative positions within the company. Griffith makes his home in Naperville, Ill.

Loren Coleman '76 has written his 27th book, The Copycat Effect: How the Media and Popular Culture Trigger the Mayhem in Tomorrow's Headlines. The book has been published by Simon and Schuster. Coleman, an adjunct professor at the University of Southern Maine since 1989, speaks throughout the country on media and violence topics. He lives in Portland, Maine.

Bruce Fine '76 recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award given by the Chicago Headline Club. Fine is photographer and operations manager with CNN Chicago. He was the major cameraman covering the funeral of Ryan White and worked for CNN during the Gulf War in Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

Gilbert Fowler Ph.D. '78, interim dean of the honors college and professor of journalism at Arkansas State University, will serve as vice president of the Honors Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Before his election to the society's board, Fowler served on the national publications and public relations committee. He will be working to strengthen chapters within the region. Other SIU graduates associated with PKP are Nancy Blattner Ph.D. '91, regent, and Terry Mathias M.S. '75, Ph.D. '82, north central regional vice president.

1980s

George Sehi '81, M.S. '84, Ph.D. '90, Dean of Engineering and Industrial Technologies at Sinclair Community College in West Chester, Ohio, is

Bryson Receives Higher Ed Distinguished Service Award

Seymour Bryson '59, M.S. '61, Ph.D. '72, SIU associate chancellor for diversity, received the Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education's Distinguished Service Award recently in Chicago during the group's annual conference. In addition to his duties as associate chancellor, Bryson oversees SIU's Center for Basic Skills, its Head Start programs and other programs directly related to "Anytime one can be recognized by one's peers, it's special," Bryson says. "It means a lot because it comes from my colleagues from around the state, who have indicated that they were appreciative of my efforts."
one of 38 educators selected to attend the Executive Leadership Institute sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College, the University of Texas at Austin and American Association of Community Colleges.

Mark Sturgell '83, president of Performance Development Network in Decatur, Ill., was accepted as a member of the prestigious Winners' Circle Club at the First Degree Level by Resource Associates Corporation. The circle is based on sales and delivery of professional and organizational development. Sturgell, who recently developed and facilitated the city of Bloomington Leadership Institute, specializes in coaching and group facilitation of leadership development and performance improvement.

Pat Putman '87 has opened her own business in Pittsburgh, Pa., coaching business owners with marketing, hiring, sales and operation systems. Her business is part of Action International, a global business-coaching firm. Putman has served as controller/CFO for various businesses in Indiana over the past 15 years.

David Brenningmeyer '89 and his wife, Caryn, are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Luke David, born Oct. 11, 2004. Brenningmeyer is an attorney with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C. The family lives in Fairfax, Va.

1990s

Gregory '92 and Jennifer Graves '95 have recently moved back to Illinois after spending three years in California. They are living in Roscoe with their two children, Ashley, 3, and Alex, 20 months. Greg is an engineer with RWS Design and Controls Inc., Rockford, and Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom.

Gia Valenti Nealon '92 and her husband, Mark, currently reside in upstate New York. Nealon writes that they have four beautiful daughters, Molly, Katie and twins, Carissa and Brenna. Mark works for New York Life Insurance, and Gia helps run a family-owned business long-distance.

Amy Van Patten Ofenbeck '92 is a public relations associate for Goodwill Industries in North Ft. Myers, Fla. Amy writes that she worked as a television news reporter and anchor before having to undergo several brain surgeries and a vocal cord implant as a result of an aneurysm rupture. She and her husband, Todd Ofenbeck '92, live in Ft. Meyers.

Tony Franklin '94 has a new position as associate director of the Department of Campus Recreation Facilities at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C. Franklin, who played defensive lineman on SIU's football team from 1990 to 1994, was coordinator of facilities for the SIU Office of Intramural-Recreational Sports from 1998 to 2004. He was also Carbondale City Planning Commissioner from January '04 until leaving Carbondale in September.

Todd Hillman '94, M.A. '97 will direct the new regional operation in Phoenix, Ariz., for SCO Technologies-Medallion Healthy Homes of Bothell, Wash. Hillman has been a licensed real estate inspector in the Phoenix metropolitan area for the past four years and has a background in construction management, sales and training. Medallion Healthy Homes offers services to cure "sick buildings" that have become contaminated with pollutants that can cause human illnesses.

Roy Rountree '94 has been promoted to safety manager-corporate with the Hertz Corporation in Park Ridge, N.J.

Craig Ehlen DBA '94, professor of accounting at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, has been named director of the accountancy master's program in the school of business. Ehlen, who joined the USI faculty in 1989, has 20 years of experience in accounting and senior financial management with public companies. He was recognized in 2001 as "Outstanding Accounting Educator" by the Indiana CPA Society.

April '95, MBA '97, and Avinash Ferrao '97, are living in Columbia, Mo., with their 22-month-old son, Jordan, and are expecting their second child at the end of this year. April is a software support analyst at the University of Missouri. Avinash, who became a U.S. citizen last summer, is a computer information technology specialist with the State of Missouri Highway Patrol.

Lance Kreul '95 is pursuing his master's degree in business administration at the Jones School of Management at Rice University in Houston, Texas.

Kent Barrett '96 has been named associate director for public and media relations at the NCAA in Indianapolis, Ind. Barrett formerly served as news manager at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

John Grayson '98 has been named director of development for the Museum of Contemporary Art in Cleveland, where he will oversee fund raising and development activities. Grayson was formerly senior donor manager at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

2000s

Kevin Olsen J.D.'01 lives in Paducah, Ky., and is an attorney in the prosecutor's office for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, where he spent two years as a public defender. His new membership in the SIU Alumni Association was a birthday gift from his mother.

Leon Williams '02 has joined Coldwell Banker Commercial as a sales and leasing associate. He will be responsible for commercial retail, industrial and office property in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Williams is a resident of Chesterfield, Mo.

Shenghui "Robert" Tong Ph.D. '04 has joined the faculty of Illinois College in Jacksonville as visiting assistant professor of economics and finance. Tong formerly taught finance at SIU.
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"One thing that impressed me the most was within a week after I arrived on campus, President Delyte Morris had the big Watermelon Feast for new freshmen at his house," Abbott remembers. "I got to meet the president! I'd never met a president of a university before – that was impressive."

Abbott's years at Southern not only produced two degrees, but forged life-long friendships and was the place where he met his first wife, the SIU faculty also encouraged independent thinking, which he now realizes helped him develop important skills toward future career plans.

He marvels at the positive feedback his professors gave him. "There were many people who seemed to not only be friendly, but interested, in what I was doing and what I wanted to accomplish after school."

Following his SIU experience, Abbott continued his education by completing graduate work in Educational Research at the University of North Carolina, eventually receiving a doctorate in Education Administration at the University of Texas. Abbott had several other jobs before landing a position as the Director of Planning and Analysis at Texas State University.

It has been satisfying for Abbott to combine his professional background in higher education with an involvement with a group like The Sunshine Kids.

"We try to provide positive experiences for these young people, getting them away from hospitals and allowing them to just be kids and not worry about treatment," he says. "Many who go on our trips are kids that have recently relapsed. It takes a lot out of them when they think they are winning the battle - and then suddenly it's back again. It's a terrible disease and hopefully we will find a cure."

The Sunshine Kids, in existence for more than 20 years, is now starting to branch out and create affiliates throughout the country. One of the goals the board has for the foundation is to reach more children with cancer by creating up affiliate offices in cities around the United States. The first affiliate will be in New Orleans, with expansion planned from there.

Abbott would like to encourage more people to get involved with the organization.

With more than 40,000 children in this country diagnosed with cancer each year, the two-degree Southern grad knows there is still a great deal of work to be done.

"There are opportunities to get involved, and I hope people will consider being a part of this cause. We have to help these kids not lose their childhood and have some of the same good times all of their friends enjoy."

- To find out more about The Sunshine Kids, go to [www.sunshinekids.org](http://www.sunshinekids.org)
Alumni Event Highlights

SIU Alumni Association To Offer Las Vegas Hoops Package

Alumni and fans of Southern Illinois University can make reservations now for a tournament package to Las Vegas, which includes tickets to watch the Saluki men’s basketball team play in the Las Vegas Invitational in November. The SIU Alumni Association is exclusively sponsoring the tournament and package, set for Nov. 24-27.

The Alumni Association is offering a land package (air transportation is not included) that includes the option of a two-, three-, or four-night stay at the Paris Las Vegas Hotel; tournament pass to all games, and round-trip ground transportation from the Paris Hotel (above) to all SIU games.

Discounts are available for SIU Alumni Association members. Membership is open to alumni, students, and friends of SIU.

SIU’s competition in the Las Vegas Invitational includes Vanderbilt, a Southeastern Conference school that advanced to the Sweet 16 last year, Arizona State, University of Texas El Paso, as well as Jackson State, Delaware State, and Tennessee State. The Salukis will play Vanderbilt on Nov. 26 and will see action again on Nov. 27 against an opponent to be determined – depending on the record in the pool-play tournament at that point.

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Follow:
- Nov. 24-27 – Members pay $385 per person for double occupancy
- Nov. 25-27 – Members pay $330
- Nov. 26-27 – Members pay $285
- Nov. 27-28 – Members pay $235

Use your connections!
Giant City, but half of the editors stayed in SIU dorms on Thompson Point. One of my jobs was to get the editors from Carbondale to Giant City for each day's sessions.

The conference sessions were intense. They began in early morning, moved through the day and well into the evening. ICWNE was a group that had fun as well. One summer I rounded up a case of San Miquel beer sent to Carbondale by a Filipino editor and a barrel of Long Island clams sent to Carbondale by a Long Island editor. British editors provided a chain of office to be worn by the ICWNE president. The chain was a copy of one worn by the head of the Guild of British Newspaper Editors. And, there was a ceremonial mace used to open each conference. The mace was a gift of Major H.R. Boorman, editor of the *Kent Messenger* in Maidstone, England. Boorman was later a visiting editor at Southern.

The summer conference outgrew Giant City and moved to Pere Marquette State Park near Alton. The move made ICWNE more accessible to St. Louis. I stayed in touch with ICWNE because I taught journalism on the Alton and Edwardsville campuses of SIU from 1961-66.

In the mid-1970s, SIU gave up ICWNE about the time that Long retired. ICWNE found a new home that had SIU ties. Donald Grubb, who had graduated from SIU in 1948 and had been chairman of journalism at SIU for several years before Long arrived, had begun the journalism department at Northern Illinois University. Like Long at SIU, Grubb built a journalism program at NIU that was friendly to weeklies.

During the next 16 years, two NIU faculty members, Irvan Kummerfeldt and Don Brod, took Long's place as ICWNE executive directors. After several years of

**Dr. Howard Long** (right), head of SIU journalism in the 1950s, '60s and '70s, visits with Houstoun Waring, editor of the Littleton (Colo.) Independent, in 1957. Long and Waring were the co-founders of the International Conference of Weekly Newspaper Editors.

meeting near the NIU campus, the conference began to change locations each year. Its name was changed to the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors.

My track in journalism education took me from SIU-Edwardsville to the University of Iowa for a doctorate, then to the University of Maryland to teach journalism for 10 years and, in 1978, to South Dakota State University in Brookings. My first wife was Gail Hayes, BA '61. We were married in Edwardsville, her home town, in 1962. Gail died of cancer in 1974.

When Northern decided to give up ISWNE about the same time Brod retired, I saw a chance to reunite with the organization and my many friends in it. And, I was once again tied to my SIU roots. I was executive director of ISWNE as well as editor of the *Grassroots Editor* from 1992-99. There were still many editors in ISWNE that I had known from my years at SIU. The society's members are special.

They are often the second or third generation of original members. Their bonds with each other are lifelong, and those bonds include the whole family. Retirement seldom ends participation!

During the 1990s, ISWNE membership expanded. The ideals nurtured by Long on the SIU campus remained. In the years ISWNE was headquartered at South Dakota State University, summer conferences were held in Colorado Springs; Brookings, S.D.; Calgary; the United Kingdom; Erie, Pa.; Boston; Flagstaff and Halifax. Most of the time the conferences met on university campuses to keep costs reasonable.

Missouri Southern State University in Joplin became ISWNE's new home in 1999, a few years before I retired from South Dakota State. Chad Stebbins at Missouri Southern became the new executive director.

This summer when the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors celebrated its 50th anniversary in the familiar surroundings of Pere Marquette State Park, Brod and I were there. We saw a society that is still vital for weekly editors. And, we saw a society that is still international – David Burke, editor of the *Tuam (Ireland) Herald*, is the new president.

We knew H.R. Long would be proud. The SIU legacy continues.

**Richard Lee**, MA '64, was head of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at South Dakota State University from 1978-2002. He grew up in Marissa, Ill., as the third generation of a weekly newspaper family. He was chosen by The Freedom Forum as the national Journalism Administrator of the Year in 2002.
Barbara Cordoni Kupiec – Founded Project Achieve

Barbara Cordoni Kupiec, 70, a nationally recognized authority on learning disabilities who established the first program in the nation to recognize and assist college students with such challenges, recently died in Carbondale.

Cordoni Kupiec led this SIU program – known as Project Achieve, until her retirement from Southern. She was a nationally recognized authority on learning disabilities, serving on both a presidential commission and a governor’s commission for special education.

“The 1986 SIU "Teacher of the Year" pursed a career in the field initially to help her own children and has left behind a legacy that has assisted more than 2,000 other students in earning their degrees. "The way I remember her is as a visionary who was able to see that vision through," says Project Achieve Coordinator Sally Dedecker. "So many people are visionaries, but they never act upon it – she carried it through and she was dedicated to the students it served."

Cordoni Kupiec’s involvement with Project Achieve was featured in the Fall 1998 edition of Southern Alumni.

Paul Lougeay – Former Department Chairman At SIU

Paul Lougeay, 85, of Carbondale, a longtime department chairman at SIU, recently passed away in Carbondale. From 1953-1983, he was employed at Southern, first as an architect, then as chairman of the Architectural Technology Department, chairman of the Interior Design Department, and director of comprehensive planning and design.

Lougeay, a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Navy, also designed many homes in the Carbondale area and was known for his watercolor paintings. A Life Member of the SIU Alumni Association, he is survived by his wife, Nella (a 1943 graduate of the University), two children and six grandchildren.

Faculty & Staff

Aaron, James E.
Emeritus Professor
08/11/04, Sagamore Beach, Mass.

Abba, Angelo T.
Emeritus Civil Service, Physical Plant
09/30/04, Herrin, Ill.

Beazley, Donald J.
Emeritus Professor, Dept. of Geography
10/25/04, Carbondale, Ill.

Bildeback, Bonnie (Brtt)
Emeritus Civil Service, Self Instruction Research Library, 08/15/04, DuQuoin, Ill.

Clampet, Dwight F.
Emeritus Civil Service, Dept. of Engineering, 09/28/04, Murphysboro, Ill.

Cox, Dorothy J.
"44, M.A. '71, Ph.D. '76 Emeritus Professor, Library Sciences
08/23/04, Carbondale, Ill.

Denbo, Lee A.
Civil Service, Physical Plant
08/18/04, Harrisburg, Ill.

Earp, Marjorie Lee, "54, M.S. '55, M.F.A. '56, M.S. '56
Former employee, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, SIUC
08/27/04, Carbondale, Ill.

Elliott, Ira, '69
10/05/04, Libertyville, Ill.

Ellis, Dolores (Whitaker), "69
10/27/04, Carbondale, Ill.

Ferril, Joan F.
"67, M.A. '69, Ph.D. '98
10/17/04, Raleigh, Ill.

Kearns, Terence D.
"M.S. '71, Ph.D. '75
11/01/04, Valley Falls, Kan.

Sherman, Donald M.
"M.S.E.D '71
10/24/04, Memphis, Tenn.

McKinnis, Thomas R.
"72, M.S.Ed. '78
07/27/04, Broughton, Va.

Tracy, Neil A.
"M.S. '72
10/17/04, McLeansboro, Ill.

COX, Mary E.
10/17/04, Virginia Beach, Va.

McCool, Kathryn L.
10/21/04, Abingdon, Va.

Rice, William J.
"Ph.D. '73
08/12/04, Kansas City, Mo.

Ranta, William A.
"M.A. '75
10/03/04, Chester, Ill.

Watson, Betty R.
"M.S.Ed. '76
08/11/04, Chester, Ill.

Hobbs Sr., Ray D.
08/10/04, Little Rock, Ark.

Ratter, John G.
10/10/04, West Frankfort, Ill.

Sykes Jr., Thomas L.
12/19/03, Denver, Colo.

Sandelin, Robert W.
09/02/04, Fenton, Mo.

Sutphin, Tammie L.
10/12/04, Floral City, Fl.

Carson, Peter S.
10/11/04, St. Louis, Mo.

Black, Katherine M., J.D. '89
08/19/04, Carbondale, Ill.

Martin, Judith (Elliott), Ph.D. '91
09/22/04, Kansas City, Mo.

Wiser, Phillip R.
09/16/04, Fredericksburg, Va.

Fitzjarraud, Woodford L.
10/07/04, Marshall, Ill.

LeDuc, Ryan D.
09/24/04, Pana, Ill.

Ervin, Angela M., student
09/22/04, Oak Park, Ill.
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48 Years Ago...

In 1956, SIU officials celebrated the release of a record featuring the SIU Alma Mater and loyalty songs. Pictured from left, J. Robert Odaniell (Alumni Services), Carl Trobaugh (University Store), Verdon Lipe (Department of Design), President Delyte Morris, Dave Miles (Department of Design), Burnett Shryock (Dean of Fine Arts) and Fred Denker (Chairman, Department of Music).
Saluki Hoops Joins SIU Alumni Team

When he was hired as Southern's head basketball coach, Chris Lowery referred to his new post as his dream job. Quickly after accepting this position, Lowery made another commitment to his alma mater — he joined the SIU Alumni Association.

Lowery, known for his leadership skills as a fiery point guard on the Salukis from 1990-94, has encouraged members of his coaching staff to follow his lead. Brad Korn, a graduate assistant coach and member of Southern's last three NCAA Tournament squads, also recently joined the Association.

"I have the privilege of serving my alma mater as head coach," Lowery says. "With that in mind, I am proud to return the favor and support my University — that is one reason why I joined the SIU Alumni Association.

"The Alumni Association strives to create opportunities for alumni, students, and friends to maintain a lifelong relationship with their University. I wanted to take this step to exhibit my support of their mission."

In addition to Lowery and Korn, Saluki guard Darren Brooks, the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year last season, renewed his membership in the Alumni Association. Brooks initially joined the Association during a student membership campaign a year ago.

"I was pleased to discover that the SIU Alumni Association is open to students as well as alumni," Brooks recalls. "It's beneficial to join as a student and enjoy the same benefits as alumni. And I also see it as a great opportunity for me to continue my relationship with SIU after graduation."

For their commitment both on the basketball court and as ambassadors to their University, the SIU Alumni Association proudly salutes (from left) Saluki head coach Chris Lowery, graduate assistant coach Brad Korn, and senior guard Darren Brooks. Good luck this season — and welcome aboard!
Happy Holidays From The SIU Alumni Association