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*The Music  
Man Says  
Goodbye*

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After four decades of service,  
Mike Hanes to pass the baton

Inside: Southern Exposure, Super Students, Class Notes, and more...

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# Hanes Scholarship Helps Keep Salukis Marching

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The Michael Hanes Marching Salukis Endowed Scholarship has been a useful tool to help students keep on marching.

The endowment was established with a \$25,000 gift from an anonymous alumnus who was a member of the band as a way to honor Hanes for his years of dedication and hard work as leader of the Marching Salukis.

"Mike's retirement after 40 years of service presents a great opportunity for friends, former band members, and alumni to honor his contributions to Southern Illinois University Carbondale and the Marching Salukis," says Rickey N. McCurry, Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement and SIU Foundation CEO.

Two students are helped each year with funds that are administered by the Marching Salukis director and director of bands. "The scholarship's flexibility let's us keep key members in the band by offering incentives to stay," says Hanes.

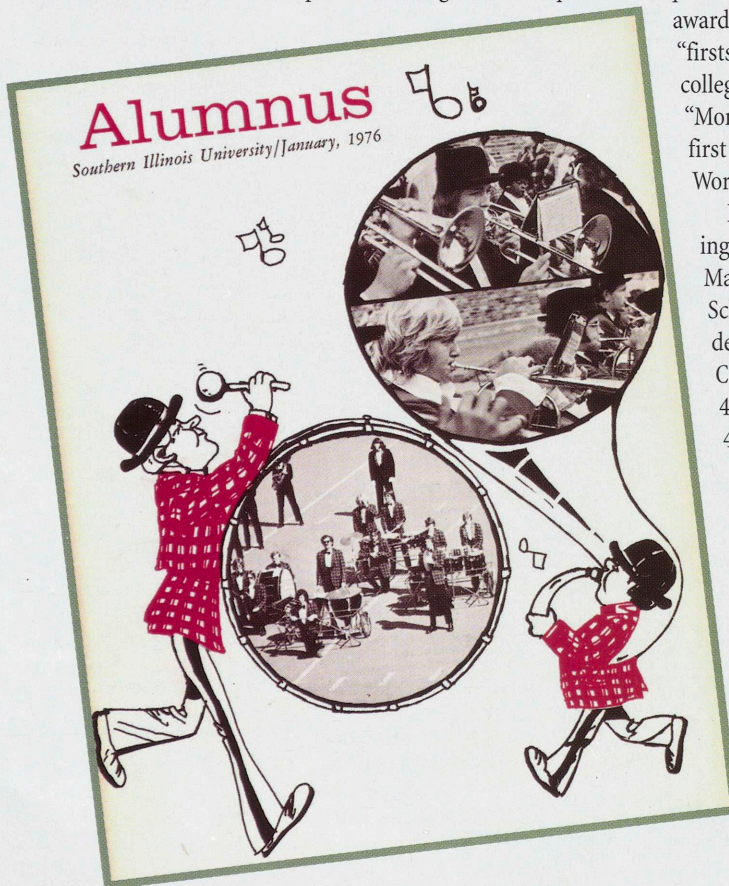
Students who are members of the band can receive the award regardless of any other financial aid they receive. Hanes, who served the University as a music professor, director of the Marching Salukis and more recently as director of bands, hopes the endowment will continue to grow and be around for a long time. "It's great to be able to encourage more kids to play in the marching band," he says.

Hanes explains that when some students struggle to keep up with a job, the band's rigorous practice sessions, performances, and their academic studies, it's nice to be able to help them out in this manner.

Under Hanes' leadership the Marching Salukis acquired a unique musical style that garnered many awards and achieved more than a few "firsts." The band became the first college marching band featured on "Monday Night Football" and the first to play the National Anthem at a World Series.

For more information on making a gift to the Michael Hanes Marching Salukis Endowed Scholarship, contact Jill Gobert, development officer for the College of Liberal Arts, 618-453-4563 or the SIU Foundation, 618-453-4900.

The Marching Salukis have been a part of the University scene for over four decades. Here they are featured on the cover of *Alumnus* magazine in 1976.



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### ON THE COVER

Director of Bands Mike Hanes is shown in his glory at a Saluki football game. Hanes, who has served Southern Illinois University Carbondale since 1965, will soon retire. His impact at the University, however, will be felt for years to come.

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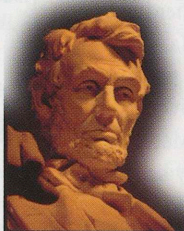
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### The Music Man Says Goodbye

Four decades ago, Mike Hanes arrived on campus to churn out a Master's degree in one year and return to teaching music in high school. That plan didn't quite pan out, and Southern has reaped the benefits. The long-time leader of the Marching Salukis will soon retire, but his legacy will remain forever.



### A Southern Connection At Lincoln Library

When the gala grand opening of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum was held recently in Springfield, Ill., few realized the major role Southern Illinois University Carbondale played in the event. Both the senior curator and museum registrar are graduates of Southern, and each says training received on campus was invaluable experience which helps them succeed in their daily duties at the state-of-the-art facility.

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### Making Everything Around Her Better

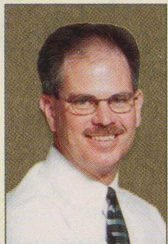
As one of only two students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale to earn a 2005 Super Student Junior Scholarship, Alexis Allen has made a lasting impression on almost everyone she has encountered at the University. Not only a solid student, she is also involved in countless extracurricular activities on campus. Finding the time to assist others is part of Allen's educational experience. "For me, college is yet another opportunity to make a positive contribution," she says. "As a general rule of thumb for my life, I like to leave things better than I found them."



### Five Generations Of Salukis

When James McKinney first enrolled at the University in the early 1900s, the Marion, Ill., resident built the foundation for a career as superintendent of schools as well as a long service in the ministry. What he didn't realize, however, is how deep those educational roots would sprout years after his death. McKinney was the first of five generations to get an education at Southern.

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by Gene Green

As president of the SIU Alumni Association, Mimi Wallace has served the organization with enthusiasm and pride. Although she will soon pass the gavel to fellow board member Sheri Hunter, extolling the virtues of Southern Illinois University remains her joy and passion.

Wallace, a Beverly Hills, Calif., resident who earned a degree in political science at Southern in 1962, steps down from her post in July. Her love for the University, however, will not change in the least.

"You have to remember," SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger says, "that years before Mimi was on the board, she was a vocal leader for the Association. She loves her alma mater – that will remain a constant."

The Centralia, Ill., native moved to California in the mid-1960s when her husband, Julian, accepted a residency and two-year fellowship in cardiology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. A stranger in a strange land, she did what came naturally – she searched for Salukis!

Contacting former Alumni Director Bob Odaniell, Mimi told him she wanted to get involved with graduates on the West Coast. Involved she became, helping a small alumni club in the area grow by leaps and bounds over the years.



Julian and Mimi Wallace enjoy themselves at the SIU Alumni Association hospitality suite at this year's MVC Basketball Tournament.

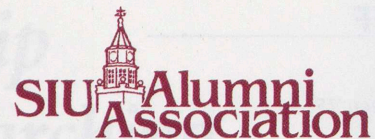
With Mimi's enthusiasm and energy long focused on Southern, her husband – a Harvard grad and a product of Boston University School of Medicine – never really had a chance to become *anything* but an honorary Saluki.

Often dressed in maroon and white, Julian has grown to love the University and the region as much as his wife. The pair often wears SIU apparel when they travel across the country, knowing the choice of clothing may lead to discovering a Saluki in their midst.

Former SIU Alumni Association President Doris Rottschalk once described Mimi as "the most generous and sincere person I know. She genuinely cares about people – of course it *helps* if they are Salukis!"

Armed with a great sense of humor, an infectious laugh, and a passion for the University, Mimi has seemingly never met a stranger. If you already know her, consider yourself blessed. If you don't, introduce yourself at Homecoming, as all Salukis are part of her extended family.

Thank you Madam President on a job well done – you made Southern proud.



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## Feature On Kill Shines Light On Key Issue

Well done! I **really** enjoyed the latest edition of *Southern Alumni*. Gene Green's feature on Coach Jerry Kill and the spectacular achievement of Saluki football shines a light on a key point.

The entire SIU family owes thanks to the Saluki student-athletes for generating increasingly intense Saluki pride. To Chancellor Walter Wendler, Athletics Director Paul Kowalczyk, all the coaches and all the staff, we sincerely thank you for the time, energy and effort you are investing to continue to build upon a proud record of Saluki success. To Glenn Poshard and the board of trustees, thank you for seeing the value this success brings to the University.

This success is shining a national spotlight on Southern, generating a new kind of positive publicity that is worth millions in reinforcing a positive image across the state, region and country that will translate into other successes for the institution. Keeping this going should be a top priority.

There is truly something special going on. We know the coaches and student-athletes are creating this magic by working



Returning members of the 1990 Saluki Baseball Team, front row from left: Kurt Endebrock, Doug Shields, Bob Finder, Bob Geary, Gene Green (sports information), and Brad Brush (trainer). Back row: Dale Meyer, George Joseph, Matt Giegling, Brad Hollenkamp, Tom Strabavy, Sean Bergman, Ed Janke, Mike Van Gilder, Boyd Manne, and Jeff Nelson.

hard and giving everything they have to accomplish their goals every single day. They remind us what it means to be a Saluki.

With their focus and relentless determination, they can overcome adversity and the occasional setback, while enjoying the journey on the way to victory.

Go Salukis!

**Ed Collins '82; J.D. '86**  
**Life Member**  
**Gurnee, Ill.**

## 'Indoctrinated' Saluki

On a recent visit to my parents' home I found my mother busy going through memorabilia

in preparation for a reunion of her SIU college sorority, Pi Kappa Sigma. As I looked through her collection, I noted that 2005 would be the 50th reunion of her graduating class, and I decided to share with your magazine some of the information I found.

Although I am not a graduate of your institution, I was certainly "indoctrinated" regarding how great SIU is since both my parents, Rev. Lee Rule '56 and Juanita (Peradotto) Rule '55, M.S. '60 are graduates. As I looked through some of my mother's memorabilia, I noted that she obviously took advantage of both the education and extracurricular activities at Southern. She graduated with honors, served as a class officer, a member of the Student Senate, and was a member of the Alumni Board, just to name a few. She was also selected as the Most Valuable Sorority Woman and received the Service to Southern Award.

Her family is proud of her accomplishments, both during her years at the University and later during her career in education. She can't *believe* so many years have passed since she was a student at your institution!

**Damon Rule**  
**Urbana, Ill.**

*Editor's Note: Lee and Juanita Rule now reside in Girard, Ill. They are Life Members of the SIU Alumni Association.*

## 1990 Baseball Salukis Enjoyed Coming Back

Speaking for the members of the 1990 MVC Champion Saluki Baseball Team, I want to thank everyone who helped make our recent 15-year reunion weekend such a great time.

Rekindling old memories at Abe Martin Field was a real thrill and made us remember how special our SIU days were to us. We would like to thank Coach Dan Callahan for his assistance throughout the weekend, the SIU Alumni Association for honoring us as special guests during their Alumni Member Appreciation event, and to Steve Bleyer for hosting the returnees at The Bleyer Lodge that evening.

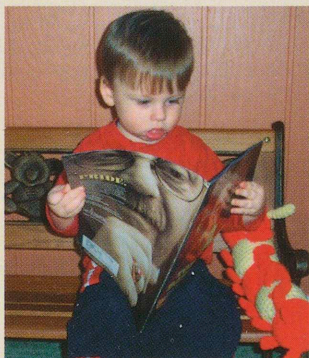
The reaction of alumni and friends when we were introduced on the field, coupled with comments of the many people who came up to us at the Alumni Tent, made for a day we will never forget. Making the weekend even more tremendous was a series win against arch rival Wichita State! Watching the Shockers go down in person was icing on the cake.

Thanks again to all who welcomed us back and helped us enjoy a weekend we will long remember.

**Bob Geary '91**  
**Life Member**  
**Valley Park, Mo.**

## A Young Reader Checks Things Out

My husband and I always enjoy reading the latest issue of *Southern Alumni*. Little did we know, however, that our 20-month-old son, Parker, enjoyed it as well. He walked over to the coffee table where we leave the mail, picked it up, and then sat down on his bench for a few minutes of light reading!



**Lynette Whitson**  
**(Ibsen) '95**  
**Life Member**  
**Chicago, Ill.**

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## 'It's In The Bag' For Alumni

It's In The Bag, a specialty shop owned and operated by Donya Shackleton, has moved from its Main Street location in Carbondale to the Eastgate Shopping Center on East Walnut Street. As the SIU Alumni Association's newest benefit partner, she is offering members a 10 percent discount.

*It's in the Bag*

Shackleton's store features purses. "It's how we got started," she says, "with all kinds of purses." Now she has the purses in addition

to home and garden items, furniture pieces, a large selection of candles, a kid's corner, and coffee shop.

Shackleton does a number of special orders and explains that a few pieces of her furniture stock are on display, while others are kept in a warehouse. "I display furniture in two rooms at the shop."

The kid's corner features toys, stuffed animals, little purses, and numerous items that make great baby gifts. Special orders and gift wrapping are complimentary.

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## Southern Honors Top Teachers

**E**ight Southern Illinois University Carbondale faculty members will receive cash grants and professional development accounts through the University's "Excellence Through Commitment Awards Program" as rewards for superior teaching.

This year's top teachers, selected by each college, were: *Jonathan Bean*, College of Liberal Arts; *Jeffrey Beaulieu*, College of Agricultural Sciences; *Nancy Gonzenbach*, College of Applied Sciences and Arts; *Sanjeev Kumar*, College of Engineering; *Marla Mallette*, College of Education and Human Services; *John Summey*, College of Business and Administration; *Janice Thompson*, College of Mass Communication and Media Arts; and *George Waring*, College of Science.

Chancellor Walter Wendler hosted a dinner for all award winners on April 21.

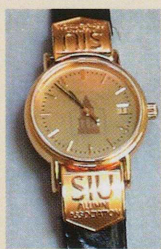
Here are short profiles of those selected by each college.

• **Bean**, professor of history, teaches courses on U.S. history, including business history, policy history and the Great Depression. He thrives on tough assignments, large lecture courses in the Core Curriculum (basic classes that all students, regardless of major, must take), writing-intensive courses in the major, and year-long graduate seminars.



### Honorees Presented With Watches From Association

The SIU Alumni Association is proud to be a partner in honoring the many talented educators who received special recognition.



Commemorative watches, such as the one pictured here, were presented to the distinguished University employees.

Funding such a program is important, says SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger.

"Alumni often comment on the outstanding teachers, researchers, and other committed personnel who contributed so much to their educational experience at Southern," Buerger says. "The Association's ongoing support of the "Excellence Through Commitment Awards Program" is a meaningful and lasting way to pay tribute to these individuals.

"The SIU Alumni Association is pleased to provide these watches as a part of that program."

• **Beaulieu**, associate professor of agribusiness economics, teaches undergraduate commodity and agribusiness marketing and undergraduate statistics. In the past, he has also taught introductory agribusiness economics, agricultural policy to both undergraduate and graduate students, and graduate level statistics.



• **Gonzenbach**, professor of information systems and applied technologies, teaches courses related to information management and supervision of information systems. She also supervises all interns majoring in information systems technologies. She spends much time on her courses before they even start, identifying objectives, developing assignments and creating tests, setting the bar high from the first day. She and colleagues also developed and implemented a bachelor's degree course delivered online. A three-degree graduate of Southern, Gonzenbach earned her bachelor's in 1974, her master's in 1983, and her doctorate in 1990.



• **Kumar**, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering, integrates professional practice into his courses and creates effective communication tools for students. He revamped his department's Capstone Course (an option created for community students that streamlines core curriculum requirements and allows them to finish a four-year degree with 60 additional hours) and is now at work on developing an instructional digital video of field operations for geotechnical engineering projects.



• **Mallette**, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction, teaches early literacy and technology, pre-service teacher education, and social and critical literacy. In her teaching, she



tries to prepare literacy teachers, who must work in a culturally and linguistically diverse context, to ground their teaching in theory and research. She also works to help doctoral students become both consumers and producers of literary research.

• **Summey**, associate professor of marketing, teaches marketing strategy, product strategy, customer relationship management, ethnography of adventure travel, marketing education and marketing research. His marketing research class, in which student teams conduct studies for university units and outside businesses, is described by students as demanding but worthwhile. He also is active in research and in professional organizations, which helps him keep his courses relevant in a constantly changing organizational environment.

Summey also earned the distinction as the University's best teacher campus-wide.

• **Thompson**, assistant professor of radio-television, teaches video production, documentary and sports production, with expertise gained as a longtime documentary filmmaker for such networks as PBS and as a producer-director for live professional sporting events in Chicago. She consistently wins positive evaluations from students, who know her as a demanding teacher.

• **Waring**, professor of zoology, teaches six classes covering various aspects of animal behavior and vertebrate zoology. He draws on lectures, visual aids, demonstrations and reading materials as well as on laboratory work and field presentations. He has been using multi-media—slides, film clips, overheads, recordings and such—as lecture aids for more than four decades and was an early adopter of online materials. When he doesn't find books or manuals he needs, he writes them himself, making sure that they're constantly updated.



### Skaggs Named Top Term Faculty Member



**A**lberta Skaggs, a lecturer in English at Southern, recently won the University's top teaching honor for faculty members not in tenure-track positions.

Skaggs, a two-degree alumna who began her University teaching career as a graduate assistant to Liberal Arts Dean Shirley Clay Scott in 1998, has served the department as a lecturer since 2001, teaching courses that range from freshman composition to introductory Shakespeare.

## Nakajo Campus To Close After Next School Year

It has been announced that the University's branch campus in Nakajo, Japan, will close at the end of the 2005-06 school year.

Now in its 17th year, the Nakajo branch campus, in the Niigata prefecture on Japan's western coast was one of 36 opened by American universities in the late 1980s. Southern and Temple Universities remain.

The Pacific School Entity is the Japanese organization that contracts with SIUC for academic programs and student services. There is no cost to Illinois taxpayers for the program, which has brought more than \$41 million in contracts to the University.

According to Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management, Japanese officials made the decision to terminate the program.

"Low enrollments resulting from changes in demographics, changes in the interests of Japanese students and unfavorable economic conditions in Japan have resulted in large deficits for our partner organization, the Pacific School Entity," Dietz says.

More than 2,200 Japanese students received training on the Nakajo campus over the past 17 years, with more than 900 transferring to the Carbondale campus to complete their undergraduate programs. More than 20 students

completed master's degrees, and two completed their doctoral degrees.

A new \$55 million, Japanese-owned campus opened two years after classes started. Enrollment on the Nakajo campus peaked at 630 in 1990, but has been in decline since then. Until 2001, the program received heavy subsidies from the local Japanese governments, and the Pacific School Entity also borrowed heavily to pay for the program.

Dietz lauded the efforts of Jared Dorn, director of the University's International Programs and Services, who headed the program in Japan



Students at the University's branch in Nakajo, Japan, are shown walking across campus. The school will close following the 2005-06 school year.

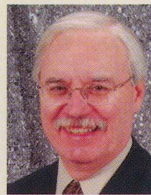
for 10 years.

"His knowledge of the culture, language and his administrative skill were critical in developing and maintaining this program when others were closing," Dietz says.

## On The Side

### Rybak Named Outstanding Scholar

Otolaryngologist Leonard Rybak, a surgeon who has spent much of his career studying inner ear injuries and hearing loss, has been named Southern Illinois University Carbondale's 21st Outstanding Scholar.



A faculty member in the School of Medicine's Department of Surgery-Division of Otolaryngology in Springfield since 1981, and cross-appointed in the Department of Pharmacology, Rybak was honored during Graduate School commencement. He will receive \$7,500 in cash, \$7,500 in professional development support, a wristwatch and a framed certificate under SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler's "Excellence Through Commitment Awards Program" established last year. He also will have the right to use the title "Distinguished Scholar" after his name.

Much of Rybak's work has focused on understanding why many drugs commonly used to treat other ailments can wind up damaging the inner ear and causing hearing loss. He was the first to find that cisplatin, an anti-cancer drug, causes the production of free radicals—atoms or groups of atoms with free, or unpaired, electrons—in inner ear tissues. When free radicals react with cell membranes, they can damage or even kill the cells.

### Lorber Named To Foundation Post

A person with an outstanding record of university fund-raising is now on board at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, in charge of the annual, constituent, corporate, foundation and planned giving officers at the SIU Foundation.



Jeff Lorber, a native of Muscatine, Iowa, began his tenure recently as associate vice chancellor for institutional advancement. At previous posts he was responsible for doubling annual gifts at Indiana University Northwest in Gary, Ind., and coordinating the then-largest gift in the history of the University of Tennessee, a \$47.7 million gift of design software for the university's College of Engineering. He also has held positions at Northern Illinois University, Butler University, the University of Northern Iowa, and Washington University.

"I'm delighted to have Jeff join the advancement team here at Southern," says Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement. "His prior experience, coupled with his desire for success, will be a great asset to our University and our staff. We have made great strides in our advancement program over the last few years, and Jeff's addition will help to elevate the program even further."

Lorber will serve as director for Southern's upcoming comprehensive campaign (McCurry will serve as the executive director) and says he is excited to be working at the University.

"I'm really looking forward to being a part of the comprehensive capital campaign and in taking the institution to the next level," Lorber says. "My colleagues from other institutions are kind of envious of me coming here. I'm excited to carry the message to alumni, donors and other friends."

## Distinguished Seniors Profit From Extern Experience

by Greg Scott

**S**outhern's 25 Most Distinguished Seniors come from various backgrounds and are pursuing diverse fields of study at the University. While they are different in many ways, these elite undergraduates do share a common bond.

When these students and their families were honored at a dinner hosted in April, they were recognized for their academic prowess and commitment to enriching the Southern through their involvement in various facets of campus life. SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler, the SIU Alumni Association, and Student Alumni Council lauded them for making the University a better place.

"It was quite an honor and not many students receive an opportunity to be a part of something like that," says Jaime Eaves, an elementary education major from Anna. "Sometimes, you sacrifice your social life to get work done, but I wouldn't change a thing."

Megan Gabby, another Distinguished Senior Award recipient, concurs with Eaves' assessment.

"The banquet was one of the nicest events I have ever been to. Everything was special and my parents were pleased to be there as well," she says. "My goal was to put academics first here and I've sacrificed a lot to do that. After studying so much and working a great deal over the last four years, this honor made it all worthwhile."

Sacrifice is something all of these students have become accustomed to at Southern. Therefore, it is only fitting that

four of SIU's Most Distinguished Seniors, were among the 198 University students who participated in the 2005 Extern Program during the week of Spring Break. Extern matches juniors and seniors at Southern with alumni and friends who hold positions in their area of interest. The program's goal is to provide students with hands-on-experience in their chosen field prior to graduation.

Eaves and Gabby participated in the program their junior and seniors years. Laura Taylor, a journalism major from Anna, and Gabriel Smith, an industrial technology major from Murphysboro, also participated in the program. For

Smith, who spent Spring Break at Maytag Herrin Laundry Products, bypassing a week on a Florida beach to garner additional knowledge in his field was an easy decision.

"Florida is only a week but Extern can confirm what you want to do the rest of your life. I wanted to have an idea of what I was getting into, and this program provided insight into my chosen field of interest. I would definitely recommend it."

Smith says he spent time in various departments of the plant, including safety, inventory control, and quality assurance. He particularly enjoyed shadowing the facilities engineer, and learning

about his duties related to maintaining the facility.

A Super Student Junior Scholarship recipient last year, Smith is thankful for opportunities the University has presented to him. "I'm a first-generation college student. When I first arrived at Southern, I really wasn't sure if I could make it," he says. "But with the help of many people in the community and here on campus, I was able to get over that hump. That is why I want to continue giving back to the University and community because there are people who have supported me a great deal."

Eaves completed externships at Franklin Elementary School in Belleville, and Mary Morgan Elementary School in Byron her junior and senior years, respectively. She aspires to teach in the Belleville area.

"Elementary education is a competitive field that is hard to get a job in," Eaves says. "Giving



Gabriel Smith, who externed with Maytag Herrin Laundry Products, was also a Most Distinguished Senior recipient in 2005.



Salukis were well represented at Boeing, as students (from left) Stefanie Adams, Laura Taylor, and Janee Schuster enjoyed their Extern experience over Spring Break.

up my Spring Break puts me out there a bit. Extern provides somewhat of an edge for me with potential employers.”

Eaves says both experiences were enjoyable. “Byron has a power plant that produces economic benefits for that school. There was a computer for every two kids. In Belleville, I got to work with Keri Donaldson, who graduated just two years ago from Southern. In addition, being from Anna, I had worked in a predominantly white environment. Belleville presented an opportunity for me to work with a more diverse population, which I prefer.”

Gabby, also a two-time extern participant, pursued her first experience in a unique way. She volunteered to extern at Ketchum Public Relations in Chicago for three days during the University’s Christmas break in January. While considering a career in public relations, Gabby became more educated about the profession and the work Ketchum does for its clients.

During Spring Break, she completed a second externship at Ch’rewd Marketing and Promotion, Inc., in

Chicago. Ch’rewd does music, video game, and movie promotion.

“Entertainment marketing is something I had some interest in. We did some face-to-face marketing in Chicago to ask them about their perceptions,” Gabby says. “It was an enjoyable experience, but I prefer the business side of public relations. This is another positive outcome of the extern program. It assists you in deciding which direction you wish to go.”

“I know how important this part of my life is. I’m about to graduate and opportunities like extern can keep your mind sharp and help get your foot in the door somewhere.”

Taylor says Boeing in St. Louis was the perfect match for her. A journalism major specializing in Integrated Marketing Communications and Advertising, the Anna native initially had an interest in aeronautical engineering. At Boeing, she shadowed the communications department personnel for two days, and became acquainted with Boeing’s advertising, internal and external communications, and community outreach programs.

The highlight of Taylor’s externship was accompanying Boeing staff on a roll-out in which 40 F-15Ks were sold to South Korea. “We escorted television media to Boeing and the Republic of Korea Air Force staff. They were conducting interviews and taking photos,” she says. “It was an excellent opportunity because I want to get into media relations.”

Anyone interested in participating as a sponsor for next year’s Extern Program is encouraged to contact the SIU Alumni Association at 618-453-2408. Take it from some of Southern’s best and brightest students – it might be the best decision you ever make. ■

**To see a full list of Extern participants and the companies that hosted them, go to the Student Relations link at [www.siu alumni.com](http://www.siu alumni.com).**

## Dear Alumni and Friends:

Since I am originally from Centralia, Ill., one may immediately assume that basketball must be of prime importance to me. The beginning of March Madness (The Missouri Valley Tournament) is an absolute "must" to attend, and our alumni were able to enjoy the SIU Alumni Association hospitality room at the Marriott in record numbers this spring while renewing old friendships and forming new ones along the way.

Your Association has been busy this past year. We have co-sponsored with Chancellor Walter Wendler a recognition dinner honoring Southern's 25 Most Distinguished Seniors and two junior Super Student Recipients, sponsored our annual class ring ceremony for juniors and seniors, and added the Excellence Through Achievement ceremony and banquet co-sponsored by the Chancellor and the Association. Since planning for this event took place two years ago when I and a few board members met with the chancellor, it has been quite satisfying to see these plans come to fruition.

Employees at all levels and skills were recognized for their dedication and loyalty to the University. The Association purchased watches, which were given as awards to these recipients. Board members who



attended this event said it was extremely impressive and greatly appreciated.

My last official duty as your president was to give the alumni welcome at Commencement to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Education and Human Services. This served as a perfect way to complete my presidency.

Ms. Sheri Reynolds Hunter will begin her presidency on July 1, 2005. She will bring integrity, discipline, respect, strength and grace to the office. All alumni, faculty and members of the greater Carbondale community will be fortunate to have her as our leader and standard bearer.

As my term of office draws to a close, I regret that I was unable to accomplish one special goal, namely, to bring alumni to

campus who earned their degrees through the military and work-force programs across the country. However, since I remain the eternal optimist, I still believe this can and must happen. Perhaps this goal can in some way be implemented in Chancellor Wendler's visionary plan of Southern at 150.

I hope to see you at future events on and off campus, and I encourage you to actively participate in as many alumni activities as possible. Fellow Salukis would love to have you join them!

I have often heard that all roads lead to Rome. For me, I have had an incredible journey, and the road has always led me back to southern Illinois, Carbondale, and our beloved University. I firmly believe that whatever educational, social and cultural benefits we have received from those experiences, we are obliged to give an equivalent amount back.

One does not have to live in Illinois to give service to Southern. We have alumni all over the world. Many of you reside in other states as I do. Remember that all roads eventually lead back to Carbondale. Once a Saluki, always a Saluki.

Yours in Southern,  
**Mimi R. Wallace '62**

**Life Member**  
**President, SIU Alumni Association**  
**Beverly Hills, Calif.**

## Theatre Department Looking To Contact Graduates

The Theatre Department at Southern Illinois University Carbondale is conducting a national campaign to contact past graduates. In 2006, the department will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the opening of the McLeod Theater, which houses the productions of both the department and the McLeod Summer Playhouse.

The 457-seat facility was opened on April 8, 1966, with a production of Eugene O'Neill's *A Long Days Journey into Night* which featured performances by Peter Michael Goetz (*Father of the Bride*) and Dennis Franz (*NYPD Blue*). A special season of events is planned, including a symposium on Marginalized Practitioners of American Theater in the 1920's and 1930's, the Second National Conference on Masks, productions including *Our Town*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Noises Off*, *Fences*, and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

The year will culminate in a Gala Weekend Reunion celebration scheduled April 7-9, 2006. The weekend will include staged readings of original plays by alums, a performance of scenes from past McLeod productions titled *Forty Years in Forty Minutes*, a design exhibit, and a banquet.

Former chairman Christian Moe, who served as a guiding force at the department for many years, and present faculty member Anne Fletcher are spearheading the Anniversary Planning Committee. For information about the events included in the 40th Anniversary Season, or to provide contact information about yourself or other alumni, please contact Fletcher at SIUC, Mail Code 6608, Carbondale, IL 62901; phone (618) 453-5741; fax (618) 4537582; or e-mail her at [afletch@siu.edu](mailto:afletch@siu.edu). You are also urged to visit the department's Web site at [www.siu.edu/~mcleod/](http://www.siu.edu/~mcleod/).



Undergraduate Research Assistant Katie Small, Professor Emeritus Christian Moe, and Ph.D. student Scott Ireland, discuss plans for the 40th anniversary of the McLeod Theater next year.

## Determination Runs In The Family

by Susan Graham and Eva Sheffer

*Editor's Note: Susan Graham, featured in the December 2003 issue of Southern Alumni, captured the memories of her 102-year-old grandmother's college days for this "Southern Memories."*

**A**ugust 2, 2003, was one of the most memorable days of my life. The goal I had strived to obtain for 16 years, and one I was *determined* to reach, was now a reality. I had walked across the stage of the SIU Arena to receive my bachelor's degree, and I was now a proud Southern alum.

It has not been until recently though that I have realized my determination to reach that goal was an inherited trait that began on this very campus many decades earlier.

My grandmother, Evangeline Adams Sheffer, was born in 1903 and first arrived on the Southern Illinois Normal campus in 1926. Sharing her vivid memories with me recently, she recalled that SINU was then a teacher's college, and the only degree program available was a teaching certification.

My grandma, always known to her family as "Mawmaw," loved school and thrived on learning. Her life dream was to be a teacher and spark creativity in her students. She was raised in Cypress, Ill.—which did not have a high school—and although she received a scholarship to attend a local school, her family could not afford the room and board expenses in addition to book fees. Unable to continue to high school, she just kept going through the seventh and eighth grades. She loved school and was determined to be a teacher, so she went through the seventh grade three times and the eighth grade twice.

In 1921, Cypress finally had a two-year high school in place. She completed those two years and started her teaching career as an uncertified teacher, attending college in the summers to obtain the needed certification.

At almost 102 years old, Mawmaw still remembers many details of her summers on campus. She says that her first address in Carbondale was 902 Illinois Avenue, where the room rate was \$7.50 per week, rooming with 10-12 other young ladies each summer. When she arrived in Carbondale, it was intimidating to be on such a "large" campus. Mawmaw was a "green country girl" and was fortunate to have assistance becoming oriented with a large campus. Some of her fondest memories are watching young men playing miniature golf and hanging out at the ice cream parlor. Everyone felt safe in Carbondale, especially with a 10 p.m. curfew!

She attended classes in Old Main and in the Allyn Building and spent many hours at the Stetson Library, which was always the coolest building on campus in the summers. Chapel was held daily

in Shryock Auditorium, where each student had an assigned seat to attend the mandatory event at 10 a.m.

Mawmaw's hardest class was history. It was a lecture class and a paper had to be written after each lecture. Her favorite professor was in Contemporary Poets and Artists. "I was struck with the professor

because he was so pretty," she recalls with a smile. Her first love was English and reading, with her favorite class being English 101 held on the second floor of Old Main. Fortunately, she was not required to take math courses—the one subject she felt she did not excel (although she tutored many grandchildren years later in the subject).

After attending summer classes for two years, she passed the teaching certification exam which, combined with her experience and education, gave her the equivalent

of a teaching degree from SINU. Mawmaw learned from her experiences at Southern how to mold her pupils for the future. She learned that lesson plans were necessary, but she didn't always follow them exactly. She allowed for exploration and creativity—something that Southern still stresses today.

She would have her pupils look out a window and then describe every-

thing they saw. She taught children to look closely at the world around them, and even incorporated physical education into the classroom by exercising to the tune "Smile A While."

Mawmaw Sheffer has always had one regret about her collegiate career. A composition was assigned in English 101 and she had left it to the last possible minute to complete. Her roommates went to church on a Sunday night and she stayed in to complete her assignment. The title of the composition was "The Bitters of Life." Her friends read it later that evening and laughed at her work. They all agreed she would get low marks for it because it contained too many clichés.

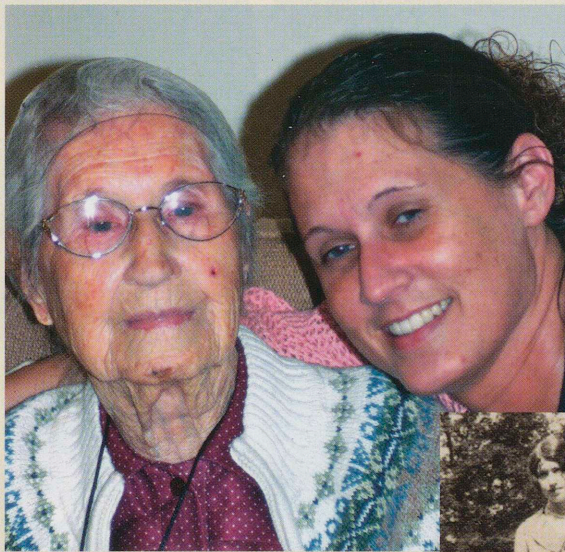
Proudly, she did receive high marks for the paper with the words "Excellent Thoughts" written across the top. She has that paper yet today. However, if she had it to do over again, she only wishes she had added a verse to the end.

More than 75 years later here is the final verse to complete that English 101 assignment from summer 1926.

*It is easy enough to be pleasant when life goes by like a song,  
But the man worthwhile is a man who can smile when everything  
goes dead wrong.*

*The test of the heart is trouble, and it always comes through the years,  
But the smile that is worth the praise of the earth  
Is the smile that comes through the tears.*

Thank you, Mawmaw, for your determination that has made us **both** proud SIU alums.



Susan Graham and her 102-year-old grandmother have spent some good times together reminiscing about their days in school. Evangeline Adams Sheffer is shown in the inset standing in front of the fountain in the central part of campus.



Hanes, with alumni band members in the background, springs into action at a recent Homecoming.

# *The Music Man*

## SAYS GOODBYE

*After 40 Years  
At Southern,  
Mike Hanes Prepares  
To Hand Off The Baton*

BY GENE GREEN



Thanks to piano technician Dean Brown, a rolling baby grand piano became a staple in the Marching Saluki arsenal years ago. It is just one of many unique things which set the group apart from its contemporaries.

**W**hen Mike Hanes first strolled onto the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1964, he was armed with a diploma from Milliken University and a plan to obtain a Master's degree at Southern in one year.

"The University was on quarters back then, so you could get a Master's kicked out quickly if you worked hard," the SIUC Director of Bands recalls. "I was going to take care of business in grad school, leave town, and go back to teaching in high school."

Things didn't quite go as planned—and the University has long reaped the benefits.

Four decades later, the 63-year-old Hanes is winding down a remarkable musical career which has helped put the University on the map and made him one of the most recognizable mem-



Shown here at a Southern football game, the Marching Salukis have long been synonymous with gridiron action at the University. They have also played at several pro sports venues throughout the years under the watchful eyes of both Hanes and his predecessor, Don Canedy.

bers of the community. On Aug. 1, 2005, Southern's Music Man will officially retire.

There are certain icons which help brand an institution. Southern alumni may connect through memories of buildings such as Pulliam Hall and Old Main, or areas like Campus Lake and Thompson Woods. Perhaps it was an instructor or administrator who formed a union which can never be broken.

For countless alums, however, the image of the energetic Hanes leading the Marching Salukis serves as an indelible Southern trademark.

### *Right Place At The Right Time*

Growing up in Salem, Ill., music was always a part of Hanes' daily life. His father was a successful band director at the high school for three decades, so his formative years were filled with music.

After graduation, however, he journeyed to Milliken University to major in radio-television. It was a short-lived decision.

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**“Hey—if a trick or gag  
would hook the  
audience and help  
them enjoy our music,  
I was all for it.”**

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“After about a year, I realized I didn't know what the heck I was doing in radio-TV,” Hanes now laughs. “But I soon switched my studies and graduated in 1963 with a degree in music.”

Following his graduation, Hanes took a teaching position in Sandoval, Ill. He says it was a wonderful experience for a young, unmarried music teacher. “I did *everything* related to music for students from kindergarten through high school,” he notes. “It was a terrific way to learn and was a situation I figured I would stay in for awhile.”

Over the years he had met former SIU Director of Bands Don Canedy. Hanes told him that after two or three years at Sandoval he would like to come to Southern and earn a Master's degree. That timeline, however, was quickly rendered obsolete.

“Don called after my first year at Sandoval and said he had an unexpected opening for a graduate assistant and asked me if I wanted it,” Hanes says. “Not wanting to pass up the chance, I decided to come to



Carbondale for what I thought would be just a short stay.”

What soon happened was one of many times Hanes says he was “in the right place at the right time.”

“After that first year, Don had the opportunity to move on to Indiana State, and decided to take the position,” he recalls. “Having worked with the marching band as a graduate assistant, knowing the percussion section and a few other things most people didn’t know that much about, the administration asked me in 1965 if I wanted to stick around and take the job.”

Barely out of college—and with his stint at Sandoval suddenly a distant memory—Hanes was now teaching at the University and leading a marching band at the ripe old age of 23.

### *Hit The Ground Running*

Hanes, who had met his wife, Mary Jo (see accompanying story) while a graduate assistant at Southern, had little time to reflect on his new duties. He accepted the position in the summer of 1965, got married on Sept. 5, and started band camp one week later.

He rolled up his sleeves and never looked back.

“We already had great tradition in place through Canedy’s leadership,” he recalls. “The marching band’s practice of wearing tuxedos and homburg hats was initiated by him in 1961 and was something I was delighted to maintain and build on through the years. Don was—and is—a real forward thinker.”

The tuxedo-clad Salukis were an immediate hit and true departure from the norm, which had traditionally featured military type uniforms playing military flavored fare. The uniforms and an influx of popular tunes and jazz set the band apart from others.

Aside from a two-year stint in the military, Hanes remained at Southern building his own distinctive legacy. During the past 40 years, his goal has been to make the band unique and fun. “If we aren’t having fun out there, the audience won’t either,” he notes. “If you aren’t having fun, you need to do something else.

“The Marching Salukis have certainly done some fascinating things over the years, but none of it has ever been calculated. You run some things up the flag-pole and see if anyone salutes. Some things work, some don’t, and you move on. But one thing never changes—we are



Time to relax and enjoy life with his wife, Mary Jo, is now atop Hanes’ “to-do” list.

## *He Liked Her In The Play...*

When Mike Hanes came to register for classes in 1964, he took the opportunity to take in a performance of “My Fair Lady” being held in Shryock Auditorium. He enjoyed the musical, and especially admired the performance of the young lady who played the role of Eliza Doolittle.

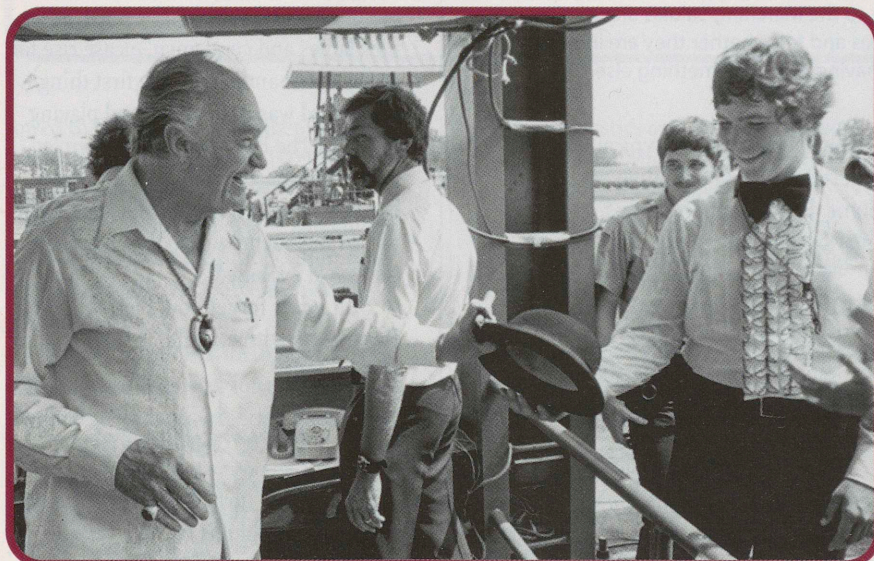
Little did he realize that in just over a year, he and Mary Jo Smith would be married and starting a life together in Carbondale. “I’ve often joked that I liked her in the play so much that I decided to marry her!”

The two were married shortly before he began his position at Southern – an era when the University band was an all-male ensemble. “The Hanes family grew quickly,” he notes, “as a week after we were married Mary Jo had 100 boys.”

Mary Jo, a voice major at Southern who grew up in Mt. Vernon, continues to be a leader in community theatre productions – something in which Mike has also found an interest. “I enjoy the experience of conducting in a pit and working with music in that manner. It certainly is different from running up and down a football field.”

As they approach their 40th wedding anniversary on Sept. 5, travel, relaxation, and time with grandchildren will fill their dance card. Their daughter, Lisa Hanes-Breithaupt, lives nearby in Waterloo, Ill., with her husband, Jason, and their twin boys, Ben and Jack.

And Mike, who plans to continue being a guest band director at various events, sees a parallel between that activity and being a grandparent. “You go in, have fun, get energized – then you leave the kids and come home,” he laughs. “I think that will work out just great.”



Comedy legend Red Skelton seemed delighted by the tuxedo/homburg hat-clad Marching Saluki he encountered in 1980 at the Du Quoin Fair. The group has appeared at fairs, sporting events, and countless other activities during the past 40 years.



The enthusiasm and enjoyment that Hanes brought to the Marching Salukis always seemed to rub off on the students. "You can look at their faces and tell whether they are into it or not," Hanes says. "I always told them – if you aren't having fun, do something else."

having a great time—and that shows through to the audience."

Hanes estimates that 70-80 percent of the students who annually comprise the Marching Salukis are *not* music majors. "They end up being doctors, lawyers and business leaders who share a common love of music and enjoy the camaraderie the band offers them. I've always said that we all use music as a release and a way to maintain our sanity."

### *From Violins To Rolling Pianos*

Hanes says the best ideas almost always come from the students, who tra-

ditionally have found atypical ways to entertain without offending anyone. Some displays are boisterous, some hilarious, and some just plain bizarre.

"Years ago we found ourselves with way too many drummers," he says with a wide grin. "Trying to figure out what to do, someone suggested having one of freshmen march while *pretending* to play a violin."

The Associated Press picked up on the story, noting that there was a university marching band that will "let anyone do anything to participate." National publicity had been achieved in an unlikely manner.

Another Hanes' favorite was the rolling baby grand piano. "We already had our drums on wheels, and Southern had an inventive and talented piano technician on campus named Dean Brown. He was able to figure out a way to take a piano body, put wheels on it, and place an electric piano inside."

Hanes and his students have always taken their music seriously, but never were they allowed to take *themselves* seriously. "Hey—if a trick or gag would hook the audience and help them enjoy our music, I was all for it," he says. "The fact that we weren't afraid to be unique allowed us to get some publicity and afforded us the chance to play some interesting venues."

The Marching Salukis have long been synonymous with performing at pro sporting events. Canedy's squad first did the honors in 1962 at a Chicago Bears game. Hanes continued this tradition in 1965, taking the students to both Chicago and St. Louis.

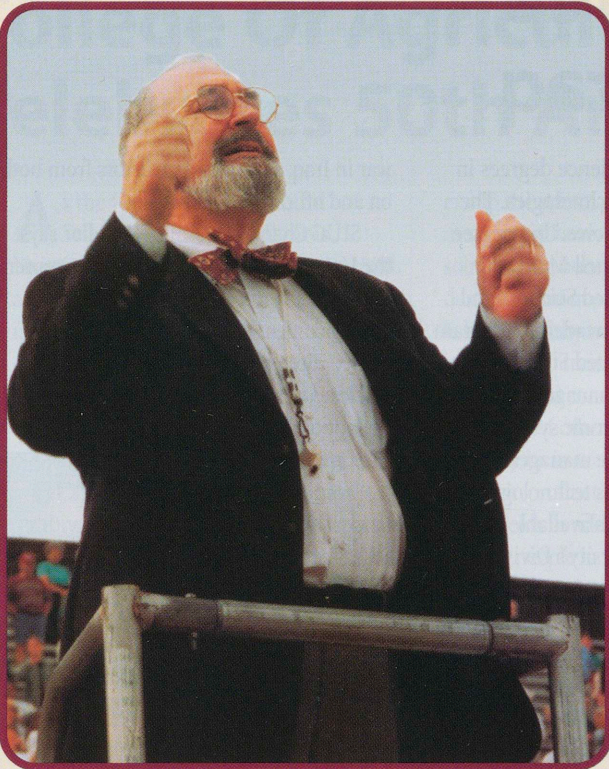
"The Bears game that year was played in Wrigley Field, which made it an interesting experience," he recalls. "Plus that was the first time I knew we had something *really* special with the way we did the Star Spangled Banner.

"As the stadium public address announcer bellowed to the crowd, 'And now ladies and gentlemen, please rise for our national anthem...' the first thing they heard was our entire band playing 'America The Beautiful,' which then led to a single snare drum roll. The crowd became silent, a trumpet solo began, and the arrangement built to the end when the crowd exploded!"

"I'll never forget how I felt that day," Hanes says with a smile. "It was tremendous."

### *Staying Around One Year Longer*

Hanes, who turned over the reins of the Marching Salukis in 1997, says he was "running short of new ideas and the band needed a young, fresh voice." Travis Almany succeeded him as director, fol-



Don Canedy, shown directing the SIU Alumni Band during homecoming festivities in 1988, says coming back that weekend is an experience he will never forget. "I still appreciate Mike inviting me – he will never know how much that weekend meant to me and my wife. To see so many alumni and once again stand in front of that entire group was joyously tearful. I congratulate Mike on over 40 years of excellence – he made us all proud."

## 'An Unusual Human Being'

When Don Canedy offered Mike Hanes a graduate assistant's position over 40 years ago, he knew he was getting an energetic, talented musician. What the 1958 SIU graduate would soon find out, however, was that there was even more to the Salem, Ill., native than he realized.

Canedy, the former Director of Bands at Southern, is now retired with his wife, Evelyn, and living in Palm Desert, Calif. The 75-year-old mentor finds it hard to fathom that his former understudy is now ready to enjoy retirement as well.

"I can not believe Mike's retirement is nearly at hand," the SIU Alumni Association Life Member says. "But he certainly has earned it—he is truly an *unusual* human being. It is in his genes to be honest to the extreme, and he is a person who always is up-front in all his communications, yet completely frank about his mistakes."

Canedy saw first-hand that the apple didn't fall too far from the tree.

"Like his father—an outstanding band director educator himself—Mike always related positively with people and displayed great integrity in all his relationships. Also like his father he was particularly effective with young people.

"Occasionally a person comes along that exudes a sense of urgency and honesty. This same individual seems to work longer hours, has more ideas, and always manages to come up with that *little bit extra* that makes the results special. I think of Mike in those terms."

While Hanes is still quick to give Canedy credit for helping shape his career, his former boss simply takes pride in what has happened at Southern during the last four decades.

"I am delighted to have played the tiniest role in Mike's success, knowing his outstanding contribution to Southern and all of those young people he touched," Canedy says. "If I helped his career even just a mite, I am both proud and humbled."

lowed the next year by Matthew Bishop, and then by Tom Bough in 1999. Bough will be moving to Northern Illinois University this fall to become Director of Athletic Bands, as the process of finding a new leader for the Marching Salukis begins anew.

Originally set to retire in 2004, Hanes stayed around one year longer than planned so he could experience newly renovated Altgeld Hall.

"It has been a joy to see this project come to fruition, and it is great to watch alumni come back and see this facility now," he says. "For most of my career, we had to make what we did conform to the limitations of this building. Now with

proper acoustics and dedicated spaces for musicians, Altgeld will be a terrific facility for years to come."

The building, however, will soon seem different without Hanes bounding through the hallways fueled by a seemingly endless energy source. Instead of showing up at his office, he and his wife plan to soon travel extensively "as long as our health and our finances allow."

The realization of Hanes' retirement is a daunting thought to School of Music Director Robert Weiss.

"We will all miss seeing Mike on a daily basis, but are grateful to know that he will continue to be involved in music

in our region for years to come," says Weiss. "He is one of the most respected and best known musicians in southern Illinois and beyond. Almost every band director south of Interstate 70 in Illinois was either a student of his or has worked with him closely on some musical event."

Soon, however, the only event Hanes plans to engage in is a "six month moratorium on doing anything," he laughs. "The nature of this business has called for me to wear a lot of hats and do many things. For at least the next few months, I *plan* on not committing to anything."

But don't hold him to his word—after all, he planned on being in Carbondale for only a year.

# Alumnus Earns Degree While Stationed In Iraq

Although he was 6,700 miles away, Air Force Master Sgt. Tracy Senstock was still a part of Southern Illinois University Carbondale's commencement ceremonies on May 14. Enrolled through various long-distance learning programs, he received his diploma via a live satellite feed, which beamed his voice and image into the center of campus on graduation day.

"I am honored to be blessed enough to graduate with the Class of 2005," Senstock says. "The online degree program at the University allowed me to earn an Information Systems Technology degree while maintaining a professional military career and family life.

"Although the military can be a nomadic lifestyle, I was able to continue with my education through courses at SIUC. In the past I had to continually transfer credits or skip classes until I was able to return home; at Southern, the online courses traveled with me."

In addition to performing his military duties in Baghdad, Iraq, the 42-year-old Nebraska native joined 617 other graduates from the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, including 55 who, like Senstock,

received Bachelor of Science degrees in information systems technologies. The 20-year serviceman received his degree from Army Major Mitchell McKinney.

The College of Applied Sciences and Arts has 18 off-campus academic program sites throughout the United States offering degrees in health-care management, aviation management, electronic systems technologies, and fire science management. The information systems technologies online degree program is available in conjunction with the University's Division of Continuing Education.

"Faculty and staff from our college are doing all we can to provide place-bound students, including those in the military, the opportunity to complete their college degree," CASA Dean Paul Sarvela says.

Sarvela notes there are more than 100 CASA students deployed as a result of the

war in Iraq, as well as instructors from both on and off campus.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler says the University is "proud of our servicemen and women, and I am glad that we were able to confer Master Sgt. Senstock's degree directly via satellite. It takes a special kind of person to continue to pursue the opportunity a college degree offers even while actively serving abroad."

In Iraq since January, Senstock is a liaison between agencies and provides technical and tactical communications guidance within the theater of operations. He was due home at the end of May, and will become a senior master sergeant in August.

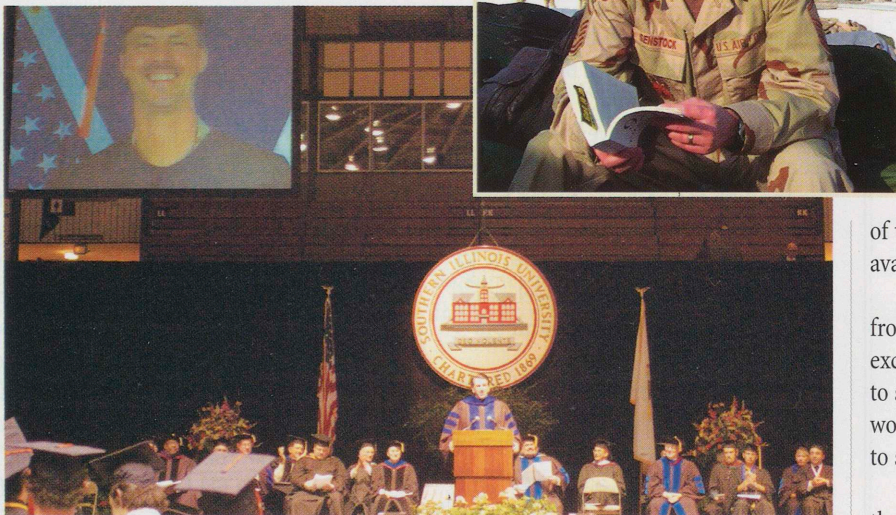
Senstock, who earned his degree without ever stepping foot on Southern's campus, plans to visit his alma mater for the first time when he returns to the states.

When he arrives, many on campus hope to give him a guided tour. "We know he'll let us know when he's coming so we can give him a great tour," Sarvela says. "Until then, we'll keep him and the rest of our sons and daughters serving abroad in our thoughts."

Several soldiers in Iraq are now taking online classes, and that can be a challenge, Senstock says. Study time is difficult due to long work hours and privacy, and tests also are problematic because of the nine-hour time difference, Internet availability and computer access.

"When I was on temporary duty away from home, this is where the professors excelled," he notes. "Flexibility is the key to success, and the professors would work miracles to ensure the opportunity to succeed existed.

"Because of the online experience, the ability to maintain my lifestyle with the military and my family, as well as obtain my college degree, I want to sincerely thank everyone at Southern." ■

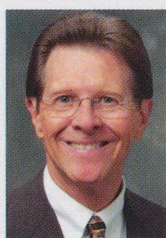


U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Tracy Senstock (top right) grabs a few moments to study while seated in front of the palace of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. Senstock, in Iraq since January, is shown above receiving his diploma via satellite during commencement ceremonies.

# College Of Agricultural Sciences Celebrates 50th Anniversary

As the College of Agricultural Sciences at Southern Illinois University Carbondale celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, Dean Gary Minish is gearing up for the challenges he knows are coming in the next 50 years.

According to Minish the biggest challenge overall is to grow enrollment at



Gary Minish

both the undergraduate and graduate levels. "We want to get students here, keep them here, and help them find jobs.

"We also need to strengthen connections with our stake-

holders and improve our facilities. If we're going to have quality teaching programs and cutting-edge research, we have to have modern, up-to-date facilities with good equipment," Minish continues.

He points out that not much has been done to the facilities since they were built close to 50 years ago. In 1950, when Wendell Keeper was teaching agriculture courses in the College of Vocations and Professions, there was no agriculture degree offered by the University.

According to Keeper, the school was forbidden by the Illinois Legislature to offer a degree in agriculture as a condition of the school receiving university status in 1943. But with local support for southern Illinois agriculture and with what Keeper refers to as a "growth-minded" University administration, things began to happen and in 1955 the SIU College of Agriculture emerged.

The Legislature lifted the ban, which had also included engineering, medicine and dentistry and later that same year Gov. William Stratton laid the cornerstone for the agriculture building on Southern's campus.

Keeper was its first dean when the College opened in 1957 and under his lead-

ership the school grew both in scope and size. He built a solid faculty, boosted student enrollment and established a healthy budget. His intent was to train students so they could compete with graduates of other universities for jobs in teaching, research, production and other fields in addition to helping people in the southern Illinois region.

Since Keeper retired the college, now called the College of Agricultural Sciences, has expanded its research focus to include health, diet and obesity; good safety and security; animal nutrition and reproduction; alternative fuels; crop production, protection, and improvement; forest resource management; outdoor recreation research management; agricultural economics; environmental policy, and rural economic development.

In conjunction with the college's anniversary, Dean Minish organized Ag Industry Day, which he hopes to make an annual event. U.S. Sen. Barack Obama and Saluki Head Football Coach Jerry Kill spoke at the April event and faculty and staff offered presentations on informative topics such as horsemanship, home gardening, alternative energy, water quality, and public acceptance of genetically modified crops.

Minish also formed a 50-member college leadership board that will meet



Although students at Southern have been peddling produce on campus for decades, these two photos show the striking difference in the formality of attire these days.

twice a year, once in Springfield and once in Carbondale, to help guide and support the college's programs.

"The southern half of Illinois has great potential, and our college is best suited to be a major contributor," says Minish. "With the breadth of expertise we have in the college, we have an inside track to become a major player in enhancing not only the economy but the quality of life for people in this area." ■

# Alumni Duo Bringing Lincoln To Life

A Southern Connection At Presidential Library And Museum

by Marianne Lawrence

Despite working long hours in the hectic weeks before the recent grand opening of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Ill., Marty Matin '79 and William Snyder M.F.A. '03 still found a little time to reminisce about their alma mater.

The two Southern Illinois University Carbondale graduates chatted as they walked to the Human Resources Office last February soon after starting their new jobs at the museum. They learned that although more than 20 years separated their experiences at the University Museum, they still had plenty to talk about, especially how each of them made their way to the presidential library.

Before his Saluki college career really got started, Matin took a few months to consider his career options – in Europe and the Middle East! “My varied interests in history, art, religion, and science could be pulled together somehow, but as a young student I wondered how and where,” he recalled.

“After taking an elective anthropology class in the spring of 1976, all of a sudden I'd found a single academic field that welcomed my interests,” says Matin.

When one of his mentors mentioned working at the University Museum, his niche was verified. “I worked with 10 to 15 student workers at the museum from all different programs and backgrounds to help inventory and catalog artifacts.”

Although Matin's career goal at that point had become a “no-brainer,” after graduation he opted out of the museum field. “As a single parent, I had to be

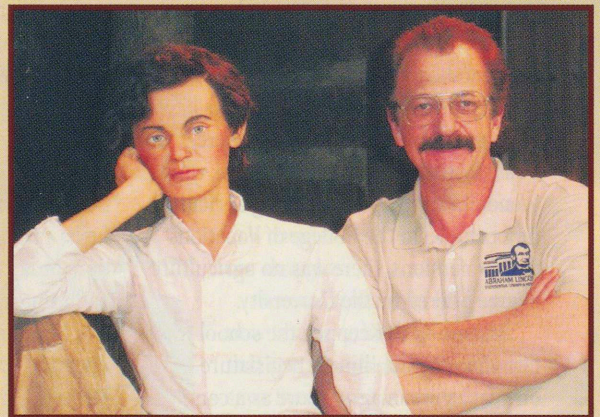
practical,” says Matin, who moved near his parents in Florida and opened a successful landscaping business. Later, after brief museum experiences at the Field Museum in Chicago and the Kendall College Mitchell Indian Museum in Evanston, he moved to New Mexico where for the next decade and a half he worked in state and federal government.

After budget restructuring and cuts, professional career options led Matin back to the museum field he had been out of for 16 years. In answering an ad for the George Bush Presidential Library in Texas, and always the optimist, Matin says, “I applied with a positive attitude, thinking it would be nice to get a rejection letter from a presidential library.”

Positive attitude intact, he was hired as an exhibit specialist in 1997 and, after four years, moved on to the Lyndon Johnson Presidential Museum in Austin, Texas. “I remember hearing rumors for decades about a Lincoln Museum opening someday in Springfield,” says Matin, who after reading about its opening, sent an e-mail to world renowned presidential scholars and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Director Richard Norton Smith, whom he had met professionally some years before. Matin congratulated him for being named director and on the approaching museum dedication. He also attached his resume.

Norton responded, saying, “I think we can use your talents,” and hired the Chicago-born, North Shore kid who now felt he had come full circle both professionally and personally, after more than 20 years. “Matin was hired as Director of Exhibitions and Senior Curator and says, “I never thought I would go beyond being an exhibits preparatory.

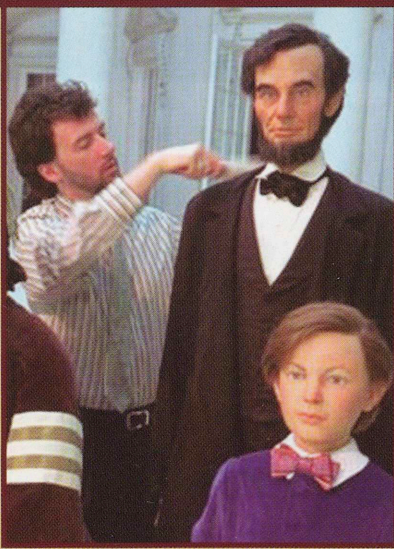
Leaving his family in Texas, he moved to Springfield and on his way drove through Carbondale on a cold and rainy Sunday afternoon last February. “I found things different yet much the same after



Marty Matin, director of exhibitions and senior curator of the new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, poses beside a young Abe Lincoln, one of several life-sized figures at the museum.

nearly 25 years,” he says. “I headed to Faner, but had to peek through the windows since the museum was closed. Many fond memories have stayed with me through the years.”

He also paid a visit to the Wesley Foundation, where he used to play guitar as a singer/songwriter in the little coffee-



William Snyder, museum registrar, touches up the costume of President Lincoln, who is standing behind his young son, Willie.

house there. "I would love to see my youngest daughter, a high school junior in Texas, come to SIU," he said. "Aimee is an extremely talented and creative visual artist, designer and wordsmith who could benefit greatly from the progressive diversity of humanities, fine arts, liberal arts, engineering, design – SIUC departments that maintain national reputations."

Matin and his fellow alum, William Snyder, who is the museum's registrar, began their jobs a week apart, with only a couple of months to go before the library and museum's gala opening event – highlighted by a visit from current President George W. Bush.

Snyder's 15 years of experience in museums helped prepare him for the crunch time work. He has degrees in architecture and art history from the University of Cincinnati with experience at the Taft Museum of Art in Cincinnati, the Louisville, Ky., Science Center, and Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens in Akron, Ohio.

He came to Southern and earned a master's in fine arts in fibers in 2003 and found a home in the University Museum. He was a graduate assistant for two years before being hired full time as exhibits designer. "I was thrilled to come to a university that had both the program I was interested in as well as an accredited museum on campus," says Snyder.

Lori Huffman, museum curator of collections and development officer, calls her former graduate assistant, somewhat

of a Renaissance man. "William is talented with a design background in studio arts and architecture; he brought good use of color and perspective to our exhibits." She is philosophic about his departure from the University, saying, "someone else can now enjoy his talents."

Snyder says, "It is a fantastic opportunity to be working with state-of-the-art, cutting-edge, museum industry top-of-the-line stuff at the Lincoln Museum." His responsibilities include caring for artifacts once they are put on display as well as arranging for temporary exhibitions, loan arrangements with other museums, and shipping and insurance details.

He worked with Matin on the "Blood on the Moon" exhibit which documents the last day of Lincoln's life, outlining what both Lincoln and Booth did that day. Snyder is already working on the next major temporary exhibit – "Christmas at the White House" – which will open in November. The exhibit will feature items belonging in each president's term beginning with John Adams, since there was no White House during Washington's term.

Snyder is also in charge of the life-sized figures in the central plaza of the museum that include members of the Lincoln family. "Visitors are encouraged to interact, but not to rough-house with them," says Snyder, who points out that the figures can be touched. "Staff is kept busy taking photos of visiting families with the Lincoln family."

Both Snyder and Matin are awed at the sophistication of the new facility, especially the high-tech, special effects used in several of the presentations. Matin says simply, "It's the most incredibly exciting museum I've ever been in – truly a history museum for the 21st-century, incorporating the latest technology available. It tells the story of Lincoln in a way that can't be missed – this place is a must. I am in awe and get a chill up my spine everyday I come to work. What could be better?"

Snyder agrees, adding that "most of the visitors I talk to express the same feelings. This is what makes museum work so rewarding."

## Lincoln Museum And Library Highlights

The new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is located in downtown Springfield, Ill., at 112 North 6th Street. The museum is open Monday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The last museum admission is one hour before closing. Recommended time for viewing the exhibits is two hours.

Fees are \$7.50 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors, members of the military and students, and \$3.50 for children. Some features of the museum include:

**Permanent Exhibits** – "The Presidential Years" and "The White House Years" occupy more than 40,000 square feet within the museum.

**The Plaza** – Life-sized members of the Lincoln family and other players in the life and times of Lincoln are displayed.

**Union Theater** – A multi-venue special effects theater features "Lincoln's Eyes," an overview of Lincoln's life. The theater can convert to a "Storyteller Theater" and be used for other events such as lectures and seminars.

**Holavision® Theater for "Ghosts of the Library"** is a dramatic special-effects presentation that explains what a presidential library is.

**Mrs. Lincoln's Attic** – Designed for young children to learn and play in the time of Lincoln. Toys, clothes, books and games are offered. Parental supervision is required.

**Temporary Exhibits** – "Blood on the Moon" is an exhibit dealing with Lincoln's assassination and will feature the bed on which the 16th President died, which has been loaned for the first time by the Chicago Historical Society. The exhibit will run through October.

The **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library** is a reference and research library and not a lending library. Its collection includes manuscripts, newspapers, audio visual items, microfilm, and numerous items belonging to Lincoln. In addition, the research facility houses more than 12 million documents, books, and artifacts relating to all areas of Illinois history.

Admission to the library is free, and hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday; and 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday. The library is closed on Sunday.

For more information on the library and museum, visit the Web site at [www.alplm.org](http://www.alplm.org).

## Couple's Gift Refurbishes Pipe Organ In Altgeld Hall

Music students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale will enjoy playing a refurbished pipe organ for years to come in Altgeld Hall thanks to the generosity of a faculty member and his wife.

When work began more than three years ago to refurbish Altgeld Hall, home of the School of Music, the school was faced with a challenge. The pipe organ, used for practice sessions, was badly in need of repair. Marianne Webb, distinguished University organist and professor emerita of music at Southern, didn't want to see the organ scrapped, but knew the school didn't have resources to refurbish it.

She reached out to Jeanne Brazinski Wacker and her husband, Raymond Wacker, an associate professor of

accountancy on campus. They appreciated the school's predicament and agreed to help. The couple financed the reconstruction of the Wicks practice organ to the tune of about \$19,000. To acknowledge and honor their contribution, the organ studio will carry their name.

The Wackers call their contribution a "response to the sacred spirit of God that lives in each of us that causes us to share our blessings with missions to which we have been called." The restoration of the practice organ, Mrs. Wacker says, is one small step in protecting the University's larger asset, the majestic pipe organ in Shryock Auditorium.

"The Shryock organ is not only the finest organ in this region, but one of the

finest in the United States," she explains. "This multi-million dollar investment of the University needs to be played regularly to prevent decline. Therefore, it is very important that the University maintain its organ curriculum."

Mrs. Wacker is a freelance certified public accountant; she and her five siblings all earned degrees at the University.

"Without this gift, we would not have been able to save this useful instrument," says Robert Weiss, director of the SIUC School of Music. "This generous gift will be appreciated by students for many years to come."

Webb agrees. "We are grateful. They have provided a gift that will give back the sound of music for generations." ■



Jeanne and Raymond Wacker stand in front of the pipe organ at Altgeld Hall. Seated is professor emerita of music Marianne Webb.



## Strom Receives Top AP/Staff Award

**L**ois Strom, assistant to the chairman of the Department of Surgery at the SIU School of Medicine in Springfield, recently received the Southern Illinois University Carbondale Administrative/Professional Staff Outstanding Service Award for 2004-2005.

Strom was among four finalists for the award, which recognizes individuals who give above and beyond to the University and community. A University employee for 23 years, she has worked in her current position since 1995.

She receives a \$2,000 cash award and a personal parking space for a year. Strom's name also will appear on a permanent plaque displayed near the Student Center River Rooms.

"I feel honored just being nominated," she says. "We all do things because we want things to be good at work and good in the community. But when somebody recognizes that, particularly the people you work closely with, it makes it special."

In his nominating letter, Dr. Robert McLafferty, associate professor of surgery and vice chair for clinical affairs in the Department of Surgery, praises Strom's thoroughness, and credits Strom for the department's smooth transition as it becomes one of the larger surgery departments in the nation.

Her many duties include overseeing the surgery department's financial affairs, managing a staff that oversees 130 accounts for Department of Surgery faculty, and coordinating office operations.

Those nominating Strom also noted her civic and community involvement, including chairing the reopening of the Lincoln Home in Springfield and serving on the Springfield Zoning Commission.

The other finalists were:

- **Steve Buhman**, producer/visual media, Media and Communication Resources.



Lois Strom, (far left) was the winner of the SIUC Administrative/Professional Staff Outstanding Service Award. The three other finalists for the award were (from left) Greg Scott, Beth Mochnick, and Steve Buhman.

- **Beth Mochnick**, field representative, International Students and Scholars.

- **Greg Scott**, assistant director, Alumni Services.

## Pommier Selected For Civil Service Award

**R**uth Pommier, a clerk in University Housing, recently received the Southern Illinois University Carbondale Outstanding Civil Service Award for 2004-2005.

Pommier was among six finalists for the award, which recognizes individuals who go above and beyond in their service to the University and community. A University employee since 1982, she has worked in her current position since 1990.



This is the sixth time Pommier was nominated for the award. She receives a \$2,000 cash award, a marked reserved parking space on campus for one year, an engraved plaque, and has her name added to the permanent plaque displayed near the Student Center River Rooms.

A high school English instructor at Hall Township, Harvard and Mascoutah High Schools for a combined 21 years, Pommier is more than a clerk overseeing the needs of a 273-unit housing complex at Southern Hills Family Housing, says her nominator, housing maintenance inspector John Newsome. Her organizational skills allow her to balance demands from that job with the "special challenges of serving as president of the University's largest labor union represent-

ing civil service employees," he writes.

"No matter how busy she might be, she is always a 'team player' who offers to pitch in where needed and often requests additional responsibility," and goes "that extra mile" in helping residents and staff, Newsome writes, adding that Pommier, president of the Association of Civil Service Employees, is "hands down, a leader in championing the cause of civil service."

The other nominees were:

- Judi Cockrum**, office systems specialist III, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Energy

- Maureen Doran**, supervisor, Histology Center, School of Medicine

- Rhonda Hooper**, administrative assistant I, Institutional Research and Studies

- Nancy Mallett**, office systems specialist II, Department of Economics

- Jeri Novara**, office systems specialist III, School of Accountancy

## Softball Wins Another MVC Title

For the second straight season, Saluki Softball captured the Missouri Valley Conference regular season title. This year, however, the 47-14 squad did it in record fashion.

Southern's juggernaut produced many school records, none larger than the mark for wins. The Salukis dominated the league, finishing atop the conference in hitting (.284) and pitching (1.16 ERA). After losing two straight in the conference tournament, the 20th-ranked Dawgs were able to earn their third straight at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The Salukis started post-season action in strong fashion, shutting out host Missouri 3-0 in the opening game of the regional. A pair of losses the next day to Stanford (9-1) and Missouri (9-0), however, ended the season for *Kerri Blaylock's* squad.

*Amy Harre* led the way from the mound, earning the MVC Pitcher of the Year award. She went 23-9 with a 1.34 ERA, 13 shutouts, 25 complete games, a no-hitter, and 171 strikeouts in 214 innings pitched. The four-time All-MVC performer ended her tenure with career-records of 84 wins, 49 shutouts, 124 starts and 150 appearances. Fellow hurler *Cassidy Scoggins* went 20-5 with a Valley-best 0.94 ERA. She had four no-hitters, a perfect game, nine shutouts, and 191 strikeouts in 156 innings pitched.

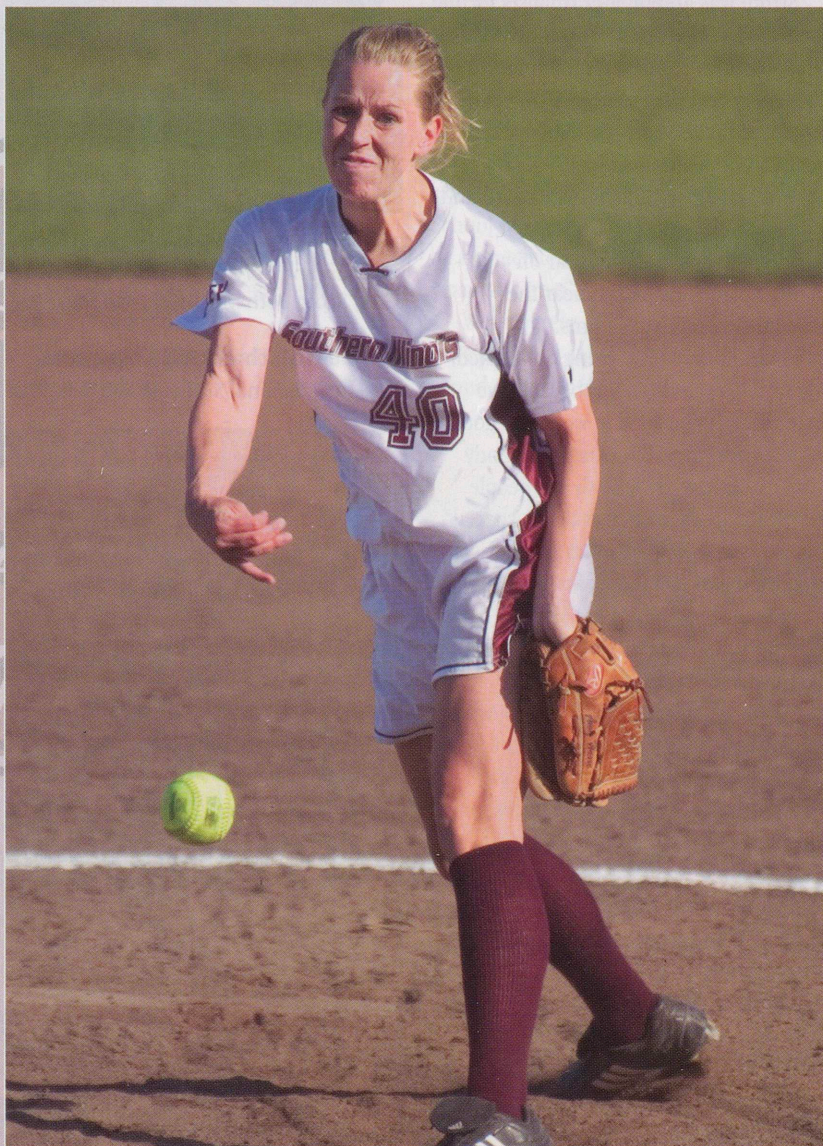
Offensively, *Krystal Stein* led Southern with a .359 average, with *Tiffanie Dismore* right behind at .343. The power numbers came courtesy of the trio of *Katie Jordon*, *Maria Damico*, and *Katie Louis*, who combined for 40 of the squad's 67 homers. Jordan and Damico slugged 14 each, while Louis added 12.

Replacing some upperclassmen will be the biggest challenge Southern faces next season, as the 2005 senior class produced a four-year mark of 162-62, won the first two MVC regular season titles in

school history, and made three straight NCAA Tournament appearances.

"It was an incredible run and I'm sorry that it had to end," Blaylock says. "Our senior class was blessed with four great players (Damico, Harre, Jordan and Kelly Creek), and we will miss them greatly."

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Amy Harre ended her brilliant Saluki career by leading the squad to its third straight NCAA Tournament, second straight league regular season title, and earned MVC Pitcher of the Year honors in the process. She was 23-9 this season and fired 13 shutouts and a no-hitter.

## Football Squad Faces Challenging Schedule

The Football Salukis, fresh from a top national ranking and a second consecutive 10-2 season and Gateway Conference title, face a challenging schedule in 2005. In addition to the always combative league slate, the Dawgs battle new non-conference opponents Western Michigan and North Dakota State.

The season begins on Thursday, Sept. 1, when Southern travels to Southeast Missouri State to renew the oldest rivalry in school history. The two teams have met annually since 1994 and 73 times since the series began in 1913. The Gateway campaign gets started on Oct. 1, as the Salukis host Missouri State (formerly Southwest Missouri State) on Homecoming.

The Dawgs play NCAA-I foe Western Michigan on the road Sept. 17, and then later host powerful North Dakota State to complete the regular season on Nov. 19.

Reigning I-AA National Coach of the Year *Jerry Kill* looks forward to the season, and is glad the schedule finally is in place.

"It was a challenge to put together our schedule this year," Kill says. "The process was time-consuming, but we're thrilled with how it turned out. We've added a I-A team (Western Michigan) with a strong football tradition and a program on the rise (North Dakota State) that was nationally-ranked a year ago."

The SIU Alumni Association plans to again offer member tailgates at all home games, as well as pre-game alumni events at Western Michigan and Western Kentucky. Look for more details at [www.sialumni.com](http://www.sialumni.com).

## 2005 Saluki Football Schedule

Sept. 1	@Southeast Missouri State, 6 p.m.
Sept. 10	UNION COLLEGE, 6 p.m.
Sept. 17	@Western Michigan, 6 p.m.
Oct. 1	*MISSOURI STATE (HC), 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	@*Western Illinois, 6:05 p.m.
Oct. 15	*ILLINOIS STATE, 6 p.m.
Oct. 22	@*Indiana State, 2 p.m.
Oct. 29	@*Western Kentucky, 5 p.m.
Nov. 5	*YOUNGSTOWN STATE, 3 p.m.
Nov. 12	@*Northern Iowa, 5:05 p.m.
Nov. 19	NORTH DAKOTA STATE, 3 p.m.

\*Denotes Gateway Conference game.  
All times are Central Standard Time.

## Saluki Baseball Posts Strong 38-Win Season

Saluki Baseball recorded a stellar 38-21 season, representing the most wins for the program in the past 15 years. Southern was third in the Missouri Valley Conference (15-9), finishing only two games behind champion Creighton University. The Dawgs, however, were quickly eliminated in the league tournament, removing any chance for a post-season bid.



P.J. Finigan was named MVC Player of the Year after winning the batting title (.388) and going 9-3 on the mound. He was the first Saluki to win the top league honor since Doug Shields accomplished the feat in 1990.

"I was proud of our players, and enjoyed this group a great deal," says head coach *Dan Callahan*. "Through injuries and defec-tion, they had to play through some adversity, but handled that pressure by playing some of their best baseball down the stretch. It was a special squad."

Leading the way for Southern was MVC Player of the Year *P.J. Finigan*, a shortstop who won the league's batting title with a .388 average, and led the Salukis in total bases (119), triples (5), homers (6), and RBI (50). On the mound the senior was a team-best 9-3 with an eye-popping 107 strikeouts and only 36 walks in 105.2 innings. Also starring on the hill were *Bryan Rueger* (9-4), *Tyler Norrick* (5-3), and *Adam Snyder* (2-3, 6 saves), who helped give the Salukis one of the top pitching staffs in the conference.

Offensively, Finigan was assisted by centerfielder *Kevin Koski*, who led the Valley in hits (92), finished the season with a .380 average, and maintained a current 35-game hitting streak – the second-longest in MVC history.

Southern produced the outstanding season despite having only three seniors on the squad.

## West Inducted Into MVC Hall Of Fame

**D**r. Charlotte West, a longtime administrator in Saluki Athletics, was recently inducted into the Missouri Valley Conference Hall of Fame. West was selected as the fifth honoree in The Valley's Lifetime Achievement category.

The Lifetime Achievement category honors former players, coaches, administrators or alumni who competed, worked or attended a current conference school.

A mentor and a leader nationally, West retired as associate athletics director at Southern in 1998, but left a legacy as one of the nation's pioneers in women's collegiate athletics. She served as a coach, faculty member and an administrator during her 42-year tenure.

She began her service to the University in 1957 as a coach and instructor in the department of physical education. In 1973, she became a full professor and developed a graduate program in sports management, which she directed until June 1991.

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

West earned regional and national acclaim for her work in the governance of intercollegiate athletics. She was president of the American Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee, first woman member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors and served a five-year stint on the NCAA Council.

The first recipient of the Woman Administrator of the Year Award from the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA), she was also named the first recipient of the Honda Award—a national honor given for outstanding achievement in women's collegiate athletics.

Although known as an administrator, West was also an excellent coach, leading the 1969 SIU women's golf team to a national championship, the same year her women's basketball team finished fifth in the nation at the NIT. In all, she coached five sports from 1957-1975 at SIU, and her basketball squads compiled a 113-51 slate in 12 seasons.



Charlotte West is introduced to the crowd during the MVC Men's Basketball Tournament. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame earlier that weekend.

### Locke Resigns To Accept Academic Advisor Position



**S**aluki Volleyball Coach Sonya Locke, a 1988 inductee into the SIU Hall of Fame and an All-American volleyball player at Southern from 1979-82, recently resigned to accept a new role as an academic advisor in the athletic department. Locke had a 14-year coaching record of 188-232 at Southern.

"I have contemplated a change of direction for some time now, and the Lord has opened the door for me to continue to have a positive impact on Saluki Athletics by becoming a member of the student services staff," Locke says. "I am excited about the opportunity to continue to mentor young people."

Saluki Athletics Director Paul Kowalczyk feels Locke will make an immediate contribution in her new position. "Sonya's leadership skills and passion for Saluki Athletics will continue to benefit our department as an academic advisor," he says. "I'm extremely pleased she's decided to remain a Saluki. There's no one more committed to the student-athlete concept and no finer representative of Southern Illinois University."

## Former Saluki Golfer On 'Big Break III'

Liz Uthoff fared well while a member of Southern's women's golf squad, helping the team capture two Missouri Valley Conference titles. Recently she was vying for a spot on a much larger venue—the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour.

Uthoff, who earned her bachelor's degree in animal science production in 2001, was one of 10 contestants in The Golf Channel's reality show, *Big Break III – Ladies Only*, which debuted in February.

The women competed in a series of physically demanding and mentally challenging tasks resulting in the elimination of one golfer each week. The series included best ball, match and stroke play, putting events, and skills competitions.

She was eliminated 7th out of 10, finishing among the top four competitors.

Winning the competition would have provided exemption into select LPGA events.

Her efforts made her former coach proud.

"Liz was a favorite on the show and represented herself and Southern well," says Saluki women's golf coach Diane Daugherty. "She was positive and friendly with everyone involved."

Daugherty enjoyed seeing her former player recently, as Uthoff returned for the team's annual fundraiser. "She was signing autographs," the Saluki coach laughs. "Liz was famous!"

Uthoff, 25, is a golf instructor at Norwood Hills Country Club in St. Louis.

Uthoff started in golf when she was 5 years old. She rose through the ranks of junior golf and helped her St. Joseph Academy High School team win state titles in 1995 and 1996, and was a state medalist in 1996.



Liz Uthoff helped lead the Salukis to two MVC titles during her collegiate career.

This is the third *Big Break* series produced by The Golf Channel. More information on *Big Break III – Ladies Only* is available at [www.thegolfchannel.com/23239/3644](http://www.thegolfchannel.com/23239/3644).

## Rec Dawgs Boast Large Alumni Group At Convention



Southern alums were once again well represented at the annual National Intramural Recreational Sports Conference, held this spring in Orlando, Fla. The Saluki group met for their annual alumni breakfast to see old friends and exchange stories. Current staff and former graduate students employed in full-time recreational positions throughout the country are, front row from left (with their current employer listed after each name): Kathy Hollister (SIUC) and Sally Wright (SIUC). Second row: Amy Swingle (Sam Houston), Jason Lipe (Southeast Missouri), Jodi Hawkins (Rhode Island), Mike Warren (Wisconsin), and Bill McMinn (SIUC). Third row: Alice Starkweather (SIUC), Kelly Lafer (Arizona State), Kevin Linker (Eastern Illinois), Sarah Harden-Specht (Southeast Missouri), and Mike Dunn (Ohio State). Fourth row: Doug Tammen (Virginia), Roy Inglis (Vincennes), Randy Dawson (Orthotech Sports Medical, Inc.), Matt Specht (Southeast Missouri), Eric Simmons (Tennessee-Martin), and Gary Tisdale (SIUC). Fifth row: Dale Carruthers (Wisconsin), Lori Lynn (Southeast Missouri), Gerald Ashley (Michigan), Sean Curtis (Washington University), Brian Lukes (SIUC), and Charles Ferguson (SIUC). Sixth row: Herman Williams (SIUC), Jeff Goelz (SIUC), Tony Franklin (Clemson), and Dave Miller (Cannon Architect and Design Corp.).

## Boydston Helped Transform Athletics

**D**on Boydston, who guided Southern's nationally-recognized health education department for 33 years, died recently in Naples, Fla., at the age of 84.

Recruited by then-University President Delyte Morris in 1955, Boydston shaped the University's Department of Health Education and Recreation by attracting not just pre-eminent faculty to campus, but also finding and mentoring younger faculty members who have gone on to distinguished careers in the health education field. Boydston also guided the department's esteemed graduate program.

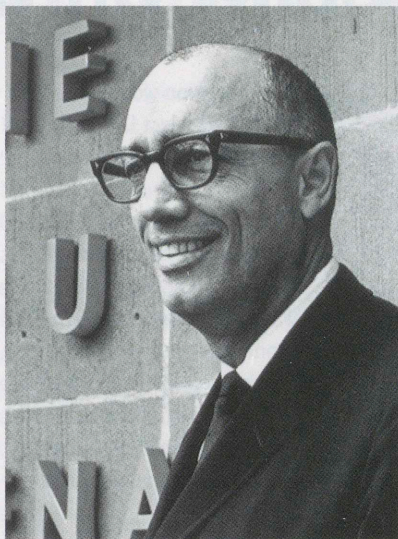
While at Southern, Boydston helped transform the athletics department from the small-college ranks into a big-time university program during 15 years as athletics director from 1957 to 1972.

Boydston and his wife, Jo Ann—an internationally respected Dewey scholar who led the University's Center for Dewey Studies to international prominence—provided a \$1 million gift in 1994 to establish the Jo Ann and Don Boydston Endowed Chair of American Philosophy in the College of Liberal Arts. His wife survives.

His last faculty hire during his tenure as chair of the health education department was then-assistant professor Paul Sarvela in 1986. Sarvela is now dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

Boydston leaves two distinct legacies at the University, Sarvela says.

"He made an outstanding impact in the field of health education and the College of Education, and he was important in the development of our athletic programs," he says. "Few people have made such an impact on two large programs at Southern."



Don Boydston took Southern's intercollegiate athletics program to the next level during his 15 years as the department's director.

Boydston was a strong believer in a comprehensive athletics program where supporting minor sports programs was as important as support for football and basketball. That emphasis showed in the development of one of the nation's most well-rounded athletic programs in the 1960s—moving from National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics status to a force in the NCAA.

Between 1960 and 1972, Saluki teams won 12 national championships in gymnastics, cross-country, swimming, golf and tennis.

He called experts in a particular sport and simply asked who they thought were three of the best young coaches in the

country who would likely succeed in the next 10 years. The resulting answers brought basketball coaches Jack Hartman and Paul Lambert, gymnastics coach Bill Meade, track coach Lew Hartzog, and baseball coach Itchy Jones to Carbondale.

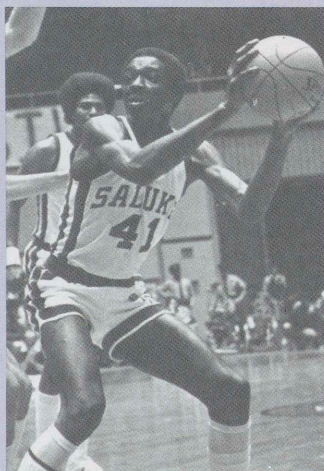
He also recruited the best and brightest minority student-athletes to campus, including former Saluki football standouts Carver Shannon, Sam Silas, Houston Antwine, and Lionel Antoine and Walt Frazier, who helped lead Hartman's men's basketball team to the 1967 NIT title.

Seymour Bryson, SIUC's associate chancellor for diversity, came to Southern in 1955 and was a student worker for Boydston for four years while in college. Boydston was "primarily responsible for integrating Southern's intercollegiate athletic programs," he says.

"During a period of time when it was not fashionable to recruit students of color, I think Dr. Boydston set the climate for Southern to become a pioneer in integrating the intercollegiate athletic program," Bryson notes. "He was primarily responsible for recruiting most of the athletes during that time from the deep South."

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, Boydston grew up in Oklahoma and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Oklahoma State University, and a master's and doctoral degree from Columbia University. He was a decorated veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps who saw action at Saipan and Iwo Jima during World War II.

Contributions to honor Boydston may be made to the Boydston Scholar-Athlete Scholarship, Planned Parenthood of Collier, County Inc., or Hospice of Naples, Fla. ■



### Saluki Hall Of Famer Wayne Abrams Dies

**F**ormer Saluki basketball star Wayne Abrams, who helped Southern reach the NCAA Sweet 16 in 1977 and is still the program's all-time assists leader, recently died at age 47 from a heart attack at his home in Milledgeville, Ga.

Abrams, a 6-6 guard for the Salukis, was known as "The Rubber Band Man" during his Saluki career from 1976-80. A product of Douglas High School in Atlanta, Ga., Abrams would score 1,426 points for the Salukis and hand out more assists (465) than any player to ever wear the maroon and white. He was inducted into the Saluki Hall of Fame in 1998.

The slender point guard formed an impressive tandem with his brother, Corky, who was one of the program's top rebounders during the late 1970s.

Fred Huff, the University's Sports Information Director during those years, fondly calls "The Rubber Band Man" as one of the best players ever at Southern. "Wayne was a complete player who could do it all," he says. "Some of his skills were comparable to Darren Brooks, as each could score, play great defense, and rebound well at the guard spot."

And with that ability came endurance, as Abrams earned the reputation of being an iron man on the floor. In four collegiate seasons, he averaged 33.5 minutes per game. ■

# How To Get A Summer Internship

**S**ummer is here and it's time to start looking for summer jobs. How could a Southern Illinois University Carbondale student gain invaluable experience in a chosen field of study, learn from professional staff, develop networking skills and gain future employment? All these benefits can be achieved through a summer internship.

A summer internship is a chance to get hands-on training and develop the necessary skills to become more marketable to employers. Here are some explanations of what an internship could do for you:

## What is an internship?

An internship basically is a trial run at a company and serves as one of the best ways to test out a potential career field or employer. Internships can last two weeks or a full year, though most are approximately three months in length. Most internships take place over the summer, though others may occur over the fall or spring semesters. The majority of internships are full time, though some are part time.

## Why do an internship?

Individuals might be tempted to take a job just to earn money. There's nothing wrong with that, but there's so much more to be obtained by doing an internship. For example, if an individual wants to break into a field that's tough to crack, like entertainment or advertising or politics, the best way to get a position is to have interned in that field. Not only will it provide great experience to put on a resume, but individuals can also meet contacts and potential mentors.

Interning at top companies puts one on the fast track to getting a full-time offer from that firm or one of its competitors. Most large companies are much more likely to hire a former intern than someone "right off the street." Even if the internship doesn't turn into a career with that employer, the student will have acquired invaluable experience which can be added to their resume.



Studying with an expert in a given field often provides a student with the needed experience to take the next professional step.

## If you need to get paid

Don't think that doing an internship means giving up on pay altogether. It's true that many internships are unpaid or offer only college credit, but these are often small, interesting organizations or companies in glamorous industries. But many others offer some kind of payment, from a stipend or travel allowance to a generous salary. Others offer interesting perks, including travel and the chance to attend exclusive industry events.

## Tips for applying

If an individual finds an internship that interests him/her, it would be a good idea to utilize this short checklist to help make a successful application:

- *Apply by the deadline* – A few months before the deadline is even better, since a small organization might just take the first qualified intern who applies.
- *Follow the instructions* – Individuals should provide a writing sample, but don't send a photo portfolio. If the employers ask for a reference, start canvassing professors

and previous employers.

Make sure the resume is up-to-date and thoroughly spell-checked. For help writing a resume, contact SIUC's Career Services at 618-453-2391. Ask an experienced career counselor or a professional to review the resume. If applying for an internship in a different field, more than one version of the resume highlighting different experience may be necessary. Make sure that the most current information is on the resume.

- *Don't ignore the cover letter* – Make a persuasive case in the cover letter, which should be tailored to each specific internship at the company. Do the research and be specific and honest about why the opportunity is right.

- *Follow-up* – If you are interested in the internship, there is nothing wrong with a quick call or e-mail a few weeks after the application has been sent to let the organization know your level of interest. However, peppering the company with phone calls every day is not a good idea.

- *Carpe diem* – If you are interested in an internship but feel your qualifications aren't quite right, apply anyway and stress a real interest. Many organizations would rather have a truly excited and motivated intern than one that just meets the qualifications on paper.

- *Take experience over money* – Individuals can always earn money. The window of opportunity for internships isn't eternally open. If necessary, consider taking a part-time job in order to work at the internship they want.

- *Internships aren't just for college students* – You might be surprised at the number of companies and organizations willing to open their doors to smart and eager high school students. Similarly, many internships welcome college grads. If an individual's career isn't getting off to as fast a start as they might like, an internship at a company they're interested in is a good option. That's also an ideal way to network into a full-time job. ■

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Alexis Allen, pictured here with SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler, was honored as one of the University's premier students this spring.



# A 'SUPER' STUDENT

*WHO MAKES EVERYTHING ON CAMPUS  
A LITTLE BETTER*

BY GREG SCOTT



**M**any influential forces can contribute to an individual's success. Alexis Allen had this thought in mind recently when she was being honored as one of only two Super Student Junior Scholarship recipients at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

While being recognized as one of the University's premier students at the Super Student Honors banquet this spring, she knew the accolade was a tribute to her family as well.

"My mom is amazed by the number of activities I'm involved in. She probably garnered more enjoyment out of this award than I did," Allen says. "Actually, this was really my mother receiving this award because she helped make me who I am. Also, my father is the smartest person I know, and he has always assisted me in making tough decisions. They are the reason I was able to accomplish this."

The Student Alumni Council, the student chapter of the SIU Alumni Association, bestows the Super Student Scholarship upon two juniors each year for enriching the University through their involvement in various facets of campus life. In addition to receiving a \$500 scholarship, recipients and their families were honored at a dinner hosted by SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler, the SIU Alumni Association, and Student Alumni Council during Honors Weekend last spring.

For Allen, it was fitting that her parents, who made the trip to campus from central Illinois for the event, were honored as well. "I had all of my parents' attention and support growing up," she says. "They were thrilled and proud the night of the banquet."

### *FOCUSED EARLY ON*

While growing up as the only child of Michael and Donna Allen in tiny Sullivan, Ill., Alexis says she was never spoiled by being the focus of attention. "I try not to act like a spoiled child because that certainly wasn't my parents' intention," she says. "I've had opportunities, but I'm not afraid to roll up my sleeves and work either."

This point has become quite clear since Allen's arrival at Southern in the fall of 2002. While maintaining a sparkling 3.93 grade point average, the business management major has held three jobs and assumed several volunteer leadership positions on campus through her involvement in Southern's undergraduate student government and various registered student organizations.

Allen, who received a full tuition scholarship to become a Saluki, takes special pride in showcasing the University to incoming students. As a Saluki Ambassador, she volunteers to conduct campus tours biweekly, and answers questions posed by prospective students and families at open-house events. She has also been a student life advisor and captain, fostering the growth of her fellow students on campus.

"Southern has given me so much. I have been afforded many opportunities here, so I like to promote the University," she says. "It is enjoyable telling families how great this place is and why their children should come here; by doing that, I'm sharing my sincere thoughts."

"I'm only a few years older than incoming students. However, you grow a great deal during a short period of time in college and realize what is important in life. I embrace being a role model they can relate to."

As a staff member in the Saluki Athletics ticket office, Allen witnesses this school pride firsthand. She considers the position one of her favorite jobs.

"Our season ticket-holders are truly poster children for Saluki pride. Some have up to 10 season tickets and they tailgate prior to each home football game," she says. "It has been a lot of fun because my freshman year is when our sports teams really started winning consistently. Being in that environment and working with the people in athletics has been quite enjoyable."

Her two other jobs include serving as a member of the security staff at Shryock Auditorium and assisting in coordinating scholarships in the financial aid office. Terri Harfst, Academic Scholarship Coordinator who supervises Allen, refers to her understudy as "an exceptionally dedicated and giving individual who is always prepared to lend a helping hand while exhibiting a positive attitude, which makes her a delight to work with."

"Alexis truly leads by example and serves as a role model for all," says Harfst in her letter recommending Allen for the Super Student Scholarship.

### *A DIFFERENT OUTLOOK*

Allen hasn't shied away from taking a leadership role since arriving at Southern. The following is an excerpt from Allen in her application for the Super Student Scholarship:

## TIFFANY HEIL EARNS OTHER SUPER STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP



A woman with a passion for serving others joins Alexis Allen as a recipient of the 2005 Super Student Junior Scholarship.

Tiffany Heil, a junior recreation major at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, has maintained a 3.83 grade point average in her major while leading several community and University service projects and endeavors. She is the founding president of the Beautify Southern Illinois Student Alliance (BSISA), a registered student organization established in 2003 that performs a variety of beautification and community-service projects in the region.

"Paul Restivo (BSISA advisor) is my mentor and has helped me realize the importance of giving back to the community and everyone who

encompasses my life," Heil says. "My family instilled values in me prior to attending college. Southern has cultivated that seed."

Through her founding of BSISA, Heil has steered various community beautification projects and spearheaded educational opportunities for southern Illinois children. The Mundelein, Ill., native serves as publicity chair of the Student Rec Society and a member of the Golden Key Honor Society on campus. Heil's additional honors include Delta Zeta's "Most Active Member" in October 2003 and Panhellenic Service Woman of the Year in 2004. Heil is a University Honors student.

In addition to coordinating community-service projects and maintaining a stellar GPA, Heil is employed at the Center for Environmental Health and Safety on campus. She has also served as executive director of Keep Carbondale Beautiful since November. She is involved in a leadership training program offered by the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, and a regional Clean Up Southern Illinois Campaign launched by Glenn Poshard.

In a letter recommending Heil for the Super Student Scholarship, Restivo says: "Tiffany's personal commitment to volunteerism is nothing short of amazing. She has, in fact, provided well over 1,000 hours of volunteer service since September 2002! Tiffany is the primary reason that BSISA has gotten off to such a successful beginning. She has a very strong work ethic and is a can-do person. Additionally, this young woman inspires others to join her in the Beautify Southern Illinois Campaign and has already proven herself to be a 'change-agent.'"

Chancellor Walter Wendler awarded Heil the honorary title of SIUC Environmental Ambassador in 2004 for the extensive number of volunteer hours she has devoted to beautification. She was also the recipient of a Volunteer Service Award from U.S. President George Bush's Council on Service and Civic Participation in recognition of her extensive volunteerism for such organizations as the Women's Crisis Center.

"Since arriving at Southern in the fall of 2002, I have found new confidence in myself. I have dedicated myself to academics, giving my fullest to improving the community, and absorbing every new person, place, or thing that enters my life," Heil says. "SIU, my peers, faculty, the Carbondale community, and southern Illinois region have truly sculpted a new person. I thank God that I chose this University to be my institution for higher education. I have received the highest education possible."

*"Many college students that I have spoken with have stated that their main reason for attending college was to get a 'good' job with a high salary. In a sense, college is merely a stepping stone to achieve those goals. My outlook on college is somewhat different. For me, college is yet another opportunity for me to make a positive contribution. As a general rule of thumb for my life, I like to leave things better than I found them. So from the moment I set foot on this cam-*

*pus, I began to ask myself, 'What needs to be done?'"*

Her words have been followed with action for three years. She has been active in the Undergraduate Student Government since her freshman year, serving as a senator and chair of the finance committee. This role has allowed Allen to represent the student body on several committees, including Recreational Sports and Services, Student Center Board, which she will chair during her senior year, Core

Curriculum, and Residence Hall Advisory Board. She also was the sole student representative on two Associate Provost Search Committees, headed by SIUC Vice Chancellor John Dunn.

"Student government is a time commitment. Our meetings often run from 6 to 10 p.m. I commend people who do it because one way or another, they are trying," she says. "I wish we had more student interest, as we hardly ever have a full senate in our meetings.

"It is important for students to represent their constituents and challenge issues even if the administration doesn't act on our suggestions. USG is at least in a position to influence positive change on campus."

As with any leadership position, Allen admits that USG can be a challenge. "One problem is anti-administration in addition to being afraid of change. That bothers me because I work with administration on a daily basis."

Another key leadership role for Allen has been serving as executive director of Student Programming Council on campus, which she refers to as a "learning experience of a lifetime." She manages a volunteer staff of more than 100 and is responsible for overseeing an annual budget of more than \$200,000. SPC is primarily responsible for coordinating activities and events for the student body.

Donald Castle, assistant director of the Student Center, says Allen "has demonstrated a strong work ethic, vision, and motivation to succeed while leading the organization through many changes and facilitated improvements in programming, personnel management, and organization."

"Alexis promotes teamwork and is respected by students, faculty, and staff across campus," Castle says. "She serves as a role model for other students and encourages those around her to make their studies a top priority."

Many observers may wonder how Allen balances her jobs and leadership positions with academic prowess. Somehow, while partaking in various

extracurricular activities and being actively employed, she has also been on the University's Dean's List three semesters, a University Honor's Program participant, Chancellor's Scholar, and recognized by multiple national honor societies.


"At times, I get more out of extracurricular activities than classes. You learn techniques in class, but it's different when you put them into practice," she says. "Sometimes I get mad at myself and say maybe it's OK to get a 'B' on this test. But then I realize that's not right. There is something in me that's driven to succeed. My parents always told me not to settle when I can do better."

### **AN OFFER SHE COULDN'T REFUSE**

Ironically, Allen almost ended up never stepping foot on the Carbondale campus. Sullivan's valedictorian in 2002, she had been accepted at 12 schools, including the University of Southern California. Allen was set to attend the University of Illinois in Champaign, until Southern presented her with an offer she couldn't refuse.

"I had a roommate, completed my testing and was set to attend orientation at the U of I within the following week," she says. "But SIU notified me of this scholarship after my senior year at Sullivan. U of I wasn't giving me any scholarship money. I've never regretted coming here. It's been wonderful. I will be one of those people who will return to SIU and visit about a million offices here in the Student Center in addition to my professors. I'm glad I have something to come back to."

Allen, who has a career goal to teach at a university, plans to pursue a master's and doctorate after fulfilling requirements for her undergraduate degree, but intends to continue to be involved in whatever community she settles in after graduation.

"My parents always encouraged me to do everything I could because we only receive one chance at life—you can't do it over. I always try to get everything I can out of every single day." 

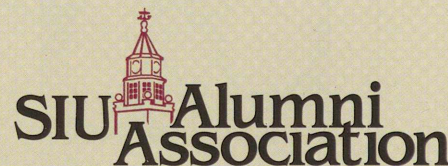
## **2005 SUPER STUDENT JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS/ 25 MOST DISTINGUISHED SENIOR AWARDS**

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## Saluki Basketball In Peoria

Sixty-one alumni and guests of Southern gathered for a pre-game reception in the Old Rendezvous Lounge of the Pere Marquette Hotel prior to the SIU-Bradley basketball game in February. The group enjoyed refreshments and talked Saluki hoops prior to game time.

William (Bill) Hancock, a 2005 Saluki Hall of Fame inductee, addressed guests during the reception. Hancock, a 1976 health education graduate of Southern, was a star decathlete for the Salukis in the 1970s. He earned All-American status in 1975 by finishing fifth at nationals in the indoor high jump with a mark of 6'11." He made world history by becoming the first decathlete to clear 7'0" in the high jump.



Ed Buerger, Executive Director of the SIU Alumni Association, visits with Saluki Hall of Famer Bill Hancock.

Hancock currently lives in Canton, Ill., where he is a safety inspector for the U.S. Department of Labor.

Ed Buerger, Executive Director of the SIU Alumni Association, invited Peoria-area attendees to participate in their local chapter, currently led by national board member Mike Munge. The group then headed to Carver Arena where boisterous SIU fans watched the Salukis defeat the Bradley Braves, 89-73.

Representing the University was Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry, and for the Association were national board members Don Magee and Mike Munge, Executive Director Ed Buerger, and Directors Greg Scott and Argus Tong.

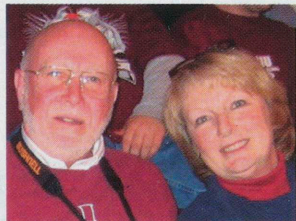
## Saluki Basketball Watch Parties

Four alumni chapters of the SIU Alumni Association coordinated "watch parties" in cities across the country allowing Saluki fans to watch the SIU-Creighton game February 12 on ESPN2. Fans enjoyed games at the Press Box Sports Bar in Central Florida, American Bull Bar and Grill in San Francisco, Krieger's Sports Pub in Springfield, Ill., and the Cubby Bear North in Lincolnshire, Ill.

The Dawgs rewarded their fans with a 71-67 victory over the Bluejays in Omaha.

## Saluki Fans Gather In Normal

Sixty alumni and friends of SIU gathered for a reception prior to Southern's game against Illinois State in February. The group met on the concourse between Horton Field House and Hancock Stadium for dinner before watching the Salukis defeat Illinois State 66-59 in a key MVC game.



Springfield residents Phil and Mary Beers supported the Salukis in Normal.

Directors Greg Scott and Argus Tong.

Representing the University was Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor of institutional advancement, Executive Director Ed Buerger, and

## Coach Kill Appreciation Sweetheart Dinner & Dance

One hundred sixty-one alumni and friends of Southern enjoyed a "Coach Jerry Kill Appreciation Sweetheart Dinner and Dance" February at Great Boars of Fire Lodge in Anna. Attendees viewed a highlight reel of the 2004 football season followed by a delicious dinner catered by the Great Boars of Fire.



Jerry Kill (center) took a break from the dance floor to pose with *Southern Alumni* Editor Gene Green and Association Executive Director Ed Buerger.

George Welborn, president of the Union County Alumni Chapter, and Ed Buerger, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association, encouraged alumni to participate in their local chapters. Subsequently, Coach Kill delivered a rousing speech focusing on the importance of character in attaining success. Finally,

the evening was capped off with Kill and his wife, Rebecca, demonstrating their dance moves on the floor.

Alumni Association staff in attendance were Jeannie Caldwell, Gene Green, Tina Shingleton, Michelle Suarez, and Argus Tong. Also, Student Alumni Council members Jeff Daily, Theresa Damian, Miriam Glaub, Rawley Greene, and Tabitha Willis mingled with guests and alumni.

## Greater Michigan Alumni Chapter Dinner

Fifty-three alumni enjoyed an Italian feast at Dave & Busters Restaurant on February 19 in Utica, Mich. The event was hosted by Greater Michigan Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association.



Large numbers turned out for The Greater Michigan Alumni Chapter meeting, where members gathered for dinner and Saluki basketball in February.

Afterward, they witnessed a Saluki basketball victory over Kent State in the ESPN Bracket Buster. Representing the University were Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor of institutional advancement; Paul Sarvela, dean of the College of Applied Science and Arts; Jack Greer, department chair of Automotive Technology; and Associate Professor Mike Behrmann.

## Prairie Capital Alumni Chapter

The Prairie Capital Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association organized "watch parties" at Krieger's Sports Pub in Springfield for all televised Saluki basketball games. Alumni and fans gathered for watch parties on Feb. 19 (Kent State), Feb. 23 (Northern Iowa), Feb. 26 (Wichita State), and Feb. 28 (Indiana State).

When the Salukis advanced to the NCAA Tournament, similar gatherings were held on March 18 and 20 as fans gathered to watch the Salukis play St. Mary's and Oklahoma State in the first and second rounds, respectively. The average attendance for each function was 70. Programs such as these serve as a great opportunity for alumni to connect to their alma mater.

## Chicago-Area Alumni Meet In Downers Grove

The SIU Alumni Association coordinated a meeting with the Chicago Steering Committee at Emmett's Restaurant in Downers Grove. Upcoming Chicago-area events and the steering committee's role were topics of discussion. Committee members in attendance were Steve Warnelis, Guy Tawzer, Nick Harkovich, Liz Sexson, and Jackie Timmons. Argus Tong, director of Chapter Development, represented the SIU Alumni Association.

## Jackson County Alumni Chapter

The Jackson County Alumni Chapter Board met on April 6 to address development efforts. The board discussed upcoming events, scholarship information, a chapter homepage, and alumni volunteer recruiting efforts. In attendance from the Jackson County Alumni Chapter were Kitty Mabus, Linda Bentz, Joyce Hayes, and Bill Ittner. In attendance from the Association were Dede Ittner, a member of the national board of directors, and Argus Tong, director of Chapter Development.

## Memphis-Area Alumni Gather For Band Performance

Twenty-three alumni and friends enjoyed a performance by the Tawl Paul Blues Band April 23 at the Center for Southern Folklore in downtown Memphis. Tawl Paul, a 1972 SIU graduate, has been a fixture on the music scene in Carbondale for decades. This event is part of the chapter development events to revitalize the chapter in Memphis. Argus Tong, director of Chapter Development, represented the SIU Alumni Association at the function.

## Central Florida Alumni Chapter Picnic

The Central Florida Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted its fourth annual picnic April 30 at Ft. DeSoto Park in St. Petersburg. Twenty-seven alumni and friends gathered at the pavilion on a sunny and breezy day. Activities included biking, walking on the beach, and viewing old yearbooks. Among those in attendance was national board member Terry Gannon.

## Saluki Baseball At GMC Stadium

Seventy-six alumni and friends of SIU attended a pre-game reception prior to the Saluki baseball game against St. Louis University May 4 at GMC Stadium in Sauget, Ill.



Brad and Kathy Dillard, with daughters Morgan and Kristen, enjoy the Saluki baseball game.

National board member Don Magee and his wife, Karen, along with Scott and Jamey Lambert allowed guests to meet their live Saluki dogs at the event. Wood bats were used during the game, which resulted in a Saluki victory over St. Louis University.

Representing the Association were Don Magee, Executive Director Ed Buerger, and directors Gene Green and Argus Tong, and Association staff member Jeannie Caldwell.

## Third Annual SIU Class Ring Presentation Ceremony Held

The SIU Alumni Association honored SIU Class Ring recipients during a presentation ceremony on April 8 in the SIU Student Center Auditorium.

Rickey McCurry, SIUC Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, presented class rings to 17 students and alumni. Vice Chancellor McCurry alluded to the ring serving as a vehicle to forever connect students and alumni to the University. Sheri Hunter, president-elect of the SIU Alumni Association, served as emcee of the program. Richard Schumacher, president of the Student Alumni Council, provided a student's perspective on the significance of the ring to undergraduates and alumni.

Also during the program, Tuesday Ashner, advisor of the Student Alumni Council, presented a ring to graduating senior Sheree Ledwell, on behalf of the SIU Alumni Association and SAC. Sheree Ledwell, a dietetics major, served as vice president of SAC and had been a member of the organization since her freshman year. She competed on the track and field team and performed approximately 250 hours of service to the Alumni Association.

A reception followed in the John W. Corker Lounge immediately after the ceremony, as family and friends of the class ring recipients were invited to attend.

Only SIU alumni and students who have earned junior status by completing 56 credit hours at the University are eligible to wear the rings. The SIU class ring serves as a common bond for present and future graduates, and its design will not change. For more information, visit the SIU Alumni Association Web site at [www.siualumni.com](http://www.siualumni.com) for a direct link to the class ring material.

SIU's next Class Ring Ceremony takes place on Friday, April 7, 2006.



Sheree Ledwell, recipient of the SIU Class Ring, shares a laugh with Ed and Janice Buerger.

## Alumni Member Baseball Game

Approximately 200 SIU alumni members, guests, and fans gathered for a pre-game tailgate near "The Hill" at Abe Martin Field in May. Special guests included members of the 1990 Missouri Valley Conference Saluki team, the last SIU baseball squad to advance to the NCAA Tournament field.

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon in Carbondale, the group enjoyed lunch prior to the Saluki game against Wichita State. Guests also reminisced with several members of the 1990 Salukis, including Sean Bergman, a former Major League Baseball pitcher and All-American at Southern, who threw out the first pitch.



Saluki baseball coach Dan Callahan chats with Benny Dunn '47, M.S. '53, a former baseball letterman who played on Abe Martin's first team in 1947.

After lunch, an inspired Saluki squad treated their fans to a victory over Wichita State behind the strong pitching performance of P.J. Finnigan.

## Association Sponsors University Club Reception

Eighty members of the University Club at Southern attended a reception on May 13, co-sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association. The group enjoyed good conversation, music selections of pianist and SIU alumnus Richard Gardner, hors d'oeuvres, and beverages.



David Ullman and Dede Ittner were among those attending the reception.

Sheri Hunter, president-elect of the SIU Alumni Association, addressed the University Club members. Hunter spoke about the many benefits of joining the Alumni Association and encouraged attendees to participate in the organization's events and activities. Others representing the SIU Alumni Association were

Dede Ittner, a member of the national board of directors, and Greg Scott, alumni public relations director.

A special thanks to Alto Vineyards for providing a nice selection of wine, and Shelba Nickell of Chartwells Dining Services for donating punch.

The University Club, in existence since 1993, consists of faculty, staff, civil service employees, and retirees. Members gather for various social events and activities on a monthly basis to mingle, network, and support the University.

## Chancellor Emeritus James Brown Dies

James Brown, Chancellor Emeritus of Southern Illinois University, died March 2 at the age of 83.

Through 15 years, Brown was Southern Illinois University's chief executive officer, serving as Chief of Board Staff (1970-74), General Secretary of Southern Illinois University (1974-1979), Acting Chancellor three times (1979, 1986 and 1991-1992), and Chancellor (1992-1995).

His service during these various terms as chief executive officer became the model for defining the position of chancellor (the title of the position was later changed to president).

Brown began his association with the SIU system when he was appointed professor in the Department of English Language and Literature at SIUE in 1965. One year later, he was appointed assistant to SIU's vice president of academic affairs. In 1968, he was named assistant to SIUE's first chancellor, and the following year SIU President Delyte Morris added Brown to his staff.

### Alumni Deaths Summer '05

**PROVART, Alice T., ex '25**  
05/10/05, Du Quoin, Ill.

**HARTER, Emma M., '26; '41**  
04/07/05, St. Louis, Mo.

**REICHERT, Virginia C., '27**  
02/24/05, Marion, Ill.

**FEIRICH, Mildred S., '28**  
04/28/05, Carbondale, Ill.

**BOOR, Bernice A., '30; '37**  
02/20/05, Olney, Ill.

**MCDONALD, Lois F., '30**  
01/29/04, Hot Springs, Ark.

**DICKERSON, Harry O., '31; '38**  
02/07/05, Carbondale, Ill.

**FUNKHOUSER, Irene, ex '31**  
04/21/05, Fairfield, Ill.

**MOORE, F. Glodine, '31**  
01/29/04, Monmouth, Ill.

**VEATH, Mary E., '32**  
04/06/05, Little Rock, Ark.

**PEARCE, Tony L., '33**  
03/16/05, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

**GIBSON, Irma O., '34**  
03/16/05, Tucson, Ariz.

**JOHNSON Jr, William L., '36**  
02/03/04, Hollywood, Fla.

**MORGAN, Allene P., ex '36**  
02/13/05, Shawnee Mission, Kan.

**TUTHILL, Frank E., '36**  
05/04/04, Mary Esther, Fla.

**MARTIN, Hazel D., ex '37**  
03/21/05, Centralia, Ill.

**QUINDRY, Randall S., ex '38**  
01/05/05, Mill Shoals, Ill.

**YANDELL, Evelyn, '38**  
04/28/05, Mounds, Ill.

**LOVELACE, Royce R., '39**  
02/21/05, De Soto, Ill.

**BALDWIN, Benjamin H., '40**  
02/22/05, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

**BERRY, Verna L., '40**  
01/23/04, Fairview Heights, Ill.

**PRZYCHODZIN, Joe, '40**  
01/20/05, Loveland, Colo.

**TIERMAN, Marion R., ex '41**  
03/27/05, Flossmoor, Ill.

**BOWMAN, Mary E., '43**  
02/13/05, Moline, Ill.

**RUDERT, Frieda M., '44**  
04/21/05, Cincinnati, Ohio

**SANDERS, Irene L., '44**  
03/26/05, Alton, Ill.

**KENNEY Jr, Roy W., ex '45**  
02/21/05, East St. Louis, Ill.

**ALLISON III, James M., '46**  
03/02/05, Fairbury, Ill.

**HARRIS, Howard D., '47**  
02/14/05, Johnston City, Ill.

**VAUGHN, Ruby M., '47**  
02/04/05, Marion, Ill.

**WALKER, Harry C., M.S.Ed. '48**  
01/11/04, Savannah, Ga.

**BORELLA, Francis Louis, '49**  
03/10/05, Orient, Ill.

**GIACOMO, Wayne D., ex '49**  
02/18/05, Pinckneyville, Ill.

**RUSHING, Kenneth G., '49; M.S.Ed. '51,**  
02/27/05, Herrin, Ill.

**WALLACE, Bernice M., ex '49**  
02/16/05, Plainfield, Ill.

**FARRAR, Bette A., '50**  
01/06/04, Williamsburg, Vir.

**IRWIN, Ruth A., '50; M.S.Ed. '68**  
03/04/05, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

**PEEBELS, Eloise M., ex '50**  
02/27/05, Pittsburg, Ill.

**STEIN, Richard L., ex '50**  
05/09/05, Carmi, Ill.

**WEBB, Erskine L., '50; M.S. '51**  
01/08/04, Terre Haute, Ind.

**DOHANICH, Frank, '51; M.S.Ed. '56**  
05/06/05, Colp, Ill.

**HAMILTON, Marjorie T., ex '51**  
03/04/05, Pinckneyville, Ill.

**HUGHES, Roger N., '51**  
02/02/05, Nauvoo, Ill.

**JONES Jr, John A., ex '51**  
02/24/05, Tucson, Ariz.

**OLKOSKI, Rudy L., ex '51**  
05/02/05, Bush, Ill.

**SCHUPBACH, Wilma B., ex '51**  
04/11/05, Sparta, Ill.

**STAFFORD, Charles M., '51**  
04/06/05, Belleville, Ill.

**BRAMLET, Georgia L., '52**  
03/27/05, Eldorado, Ill.

**BUTLER, Lillian B., ex '52**  
03/01/05, Eldorado, Ill.

**McGOWAN, Crissie E., '52; M.S.Ed. '58,**  
03/21/05, Carbondale, Ill.

**GEORGE, R.E., '54**  
04/03/05, East Alton, Ill.

**JACKSON, Dorothy J., '54**  
02/12/05, Ruston, La.

**PIOLETTI, Louis P., ex '54**  
05/07/05, Chatham, Ill.

**CUMMINS, Curtis F., '55**  
03/08/05, Decatur, Ill.

**GORE, John R., '56**  
02/26/04, Hobart, Ind.

**NOLES, Jerry W., '56**  
01/25/05, Richmond, Vir.

**LOOMIS, Jon E., '57**  
03/09/05, Creal Springs, Ill.

**WHITSON, Bobbie D., '57**  
03/24/05, Anaheim, Calif.

**MULLINS, Janice C., '58**  
02/15/05, Sycamore, Ill.

**DOODY, James R., ex '59**  
03/17/05, Naperville, Ill.

**FREDRICHSEN, Marilyn S., ex '59**  
02/13/04, Green Valley, Ariz.

**WINTERS, Earl W., M.A. '59**  
05/10/04, Bella Vista, Ark.

**DEASON, James R., M.A. '60**  
01/19/04, Richmond, Ill.

**HIESER, John E., '60**  
03/15/05, Armington, Ill.

**LOOMIS, James E., M.M.Ed. '61**  
04/19/04, Centralia, Ill.

**GERMAN Jr, Henry E., '62**  
04/18/05, Decatur, Ill.

**BERTINO, Louis C., '63**  
02/06/05, Muddy, Ill.

**GROGAN, David P., '63**  
01/30/05, Springfield, Ill.

**GABEL, Norman L., '64**  
11/29/04, Greenup, Ill.

**KATZMARK, Judith W., '64**  
03/23/05, Ashland, Ore.

**KRIS, Charles W., M.S.Ed. '64**  
03/17/05, Marco Island, Fla.

**MYERS, David E., '64**  
05/01/04, Geneseo, Ill.

**SIROTT, Herbert N., '64**  
09/29/04, Dublin, Ireland

**STEWART, Clara H., M.S.Ed. '64**  
03/14/05, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

**CLARKE, Sallie F., M.A. '65**  
01/12/04, Pectanica, Ill.

**FREEMAN, Ned L., '65**  
03/18/04, North Platte, Neb.

**HAMM, Harlyn D., Ph.D. '65**  
03/15/05, Harvey, Mich.

**HANDKINS, Charlene E., '65**  
04/05/05, Marion, Ill.

**MALONY, Carole H., '65**  
02/04/05, Carbondale, Ill.

**VARBLE, Mary E., Ph.D. '65**  
03/03/04, Terre Haute, Ind.

**BARGMAN, Ethel M., '66**  
02/12/05, Chester, Ill.

**WALKER, Charles W., '66**  
01/15/04, Sebring, Fla.

**MOLL, Joseph A., '67**  
03/25/04, Las Vegas, Nev.

**EANES, Carol V., '68**  
04/25/05, Carbondale, Ill.

**HANDEL, Theodore G., '68**  
02/10/05, Los Alamos, N.M.

**HANGER, Carla R., '68**  
04/06/05, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

**KERBER, Thomas D., '68**  
01/17/04, Sibley, Ill.

**LAATZ, Michael G., '68**  
01/23/05, Dallas, Ore.

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04/25/04, Fresno, Calif.

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03/17/05, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

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05/13/04, Schaumburg, Ill.

**PLATKO, John, '70**  
04/17/05, Overland Park, Kan.

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02/20/05, Wasilla, Alaska

**PUTMAN, Robert D., '70**  
03/21/05, Belvidere, Ill.

**VanZANT, Abigail, '70**  
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**BLATTER, Marilyn, '72; '90**  
02/02/05, Herrin, Ill.

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02/09/05, Centralia, Ill.

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09/21/04, Marion, Mont.

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04/07/05, Hillsboro, Ill.

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03/05/05, Benton, Ill.

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02/07/04, Elmwood, Ill.

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10/14/04, Moline, Ill.

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02/15/05, Carterville, Ill.

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11/25/04, Orlando, Fla.

**ZOLLONDZ, Otto E., '75**  
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05/02/05, Christopher, Ill.

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04/19/05, Cranberry Twp, Penn.

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03/15/05, Hampton, Vir.

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02/03/05, McLeansboro, Ill.

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**GRAVES, Kenneth A., '57; M.S.Ed. '59; S.P. '66,**  
Emeritus Civil Service, Housing  
2/18/05, Marion, Ill.

**HALSTEAD, Jewell D.**  
Emerita Civil Service, Food Service  
03/21/05, Rochester, Minn.

**HAWSE, Larry W., M.S.Ed. '68**  
Emeritus Assistant Director,  
Office of Research & Development Administration  
01/31/05, Carbondale, Ill.

**HIGGINBOTHAM, Dorothy C.**  
Former Professor, Communication  
& Language Development  
02/22/05, Norman, Okla.

**HUNZIKER, Phyllis A.**  
Secretary, Criminal Justice Department  
02/14/05, Murphysboro, Ill.

**JONES, Joe H.**  
Emeritus Professor, Soil Science  
05/04/05, Benton, Ky.

**LAVENDER, Eloise M.**  
Emerita Civil Service, Trueblood  
Dining Room Supervisor  
02/27/05, Murphysboro, Ill.

**LAYBOURN, John E.**  
Emeritus Administrator  
05/03/04, Loveland, Colo.

**LITTLE, Harold E., M.S.Ed. '76**  
Emeritus Professor, Architecture  
02/28/05, Scottsdale, Ariz.

**McDERMOTT, John M., '52; M.S. '58**  
Emeritus Associate Professor  
02/21/05, Carbondale, Ill.

**MORTON, Nina M.**  
Emerita Assistant Social Studies Librarian  
05/01/05, Carbondale, Ill.

**NOVICK, Jehiel 'Jess' Ph.D. '70**  
Emeritus Professor  
04/06/05, Niceville, Fla.

**SATCHELL Sr, Donald P.**  
Former Agronomist  
03/07/05, Carbondale, Ill.

**SCHWARTZ, Feol Jean, '46**  
Former Librarian  
02/23/05, Royalton, Ill.

**ZOELLER, Dianne, '73**  
Dispatcher, SIU Police Department  
04/25/05, Carbondale, Ill.

## Spring Commencement Speakers Help Inspire Southern Graduates

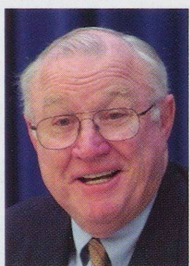
**M**ore than 3,700 professional, graduate and undergraduate students earned degrees during Southern Illinois University Carbondale's spring commencement exercises held May 13-14.

Commencement speakers included the chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), a world-renowned economist, and a newspaper reporter who has covered the war in Iraq.

Eight alumni received Alumni Achievement Awards as part of individual college and school ceremonies. These awards represent the highest honor the SIU Alumni Association bestows. In addition, four individuals were honored with special awards for their contributions to economics, human rights and the arts.

Here are some of the highlights from the weekend were:

• **Agricultural Sciences:** *Stephen Scates*, of Shawneetown, Ill., president of Scates Valley Inc., gave the address and received the Alumni Achievement Award. Scates,



who earned his bachelor's degree in animal science from Southern in 1959, is senior manager with Pat Scates and Sons Farms, and also oversees the family's Scates Gardens Inc., a vegetable production and sales operation. He served for eight years as the Illinois State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, and he played a major role in administering major revisions of the 1996 Farm Bill.

• **Applied Sciences and Arts:** *Neil Swartz*, a corporate manager with Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., gave the address and received the Alumni Achievement Award. A native of Highland, Ill., Swartz received an associate of applied science degree in automotive technology from the University in 1976, and a bachelor's degree in 1978 in what is now the school's advanced technical studies program. He began his automotive career as a technician and service

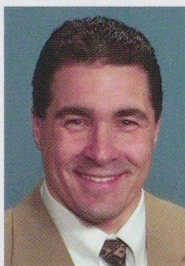
adviser in the retail sector of the automotive industry for two years. Swartz' corporate career started



as a district service manager with American Motors Sales Corporation (AMC) – and resulted in five promotions in seven years. Swartz has been instrumental in

developing a long-standing relationship between the University and Toyota, and has served on the Automotive Technology department's advisory committee for more than 20 years, including committee co-chairman since 1994.

• **Business and Administration:** *Rob Siracusano*, a senior financial advisor and branch manager with Wachovia Securities Financial Network in Naperville, Ill., gave the address and received the Alumni



Achievement Award. Attorney *William Fenwick* received a Distinguished Service Award.

Siracusano, received his bachelor's degree in business from Southern in 1995. He currently owns his own branch of Wachovia Securities, a firm which serves individual and business clients throughout the country. He became a limited partner at Edward Jones investments in 1999, and was a member of the UBS Financial Services president's council from 2000-2003. As a student-athlete, he was one of the world's top divers on the 1- and 3-meter boards, and holds school points records in both events. He was a member of the U.S. National team for springboard and platform diving through 1996, and is a member of the Saluki Hall of Fame.

Fenwick is a partner in the law firm Fenwick & West, LLP, which has offices in Mountain View and San Francisco, Calif., and a staff of more than 245 attorneys. He is a first-generation college student who earned a bachelor's degree in business

management with honors from Southern in 1964.

• **Education and Human Services:**

*Stephen Thomas*, director of the Center for Minority Health in the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh gave the address and *Gerald "Jerry" Richards*, a former special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation



received the Alumni Association Award.

Thomas earned his doctorate in community health education from Southern in 1986. In addition to serving as director of the Center for Minority Health since 2000, he is also the Philip Hallen professor of Community Health and Social Justice at the University of Pittsburgh. From 1986 to 1992, he was a tenured faculty member in the Department of Health Education at the University of Maryland in College Park.

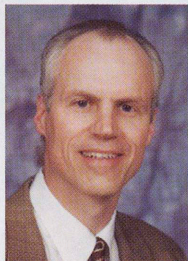
Richards earned a bachelor's degree in photography from the University in 1966, and a master's degree in education in 1967. For 23 years until his retirement in 1993 Richards was a special agent with the FBI. He specialized in document and photographic examination, and espionage tradecraft. High profile cases that Richards worked or testified in include espionage cases involving John Walker, Jerry Whitworth, Jonathan Pollard, Ronald Pelton, and Rick Ames, in addition to the O.J. Simpson civil case, and the John F. Kennedy/Marilyn Monroe forgery case. Richards currently owns Richards' Forensic Services in Laurel, Md., which examines questioned documents and photographs.

• **Engineering:** *Kevin Jelley* of La Grange, Ill., gave the address and received the Alumni Achievement Award.

Jelley, who earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from in 1981, is a Motorola Fellow of the Technical Staff, and director of research, within Motorola Labs in Schaumburg. In his 15 years with Motorola, Jelley is responsible for development in such areas as machine



vision, visual communications, liquid crystal displays, and optical communications.



His team developed Motorola's first camera phone prototype and later contributed to the first camera phone products. Graduate School: 7 p.m., Saturday, May 14, SIU Arena.

• **School of Law:** *Julian Bond*, noted civil rights, economic justice advocate, and chairman of the NAACP delivered the address and attorney *Paul Matalonis* of Carbondale received the Alumni Achievement Award. U.S. District Court Judge *Constance Baker Motley* received the doctor of human letters honorary degree.

A distinguished writer, poet, teacher and lecturer, Bond, has on the cutting edge of social change for more than 40 years, dating back to his days as a student



at Morehouse College. He led student sit-in demonstrations in Atlanta, and founded the Committee on Appeal for Human Rights, a student civil rights organization that directed

three years of non-violent, anti-segregation protests. During his more than 20 years in the Georgia General Assembly, Bond sponsored or co-sponsored more than 60 bills that became law. Bond has served on the NAACP National Board and since 1998 has been board chairman, and is president emeritus of the Southern Poverty Law Center. He is a commentator on America's Black Forum, the oldest African American owned show in television syndication.

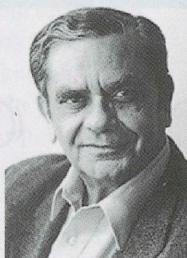
Matalonis has been a staff attorney with the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation for the last 21 years, and is coordinator of the agency's Homeless Legal Assistance Project and Housing Law Task Force. From 1998 to 2004, Matalonis was board president of the Southern Illinois Coalition for the Homeless. Matalonis received bachelor's degrees in economics and political science from

Southern in 1981, and earned his law degree in 1984.

Motley, a native of New Haven, Conn., is a federal judge in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. She graduated from Columbia University Law School in 1943, and worked as a law clerk at the New York branch of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, where she wrote briefs in the landmark *Brown vs. Board of Education* desegregation case

• **Liberal Arts:** *Jagdish Bhagwati*, a University Professor in the economics department at Columbia University delivered the address and also received an honorary doctor of arts degree. Distinguished University Organist and retired SIUC professor *Marianne Webb* received a distinguished service award.

Bhagwati, a native of India, is a world-renowned economist. In addition to serving on the Columbia University faculty, he is a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. Bhagwati is an external adviser to the World Trade Organization and a member of United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan's High-level Advisory Group on the New Partnership for African



Development. He is the author of more than 300 articles and 50 volumes. Bhagwati also is a frequent contributor to the New York Times, Wall Street

Journal and The Financial Times and is a frequent guest on CNN, the BBC and MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour.

Webb joined the University faculty in 1965 and retired in May 2001. She holds a master of music degree with highest distinction from the University of Michigan. A Fulbright grant enabled her to continue her studies in Paris, France, and she also did further graduate study at Syracuse University and the Eastman School of Music. As a concert artist, Webb toured extensively throughout the U.S. and Europe, performing for the American Guild of Organist chapters, churches, colleges and universities. Webb designed and supervised the installation of the pipe organ in Shryock Auditorium. Built to her specifications by the Reuter Organ

Co., the instrument attracts prominent soloists. In 2001, the organ was named in Webb's honor.

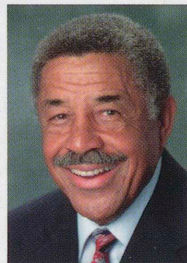
• **Mass Communication and Media Arts:** *Jackie Spinner*, an award winning staff writer and travel writer for the *Washington Post* delivered the address and received the Alumni Achievement Award. Spinner covered the war in Iraq, surviving mortar attacks, car bombs, the battle for Fallujah, and a kidnapping attempt outside of Abu Ghraib prison. She has con-



tributed to MSNBC, PBS, CNN, BBC, ABC, National Public Radio, and was featured in a PBS Frontline documentary on reporting the war. Spinner earned her bachelor's degree with

honors in journalism from Southern in 1992. A staff writer at the *Post* since 1995, Spinner started at the newspaper as a summer intern on the financial staff. While a student, Spinner worked at the *Daily Egyptian* newspaper for four years; serving as editor as a senior.

• **Science:** *William Norwood* of Carbondale, a retired United Airlines captain and former member of the SIU Board of Trustees gave the address and received the Alumni Achievement Award. Norwood earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University in 1959. After serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1959 to 1965,



Norwood began a 31-year career with United Airlines, becoming the first African-American pilot the company hired, and the first to achieve the rank of captain.

He is a founding member of the Organization of Black Airline Pilots, and served on the SIU Board of Trustees from 1974 to 2001. The school's first black quarterback, Norwood became a three-year starter and later an inductee into the Saluki Hall of Fame. Norwood spends free time mentoring young people and his family has established scholarships for Southern students. ■

The O'Neills had a mini family reunion when Wichita State played the Salukis in the last home game of the 2004-05 season. From left are Mike, Scott, Terry, Carol and Erin.



# FIVE GENERATIONS OF ALUMNI

A FAMILY TREE FULL OF SOUTHERN MEMORIES



BY MARIANNE LAWRENCE

**J**erin O'Neill, who received her master's degree at Southern Illinois University Carbondale last month, smiles as she recalls the countless stories she has heard growing up in a family that boasts five generations of Southern alumni.

It all began with her great-great-grandfather, James McKinney, who grew up in Marion, Ill., near the newly created Southern Illinois Normal University and studied at the University in the early 1900s.

The 1939 *Historic Gazetteer on Williamson County, Illinois: Pioneer Folks and Places* is part of the family's memorabilia and states that McKinney studied at "the Normal" and also at Valparaiso University. Both a teacher and minister, he served as Williamson County superintendent of schools and founded several chapels in the area.

Little did he realize what his educational roots would set in motion.

### THE BLACKBURN CONNECTION

McKinney had two children, a son, Robert, and a daughter, Ruth (Blackburn), who is the family's oldest living member. She has faint memories of *her father* being at the University, however the 93-year-old Marion resident's memories of when *she* was an SIU student in the fall of 1929 still burn bright.

"I lived in the Swindell House on Mill Street with seven other girls," Blackburn recalls. "Our weekly room rent was \$2.50, and we lived on cereal and soup cooked in the basement kitchen."

Blackburn says financial problems brought on by the Great Depression caused her to leave school after a year. "But I loved that one year!" she exclaims, recalling the special closeness she felt with her roommates, who helped her in more ways than one. "When a tall, handsome freshman asked me for a date once, it took *all* my roommates to get me ready," she chuckles, recalling the moment from 75 years ago.

Sixteen years later, she returned to the University as a wife and mother, attending summer school and night courses in education to earn her bachelor's degree in 1957 and her master's in 1961. During the many years she spent teaching in southern Illinois classrooms, she recalls mentoring at least five different student teachers from her alma mater.

In the early 1970s, Blackburn's granddaughter, Wendi, was working in the University's Department of Aeronautics when she met her future husband, Paul Hawthorne. "He was one of 250 male students in the program, and I was one of two secretaries," recalls Wendi. Paul earned his degree in Aviation Maintenance Technology in 1978 and is now CEO for the law firm of Obadal, Filler, MacLeod



This old family photo shows Jessie McKinney ex '23 (far left), Agnes McKinney (center), wife of James W. McKinney, the first of the family to attend Southern, and her daughter, Ruth (Blackburn) '57, M.S. '61. Also pictured are the children of Jessie and her husband, Robert McKinney '34, Jane '54, and Robert '57, M.S. '58.

and Klein and is vice president of operations for the Aeronautical Repair Station Association in the Washington, D.C., area.

The couple's daughter, Lauren, (who always told her parents she did not want to attend the University but changed her mind after a campus visit) is currently a Saluki sophomore majoring in business management. According to her mother, another of the couple's four children is a likely SIU candidate because of his interests in aviation.

Ruth Blackburn's brother, Robert McKinney, a 1934 graduate and former president of the SIU Alumni Association, married the former Jessie Holland, who studied art at SIU and later taught school.

McKinney followed in his father's footsteps to serve as superintendent of schools in Williamson County for 12 years before taking leadership of the newly formed Marion School District.

He and Jesse had two children, Bob and Jane, who would represent the family's third generation at Southern and would be witnesses to the most rapid growth and change to occur in the University's history.

### The Morris Era

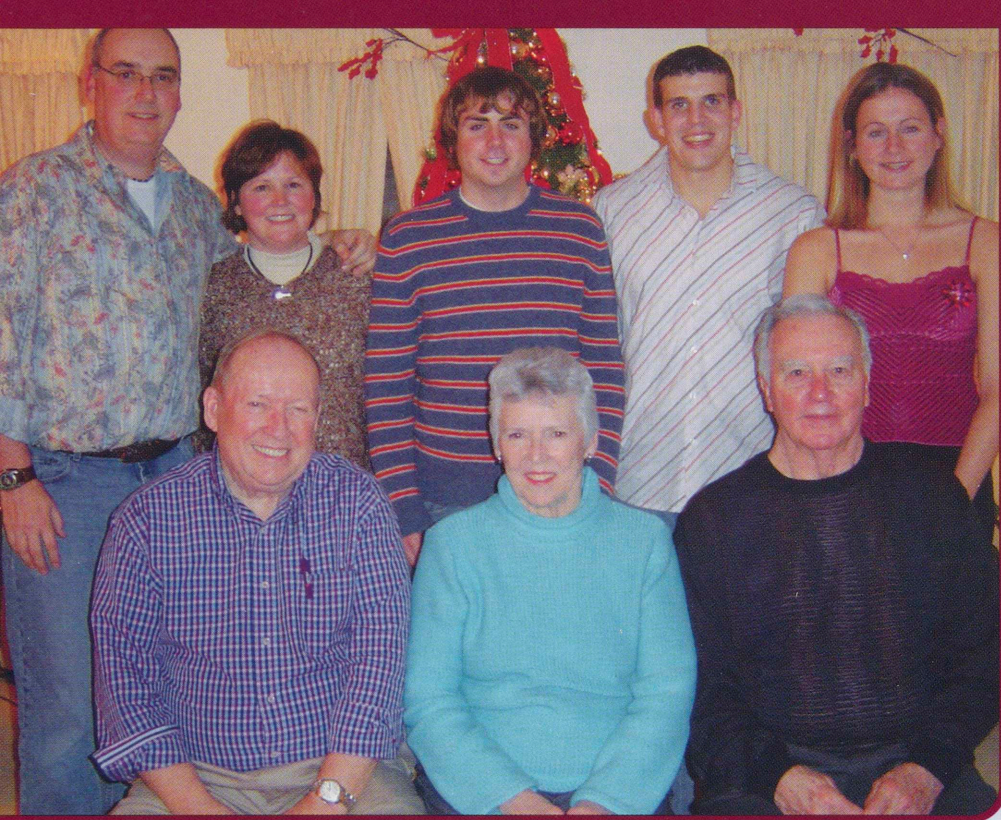
Delyte Morris arrived in Carbondale to lead the University in 1948, and Bob McKinney recalls the former SIU president's influence on the University. "When I started, Southern was a small school of about 3,000 students, and by the time I earned my degree, enrollment had tripled," he says. McKinney earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1957 and his master's in school administration in 1958.

He admired Morris and the style he brought to campus. "The thing I loved about him was when school would open in the fall, he'd open his home and be in his yard with watermelons, welcoming everybody.

"He was willing to make tough decisions, and I was able to identify with that more after my experiences as a school superintendent," says McKinney, who stuck with the family tradition and became a school superintendent in the Chicago suburbs. "In the early 1960s there were a number of Southern graduates who were school superintendents in the Chicago area. Our school administration program is strong and well-recognized in the state of Illinois."

McKinney's younger sister, Jane, began her SIU career in 1950 and by 1951 had married Jack Riddle, her childhood sweetheart and her brother's best friend.

When Jane reminisces about her days on Southern Illinois Normal University's campus in the late 1940s, she specifically recalls that her dorm floor at Anthony Hall had only one telephone,



Gathered for a 2004 holiday celebration are, standing from left, Dave and Ellen Swanson, Scott O'Neill, Herb Zerth and Erin O'Neill. Herb, a second year student at SIU School of Medicine in Springfield, and Erin, are engaged and plan to be married in December. Seated are Bob McKinney, his sister, Jane, and her husband, Jack Riddle.

that liver was served once a month for dinner—the meal when *everyone* went to UDs to eat—and that she had to sign out with an expected return time whenever she left campus.

Jack, Jane, and Bob recall that most of their classes met in the “barracks,” near where Morris Library is now. “Why, some of the buildings there now are named after the people who taught us in school,” exclaims Jane. “I took English from Mae Smith, and Jack had Robert Faner for grammar.”

After graduation, the trio began their teaching careers together in the small towns that surround the University. Jack remembers his first teaching job as a high school math teacher in the tiny town of Hurst-Bush. “Jane would drop me off at the school, go to Carbondale for classes with other commuters, and then pick me up on their way home,” he recalls.

Through the years, Jack encouraged many young people to consider Southern and remembers getting occasional help from a friend and former classmate, the late Sam Rinella '56, who was director of

housing. “I would usually call him to tell him a prospective student was coming down to see the University and he'd respond with, ‘I'll have somebody meet them at the train,’” recalls Jack.

### A MOVE TO CHICAGO

By the early 1960s, the McKinneys had all moved to the Chicago suburbs. The senior McKinney was superintendent of the LaGrange-Highland School District until his untimely death in 1966. His son, Bob, spent 23 years as Superintendent of Schools in Northlake and Franklin Park and his son-in-law, Jack, retired as North Riverside Superintendent of Schools. “We were the greatest St. Louis Cardinals fans in Chicago,” laughs Jack.

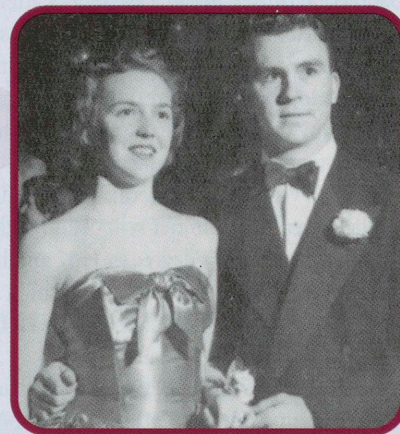
He and Jane had two daughters. Their youngest, Ellen, arrived on Southern's campus in the fall of 1976. A lot had happened since her parents left nearly 20 years earlier. Old Main had burned, but the SIU School of Law had opened. Faner Hall, high-rise dorms, a campus radio and television station were also just a few of the campus additions.

Ellen declared a major in speech communications and met journalism major Dave Swanson, the man she would eventually marry. Ellen '80 and Dave '79 have fond memories of their years at the University—the best from her senior year. “We became engaged in a little Italian restaurant called Papa C's, near Quatros,” recalls Dave. The couple married in April of 1981.

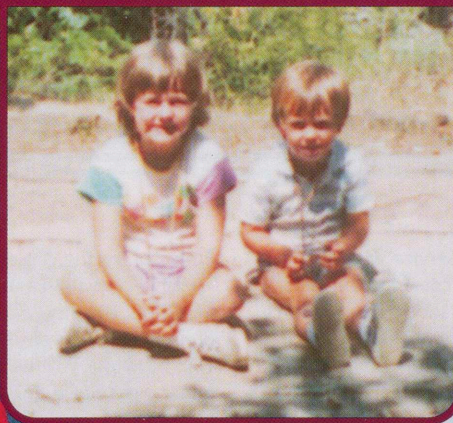
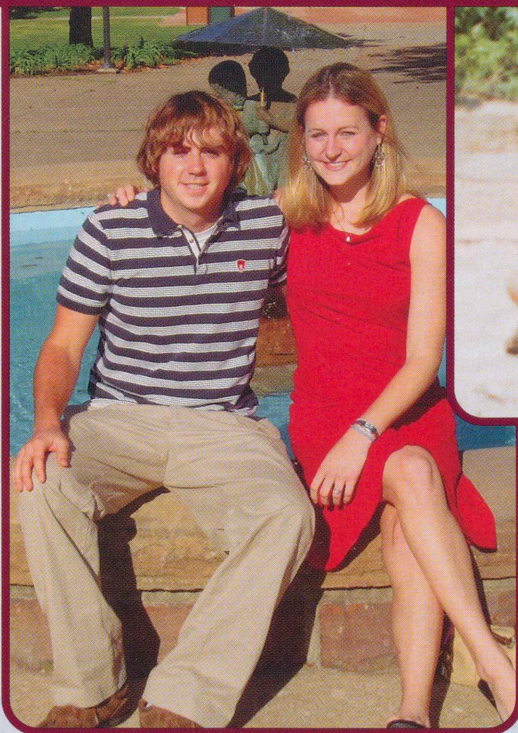
Ellen worked in the speech communications department and enjoyed getting to know the teachers. “Because of speech professor Donald MacDonald, I joined the Public Relations Student Society of America. The year I was president, we won a competition and got to go to Minneapolis, Minn., to present our case study to the national conference. I still stay in touch with some of those people,” says Ellen, who worked in marketing for many years before deciding to be a stay-at-home mom.

Dave, an executive for Calamos Investments, was a stringer for the *Daily Egyptian* and worked for WIDB Radio, and remembers being at Giant City Park, the Crab Orchard Spillway and other scenic spots. “People who live in northern Illinois don't appreciate how beautiful it is down there.”

The Swansons count the annual Halloween celebration on the strip among their favorite memories.



Jane McKinney and Jack Riddle pause between dances at the 1950 Christmas Dance held in Anthony Hall, where Jane was a resident.



As youngsters, Erin and Scott O'Neill enjoyed summers (inset) visiting southern Illinois' Garden of the Gods. The two are pictured recently during Erin's graduation weekend.

When O'Neill recently drove through campus for the first time in 30 years, he was surprised how little had changed, although he did wonder

what happened to the Golden Gauntlet and the Purple Mousetrap, a couple of his favorites hangouts. "I was relieved to find Paglia's still open and be able to hang out at the Student Center," he says.

Terry O'Neill is director of golf at Harborside International Golf Club in Chicago and frequently gets to Carbondale for basketball games and other events. The 1982 political science graduate was a member of Southern's golf team and was recently on campus when the Saluki men's basketball team hosted Wichita State. "I enjoy coming back to catch up with my niece, Erin, and nephew, Scott," he says.

Erin, who did her undergraduate work at Illinois Wesleyan College, arrived in Carbondale as a graduate student. That decision may have been fueled by memories of the annual visits her family made to southern Illinois.

"We would frequently visit our great-grandparents in Marion, hiking and camping in the beautiful southern Illinois parks," she recalls. "We always made a stop to walk around campus, canoe in Campus Lake, and eat at Booby's—a name for a business which Scott and I thought was hilarious when we were kids." Erin studied as a recipient of the prestigious Morris Fellowship and Scott is a junior majoring in education and history.

"Everybody dressed up, and I remember bumping into people from my hometown who I hadn't seen in years. It was like a giant Mardi Gras," says Dave. Ellen adds, "When we were there, it was a part of being at Southern—and it was just fun."

The couple has two daughters, and their youngest, Jackie, 11, has already declared her intentions to attend the University. According to her mom, Jackie is impressed when the SIU picture is taken at family gatherings and three-quarters of the room gets up for the photo. "I think she's thinking, 'If it's good enough for all these people, then it's good enough for me.'"

### THE O'NEILL CONNECTIONS

Ellen's sister, Carol, and her husband, Mike O'Neill, hold degrees from Illinois State University but are strongly linked to the University. Their children, Erin and Scott, are currently SIU students, and two of Mike's brothers are graduates.

John O'Neill '72 lives in Encinitas, Calif., and is in the insurance business. His memories of campus include the burning of Old Main in 1969 and general campus unrest over the Vietnam War that included student riots and the closing of the University.

### FEELINGS FOR CAMPUS

Representing their family's fifth generation of students at the University, Erin and Scott agree on how it feels to be on campus. "We like the feeling; it feels like home," says Erin. "Just think, I taught this semester in the same building where my grandmother had classes."

Erin's Aunt Ellen sums up the family feelings about its century-long affiliation and love affair with the University: "Everyone holds a dear spot in their hearts for SIU. We have nothing but positive things to say about it because every one of us has had a great experience there. There's lots of maroon in our family"

Bob McKinney concurs: "Once you're Southern alumni, it's always in your heart."

## Some Changes They Have Seen...

Here is a brief listing of some campus events that have helped shape what Southern is today:

- When **Southern Illinois Normal University** opened its doors in the fall of 1869, 143 students were enrolled in three programs—the elementary Model School, the Preparatory School and the Normal.
- Carbondale celebrated **Halloween** with a festival from the early 1900s with well-organized committees that produced elaborate programs, parades and dances.
- **Anthony Hall** was the first dormitory on campus and was built for women opening in 1913. During World War II Army Air Force cadets occupied the building, but women returned and lived in it until Woody Hall was built for them in 1953. Anthony then became a men's dorm and since 1993 it has housed administrative offices.
- In 1929 the **Great Depression** took its toll on SINU and enrollment dropped about 50 percent.
- Between 1950 and 1960 **enrollment** had tripled, from 3,087 to 9,028. The community of Carbondale was unprepared for the influx of so many people and cars. The narrow streets in the residential sections adjacent to campus especially were impossible.

Information from *Southern Illinois University, A Pictorial History* by Betty Mitchell

Alumni listed in maroon are SIU Alumni Association members.

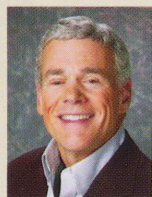
## 1960s

**John Miller M.S. '61** is the Thomas Jefferson Faculty Award winner in the University of Colorado system. Miller's award recognizes his public and community service and his career in teaching and research. He is a professor of Spanish at the Colorado Springs campus.

**Wilbur Clark '63** retired in September after a 20-year career with the U.S. Air Force that included service in Vietnam, command of the weather unit at Ramstein AB in Germany and participation in the Apollo/Soyuz link up. Retiring from active service in 1984, Clark began a civil service career at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. He was staff meteorologist and later chief of the Manpower and Organization Division at Headquarters Air

Weather Service, where he helped orchestrate the major transformation of the Air Force meteorological service. He retired as chief of the Plans and Contracting Support Branch, Strategic Planning, Policy, and Analysis Division, Directorate of Architecture and Interoperability, Headquarters Air Force Communications Agency at Scott. He and his wife, Carol, reside in O'Fallon, Ill.

**Mary Langendorfer '66** is spending her retirement reading, doing crafts, and corresponding with friends. She retired after teaching for 36 years. She writes, "I enjoy hearing from friends who knew me by my maiden name, Mary Kieffer, in the mid-1930s when I was living in Shawneetown, Ill."



**E. Scott Geller M.A. '67, Ph.D. '69**, professor of psychology at Virginia Tech, was named

2005 "Alumni Distinguished

Professor" by the Virginia Tech Alumni Association and Board of Visitors. The designation recognizes members of the faculty who have touched the lives of generations of alumni. Only 11 professors throughout the university hold the title. Geller has been at Virginia Tech since 1969, where he has received numerous awards and has authored more than 350 research articles and 25 books in addition to other writings.

**James Moody '67** returned to SIU to serve as guest lighting designer for the Theater Department's recent production of *Dancing at Lughnasa*. When the award-winning designer was a guest on campus in 2000, he was featured in the December issue of *Southern Alumni*. A founder in the field of concert tour lighting, Moody has published two textbooks based on his concert experiences that included shows with the Rolling Stones, Rod Stewart and Billy Joel. Moody's work includes film and television, and he also teaches.

**Ray Alan Newbold M.S. '67**



is associate dean for undergraduate studies in the College of Applied and Natural Sciences at Louisiana Tech University. Newbold, who lives in Ruston, La., has taught forestry at the university since 1980. He formerly was employed in the forest products industry in Georgia.

**Lois Zachary M.S. '68** has authored a book on mentoring titled *Creating a Mentoring Culture: The Organization's Guide*, which has been published by Jossey-Bass. Zachary is president of Leadership Development Services, a Phoenix-based consulting firm providing leadership development, coaching, education and training for corpo-

rate and not-for-profit organizations nationwide.

## 1970s

**Paul McInerney M.S. '74** is chief athletics advancement officer for Marquette University in Milwaukee. The university will join the Big East Conference in 2005-06. McInerney and his wife, Carol, live in New Berlin, Wis.

**Valeri DeCastris '79, M.S. '86** and her husband, **David Beccue '83**, received a national award from the Make A Difference Day contest in *USA Weekend Magazine* for a park that was developed by the Cunningham Street Block Club. The couple, who head the club, raised \$22,000 in grants for the revitalization of their Cunningham Street neighborhood. In addition, DeCastris, of the Greater Rockford, Ill., Italian American Association (GRIAA), initiated a Sister City agreement between Rockford and Ferentino, Italy, an ancient hill town of 25,000 people founded in the 4th century. Beccue is an assistant site superintendent at Rock Cut State Park, and DeCastris is an inspector with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

**Jill Rendleman '79** has been named interim director of the Illinois Finance Authority (IFA). Rendleman served IFA as financial services director for central and southern Illinois and also was on the board of directors. She was former president and chief executive officer of People's National Bank.

## 1980s

**Bob Hursthouse '80** was named "Man of the Year" by the Illinois Landscape Contractors Association. He is owner of Hursthouse Landscape



## Hollis Settles, Chicago-Area SIU Alumni Leader Dies

**H**ollis Settles, who had long record of service to the SIU Alumni Association in the Chicago area, recently died at 61 in Evanston, Ill. The 1968 SIU graduate was a leader in the SIU Black Alumni Group and was also a member of the Chicago Steering Committee for the SIU Alumni Association, serving as the representative of The Nubian Connection.

Settles, who retired from Commonwealth Edison in 1997 after 30 years with the company, used his spare time to immerse himself into volunteer work.

He had several terms on the city's Human Relations Commission and was on its Compensation Committee for Elected Officials. He was also a lifetime member and first vice president of the Evanston North Shore branch of the NAACP.

"He was a person who spoke from knowledge," says Evanston Mayor Lorraine Morton. "He was quite an asset to our community and quite a loss. He was at City Hall all the time trying to see what was going on. If he saw a need, he did something about it."

## Polish Army Silver Medal Goes To Southern Alumnus

Lt. Col. Thomas Purple Jr. '83 was awarded the Silver Medal of the Polish Army last December at Camp Echo near Ad Diwaniyah, Iraq, for his service to Polish Land Forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The award was established by the Polish government to honor soldiers who distinguished themselves in the cooperation between Polish and Coalition armies.

Purple, an Illinois National Guardsman, is the deputy chief of staff for intelligence for his division and is the third American to receive this honor. He is assigned to the Multi National Division – Central South, commanded by the Polish. There are 15 other nations under the division's command with the responsibility of security for three provinces in southern Iraq.

The Polish Prime Minister, the Minister of National Defense, and Chief of the General Staff presented the medal to Purple. "Being of only a handful of Americans to receive this honor is quite humbling" Purple says. "I am not only serving my country in this war on terrorism, but I am serving with other nations as well. Together we are serving for the cause of freedom, all over the world. I am honored to receive this recognition from a nation that is a close ally for such a noble cause."

Purple is a full-time member of the Illinois National Guard in Springfield where he is the deputy human resources officer. He recently has been selected for the rank of colonel and is continuing his education at the U.S. Army War College working on a master's in strategic studies. He and his wife Barbara reside in Rochester, Ill.



Poland Defense Minister Jerzy Szmajdzinski, right, pins a medal to the uniform of Lt. Col. Thomas J. Purple Jr. of the U.S. Army at a special ceremony in Iraq.

Architects & Contractors in Bolingbrook, Ill.

**Jeffrey Camper '82** received the Award for Excellence in Research at

Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C. A member of the faculty since 1994, Camper earned his master's degree in biology from Drake University

and a doctorate in wildlife and fisheries from Texas A & M. He was cited for extensive scholarly work primarily in the study of amphibians and reptiles in the southeastern coastal plain.

**Sherry Knapp-Brown M.A. '82, Ph.D. '85** was married Jan. 22, 2005, to Barry Brown, who owns a paving/asphalt business in Fairfield, Ohio. She is chief executive officer of the Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board based in Cincinnati. She was recently honored by the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare with the Piepenbrink Award, recognizing outstanding contributions to the behavioral healthcare management field.

**Lisa Turvey '82** is vice president of development of the executive committee of the Life Skills Foundation Board of Directors. The foundation serves people with develop-



mental and other disabilities in the metropolitan St. Louis area. Turvey, who lives in Chesterfield,

Mo., with her husband, Vic, is an active community volunteer with charities such as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Arthritis Foundation and United Way of Greater St. Louis.

**Abraham Aamidor M.A. '83** is a journalist with the



*Indianapolis Star* and has launched a new Web site, [www.competinguniversalism.net](http://www.competinguniversalism.net), that exam-

ines conflicts between nations regarding Christianity, Islam, Liberalism, and Marxism.

**Jim Ph.D. '83 and Pat '85, M.S. '91, Ph.D. '00 Orr** recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple married

Feb. 12, 1955, while both were serving in the Air Force. Jim retired from the service in 1979,



and the couple moved to Carbondale to begin careers with Southern Illinois University.

Both earned their doctorates while employed at SIU and in 2000 retired and moved to Venice, Fla. They currently teach in the SIU off-campus Workforce Education and Development degree program.

**Hiro Isogai '84** has joined WDG Architecture as director of design for interior architecture. Isogai, an award-winning designer previously based in Atlanta, is widely recognized in Washington, D.C., for his award-winning commercial and multifamily residential projects. He has directed interior design projects for clients such as Turner Broadcasting, MTV Networks, Pepsi-Cola, the Atlanta International Museum and the University of Georgia's East Campus Village Housing.

**Frank Woodard '84** was elected president of the West Council, Jacksonville, Fla., Regional Chamber of Commerce. Woodard also serves on the board of directors of the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce for 2005.

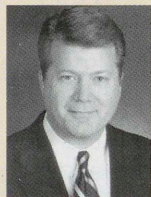
**Ronald Wiseman '85** was promoted to vice president of STV Incorporated, where he serves as director of information technology for the engineering, architectural, planning, environmental, and construction management company. With more than 20 years of information systems experience, Wiseman joined STV in 1998. He lives in Collegeville, Pa.

**Lisa Bayer '87, M.A. '92** is manager of sales and marketing for Minnesota-based Redleaf Press, a publisher of books for the early childhood field.

**Timothy Davis '87** and **Kendra Kleinik '92** were married on March 14, 2005, on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu at the Turtle Bay Resort. Kendra writes that they first met at a SIU career fair where they were representing their respective companies to students. Ten years later, they met again and decided not to allow any more time to pass.

**Lawrence Fine Ph.D. '87** is associate professor of recreation administration and leisure studies at California State University, Fresno, where he recently received the Excellence in Teaching Award. Fine has been at California State for 15 years after teaching at Long Beach State and SIU.

**David Miller M.S. '87** has joined Cannon Design as vice president. During his 18 years of experience in the architecture and construction business, he has worked on arenas in Charleston, S.C., Des Moines,



Iowa, El Paso, Texas, Flint, Mich., the Cameron Indoor Stadium at Duke University, Tennis Center Study at Northwestern and Athletic Master Plan at Pennsylvania State University. Miller lives in Godfrey, Ill.

**Jon Mills '87, M.A. '88** is a Diplomate in Clinical Psychology and Psychoanalysis with the American Board of Professional Psychology, the highest credential of advanced competency a psychologist can be awarded in North America. Mills, a Fulbright scholar, teaches at the Adler School of Professional Psychology in Toronto, Canada, and serves as president of the Canadian Psychological Association's section on psychoanalysis.

**Turner Rouse J.D. '88**, U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, Army Reserve, was promoted to the rank of colonel while on active duty with the

U.S. Army in Afghanistan. Col. Rouse, who was also awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious service, is chief of operational law in the office of Staff Judge Advocate, Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan and practices law with the firm of Cates, Kurowski, Bailey & Schultz in Swansea, Ill. He and his wife, **Rachel Recker Rouse J.D. '88**, make their home in Freeburg, Ill. She is a felony prosecutor in the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office in Belleville.

## 1990s

**Brian Carney M.F.A. '91** is director of chapter and professional relations for the Educational Theatre Association in Cincinnati. Carney writes that he is working on his dissertation in the Department of Theatre Arts at the University of Pittsburgh and plans to finish by the end of the year. He would like to hear from fellow alums at [writer35202@yahoo.com](mailto:writer35202@yahoo.com).

**David Neilson '91** was named managing director of the PrivateBank and Trust



Company's new office, located in the historic Palmolive Building in Chicago. Neilson has been in the financial services industry 14 years and with PrivateBank the past 10 years. He lives in River Forest, Ill.

**Sister Mary Bridget Real (Bridget Anne Real) '91, M.S.**



'92 made her first profession of vows as a Parish Visitor of Mary Immaculate, an order of contemplative-missionary Catholic Sisters. She resides at Marycrest Convent, the congre-

gation's Motherhouse in Monroe, N.Y. Sister Mary Bridget previously had worked as a speech-language pathologist at facilities in Florida, Indiana and Illinois.

**Lisa (Diestelhorst) Holderer '92** and her husband, Tim, announce the birth of their son, Evan Lee Holderer, on Oct. 9, 2004. He joins his older brother, Andrew, 5. The family lives in Edwardsville, Ill.

**Leona (Farless) Padgett '92** has joined the financial aid solutions team at Nelnet Loan Servicing in Indianapolis, Ind., where she handles students' financial aid questions.

**David Juhl '94** is pastor of Trinity Evangelical-Lutheran Church in rural Iuka, Ill. Rev. Juhl graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Ind., with a master of divinity in 2002. He married Rebecca Warmuth of Milwaukee in 2003, and their first child, Catherine Doris Juhl, was born last September.

**Anthony Kilhoffer '95** was nominated for a Grammy in the "engineer/mixer" category and attended the Los Angeles ceremony on Feb. 13. Kilhoffer works at the Record Plant, a recording studio in Los Angeles, and is also a performing artist. His band, Good Clean Dirt, plays alternative country music.

**Mike De Sisti '96**, a photojournalist at the *Post-Crescent* in Appleton, Wis., was honored by the National Press Photographers Association "Best of Photojournalism Contest" for a special video report on Appleton's Oktoberfest celebration. The video was featured on the newspaper's Web site. De Sisti and his wife, Carol, live in Appleton.

**Janet Wicker M.S. '98, Ph.D. '04**, assistant professor of education at McKendree College in Lebanon, Ill., presented a



paper to the Association of Teacher Educators' Annual meeting in Chicago titled "Preparing Preservice Teachers to Be Effective Instructors of Early Literacy." Wicker lives in Steeleville, Ill.

**Curtis Eichen '99** is a sales manager/engineer for Champaign Builders Supply in Champaign, Ill. His wife, Kathryn Ann, is a special education teacher for 8th grade in the Champaign school district.

**D. Shane Koch Rh. D. '99**, assistant professor of rehabilitation, social work, and addictions at the University of North Texas in Denton, received the 2005 Counselor Educator of the Year Award from the International Association of Addictions and Offender Counseling. Koch joined the university in 2000 after serving as program director for Bassett House, a substance-abuse treatment center in Athens, Ohio.

## 2000s

Navy Ensign **Chad Deitz '01** completed Officer Candidate School at Officer Training Command in Pensacola, Fla., and received his commission as a naval officer.

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer **Anthony Lee '01** recently retired after 27 years in the U.S. Navy as an instructor assigned to Naval Aviation Schools Command in Pensacola, Fla. Lee received several personal awards, campaign ribbons and medals during his career, including two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class **Monique Rodriguez '04** was recently awarded her third Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for selection as junior sailor of the year while serving as leading officer assigned to the Physical Readiness Department at the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.



## JULY

- 1-2 "I Do, I Do," McLeod Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- 8-16 "My Fair Lady," McLeod Theater, 7:30 p.m.  
"Annie Get Your Gun" at the Muny, St. Louis, Mo. Includes backstage tour and dinner.  
10th Bi-Annual Black Alumni Group Reunion. For more information, call Tuesday Ashner, SIU Alumni Association, (618) 453-2408.
- 17 "My Fair Lady," McLeod Theater, 2 p.m.  
SIU Day at Busch Stadium, St. Louis Cardinals host the Chicago Cubs. Pre-game gathering two hours prior to game time at Millennium Hotel Pool Area. Game time set for 2:15 p.m. (subject to change). The game is sold out.  
16th Annual Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble, Bloomingdale, Ill. Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. For additional information, please call Bryan Vagner, SIU Foundation, (618) 453-4900.
- 29-30 "West Side Story," McLeod Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- 30 6th Annual Detroit Area SIU Family Picnic, 11 a.m., Brighton, Mich.
- 31 "West Side Story," McLeod Theater, 2 p.m.

## AUGUST

- 1 "West Side Story," McLeod Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- 12-21 Illinois State Fair, Springfield, Ill. Visit the SIU tent to see exhibits of the University.  
SIU Day at Wrigley Field, Chicago Cubs host the St. Louis Cardinals. Pre-game gathering at the Cubby Bear Lounge two hours prior to game time. The game is sold out.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Saluki Football at Southeast Missouri State, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 6 p.m.
- 5 Du Quoin State Fair, Du Quoin, Ill. Visit the SIU Dome to see exhibits of the University.
- 10 **Saluki Football vs. Union College**, SIU Alumni Member Appreciation, 6 p.m.
- 17 Saluki Football at Western Michigan, Kalamazoo, Mich., 7 p.m.
- 24 Family Weekend

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Oct. 1 SIU Alumni Homecoming Celebration

### SIU Jackson County Alumni Chapter

The Jackson County Alumni Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association is hosting its 9th annual Sunset Concert barbeque dinner at 5:30 p.m. at the Mississippi Flyway on July 21. Following the BBQ, attendees can head to nearby Turley Park to enjoy the Irish Rock band *Fonn Mor* at 7 p.m.

The SIU Jackson County Alumni Chapter is seeking officers to fill its committees. For more information, contact Kitty Mabus, president of the Jackson County Alumni Chapter, at [mabus@siu.edu](mailto:mabus@siu.edu).

### New Alumni Chapter Leaders Needed In Atlanta, Memphis, Nashville, And St. Louis

The SIU Alumni Association would like to revitalize SIU alumni chapters in the metropolitan areas of Atlanta, Memphis, Nashville, and St. Louis. Volunteers are needed to hold positions as officers and to coordinate alumni activities.

If you are interested in assisting with the Nashville Chapter, please contact Robert Rickman at (615) 793-4338 or [rpx@highstream.net](mailto:rpx@highstream.net). For the Atlanta, Memphis, and St. Louis areas, contact Argus Tong at (618) 453-2408 or [argus@siu.edu](mailto:argus@siu.edu). For more information on chapters or group activities in other areas, please visit the "Chapters and Groups" link at [www.siualumni.com](http://www.siualumni.com).

### Southern Illinois Alumni Volunteers Needed

Southern Illinois alumni volunteers are needed to strengthen chapter development efforts in Jackson, Perry, Randolph, Saline, Union, and Williamson counties.

These chapters help bring together the efforts of alumni to establish an SIU presence in their areas, to encourage participation with the University, to provide information about the University, and to facilitate involvement and camaraderie among Salukis.

### 2005 Service To Southern Illinois Award

The Jackson County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the 2005 Service to Southern Illinois Award. If you know of someone deserving of this award, please send in your nomination.

Your nominee should be someone who has provided outstanding service in the Southern Illinois community. Service could include, but not be restricted to, activities in art, sports, political affairs, business and the professions, civil and human rights, religion, education, community affairs, and non-traditional areas.

Nomination forms are available from the SIU Alumni Association and must be postmarked by Friday, September 30, to be considered. Nominations must include a one-paragraph, biographical sketch which highlights the most outstanding accomplishments of your nominee (include dates), resume or vitae, if available, and outside letters of support.

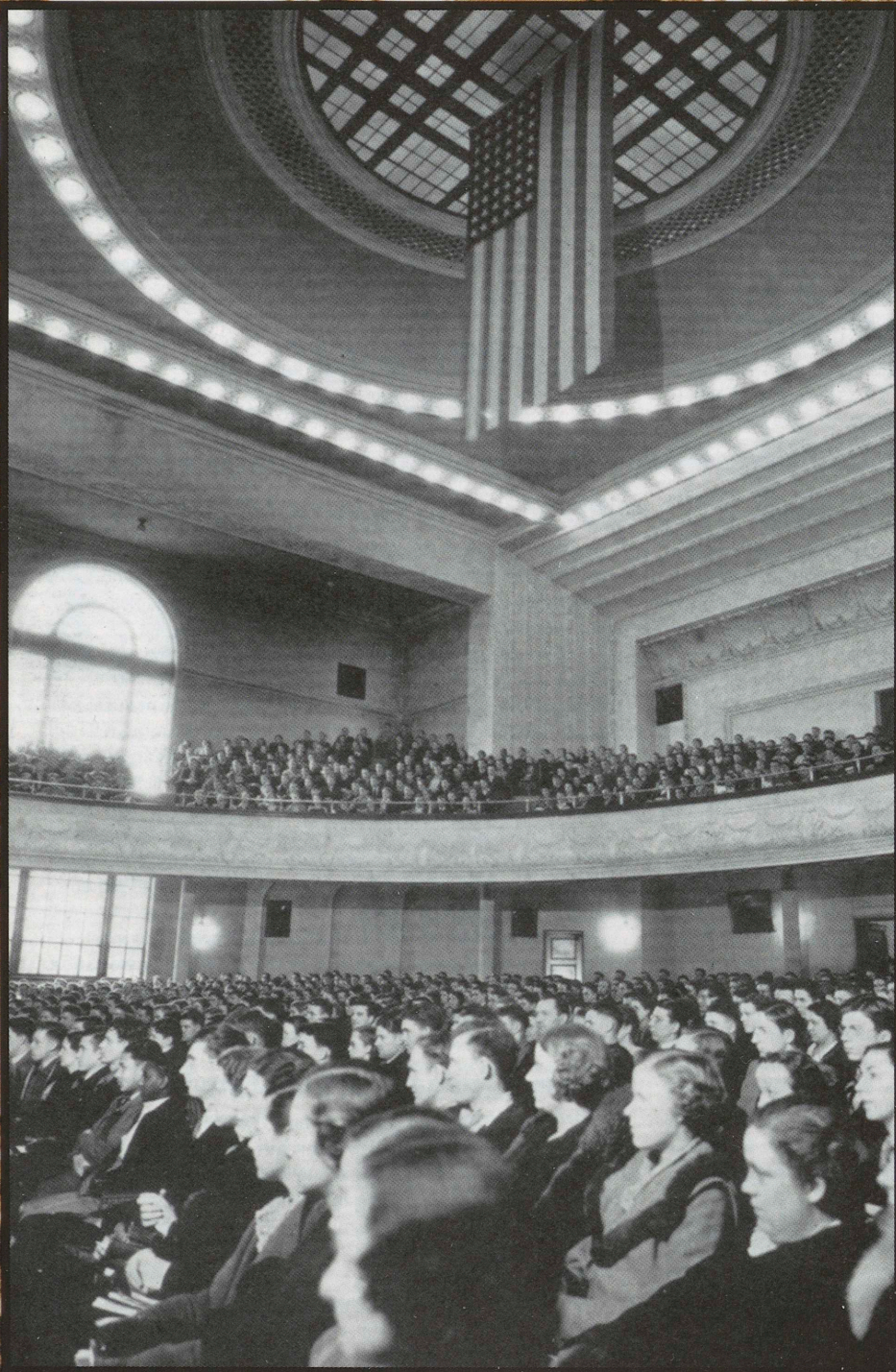
For more information, contact Kitty Mabus, Jackson County Chapter president, at [mabus@siu.edu](mailto:mabus@siu.edu) or the SIU Alumni Association at (618) 453-2408 or visit the "Programs and Services" link at [www.siualumni.com](http://www.siualumni.com).

### Greater Michigan Area SIU Family Picnic

The Central Michigan Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association is hosting its 6th Annual SIU Family Picnic at 11 a.m. (EST) on July 30 at the Island Lake Recreation Area (Site H, North Hickory Ridge) in Brighton, Mich. SIU alumni living in the greater Michigan area are invited to attend this event and mingle with fellow Salukis. Cost is \$10 per person.

For more information, please contact one of the following: Dale Hall at (810) 835-8202 or [dale.w.hall@gm.com](mailto:dale.w.hall@gm.com); Scott Geisen at (630) 248-6854 or [sgeisen1@ford.com](mailto:sgeisen1@ford.com); and Chad O'Brien at (248) 941-1386 or [chad.obrien@gm.com](mailto:chad.obrien@gm.com).

# A Step Back In Time



## 50 Years Ago...

Shown in Shryock Auditorium, these 1955 SIU students take part in a regular chapel service. A mandatory event at the University for many years, student attendance was required at this gathering, which readily illustrated the grooming and clothing styles of the day.

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# A Tradition Of Giving Back

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*H*arvette Grey always knew she'd be working in urban areas with people who were poor and disenfranchised because, after all, giving back to her community was in her words, "a family way of life."

Growing up in Chicago, the Southern alumna was inspired by her grandmother. "She was a Renaissance woman and way before her time," says Grey. "She demonstrated giving back by adopting needy children or adults into her family system. This was an elastic family system that was alive and always stretching to add one more – or bidding another one a fond farewell."

As executive director of the DePaul University Cultural Center, Grey feels strength in her ability to design programs that address the community needs of special and neglected populations – women, children, and minorities.

Her long career is a collection of accomplishments that include serving as a psychologist in one of the nation's poorest African American communities, directing a school of what she calls "throw away kids" – emotionally disturbed and behaviorally disordered children – and seeking funds to provide comprehensive care to dependent and neglected teens and their children.

While a student in Carbondale, Grey felt nurtured herself because of the number of African American students represented. "I liked the extension of caring and family that I felt. The University provided an environment for people to grow, feel welcome, and comfortable." She recalls occasionally getting angry with the administration, then emphasizes, "we were always allowed, even encouraged, to talk about it."

She points to the Black Alumni Group Reunion as a good example of the unique relationships. "I am not aware of any special black reunions on any other campuses."

Grey took over the DePaul Cultural Center in 1998 after serving four years as founding director of the University's Women's Center. The cultural center offers a kaleidoscope of experiences for students of all cultural and religious backgrounds. In a constant stream of events and activities it works with 29 student groups to explore celebrations and traditions through cuisine, music, performances, and history.

She is active in the Association of Black Psychologists, the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations, and the American Psychological Association, which recently presented her with its "Education Advocacy Distinguished Service Award." Grey also was honored at last year's College of Liberal Arts Alumni Recognition Day.

After earning her bachelor's degree in sociology at Southern, Grey got a master's degree in inner city studies from Northeastern Illinois University and a Ph.D. in psychology from Wright Institute in Berkeley, Calif.

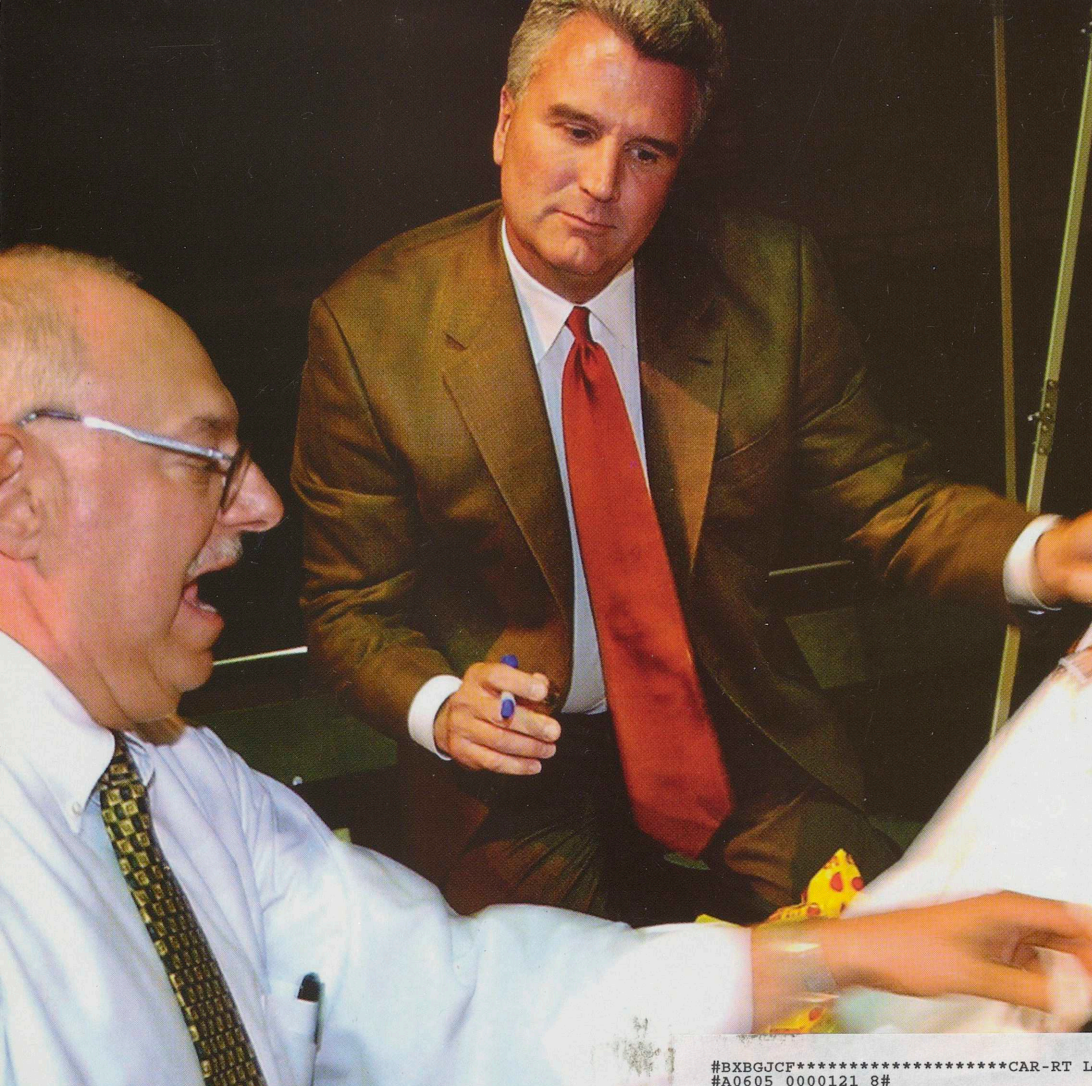
Her busy summer will include a presentation on cultural issues in organizational settings at the International Academy of Law and Mental Health in Paris and a meeting with the Oxford University Press in London about writing a book that would deal with the psychological treatment of minority populations.

For her compassionate contributions to community service and education and for loyalty to her alma mater, the SIU Alumni Association proudly salutes Harvette Grey.



*"SIU provided the type of environment we needed as first generation college students to complete our growing up in an extended family."*

**Harvette Grey '68**  
**Executive Director, Cultural Center**  
**DePaul University, Chicago**  
**SIU Alumni Association Life Member**

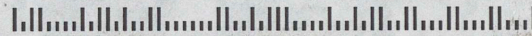


## Weber Grilled And Dawgs Reap Benefits

**F**ormer head basketball coach Bruce Weber recently returned to the SIU Arena to help the Salukis raise some substantial funds for men's basketball. Weber, the 2005 NCAA National Coach of the Year at the University of Illinois, was a part of a "roast," as more than 700 alumni and friends paid \$100 per person to hear coaches Chris Lowery, Matt Painter, Gene Keady, and others take a few good natured shots at the congenial Final Four coach.

The fact that Weber saw this as means to help Saluki Basketball says a lot about his continued strong feelings toward Southern, says Lowery. "Bruce wanted to do something to give back to Southern Illinois University," says the MVC Coach of the Year, who spent three years as an assistant to Weber with both the Salukis and the Illini. "I'm thankful to have such a good friend of the program."

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Above, SIU Alumni Association national board member Howard Spiegel chats with Bruce Weber while having the former Saluki head coach sign some memorabilia. Although Weber suffered some verbal abuse early in the program, he *did* have the last word. At right, former assistants Chris Lowery and Matt Painter react to some of Weber's "payback" comments.

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