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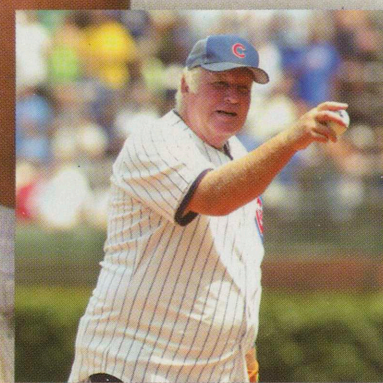
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WILD BILL'S WALK

Bill Holden Treks Across America
To Help Fight Juvenile Diabetes



Inside: Southern Exposure, Homecoming Information, Class Notes, and more...

Students With An Important Job

*K*evin Lister, director of annual giving for the Southern Illinois University Foundation, hires students every year for what he calls the most important student job on campus.

Job requirements include boundless enthusiasm, an ability to think on one's feet, and enough talent for "chit chat" to gain a rapport with alums and encourage them to invest in their alma mater.

The SIU Foundation's phone banks are staffed by the students for three major campaigns each year and their mission is to raise funds that will improve the educational experience for Southern's students.

The money they raise can be used to increase scholarship funds, make improvements to classrooms and labs or support student athlete programs. The student callers offer donors numerous ways to make their contribution – from cash or credit card donations to life insurance and property bequests.

Stephanie Bury, a radio and television major from Marissa, Ill., is only one of Lister's stars. "Stef is a veteran campaigner and I'll miss her experience when she graduates next May," he says.

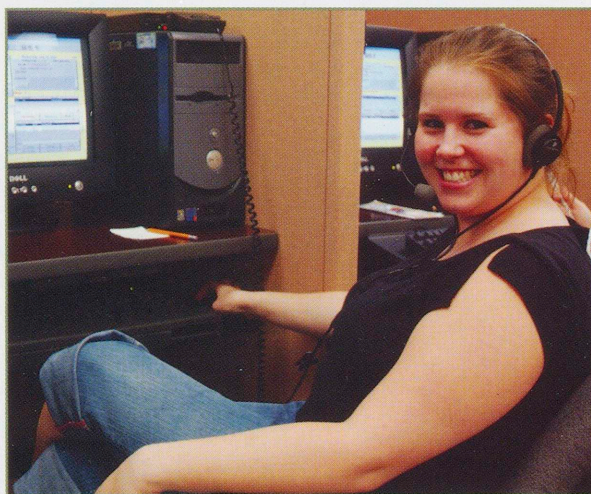
Bury really loves talking to alums. "Sometimes I can have an hour long conversation, just answering questions about what's happening on campus and listening to them reminisce about their years here. Some are interested in me and ask about what I'm doing," she adds.

Not surprising, Bury is the first member of the Foundation's \$100,000 club. "I really had no idea I had raised that much, and I don't know what I've raised since then," says Bury. She thinks the most important thing for students while on the phone with alums is to be trustworthy. "I think you have to make people feel comfortable."

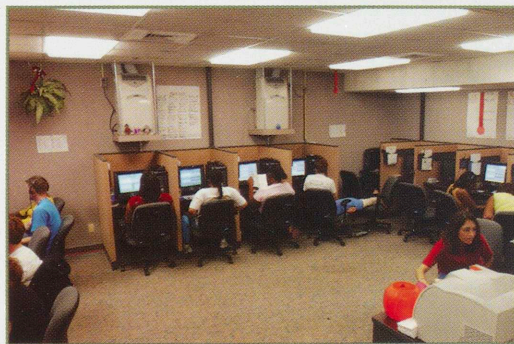
Monicah Ladd, a dental hygiene major from the Chicago suburb of Gurnee, says the calls make her feel good. "You realize you're doing something important for the school, and most of the alums are very nice – whether they give or not." Ladd, also a senior, is aiming to get into the \$100,000 club before she graduates.

Bury and Ladd are also student supervisors, which gives them more responsibilities in training other students and processing pledges.

Lister explains that the students work hard, but are well paid for their work. "They have to be up to the challenge each night and they always are. I think these are the best and hardest working group of students on campus."



Stephanie Bury's friendly smile translates over the phone lines to SIU alums who receive her call. She is one of the top student fundraisers for the SIU Foundation's phone bank (pictured below), which is active for three campaigns each year.



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ON THE COVER

"Wild Bill" Holden is shown during various stops on his walk across America. The Saluki product raised more than \$250,000 for the fight to find a cure for juvenile diabetes. To see a video clip of the ESPN feature on Holden, go to the link called "Wild Bill's" Walk at sualumni.com.

(Main cover photo courtesy of *The St Clair Missourian*.)



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The Heart Of A Champion

When Bill Holden worked as an educator in Arizona, part of his tenure was spent teaching young people on Indian reservations. Seeing the devastation caused to that community from juvenile diabetes, Holden decided he had to do something to help. With two bad knees and an iron will, he walked 2,100 miles across the country to raise awareness – and over a quarter of a million dollars – to help fight the disease.



On A Fast Track

Jennifer Byrne knew she wanted to enter aviation at an early age, even if her father had his doubts. She soon showed him that her dreams were for real, and in April, competing as a freshman, earned the distinction of becoming the nation's top collegiate female pilot. Now in her sophomore year at Southern, Byrne hopes to help lead the Flying Salukis to the next level: a top three national finish.

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A Lifetime Of Southern Memories

Sheri Hunter will add yet another Southern memory to her collection when she assumes the gavel at the SIU Alumni Association's 2005 homecoming board meeting. With specific goals for her term and deeply-rooted feelings for the University that for many years has been like a friendly neighbor to her family, the recently retired educator is anxious to give back to her alma mater. "I think the time is right for my term as president on the board," she says.

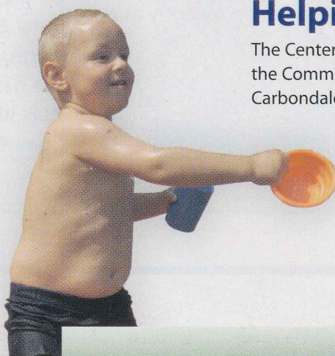


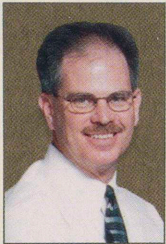
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Helping Them Find Their Way

The Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, housed in one end of the Communications Building on the Southern Illinois University Carbondale campus, has limited space. With therapy sessions underway, that small area bustles with near-constant activity, as Center Director Anthony Cuvo and his dedicated staff work to make a difference in the lives of autistic children and their families.

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by Gene Green

Many alumni make a habit of wearing SIU apparel when travelling, knowing it almost always leads to a chance meeting with a fellow Saluki. In Chicago recently to witness “Wild Bill” Holden’s arrival at Wrigley Field, I presumed donning SIU Alumni Association garb might pay dividends – and it did in a big way.

It was a pleasure – and a challenge – to prepare this issue’s cover story on Holden. Throughout his amazing 2,100 mile trek to raise money for the fight against juvenile diabetes, arrival times changed, routes were altered a bit, and sorting through all the press clippings the 1972 graduate was producing across the United States was often mind boggling.

My best source became Holden’s old SIU buddy Greg Reisig, who was tracking his daily progress from his home in Elk River, Mich., and would drop me e-mails and information a few times each week. Meeting the SIU Alumni Association member in Chicago would have been nice, but not real practical. I had no idea what he looked like – our *only* contact had been through e-mail.

Eating breakfast the next morning at a little diner in Wrigleyville with SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger, I lamented how helpful Reisig would be that day if we had *any* way of locating him. Just then a man close to our table spotted our SIU Alumni Association shirts, glanced over and said, “I’m Greg Reisig – are you Gene and Ed?” Stunned by the small world nature of this chance meeting in a city of three million people, we began a conversation with the 1971 grad. He told us Holden’s schedule that morning, route through the city, and plans when the game began.

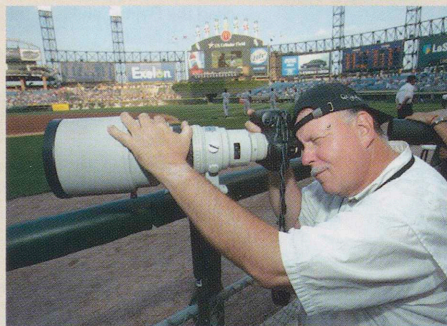
We soon strolled over to Wrigley Field, where I started to try and arrange some assistance with photos. I was going to take some myself, but hoped to acquire something from one of the professional photographers jammed on the field that day. Before I could start that process, apparel came into play once again.

Spotting our shirts, a freelance sideline photographer strolled over to us near the dugout. “You guys work at the SIU Alumni Association?” he asked. We both smiled and said yes. “Hi – I’m Chuck Rydlewski, a 1969 graduate of SIU and a life member of the Association.”

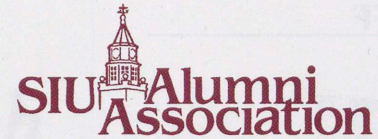
When I told him why we were on the field that day, Rydlewski soon asked if there were any photos I needed taken. I’m proud to say that several of his dramatic on-field images grace this edition of *Southern Alumni*. “I’m glad to do it,” he said. “I don’t get much of a chance to get down to Carbondale anymore, but I’ll always love the place.”

I’ve long heard the phrase, “there are Salukis everywhere,” but the expression now has even more special meaning. My advice? Keep on wearing maroon – it helps you meet good people like Chuck and Greg when you least expect it.

Enjoy your magazine.



Chuck Rydlewski shown in action recently at a Chicago White Sox game.



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Former Football Saluki Fondly Remembers Hanes

I was pleased to see your article on Mike Hanes in the last issue of the magazine. He is very deserving of such recognition and appreciation by the SIU family. I graduated from Southern in 1972, and while a student was for-

tunate to play football for the Salukis. We also enjoyed the SIU band and their enthusiasm.

While practicing one day, Director Hanes and the band members unexpectedly charged the football field and played the Saluki fight song as a supportive gesture. This effort was especially well received since Hanes and the band were not required, or expected, to perform for the football team at a midweek

practice session.

Now 34 years later, I still remember Hanes and the band charging over the hill by the SIU Arena toward the football field. We enjoyed—and appreciated—the band's efforts that day and throughout the season.

At this time, it is appropriate to say that SIU will miss Mike Hanes.

David Reid '72
Life Member
Springfield, Ill.

Enjoyed June Magazine

The last edition of *Southern Alumni* magazine was great, and I *really* enjoyed the story on Mike Hanes. That story, along with several of the other articles, made for an issue that was wonderful to read.

Keep up the good work, and as always—Go Dawgs!

George Peach '64
Life Member
Phoenix, Ariz.

Jim Belushi Spots Southern Alum At Recent Show

My wife, Pamm, and I recently saw the Blues Brothers play at the Horseshoe Casino's Bluesville Stage in Tunica, Miss. In addition to Dan Ackroyd, the band featured SIU alum Jim Belushi. The show was great—he really puts a lot into it, including a back flip.

When Belushi saw my SIU hat, he told me to stay put. He later came out and asked about everything going on at the University, from the current state of the Saluki basketball and football teams to inquiring what bars were still open.

Belushi, who was in the class of 1978, said he played in a band while at SIU named Shakespeare's Riot and that they often played at The Club. You could tell he was still interested in what was going on back at his alma mater.

He has a band called The Sacred Hearts and does about 50 shows a year. If you ever get a chance to see Belushi with the

Blues Brothers—or his own band Sacred Hearts—go and you will be dancing before you know it. What a great band that would be to appear at Shyrock Auditorium!

Larry Hunter '83
Life Member
Carterville, Ill.



When Jim Belushi '78, current star of ABC TV's *"According To Jim,"* has spare time, he enjoys performing with his blues band. Here he is shown with Larry Hunter '83, who caught The Blues Brothers in concert recently. Belushi spotted Hunter's SIU cap and came down to chat with his fellow alum when the show was over that evening.



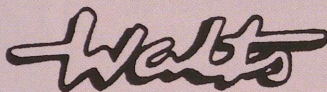
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Walt's Pizza Welcomes Alumni



A meal made with home-made sauces and fresh ingredients served with a 10 percent discount is what SIU

Alumni Association members can expect when they stop by for lunch or dinner at Walt's Pizza in Marion, Ill.

Owned and operated since 1977 by Walt '76 and Peggy '75 Nieds, these SIU Alumni Association Life Members welcome their fellow alumni. Their double-decker pizza, salad bar, and taco nachos are legendary around Marion. They also offer an extensive traditional menu of fresh salmon, steaks, chicken, and ribs – and look for the daily specials.

A lunch buffet is served from 11-1:30 Tuesday through Thursday, featuring pizza, soup, salad, and other lunch items. Located at 213 S. Court in Marion, Walt's is open seven days a week.



Super 8 Offers Super Discount

The Carbondale Super 8 Motel is offering SIU Alumni Association members a 15 percent discount off room rates. The motel is conveniently located across the street from the University Mall and within walking distance of several restaurants. The Super 8 features a complimentary breakfast for each of its guests, and offers cable television with HBO, STARZ, and wireless high speed internet service. The motel also has two available suites.

Super 8 is located at 1180 Main Street in Carbondale. Reservations may be made by calling 618-457-8822.

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- Opportunity to attend events at member rates

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Can you remember the feeling the day you graduated? As you look back on your college days and reminisce about some of the best years of your life, you realize how important it is to keep those memories alive. That is why the SIU Alumni Association is here. We help keep those memories alive.

Stay connected through the pages of the *Southern Alumni* magazine, *Saluki Pride* newsletter, and with events such as reunions, homecomings, alumni events, and programs. If you would like a friend or relative to experience those same feelings, please consider purchasing an SIU Alumni Association membership as a gift. Share your love for Southern with others.

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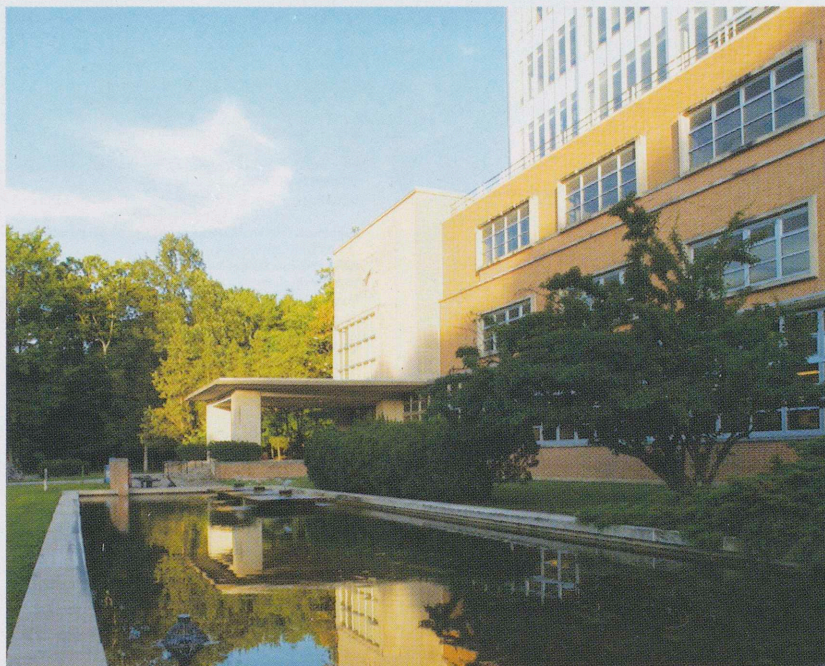
After a celebratory groundbreaking last fall, Southern Illinois University Carbondale has launched a sweeping \$42 million renovation to Morris Library. The largest capital project in the University's history, it will modernize the 275,000-square-foot facility, adding another 50,000 square feet and amazing computer and information technologies.

The current schedule calls for project completion in December 2008. But first, countless changes and preparations are being undertaken just to empty and ready the space for construction crews. (Day-to-day information on the project is available at [www.lib.siu.edu/hp/renovation/.](http://www.lib.siu.edu/hp/renovation/))

During this current initial phase, some floors are closed in anticipation of the renovation. Beginning in September, most of the library's collection will be relocated to the newly built McLafferty Annex. Library patrons may request retrieval of materials from the annex, online through the library's Web site, or in person at the first-floor circulation desk, which will remain open. The goal, according to library officials, is a two-hour turnaround for retrieval of materials. Personnel at the circulation desk will hold materials for 48 hours.

Construction of the 50,000-square-foot addition to the north of the existing facility also will take place during phase one of the project. At the end of phase one in summer 2007, some staff and collections will return to the library and occupy the newly renovated floors and offices.

During phase two, the remaining floors (the remaining half of the first floor and all of the basement) will be closed. ■



Historic Morris Library will have a fresh look and state-of-the-art technology when the \$42 million renovation project is completed in 2008. It is the largest capital project in the University's history.

Southern Student Photographers Take Top Honors At State Contest

Student photographers at Southern Illinois University Carbondale left their competition in the dust at the Illinois Student Best of Photojournalism contest May 6 and 7 at Northwestern University in Evanston.

Sponsored by the Illinois Press Photographers Association (the statewide organization of photojournalists affiliated with the National Press Photographers), the contest is open to college students and student interns throughout the state.

For the third consecutive year, Derek Anderson, a Southern photojournalism major and 2004 graduate, took honors as the Student Photographer of the Year. Anderson, who worked as a staff photographer for the *Daily Egyptian*, took home 10 awards in all.

Other University students won the three top spots and an honorable mention in the Student Photographer of the Year competition. Max Bittle, a sophomore and staff photographer at the *Carterville Courier*, earned second-place honors in the category, and Amber Arnold, a 2004 graduate, took third place. Anthony Soufflé, a sophomore and *Daily Egyptian* staff photographer, scored one of the three honorable mentions.

Other students honored were: Katherine Fortune, Roger Darrigrand, John Henry, Meredith Mercier, and Amanda Whitlock. The nine Salukis won 32 of the 44 awards in the contest, with the other 12 awards spread among five other Illinois universities and colleges.

For a complete list of winners in the professional and student competitions and portfolios of the top winners, see www.medillnppa.org/convention.html. ■

Tedrick Named Chairman Of SIU Board Of Trustees

The Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees recently appointed Roger Tedrick of Mt. Vernon to fill the vacancy created by Chairman Glenn Poshard's resignation. Poshard, a member of the board since January 2004, resigned June 16 and announced he will apply for SIU president following the announcement that current president James Walker is retiring.

The Board also approved the initiation of a national search for the new President of SIU and the creation of a Presidential Search Advisory Committee, whose responsibilities would include advising the Board of Trustees in its selection of the next president. Dr. Keith Sanders was appointed by the Board to serve as the Board's liaison to the committee and be responsible for the day-to-day activities of the search.

"Without question, Jim Walker and Glenn Poshard are irreplaceable, but this Board has a duty to the SIU

community to move forward diligently and expeditiously to find the individuals that can carry their good work forward,"

comments Board Vice Chairman Ed Hightower. "We have begun that process with the selection of Roger Tedrick as the new SIU Board of Trustees Chairman."

Tedrick, president of

Tedrick Insurance in Mt. Vernon, was appointed to the SIU Board of Trustees by Gov. Rod Blagojevich on February 6, 2004. He currently serves as chair of the Board's Finance Committee. Tedrick, a 1970 graduate of Southern and is a long-time supporter of the University. He is a past member of the SIU Foundation Board, a past member of the SIU Alumni Association Board, and a Life Member of the SIU Alumni Association.

"I fully understand the moment in time in which I have been selected to lead this Board. I am honored and humbled by the Board's confidence in me," Tedrick says. ■

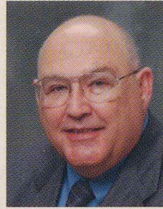


Roger Tedrick, a Life Member of the SIU Alumni Association, is the new Chairman of the SIU Board of Trustees.

On The Side

Osborne New Engineering Dean

Southern Illinois University Carbondale recently announced that William Osborne, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, will head Southern's College of Engineering.



University Provost and Vice Chancellor John Dunn says Osborne is a dynamic individual with experience in bringing engineering research and business and industry leaders together. Osborne, a native of Paducah, Ky., says he is excited about the new position.

"I'm really looking forward to the opportunity," he says, "as Southern has a good college and it has a chance to be a great college—I want to be part of that."

Adkins Director Of SIU Press

Arthur "Lain" Adkins, who has 20 years experience with university presses in Oklahoma and Chicago, is the new director of the SIU Press. He was the books division manager of the University of Chicago Press, a post he has held since 2001. While there, Adkins had the fiscal, administrative, and operational responsibility for book publishing at the largest U.S. university press, publishing 280 books annually.

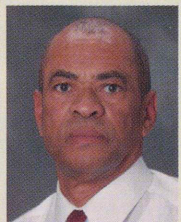


Adkins supervised approximately 100 employees in the areas of editorial, book production, sales, marketing, information technology, accounting, and administration. He also has previous experience as a certified public accountant and controller.

Adkins initially came to Southern as a consultant to the SIU Press, but was so impressed with the administration, faculty, and staff that he decided to apply for the job. "SIU Press has a long and excellent publishing history," he says, noting the press publishes in some areas he enjoys publishing in: rhetoric, theater studies, and regional studies.

Calhoun Named Associate Provost

Thomas Calhoun, professor and chair in Southern Illinois University Carbondale's sociology department, is the University's new associate provost for academic affairs. Provost and Vice Chancellor John Dunn recently announced the appointment.



"Dr. Calhoun has impressive credentials, and I am delighted that he is willing to direct his energy and talent to issues and programs central to the academic mission of the University," Dunn says. "The screening committee and others who interviewed him were enthusiastic and positive regarding his appointment."

Calhoun, 58, of Carbondale, has been with the University since the fall of 2001 and has served as department chair since 2003. He says he looks forward to "joining a team of committed people who are interested in furthering the mission of the University." Calhoun has more than 30 years experience as an instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor. ■

Black Alumni Group Reunion

Four past presidents of the Black Alumni Group were honored by approximately 500 fellow African-American alumni at the group's reunion in July on campus.

John Holmes, Richard Reynolds, Lamar Gentry, and Hubert Avent, the only four presidents during the group's first 15 years of existence, were honored at a Reunion Gala in the Carbondale Civic Center.

This year's reunion's theme was "Putting On The Dawg: Soulful Southern Style." Activities during the reunion included the gala with a subtitle of *Blacks in White*. Guests were asked to wear suave, chic, summer, white attire. Attendees enjoyed featured entertainers for the occasion, including Chicago Rhythm and Blues/Soul performer Terisa Griffin, and Maurice "Ice" Culpepper, a popular deejay

in the Windy City known for entertaining guests with old-school tunes.

Joining Griffin and Culpepper was Olivia Fox, a 1988 graduate who has become a seasoned and dynamic industry professional. The St. Louis native hosts the morning drive "Olivia Fox Show" for 95.7, The Beat, in Tampa, Fla. Fox was the former co-host of the nationally syndicated "The Russ Parr Morning Show With Olivia Fox" from 1996 to 2002. Dubbed "The Queen of Telling It Like It Is," the award-winning radio personality amassed a diverse following of fans in cities across the nation.

In addition to the gala, reunion activities included workshops, socials, an African Open Market, campus tours, golf and tennis outings, picnic and a brunch. The Sunday brunch featured a performance by Genesis Arts Ministry, directed

by 1988 alumna Tracy Holliday-Wiggins. Holliday-Wiggins is the company manager for the St. Louis Black Repertory Theater and has appeared in numerous theatrical and television productions. Genesis was formed in 2003 as a creative arts ministry for young people in the Metro East area.

The Black Alumni Group is a constituent society of the SIU Alumni Association and hosts a reunion in Carbondale every other year. This was the ninth biennial reunion the group has coordinated. Established in 1988, Black Alumni Group helps maintain professional, social, and educational relationships developed at Southern within the African-American community. ■

More than 500 alumni and four past presidents of the Black Alumni Group enjoyed a festive weekend in July during the group's ninth biennial reunion.

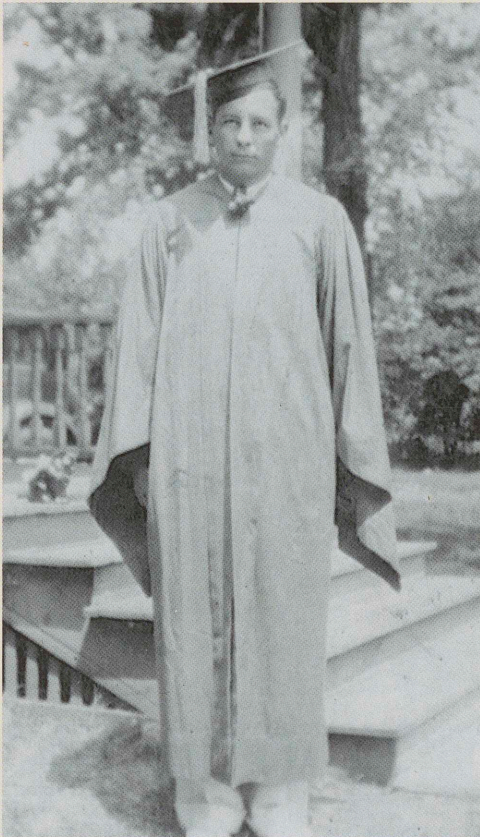


McAndrew's Kindness Made The Difference For Guy Hill

When Guy Hill first arrived on the campus of Southern Illinois Normal University in the early 1930s, it was apparent that earning a degree from the institution would not be an easy task.

Hill, the oldest son of nine children, had no transportation to college and found it necessary to hitchhike from his father's farm south of Carrier Mills each day. He faced hard times—as did nearly everyone during the Great Depression—but was determined to find a way to earn his education at the teacher's college. All he needed was a little assistance, which he would eventually find from a kind gentleman on the SINU staff.

Hill, who died in 1998, often told the story of crossing paths occasionally with a man he believed was the SINU football coach. He sometimes had brief conversations with the individual, and once in the winter of 1933, told the man that his money had run out and he would soon have to drop out of school. The kind man seemed concerned and had an idea. Hill was offered a job as night watchman over the equipment being used in the construction of the University's new football stadium.



Guy Hill shown graduating from Southern in 1934.

After being provided with a coal oil lamp and a pistol, Hill began to guard the equipment while he studied at night. Later on his duties expanded to helping pour the concrete foundation for the stadium. The duties enabled Hill to complete his college education in 1934.

When Hill started the job that would pave the comple-

tion of his education, he soon learned that his benefactor was indeed SINU head football coach William McAndrew, for whom the stadium was later named. He said students and faculty at the time knew him more as Captain McAndrew, as he had been an infantry captain during World War I. The legendary coach later became brigadier general in the Illinois Reserve Militia during World War II.

Certainly the chance meetings with Coach McAndrew were for-

unate for Hill, who accepted this kindness from a stranger to eventually earn his education and a teaching certificate.

—This Southern Memory article was submitted by Hill's children, Robert Hill and Dorothy Ann (Hill) Gorton '66.

The Day 'Southern Illinois' Grew And Grew...

by Albert Shafter '48, M.A. '49
and the late Rex Karnes '49, M.A. '51

In 1948, "southern Illinois" as an entity was regarded generally and sociologically as the lower 16 counties of Illinois. Dr. William Tudor was employed by the Southern Illinois University's Sociology Department and began a demographical study of the region.

At that time the department was located in a converted Army barrack shared with the Economics Department; only a double row of file cabinets separated the two units. The Sociology Department was composed of Professor and Chairman Joseph Johnson, Associate Professor Tudor, Assistant Professor Louis Petroff, Graduate Assistant Albert Shafter, and student workers Rex Karnes and John Roach. Karnes and Roach were collecting data for Tudor's study, recording percentages of homes without electricity, water, indoor plumbing, etc., for the lower 16 counties.

On Sept. 10, 1948, Dr. Deleyte Morris was appointed president of Southern Illinois University, and within weeks began visiting the various academic departments. All members were present the day of his visit to the Sociology Department, and there was general conversation between Morris and the three professors until the new president saw a map of Illinois with the lower 16 counties highlighted. When he asked what it was, he was told this was "southern Illinois."

Morris said, "Oh no! That's not correct. I'm from the Collinsville-Edwardsville area, and that is definitely in southern Illinois."

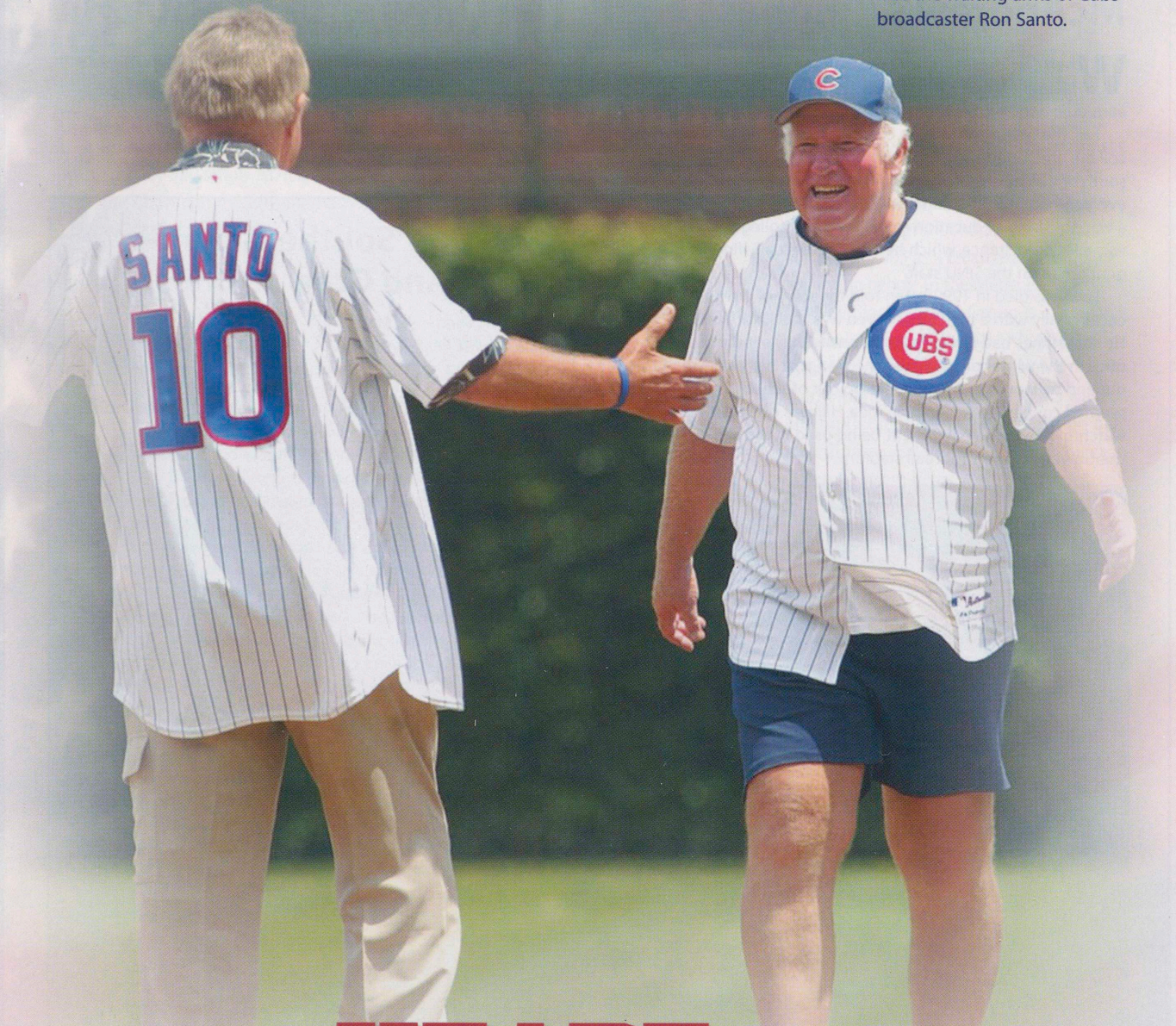
Someone located a marking pen, and Morris and the three professors clustered around the map trying to find the "new" southern Illinois. At least one of the observers (Shafter) thought to himself, "My God, they're going to include Springfield!" Finally a line was drawn that included 31 counties—the "new" southern Illinois was introduced.

In the aftermath, Tudor turned to Karnes and Roach and said, "Fellows, its back to the drawing board. We need to get data for the 15 new counties as soon as possible."

As the only survivor of this historical event, I wanted to share this anecdote with *Southern Alumni* readers.

Editor's Note: Shafter, a past president of the SIU Alumni Association, was superintendent of the Bowen Developmental Center in Harrisburg, Ill., until it was converted to a correctional facility. Karnes, who viewed this manuscript prior to his death almost two years ago, enjoyed a long administrative career at SIU and was the first recipient of the Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Award. Both are life members of the SIU Alumni Association.

A beaming Bill Holden walks the final steps of a 2,100 mile journey into the waiting arms of Cubs' broadcaster Ron Santo.



THE HEART OF A CHAMPION

BY GENE GREEN

Sunrise arrives on Jan. 10, ushering in a new day for residents of Prescott Valley, Ariz. Bill Holden eases out of bed, eats a good breakfast, and packs a few belongings in a beat up old travel bag perched near the front door.

The 56-year-old Holden stretches—and grimaces—shaking off the stiffness of the night as he heads toward the street. Now out in the frigid winter air, a light mist begins to fall as he strolls slowly down a highway on two knees filled with cartilage the consistency of oatmeal.

His legs ache, and his knees cry out, but eventually the 1972 Southern Illinois University graduate has sauntered a full mile down a lonely Arizona road. Holden smiles and stretches his well-worn limbs before quickly returning to the task at hand.

This is no time for celebration. There are six states and 2,099 more miles to go until he arrives in Chicago, Ill.

‘I KNOW I CAN DO IT’

A native of Elgin, Ill., Holden has earned his living for years as a teacher in Arizona. Part of that tenure has included teaching on American Indian reservations, where he witnessed firsthand the massive destruction caused by juvenile diabetes. It bothered him, ate at his brain, and made him shake his head in disgust.

“Diabetes is at an epidemic level on the reservations,” he says. “It is horrible and destructive to see what it does to young people. Their health is affected, their eyesight impaired, and it sucks the energy right out of them. I just couldn’t let go of some of the things I had seen when I was teaching there.”

But what could *he* do about it?

A lifelong Chicago Cubs fan, Holden was thrilled last Christmas when his son, Josh, sent him the DVD *This Old Cub*, which chronicles former Cubs great Ron Santo’s long battle with juvenile diabetes. The first day he received the documentary, he watched it seven straight times until 4 a.m. He was so moved that he decided *something* had to be done to help find a cure for the disease that has now cost Santo both legs.

With nothing but a dream and an iron will, he decided to take some time off from his 32-year teaching career and walk from Arizona to Chicago to raise awareness—and money—for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

“When I first started, some people thought I was crazy,” Holden laughs. “Hell, they might have been right, but I knew I would make it! Bad knees and all, once I started there was no turning back. Ron Santo (now a Cubs radio announcer) is no



Holden, shown taking a short water break, experienced countless acts of kindness from the people he met during his long trek. “Everyone treated me great – it was almost unbelievable.”

quitter, and I was thinking about him and the kids with this terrible disease every step of the way.

“And you can be certain if I hadn’t gone to SIU, I never would have attempted this. I had the Saluki spirit driving me every step of the journey.”

WILD BILL’S PLAN OF ACTION

Holden, dubbed “Wild Bill” during countless media interviews over the next six months, quickly hatched a game plan for his trek. He would average 12 miles a day for 171 days. He would talk to every reporter, every citizen, every passerby in an effort to promote the cause.

And just in case anyone still wondered if the ol’ Saluki was just a bit nuts, he announced a goal of raising **\$250,000** on the walk. “Maybe that was crazy,” Holden now says, “but somehow I knew something magical was going happen and it would all come together. People who know me realize that once I start something, I will finish it. This was no different.”

To make matters even more of a challenge, there would be no money collected or available for anything but JDRF research. Holden’s room and board throughout the journey would depend basically on the kindness of strangers and help from some unlikely sources.

The first source came via contact with his alma mater. When Holden told SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger what he planned to do, a call was made to former Associate Vice Chancellor Roger Neuhaus.

Neuhaus, who earned his master’s at Southern in 1990 and is now vice president of community relations at Verde Valley Medical Center in Arizona, convinced his new employers to



No two days were the same for Holden, who saw the uncertainty of what was ahead of him as part of the trip's allure. "Not one time did I think about turning back," he says.

donate \$5,000 for juvenile diabetes research and to provide a cell phone for Holden to use during his travels. The SIU Alumni Association Life Member took things one step further, taking a week off from work to walk with Holden in New Mexico.

As word of Holden's journey began to spread at the grassroots level, details of the walk reached Santo, who was told of the plan by 670 AM (The Score) radio host Mike Murphy. Murphy, one of Holden's roommates during his days at Southern, put the two in contact with each other, and the trip was given added life.

"I was crying on the phone when I talked with Santo," Holden recalls. "I couldn't get over that he was calling me to thank me for what I was doing."

Santo's son, Jeff, who directed *This Old Cub*, also was soon helping the SIU

alumnus on his adventure and spreading the word to a wider audience. His Web site, thisoldcub.com, provided daily updates throughout the journey, links to media interviews, and even a short movie Jeff produced when he caught up with the Saluki walking in a remote area out West.

Santo's group also helped secure some lodging and places to eat, as did Greg Reisig '71, a friend of Holden's from his SIU days who served as a quasi-press agent from his home in Elk Rapids, Mich., for the duration of the trip. While all of this proved to be a big help, many days were still filled with the uncertainty of where he would lay his head at night.

It might be a bed in someone's home, a donated motel room, or even a detached travel trailer baking in the sweltering heat of Texas. It didn't really

matter much to Holden, who saw the uncertainty of each day as part of the journey's mosaic.

"Seeing the kindness of the American people and meeting so many accommodating individuals was certainly a highlight of this trip," Holden says. "No two days were the same, and I came away from the experience with great pride in our country. I know I had plenty of people praying for me along the way."

For Reisig, this seemingly impossible journey was just another amazing challenge he had seen Holden conquer (see accompanying story). "Bill is an extraordinary individual," says the SIU Alumni Association member. "Few people could do what he did; heck, 99 percent would never even attempt it."

Through snow, rain, and heat, Holden marched on spreading the word for JDRL. With each step, America was beginning to notice in ways he never imagined.

SANTO IN HIS CORNER

In addition to updates on Santo's Web site, the Cubs' announcer was also starting to mention "Wild Bill's Walk" on WGN broadcasts and called Holden a few times each week. Eventually the Cubs also joined in the plans, announcing that the SIU grad could throw out a ceremonial first pitch if he made it to Wrigley Field by July 1.

Not that Holden needed any more inspiration, but seeing his beloved Cubs in person, throwing out the first pitch, and meeting Santo was enough to provide sweet dreams at night. Through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma he trudged, delighting scores of people along the way with his friendly, folksy manner. Into Missouri he ambled in late April, actually ahead of schedule. When he eventually arrived in St. Louis around the first of May, he took a short break to see his son, Josh, who plays baseball at St. Louis Community College.

By then Holden had raised about \$85,000—impressive, but well short of his



Holden often sported SIU garb during his long journey, never meeting a stranger along the way. Here he is shown with some new friends who joined him for supper one night.

goal. When he left St. Louis and got ready to enter Illinois, that “something magical” he had predicted happened. ESPN sent a reporter to walk with him for the next day or so.

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— GREG REISIG

The online story by Wayne Drehs of ESPN.com garnered national publicity for the cause and got things rolling in the home stretch. Here is part of Drehs’ story:

Bill Holden had an umbrella, long johns and a pair of gloves, but he’s ditched those. He does laundry once a week. The biggest challenge is his bag. Heavy and awkward, it’s impossible to carry along the already exhausting walk. So everyday, Holden finds someone to drive the bag to the next town, where he hopes it will be waiting for him.

Each morning, the routine is the same: Wake up, take a shower, pack the bag. Down two bananas, two ibuprofens, and an Equate painkiller. Hang out in the hotel lobby, looking for someone to transport the bag. If that doesn’t work, try a nearby coffee shop. If that doesn’t work, call the local sheriff.

And he’s done it all on a pair of knees that Holden’s son, Josh, says are bone-on-bone. Holden was scheduled for reconstructive surgery on each of his knees

prior to the trip. Unable to pay for the surgeries because of issues with his medical insurance, he canceled.

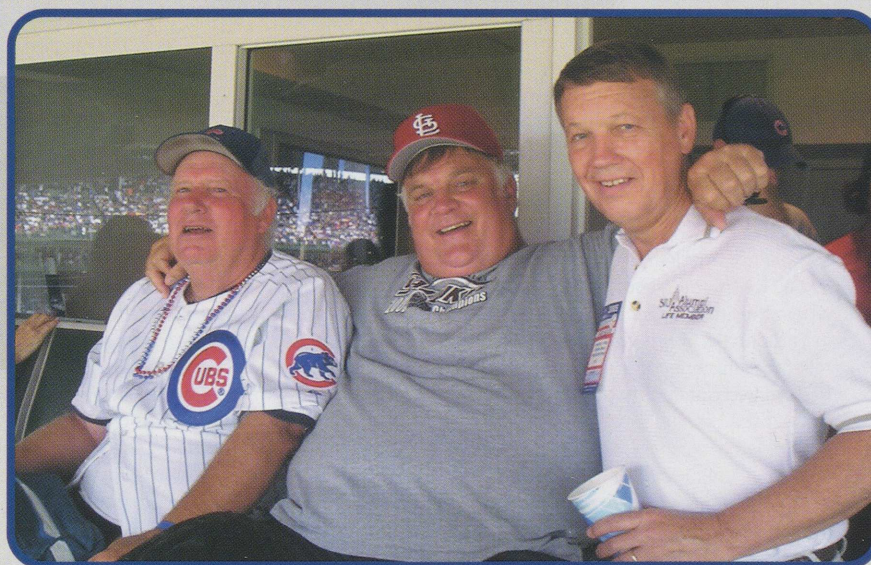
“What would most doctors say? ‘Don’t do it. You won’t make it,’” Holden said. “Well screw ‘em. Sure I’m sore. Sure it hurts. But how can I complain about having sore knees when Ron Santo doesn’t even have any legs?”

“I take it slow. Didn’t the tortoise win that race with the hare? I’m making it.”

As of late May, Wild Bill’s Walk has raised \$80,000, well short of the \$250,000 goal. But the folks at “This Old Cub” are hopeful that the stretch run through Illinois and certainly the city of Chicago should help Holden reach the \$200,000 barrier.

‘HEY! YOU’RE THAT GUY’

The ESPN interview, coupled with Santo’s updates during Cubs games, was making “Wild Bill’s Walk” a national phenomenon. Chicago news media began picking up the story in a major way, as images of Holden became common on the evening news and on the pages of the *Chicago Sun-Times* and *Chicago Tribune*. Momentum was starting to build dur-



Holden enjoyed part of the game sitting in a Wrigley Field luxury box with friends and family. Here he relaxes with fellow SIU alums Carl Mauck ‘69 and Ed Buerger ‘70.

Photo by Gene Green

'PRESIDENT MORRIS WANTS TO SEE YOU IN HIS OFFICE ...'

Bill Holden's 2,100-mile walk across the United States is not the first time the Southern graduate has accomplished an unusual mission.

In 1968, Holden was an underclassman at Southern Illinois University. Although anything but pro war ("most here were not at that time," he recalls), the Tet Offensive was in full throttle, and he felt great empathy for the soldiers fighting in the Vietnam War. He wanted to do something to help and discussed his feelings with some friends living at Stevenson Arms. After a short bull session, the group decided to secure sponsors to back them financially for a walk from SIU to Chicago. All money raised would be sent to the USO.

The *Daily Egyptian* found out about the plan, and a story soon appeared in the paper. Holden figured it was welcome publicity—at least until later that afternoon. Sitting in a classroom in the Wham Building, his teacher approached him with a note. The message read, "President Morris wants to see you in his office right now."

Holden immediately went to the office of SIU President Deleyte Morris, who had read the story in the paper and wanted to know if this student was *really* going through with such a plan. The legendary SIU president was cordial, but insisted on asking him over and over, "Can you make it?" Holden each time assured him he could. Morris eventually said with a smile, "You realize that it is not only you, but SIU's reputation on the line as well if this event is publicized and then you either back out or don't make it."

The determined Saluki told Morris he wouldn't let him down, and the SIU president gave him his blessing. Holden and his companions made the journey, raised \$2,000 for the USO, and walked to Chicago where they met Mayor Richard Daley. Back in Carbondale, Morris breathed a sigh of relief that this energetic student's journey had worked out and that the issue was now closed.

Holden had other ideas.

A year later, 1969 was celebrated as SIU's 100th anniversary. Holden hatched another plan—this one bigger, bolder, and more complicated. He and some friends would ride bikes across country, taking with them a

plaque to present to President Richard Nixon commemorating the University's 100th year. Once again the *DE* did a story, and once again word came to Holden during class to "go see President Morris."

This time the scene was much different. Instead of a cordial, inquisitive Morris, Holden saw a stern SIU president with four of his top administrators standing behind him. "Have a seat Bill," Morris said. "What's this I see in the



Members of the Washington, D.C., Area Alumni Club met Holden (fourth from left) and his group for the plaque ceremony. At far right is Senator Charles Percy, who helped the SIU students get access to the White House when they arrived.

paper about you riding a bike across country to present Nixon with a plaque?" Holden explained his plan, saying he thought it would be a great experience and would provide SIU with some publicity in the process.

"One of Morris' henchmen," Holden now says with a laugh, "immediately said in no uncertain terms that this could not happen."

"What if he embarrasses the University? What if something happens?" he asked. Another pleaded, "Dr. Morris, you can't let this go any farther. We'd have *no control* over this stunt, and it would be the University that would be put in a bad light if something went wrong. He needs to call this thing off *right now*."

Morris listened intently and then leaned across the desk in a scene Holden had witnessed once before in his life. "Bill, can you make it?" the SIU president asked. Holden told him that he was certain he and his traveling companions could indeed pull this off. With the "henchmen" nervous and frowning, Morris appeared in deep thought before turning around and announcing his decision.

"Let's help him out; cut him a check for \$1,500," a now smiling Morris said to one of

the administrators. "Good luck with this Bill. Don't let us down."

Four Salukis left on the trip in March, taking 11 days to reach the nation's capital. Although one had to drop out due to illness (another had to abandon his bike because of mechanical problems), Holden, James Pratt, and Robert Lewling made it to Washington, D.C.

With help from former Senator Charles Percy, the Salukis biked across the country knowing they were scheduled to have five minutes of Nixon's time when they arrived. Two days before they reached their destination, however, they heard something that would render the president's already tight schedule obsolete: Former President Dwight Eisenhower had died.

"Biking across the country back then, news wasn't exactly reaching us quickly, but we had heard some things about Eisenhower's death," Holden recalls. "When we reached the White House, we were met by Secret Service agents at the gate who told us the sad news again. Instead of an audience with Nixon, they told us they would give us a VIP tour of the White House."

The tour suddenly took an interesting direction.

"When we started walking around, the Secret Service was informed that Nixon – at that very moment – was preparing to sign a bill in the Oval Office," Holden recalls. "The agents said if we hurried, they would take us there to witness it. Once in the room, we would not be allowed to speak, move, or make any noise at all. We thought that sounded simple enough until all of a sudden the Secret Service had us sprinting with them through tunnels, hallways, and across the rose garden.

"We slid into the back of the room – still out of breath from our mad dash with the Secret Service – just as Nixon signed a bill with New York Senator Jacob Javits at his side. Standing there in the Oval Office, I almost started laughing that a plan hatched over a few beers in Carbondale one night had led us to this moment.

"I also remember thinking that *only* a bunch of crazy Salukis would have ever tried something like this."

—Gene Green

ing an amazing May, as Holden trudged through the blistering heat of his old home state with visions of Wrigley Field almost in sight.

Walking across Illinois, Holden suddenly was a recognizable figure as people stopped to give him a check for JDRF, offer a bottle of water, or simply shake his hand. "One guy was going the other direction one day, did a U-turn, came back around and simply started shouting, 'Hey! You're that guy!'" Wild Bill says with a big laugh. "I told him I guess I was that guy, and I sensed something was starting to happen."

Donations through thisoldcub.com were pouring in as Holden walked across the state. When he neared the Chicagoland area, however, the Windy City embraced his mission and *substantial* money flowed in. Suddenly with only days left to go, the coffers were filling up, and \$250,000 appeared to be possible. Bad knees, a staggering financial goal, and one (**yes, only one**) pair of Reebok shoes later, Wrigley Field was almost in sight.

SWEET HOME CHICAGO

Holden reached Lincolnwood on June 30 and readied himself for what would be the final six miles of his journey on the morning of July 1. Plans called for him to walk to Wrigley and be introduced on the field with Santo at his side. Six months, six states, and 2,100 miles were about to be behind him.

Anything but nervous the night before ("Are ya' kidding me? I slept like a baby," Holden scoffed), the ol' Saluki awoke to blue skies and 70 degree temperatures the next morning. After battling sweltering heat during his stint through Illinois ("the last couple of weeks were *the worst*," he admits), a cold front magically moved through the Windy City the evening before his final stroll and dropped the thermometer by almost 20 degrees.

Walking those six miles the morning of July 1, Holden was being greeted—and treated—like a rock star as he trudged



Photo by Gene Green

Former Saluki star Jerry Hairston, now a member of the Chicago Cubs, made sure to find Holden in the dugout after the opening ceremonies. "They tell me you're a Saluki," Hairston said as he grabbed Holden's hand. "Well, so am I."

through Chicago neighborhoods on his way to Wrigley Field. He was joined during the final two miles by Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich, who declared the date "Wild Bill Holden Day" in Illinois and signed legislation that would allow taxpayers to donate money to diabetes research on their state income-tax forms.

Holden arrived at Wrigley Field 45 minutes prior to the start of the Cubs game with the Washington Nationals, and prepared to throw out the first pitch of the contest. Normally a simple ceremonial gesture, his trek to the mound would instead turn into an emotional moment.

With Santo—aided by two prosthetic limbs—standing on the mound, Holden remained hidden behind the wagon gate in right field. As a capacity crowd stirred, the public address announcer set the stage.

"Cubs fans, please give a warm welcome to a fine gentleman, Bill Holden, as he walks the final steps of his journey to Wrigley Field ..."

As the wagon gate swung open, Holden, now obviously in pain with each step, slowly moved across the outfield as the theme from *The Natural* exploded over the stadium speakers.

Perhaps Santo intended to let "Wild Bill" come all the way to the mound, but when the SIU alumnus reached the infield dirt, the former Cubs star hobbled straight to Holden with arms outstretched.

Falling into each others arms, the two grown men unashamedly burst into tears, and many in the crowd dabbed at moist eyes as well. "Unbelievable! You did it big guy," Santo bellowed. "You're beautiful!"

Holden gathered himself and threw out the first pitch to Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood. He then was presented a check for \$250,000 that the walk had raised and turned it over to Santo and JDRF during an on-field ceremony.

THE TOAST OF THE TOWN

The rest of the afternoon, with his son, Josh, daughter, Becky, and ex-wife,

HARVARD ORTHOPEDIST INSPIRED BY HOLDEN'S WALK

When "Wild Bill's Walk" was featured on ESPN.com, many readers around the country were inspired by this fascinating tale. Dr. Darryl Tannenbaum, an orthopedist practicing in Columbus, Ind., turned inspiration into action.

Noting that Bill Holden had decided against having his bad knees fixed earlier this year because of issues with his medical insurance, Tannenbaum decided he could do his part in this remarkable story. Having no idea how to get in touch with the Saluki alumnus, he sent an e-mail to ESPN's Wayne Drehs, who had written the piece. Tannenbaum's correspondence read in part:

Dear Wayne:

I am positively inspired by your article about Bill Holden and am writing you to help find him and make this offer.

*Regarding his need for knee replacements, I would like to donate all my orthopedic surgical fees, have Zimmer (the finest implant knee implant company in the U.S.) donate implants, and have Columbus Regional Hospital donate all hospital-related fees, including anesthesia, for Mr. Holden to have bilateral knee replacements **free of charge**.*

I graduated from Harvard as an undergraduate and from Harvard Medical School for my M.D. I am a practicing orthopedic surgeon in

Columbus, Ind., with my specialty being joint replacement.

I would be eager to speak to Mr. Holden or Ron Santo's son, so I can make this offer and perhaps give a boost in the final stretch.

This man is remarkable, and I would like to do my part.

Sincerely,

Darryl A. Tannenbaum, M.D.

It took a few moments to sink in when the proposal reached Holden on the road. Surgery on both knees performed at no charge by a doctor he had never met? He was dumbfounded by the offer.

"Here is a man with no connection to me, but yet he wanted to do something to help," Holden says as he shakes his head. "I hardly know what to say about kindness like this. It once again shows the spirit of the American people I met throughout this trip."

Holden remained in Chicago until he traveled to Indiana for his Aug. 20 surgery, residing at a property owned by fellow Saluki George Loukas '73. The kindness of the SIU Alumni Association Life Member and many others has made "Wild Bill" reassess his future.

"I've been in Arizona for decades," the Elgin native says, "but maybe it's time to come back and find a way to make a living here for a while. People have been so wonderful to me in Chicago. It makes me wonder if it's time to come home."

Charlene, at his side, Holden would be the toast of "The Friendly Confines." He joined Santo in the announcer's booth to lead the crowd in the singing of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" and spent an inning being interviewed on WGN Radio.

"What Bill has accomplished with this walk is remarkable," Santo says. "You can tell immediately what a wonderful, sincere guy he is, and people just seem to gravitate to him. JDRF gained \$250,000 to fight this terrible disease because of him, and I gained a friend I'll always cherish."

A celebrity that day in Wrigleyville, "Wild Bill" waxed poetic as he reflected on what was finally a completed journey.

"If you are a spiritual person, I guess you would say that the good Lord was watching over me for all of those 2,100 miles," he says. "I never was bothered by anyone, was never in harm's way, and always felt like someone was definitely

watching over me. It was like I was in a bubble or something.

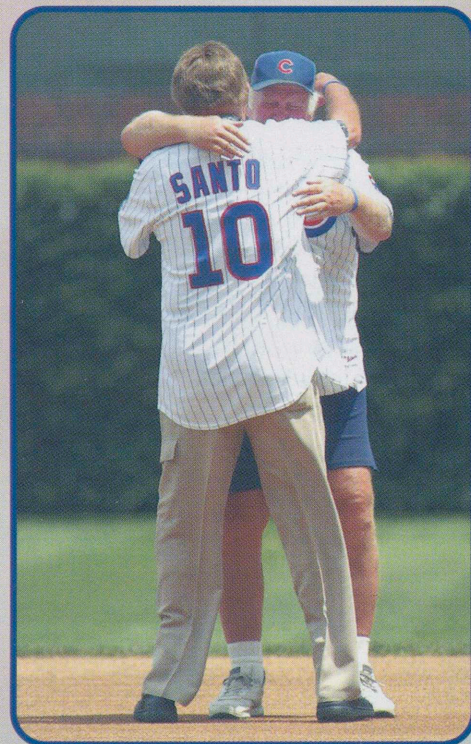
"Heck, I wore just one pair of shoes and never had a single blister. Yeah, my knees are basically gone, but I knew that before I started this trip."

During those 2,100 miles, some people took one look at Holden's stocky physique and bad knees and figured he couldn't make it. They wished the gregarious stranger the best, then muttered under their breath that there was no way he could possibly stay the course on the solitary half-year mission.

According to someone who knows Holden best, however, those who reached that conclusion missed the big picture.

"They saw a man not shaped like a cross country runner or an elite athlete," explains fellow SIU grad Reisig. "But what they didn't recognize was a determined Saluki who *always* follows through on what he tells you he will do.

"Bill made this trip with his heart, not his legs."



When Holden finally reached Santo, the pair cried tears of joy.

SOAR Program Helps Students Get Used To Life At Southern

Liz Neuschwanger calls herself a people person. When the Mt. Carroll, Ill., senior came to Southern Illinois University Carbondale as a freshman she began working in Undergraduate Admissions, where she was trained as a telecounselor to interact with prospective Southern students and their parents.

Her interest grew in working with the families and over the next four years she would invest a lot of her time as a goodwill ambassador for the University's New Student Programs – as a Student Life Advisor, as director and participant in the Student Orientation Advisement Registration (SOAR) program, and through the Saluki Family Association.

“After working in the admissions office, I just wanted to get more involved and help with open houses and campus tours for students and their families who were considering Southern,” says Neuschwanger.

Recently as a student life advisor she helped new students and their families arriving for the fall semester make a smooth transition into campus life. “Our job is to build relationships – introduce them to people, physically help them move in and make sure they're familiar with campus.” Neuschwanger points out that knowing where that first class will meet relieves a lot of pressure for the new student.

In her sophomore year she served as a director for the SOAR program, which provides around seven or eight spring and summer programs on the Carbondale campus and four mini programs in the Chicago suburb of Downer's Grove.

The comprehensive program, which is designed for freshmen and transfer students who have been accepted at Southern, provides academic advisement and registers students for their first semester.



Liz Neuschwanger, left, and Melissa Barr, both SOAR staff and Student Life Advisors at Southern, get ready to take an unidentified freshman student for a tour of campus on the University's tram.


The daylong event focuses on the entire family and includes campus tours, information sessions on finances, campus safety and transitional and wellness issues. Parking, bicycle registration, employment opportunities and Debit Dawg details are only a few of the topics covered in the day's breakout sessions.

In addition SOAR participants are given a one-year membership worth \$40 to the Saluki Family Association, which entitles members to a parent handbook, discounts on Carbondale motels and restaurants, the association newsletter, “Insight” and advance information on campus events such as Family Weekend.

After the initial year, members are urged to continue membership in SIU Alumni Association, which provides ways for alumni and families to stay in touch with Southern and offers numerous programs for students like its award-winning Extern program and several scholarship opportunities.

Neuschwanger has enjoyed her interaction with potential and new students at Southern. “It has been rewarding to help families adjust to life at SIU,” she says. After graduation in May she plans to enter the nursing field and specialize in neo-natal care.

For more information visit www.new-student.siu.edu or www.siualumni.com. ■



Byrne, shown at the SIU Airport, was named the nation's top collegiate female pilot – as a freshman.

ON A FAST TRACK

Jennifer Byrne knew she wanted to enter the field of aviation at an early age.

In April, competing as a freshman, she earned the distinction of becoming the nation's top collegiate female pilot.

BY GREG SCOTT

Imagine watching as your daughter follows in your footsteps. She is inspired by the prowess you exhibit in your career field and aspires to grow up and be just like you.

Scott Byrne is experiencing this feeling. An American Airlines pilot for 15 years, he still remembers the day that his daughter, Jennifer, made the declaration that she wanted to fly someday. The elder Byrne admits it was hard to take her seriously—was only 8 years old at the time.

“I thought it was a little girl trying to make Daddy happy, but Jennifer continued saying this as she got older,” he says. “As a matter of fact, when it came time to select a college, she refused to consider *any* school that didn’t offer a top aviation program.”

Jennifer says she has never wanted to pursue any other field.

“My father was a huge influence on me, and I’ve always looked up to him,” she says. “Our family had the opportunity to travel a lot through his job. As a child, I enjoyed traveling and was overjoyed every time we went to the airport. As a pilot, I figured I could go everywhere.”

In short order, Byrne started taking his daughter seriously, as did her mother, Darcy, who always encouraged her to follow her dreams.

“It wasn’t just a matter of making us happy,” her dad says. “Jennifer really wanted to do it! She enjoyed the traveling, and that is a big part of it.”

But initially Byrne tried to sway Jennifer away from pursuing a career in aviation. He felt she would prosper more in another area of interest. Also, the airline industry struggled in the wake of the Sept. 11 tragedy in 2001, which occurred during Jennifer’s sophomore year in high school.

“When you’re in any profession, you see the pitfalls that outsiders aren’t aware of. The industry is tough, and I thought Jennifer could do better in other fields,” he says. “I told her if she graduated with a degree in physical therapy, she could start off making \$70,000 to \$100,000 a year and your salary continues to rise. In aviation, you may begin at \$22,000, and it’s a long road.”

Jennifer remembers these conversations well.

“As a senior in high school, I still wanted to be a pilot, and Dad sat me down and said, ‘Hold on, you need to know some things,’” she says. “Dad said the industry was up and down and it may be hard to get a job. And sometimes you work hard for few rewards. He just wanted me to know it wasn’t going to be easy.”

No matter—Jennifer *still* wanted to be a pilot.

“I would rather do something I love regardless of the money. I shared this feeling with my parents, and they have been extremely supportive ever since,” she says.

Scott says Jennifer’s attitude should lead to success.

“Interpersonal communication is the most difficult part of managing a cockpit. It can be great or lousy,” he says. “Just knowing how much Jennifer loves aviation and how easy she is to talk to, she’ll be great to fly with. She will do well in the industry.”

THE FLYING SALUKIS

It all appears to be paying dividends. Jennifer completed her first year as a member of The Flying Salukis, Southern’s precision flying team. Last spring, while competing at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association’s annual competition in Salina, Kan., Jennifer, with her father in attendance, earned the distinction of being named the national top female student pilot and helped lead her team to a fourth-place finish.

The Flying Salukis were one of 29 teams competing in the nationals, which allow student pilots to showcase their abilities in myriad air and ground events. The top 20 scores in each of 11 events earned points toward the team score. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University won the national championship, with defending champion University of North Dakota finishing second and Western Michigan third.

The Salukis finished in the top four of the national championships for the sixth time in eight years, and Jennifer was the third Southern student in six years to garner top female pilot award honors. She earned a \$500 check and also received the Candi Kubeck Award.

And she was *just* a freshman.

“It was truly unexpected; it was my first year, and I didn’t think my performance was good enough to win top female pilot,” Jennifer says. “When the announcement was made, I didn’t even approach the stage initially. I looked at everyone else sitting there and thought it was my imagination. My teammates and coaches eventually told me to ‘go on and get up there.’”

The honor was also a surprise to the elder Byrne.

“I’m sure the shock showed on my face. Hopefully, I recovered in time so Jennifer didn’t doubt my confidence in her,” he says. “You’re not accustomed to seeing freshmen achieve an award of that nature. It took time for it to register. But once it did, I was extremely proud of her.”

Jennifer, who was one of 34 female competitors in the nationals, won the award on the strength of her performances in the navigation and message drop events. She and pilot Doug Gibbs, a senior who was chosen outstanding team member by a vote of his teammates, finished 12th in navigation and 13th in message drop.

During the navigation event, Jennifer provided direction to Gibbs. The message drop also presented a difficult challenge. While Gibbs piloted the plane over two garbage bins, Jennifer threw chunks of wood out the window as close as possible to the bins. Pilots are judged based on how close their wood lands to the bins.

The Algonquin, Ill., native says Gibbs was a mentor during her first year on the Flying Salukis.

“Doug was a big reason why everything went well for me this year. He is a great teacher and was always so supportive of me,” Jennifer says. “In addition, Doug is a motivator who expects a lot out of you. His experience was an added bonus. We just meshed so well together.”



Being in the cockpit of an airplane with her father, Scott, feels great to Jennifer. "It is something I have always dreamed about," she says of flying with her Dad. The elder Byrne is a pilot for American Airlines.

Gibbs served on the Flying Salukis interview board last fall. He fondly recalls Jennifer's recruiting session.

"She was energetic and always smiling. We knew that if Jennifer made the team, she would put her heart into it," Gibbs says. "It is hard to make the team as a freshman; but everyone wanted her to be a part of the team, hands-down. She is deserving of the recognition."

The Flying Salukis coaching staff quickly paired Gibbs with this promising freshman during the early stages of practice. They aspired to get a feel for what this young pilot could offer down the road under Gibbs' direction. Her efforts garnered attention immediately.

"Jennifer blew us away as a freshman. Her winning top female pilot may have been surprising to an extent, but we knew she had it in her," Gibbs says. "You can't ask for anything better; she is way ahead of the game. This means great things for the Flying Salukis in the future. It was a pleasure flying with Jennifer—I wish we could have worked together longer."

Nathan Lincoln, assistant coach for the Flying Salukis, says Byrne and Gibbs

enjoyed good team chemistry.

"Doug is an experienced team member who had competed in these events before. He helped Jennifer grasp the knowledge she needed to perform at this level," he says. "But she also did a lot of preparation, planning, and calculation on her own."

"She always puts in the extra effort to make sure she understands everything fully. For Jennifer to come in as a freshman and grasp the knowledge in one year to compete this well in nationals is pretty amazing."

Lincoln, a former Flying Saluki, says participating on the team is a time commitment. It isn't unusual for student pilots to practice three hours nightly five days a week. As they prepare for regional or national competition, their practice sessions could increase to five hours. He also has Jennifer as a student in one of his classes. The coach says his understudy demonstrates identical commitment to academics and the flight team.

"She always seems overly prepared," he says. "I watched her practice several hours for events that she didn't even compete in this year. Jennifer realized

that some of our students would be graduating within the next year and she may be counted on to pick up the slack.

"That is a testament to her dedication. Each year our students attain additional experience, and we still have Jennifer for three more years."

SIDESTEPS EARLY CHALLENGE

But it wasn't always smooth sailing for Jennifer. She began flying at the age of 16, her junior year at Jacobs High School in Algonquin. However, she encountered a strange obstacle during the first two weeks of lessons: She couldn't keep her eyes open.

The problem occurred typically after takeoff. It raised some doubts in Jennifer's mind.

"It was weird. Some people get motion sickness; but I fell asleep," she says. "I didn't think I was going to be able to do it for that reason. But shortly thereafter, the problem went away."

Jennifer spent two years in pursuit of her license, but in her words: "It shouldn't take that long. I should have taken it more seriously in high school." She finished a week prior to her first week of classes at Southern.

Maggie Dodson, Jennifer's first flight instructor, was one of the first people her understudy contacted after attaining top female pilot honors. She grew close to Jennifer during the training process and says she has come a long way.

"I taught her for about a year. We got off to a slow start, but Jennifer always showed a great interest in flying and went on to pursue it further," Dodson says. "She is a sweet kid. I thoroughly enjoyed having Jennifer as a student and I'm proud of her; she is definitely on her way. Hopefully, I steered her in the right direction, but this is mostly a result of her work."

Jennifer, accompanied by her father, visited several universities before making a decision. She ultimately chose Southern over Western Michigan, Purdue, and Illinois, basing her decision

on a number of factors. Southern hospitality and the reputation of the Flying Salukis were key reasons.

"While researching flight schools online, Embry Riddle and SIU were the most prominent, so I knew this university was highly respected in that regard. I knew the Flying Salukis were fourth in the nation and there are good internship opportunities for students here," she says. "And people were friendlier here when we visited, and the campus is so beautiful—it just felt like home."

The flight team quickly became like her family, as forming relationships with Gibbs and other Flying Salukis eased the transition from high school to college.

"I was nervous during tryouts because it was so hard. But being on the flying team was the best thing I could've done," she says. "I'm one of two girls on the team, and there are 14 other guys. They are really my best friends."

"We like being together even outside

of flight team practice and competition. It keeps me on track in school. It motivates me to do my best. I love it here."

THE NEXT LEVEL

Now in her sophomore year at Southern, Jennifer's goals include leading the Flying Salukis to the next level: a top three national finish. The Salukis have finished fourth in six of the last eight years. She also aspires to improve her navigation skills, possibly moving into the top five nationally, and encourage more girls to try out for the flight team.

"There are certainly more girls interested than there used to be. We need to continue setting a standard that we can be pilots just like the guys," she says.

Jennifer is also looking forward to flying her father as a passenger for the first time. She says they have talked about it for about a year.

Ironically, Scott can't legally fly the smaller planes that Jennifer has trained

in. He learned how to fly in the Air Force after college, and has primarily flown larger, speedier aircraft. "I can't get this little 8-year-old girl out of my mind flying me around," he says. "And she'll be the expert, as she knows more about general aviation planes than I do. She has 200 hours of flying time in smaller planes, and I only have 20."

"I can fly you from Chicago O'Hare Airport to New Delhi, India, on a Triple 7, but I can't legally fly anyone from Carbondale to Mt. Vernon on a general plane."

Jennifer can, however, and she looks forward to being in charge. "I have always wanted to fly with my Mom and Dad," she says.

Scott Byrne admits it will make for a strange experience when he and his daughter take their first venture together, but he no longer doubts just how serious that 8-year-old girl was so many years ago.

FORMER TOP FEMALE PILOT RECALLS SOUTHERN EXPERIENCE

Jennifer Byrne says one of the reasons she chose to attend Southern was the Flying Salukis and their traditional high finish in national competition. She aspired to follow in the footsteps of successful Saluki pilots from years past.

Byrne became the third University student in six years to receive the nation's top female pilot honors, joining Julie Savage (1999) and Miranda Barnes (2001). Both received the honor during their undergraduate years. Ironically, Barnes (featured on the cover of the September 2001 issue of *Southern Alumni*), now a flight instructor in the Washington, D.C., area, and Byrne were roommates during the national competition in Salina, Kan., last spring.

"Miranda was thrilled for me winning this award as a freshman. She then kidded me by saying, 'What are you going to do next? I waited until my senior

year to win,'" Byrne says. "She really inspired me. Miranda is a smart woman. I would like to be a role model like her for girls who want to become pilots."

For Savage, first officer at Comair (a regional airline for Delta), the top female pilot honor she earned as a sophomore at Southern built confidence and a foundation for future success. She says navigation was a weakness for her when she started flying. However, a top three finish in the nationals ultimately served as the catalyst for her receiving top pilot honors.

"It was quite a hurdle, and I wondered if I could get over it," says Savage, who is based in Cincinnati. "Once I got over that weakness at nationals, I figured I could make it in the aviation industry."

Savage, 25, is looking forward to soon being promoted to captain. She started flying

when she was 15 years old, and her participation in the United Airlines/SIU Career Day for two years created a connection with Southern. The program offers an opportunity for women and minorities to visit Southern's aviation facilities and learn from alumni who work in the industry.

The Cary, Ill., native's performance on the Flying Salukis led to internships with American Airlines and United. She was subsequently hired by American Eagle, where she was one of its youngest pilots. Savage has been with Comair for three years.

"I talk to young people all the time about achieving goals and selecting the right institution to continue their education," she says. "SIU empowers students to select their own pace. Everyone involved wants the best for students, and the program provides the resources to be successful. I'm truly grateful for the experi-



Julie Savage

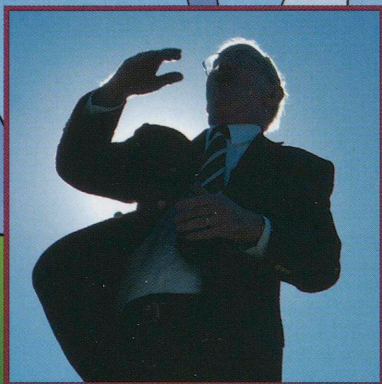
ence I had at Southern."

Savage says winning the top female pilot award has created additional opportunities. She was asked to serve on the board of directors for the Experimental Aircraft Association, which allows her to promote the aviation field even further with young people. And from what she's heard, Byrne is on her way to similar success.

"The fact that Jennifer is top female pilot as a freshman tells me that she is determined and aggressive. You need those qualities in this industry," she says. "It doesn't matter if you're a freshman or senior; determination and skill go a long way."

HOMECOMING 2005

'Southern Goes Hollywood'



Tuesday, September 28

- 10 a.m.-7 p.m. King and Queen Elections, *Student Center, Hall of Fame area*
- 3-7 p.m. King and Queen Elections, *Student Recreation Center*

Wednesday, September 28

- 7:30 p.m. Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," *McLeod Theatre*

Thursday, September 29

- 7 p.m. SPC Film, "Bewitched" *Student Center Auditorium, \$3 and \$4 admission*
- 6:30 p.m. SIU Alumni Association Executive Committee Meeting, *Student Center, Wabash Room*
- 7:30 p.m. Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," *McLeod Theatre*

Friday, September 30

- 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The Dental Hygiene Professional Seminar, *Student Center Auditorium*
- 8 a.m.-Noon SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting, *Student Center, Ballroom A*
- 8 a.m.-Noon SIU Foundation committee meetings, *Student Center, various rooms*
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saluki Block Party between Faner Hall and the north bridge, sponsored by the Student Programming Council - free food, local bands and games
- 10-11:30 a.m. Class of '55 Registration, *Student Center, Old Main Lounge*
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. Class of '55 Guided Tour of Campus and Carbondale, *meet in front of Student Center*
- 1:30 p.m. SIU Foundation Board meeting, *Student Center, 4th floor video lounge*
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Distinguished Alumni Recognition and Reception, *SIU Recreation Center, Alumni Lounge*
- 4 p.m. Department of Chemistry Seminar, *Neckers, Rm 240*
- 4 p.m. "Maxine Lacey: A Toby Show," *Christian Moe Laboratory Theater*
- 5:30 p.m. Half-Century Club/Class of 1955 Reception, *Student Center, Gallery Lounge*
- 6:15 p.m. Half-Century Club Dinner, *Student Center, Ballroom*
- 6:30 p.m. Chemistry Alumni Hall of Fame, dinner and induction ceremonies, *invitation only*
- 7 and 9:30 p.m. SPC Film, "Bewitched" *Student Center Auditorium, \$3 and \$4 admission*
- 7:30 p.m. Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," *McLeod Theatre*
- Evening Alumni Band Group. Marching Saluki Alumni invited to attend a reception in the *Cambria Room, 1st Floor, Student Center*

Saturday, October 1

- 9:30-11 a.m. Homecoming Parade, *Downtown Carbondale*
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Alumni Tailgate**, *SIU Alumni Association Tent, lawn east of McAndrew Stadium.* Register at the tent to enjoy a complimentary lunch provided by the SIU Alumni Association and SIUC colleges

- 11:30 a.m. All college deans should report to their tables under the tent
- Noon Geology Alumni Tailgating Party hosted by Geology Club
- 1:30 p.m. **Saluki Football Game vs. Missouri State, McAndrew Stadium.** GO DAWGS! Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by calling 866-646-8849 or visiting the ticket window at Lingle Hall
- 5 p.m. College of Liberal Arts Alumni and Guests Happy Hour, *home of Dean Shirley Clay Scott*
- 7 and 9:30 p.m. SPC Film, "Bewitched" *Student Center Auditorium, \$3 and \$4 admission*
- 7 p.m. **Women's Volleyball Game - Alumni Member Appreciation Night**, Davies Gym, Salukis vs. Indiana State, (members show your card at entrance for free admittance)
- 7 p.m. 34th Annual Miss Ebony Pageant, *Shryock Auditorium.* To order tickets by phone call (618) 453-3493 Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha
- 7:30 p.m. Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," *McLeod Theatre*

Sunday, October 2

- Noon-5:30 p.m. Department of Geology annual Fall Picnic, Lake Murphysboro State Park concession shelter
- 2 p.m. Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," *McLeod Theatre*

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University Bookstore - Hours are Friday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

University Museum - The following exhibits are open Friday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m.

Behind the Masks: Art, Culture, History, curated by Michael Hernandez, Ph.D. student in anthropology

American Limner Portraits 1820-1900, curated by Aurora Strick, graduate student in theater

Southern Illinois Photographic Society Show - Some of the artwork will be for sale

University Housing Tailgate - The third annual University Housing Homecoming Tailgate will be held on Saluki Row on the north side of the Arena from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. All former and current University Housing employees and their families are welcome. There will be free food, drinks, face painting and games.

Paralegal Studies Golf Scramble - Union County Country Club in Anna, Ill., will be the site of the Paralegal Studies Program golf scramble on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 8:15 a.m.

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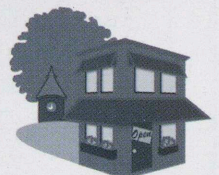
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Football Salukis Begin League Play Oct. 1

Following three non-league games, the Saluki football team will soon turn its attention to the real task at hand – trying to win a Gateway Championship for the third straight season under Head Coach Jerry Kill.

Southern opens the conference schedule on Oct. 1, hosting Missouri State in a 1:30 p.m. Homecoming game at McAndrew Stadium. (For the rest of the schedule, see Calendar of Events on page 42). Winning the league again will be a challenge – and the first goal the team will reach for.

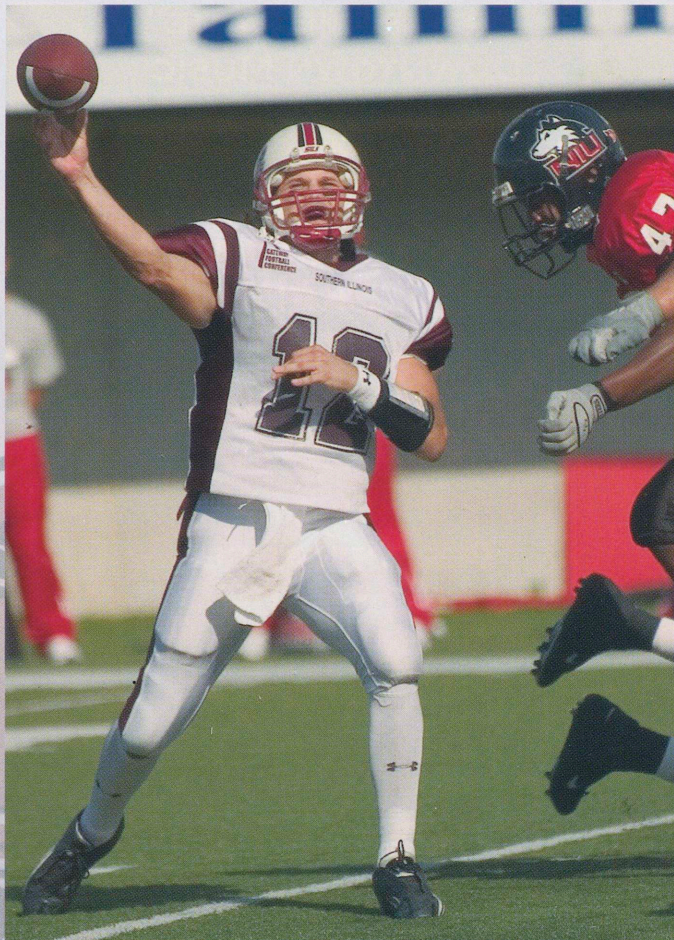
At the recent Gateway Conference Media Day, Kill dodged any and all questions about National Championship aspirations, saying the team's focus is to win the Gateway and qualify for the playoffs for the third year in a row. The fifth-

year head coach admits the program's turnaround has come about quicker than expected, though.

"It's happened much faster than we thought it would," Kill says. "It's happened because of the players – the Joel Samburskys and Royal Whitakers. They're not vocal guys. They don't talk a whole lot, but they lead by example. Their focus and leadership is the strength of our football team."

Star linebacker Whitaker agrees.

"It's a big challenge for us to maintain this status," he says, who along with record-setting quarterback Sambursky and five other Salukis were named to the



Sambursky, voted the team's toughest player the last few years, focuses on a pass just before he is hit by a Northern Illinois linebacker.

pre-season all-conference team. "The seniors need to emphasize to the younger guys that we didn't get here easy. We worked hard and have to continue that work ethic."

"I want Saluki football players someday to say 'I want to play as hard as he did.'"

– SIU quarterback Joel Sambursky

Sambursky was a redshirt freshman on the 2001 team that finished 1-10. Whitaker was a true freshman on the nearly as woeful 2002 club that was 4-8, but counted two of its wins against Division II opponents.

"We have a culture now of a winning attitude, that works hard and doesn't take anything for granted," Sambursky notes. "We have to develop that in the young guys. They don't know what it's like to be 1-10. They don't have a clue what it's like to be a laughingstock in southern Illinois. We have to pass down that winning attitude and that humbleness to them."

Sambursky finished eighth in the voting last year for the Walter Payton Award, which goes to the nation's best player in Division I-AA. Judging by his comments, he won't be holding anything back in 2005.

"There's no next year for me," he stresses. "If I could

be carried off the field on a stretcher the last game, not because I got knocked out of the game, but because I couldn't give any more of my body, I'd be happy. I want Saluki football players someday to say 'I want to play as hard as he did.'"

The Salukis received 18 of 32 first-place votes in the league's poll of coaches, media and sports information directors. They tallied 237 total points in the poll and were followed closely by Western Kentucky (223 points and nine first-place votes) and Northern Iowa (206/5). Those three schools have finished 1-2-3 in the league race, in varying orders, in each of the past two years.

2005 Gateway Preseason Poll

(1st place votes - total)

1. Southern Illinois (18) — 237
2. Western Kentucky (9) — 223
3. Northern Iowa (5) — 206
4. Western Illinois — 124
5. Missouri State — 119
6. Youngstown State — 104
7. Illinois State — 91
8. Indiana State — 48

2005 Gateway Preseason Team

QB- Joel Sambursky, Southern Illinois, Sr.

RB- Terrance Freeney, UNI, Sr.

RB- Travis Glasford, Western Illinois, Sr.

FB- Demetrius Ison, Youngstown State, Jr.

WR- Brent Little, Southern Illinois, Sr.

WR- Justin Surrency, UNI, Sr.

TE- Chris Kupec, Southern Illinois, Sr.

OL- Perry Cox, Western Illinois, Sr.

OL- Stafford Davis, Illinois State, Sr.

OL- Erik Losey, Western Kentucky, Sr.

OL- Fred Staugh, Indiana State, Jr.

PK- Jon Scifres, Missouri State, Sr.

DL- Linton Brown, Southern Illinois, Sr.

DL- Jeff Jones, Southern Illinois, Sr.

DL- Kyle Mitchell, Indiana State, Sr.

DL- Joe Woolridge, Western Kentucky, Sr.

LB- Wyatt Green, Western Illinois, Sr.

LB- Doc Gooden, Indiana State, Sr.

LB- Brett Koebecke, UNI, Sr.

LB- B. Smith, Western Kentucky, Sr.

LB- Royal Whitaker, Southern Illinois, Sr.

DB- Darren Barnett, Missouri State, Sr.

DB- Dre Dokes, UNI, Jr.

DB- Jamarquis Jordan, Southern Illinois, Sr.

DB- Antonio Thomas, Western Kentucky, Sr.

P- Ryan Hoffman, Illinois State, Sr.

RS- Dennis Mitchell, Western Kentucky, Sr.

Honorable Mention:

RB Arkee Whitlock (Southern Illinois); RB

Lerron Moore (Western Kentucky); WR Sam

Logan (Indiana State); OL John Schabillon

(UNI); OL Tyler Rawlins (UNI); OL Mike

Stegeman (Illinois State); **DL Billy Beard**

(Southern Illinois); DL Brandon Brown

(Youngstown State); DL Kevin Stensrud (UNI);

LB Jeremiah Wright (Youngstown State); **DB**

Frank Johnson (Southern Illinois); RS Reggie

Gray (Western Illinois).

Amarachi Ukabam Wins Charlotte West Scholarship

Saluki track and field standout Amarachi Ukabam is the 2005-06 recipient of the Charlotte West Scholarship. Ukabam, who came to Carbondale after a successful two-



year stint at Ohio State, won Missouri Valley Conference indoor titles in the shot put and 20-lb. weight throw this year, and

was the league's outdoor champion in the shot and discus.

"It's nice for our program that Amarachi has won this prestigious award," says head coach Connie Price-Smith. "Amarachi is a natural leader, excellent athlete and great role model."

A four-time NCAA All-American, Ukabam also broke school records in the indoor shot (55.6), 20-lb. weight

(71.3), outdoor shot (57.5) and discus (184.5). Academically she carries a 3.79 GPA in Health Education and aspires to teach and coach someday.

The Charlotte West Scholarship, established in 1997, is awarded to a junior or senior female student-athlete who has lettered two years and carries at least a 3.25 GPA. The recipient must also have demonstrated an interest or a commitment to ensuring equitable benefits or enhancing opportunities for female athletes, and must display qualities of dedication, integrity, responsibility and leadership.

The award was named in honor of West, who served as the Salukis' head women's basketball coach from 1959-75 and SIU's Director of Women's Athletics from 1975-87. Once the men's and women's athletics departments merged in 1987, she became Associate Athletics Director and remained in that position until her retirement in 1998.

Salukis Name Nelson Men's Tennis Coach

Saluki Athletics has named Dann Nelson men's tennis head coach, replacing Missy Jeffrey, who resigned in May. Nelson, who has served as head coach at Western Illinois since 2003, becomes the 13th head coach in the 81-year history of Saluki men's tennis.



For the past nine years, Nelson has coached at the college ranks, most recently with the Leathernecks, where he guided the men's team to a second-place regular-season Mid-Continent Conference finish in 2004. His team posted a 5-1 conference record and a 9-4 overall record; Western's best finish in eight years.

From 2001 to 2003, Nelson served as head coach at Westminster College, an NCAA Division III school in Fulton, Mo. In 2003, Westminster posted a 13-2 record to earn a conference title, and Nelson was named coach-of-the-year in the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. He graduated from Oklahoma Christian in 1997, and earned a master's degree in education from Central Oklahoma in 2001.

"I've had some success everywhere I've been in men's tennis," Nelson says. "I feel that I can continue that at Southern, and that I will be given the tools I need to contend for a Missouri Valley Conference title. I'm excited to get started."

Saluki Golfer Survives Summer Crash

by Paul Klee

Southern women's golfer Kelly Gerlach was in school at SIU this summer. She should be dead.

Gerlach hits a golf ball with a violent force, her white-knuckle grip a testament and a problem. "She can smoke it," longtime Saluki Golf Coach Diane Daugherty says.

The former Sparta star won the 2004 Missouri Valley Conference tournament—as a freshman. Her 2004-05 golf season was up and down, mostly down. A shake-it-and-it-will-go-away wrist injury never went away, but neither did her fairway-wide love for the game. Surgery on the wrist was scheduled this summer, and Gerlach was going to redshirt the upcoming season.

Six days before surgery, this July, the 20-year-old hopped in her white 1999 Pontiac Sunfire. Close friend Jayme Sweere, a Saluki basketball player, manned the passenger seat and the stereo. They buckled up and rolled the roof down. The Sunfire was a convertible.

Destination: Busch Stadium. Cards-Astros, the sun a warm promise for a week-end of fun. SIU softball player Katie Louis would meet them there. First pitch: 3 o'clock. Two hours.

"It was one of those days, those summer days, you know," Gerlach says, "It was like, 'It doesn't get much better than this. We've got it made.'"

Sweere threw her right leg up on the dash. Why not? Might as well get some sun at 40 mph. Campbell Hill, population 300-plus, comes and goes when you're on Illinois 4. But there is a bend in the road, just outside town limits.

Gerlach saw the flat-bed truck. She saw it fine. 'No problem,' she thought, 'I'll slow down and follow it.' So she did. What she didn't know was that the truck wasn't moving; it was turning left.

Her car ripped into the bed of the truck. The windshield exploded like a glass vase dropped on the sidewalk. The front end crushed like a Pepsi can. Gerlach's head whipped forward into the airbag. Her seat belt held. So did Sweere's.

Sweere blinked. Gerlach didn't wake up. The miracle was just beginning.

Several hundred yards behind, Gary Misselhorn, a volunteer firefighter, insurance agent, and hero from Campbell Hill, neared the accident. Misselhorn immediately recognized Gerlach. "It's a small



Gerlach is shown celebrating after her win in the 2004 MVC Tournament.

area," says her mom, Janet. "People know each other."

Gerlach wasn't moving.

She was barely *breathing*.

Misselhorn reached into Gerlach's car and plucked her cell phone. He dialed "Mom."

Mom thought it was Kelly calling.

"Every parent says it's every parent's worst nightmare," Janet says. "And it is." Mom and Dad, Roger, drove from Sparta to Campbell Hill like their daughter's life depended on it. Complete strangers were already seeing to her.

One by one, three more cars appeared on the scene of the wreck, seeing the Sunfire gnarly, smashed, and totaled. Every one of them stopped. Every one of them was a registered nurse.

Coach Daugherty got the next call, basketball coach Dana Eikenberg, the next one. "It was a little unnerving," says Daugherty. "I recently lost my good friend, Mary Jane Dwyer—a wonderful friend. Then I see Kelly's head strapped to a stretcher. It was too much. Not again."

Eikenberg was returning from the St. Louis airport. "I did a U-turn at Moto Mart," she says. "Busted it back up there."

Sweere was lotto-winner lucky. Her leg, recall, was kicked up on the dashboard. The convertible slid under the flat

bed. Sweere had no injuries until she exited the car. The Missouri-Kansas City transfer then stepped on a piece of shattered glass.

She lifted weights and played basketball the next Monday.

"I don't think she really knows how she didn't get her leg cut off," Daugherty says.

Gerlach, meanwhile, was unconscious, in another place she can't remember. When paramedics from Ava arrived—"In amazing time," her mom says. "They flew like angels."—the nurses on site had stabilized the golfer and massaged her heart to keep it pumping.

Gerlach was unconscious for more than two hours. Her breathing stopped several times. "My heart rate dropped to 35 (bpm)," she says. Yours right now is above 100.

Roger and Janet trailed the ambulance to St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro, 21 miles away. The EMTs told her parents, "I don't know if you're religious, but you better start praying."

"They immediately told us to go in her room," says Mom.

Why?

"Because they weren't sure she was going to make it."

The thing is, Kelly Gerlach did little wrong. Broad daylight, driving the speed limit, paying attention, blink-quick lapse of judgment.

Brakes. Crash. Ballgame.

That's how it should have been, say several of those who saw the end result, then saw the "tubes and needles and IVs and masks," in Mom's words, glued to Kelly's lifeless body like needles in a pin cushion.

That's the part that causes Gerlach's voice to crack. She thinks about it and stops. "Those people there, those people that showed up, nobody knows who they are," the golfer says. "They saved my life. If I would have been anywhere else, probably in the world, I was gone. I want to thank them but I don't know who they are."

"They saved me."

First Methodist Church in Sparta better pack its pews with Kleenex on Sunday. Kelly Gerlach will walk in on her own two feet. Like a teed-up Titleist, she smoked death with a little help from strangers.

"God makes it on time," Mom says. "He will not miss the boat."

—Klee is a reporter for the Southern Illinoian.

Southern Grad Hartleb New Illini Coach

Saluki Hall Of Famer 'Itch' Jones Retires

After 39 years as a collegiate head coach, including 21 at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, legendary Richard "Itch" Jones recently announced his retirement from coaching. Jones, who led the Salukis from 1970 to 1990, has been the head coach at the University of Illinois the past 15 seasons.

He ends his career ranked 13th on the all-time NCAA Division I wins list with a 1,240-752-6 record. His 39th and final season was memorable, as Illinois won the program's 28th Big Ten Championship, and Jones was rewarded with his second Big Ten Coach of the Year award.

"I've been fortunate to have players who were first class both on and off the field," Jones says. "There have been some great young men on our teams, and I just hope our players and coaching staff had as good of an experience throughout the years as I did."

Jones will be succeeded at Illinois by longtime assistant—and former Saluki catcher—Dan Hartleb '89, M.S. '96.

"Itch is the reason I'm involved in college baseball," Hartleb says. "He's been influential to many coaches, players, and friends and has been a great father figure to a lot of people, including myself."

Prior to joining Illinois in 1991, Jones created a baseball dynasty at his alma mater. He propelled the Salukis into the national spotlight, leading the Dawgs to a 738-345-5 (.681) record, including 10 NCAA Tournament appearances and three trips to the NCAA College World Series. In 1971, his second year at SIU, Jones led the Salukis to within one game of the national championship, finishing second at the CWS.

In 1974 and 1977, Jones brought SIU to the CWS once again, placing third both times. In 1990, Jones' 21st and final season at SIU was somewhat of a story-book ending. He not only led the Salukis



Jones ran things in the Saluki dugout for two decades. The SIU Alumni Association Life Member also was a star player at Southern.

to an incredible 49-14 record and sixth Missouri Valley Conference Championship in 14 seasons, but his team also advanced to the NCAA Regionals as the second seed. SIU came within one game of advancing to yet another CWS berth.

Jones was named 1990 NCAA Division I Diamond Baseball Coach of the Year. He has been selected national coach of the year two times, earning

Adirondack National Coach of the Year honors in 1971 and *The Sporting News* Coach of the Year Award in 1978.

Jones, an SIU Alumni Association Life Member, received his bachelor's degree in physical education from Southern in 1961, where he was a three-time all-conference second baseman for the Salukis. After a professional playing career in the Baltimore Orioles minor league system, Jones returned to SIU and earned a master's degree in physical education in 1966, while also coaching basketball for Jacksonville High School. He started his collegiate baseball head coaching career at MacMurray College in 1966 before returning to his alma mater for the 1968-69 season as an assistant coach and quickly becoming the head coach in 1970.

Saluki Head Baseball Coach Dan Callahan, who was a graduate assistant for Jones from 1985 to 1987, remains indebted to him for giving him a start in coaching. And while he celebrates the great career his mentor produced, he will also always remember one of Jones' endearing traits.

"The thing about Itch is that he's always been so modest," Callahan says. "When I coached with him, he had completely bare walls in his office. The other

coaches and I had to convince him to hang his national coach of the year awards up so recruits would see them when they came to visit."

Hartleb, who played for Jones at SIU and has been with him all 15 seasons at Illinois, knows he has some big shoes to fill, but he has had a good teacher.

"As a coach, if I can positively touch the lives of half as many people as Itch did, then I'll have had a successful career." ■

Saluki Vision Expands To Include Football This Year

Hope to see the Dawgs in action this year but find Carbondale is just too far away for a quick trip?

Saluki Vision, a new Internet broadcasting venture offered through Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Media & Communication Resources in partnership with Saluki Athletics, may be able to make that dream a reality.

Saluki Vision debuted last year broadcasting men's basketball, and Southern became the second university in the Missouri Valley Conference to add webcasts. (Creighton began experimenting with the technology a year earlier.)

"Saluki Vision is a perfect example of how technology can help alumni and friends stay connected from nearly anywhere in the world," says SIUC Executive Director for Media and Communication Resources Sue Davis. "My staff wanted to try live broadcasts last year, and Athletics Director Paul Kowalczyk agreed to a men's basketball season lineup.

"It is still new technology, and we experienced a learning curve on the subscriber and production side, but it was worth the effort. Internet games are exciting and offer new options for athletics and other key University events."

So after a trial run, the service is expanding.

"We're thrilled to add football to the Saluki Vision package in 2005," Kowalczyk says. "The response from our fans to our initial offering of men's basketball was very positive. They basically told us the more games, the better. The tremendous success our football program has enjoyed makes it a perfect fit for the Saluki Vision concept."

How does the system work? MCR staffers shoot the game with a single video camera, add audio commentary by Mike Reis, and feed the stream through the University's high-speed network to XOS Technologies Inc., a company that specializes in streaming athletic events. XOS distributes the feed nationally, and those who subscribe can pull the games in on personal computers in nearly live time. Those with season passes can also watch games again after they are added to the video files a few days after the game.

Who makes Saluki Vision possible? Heading the video crew is MCR Associate



Bringing you Saluki Vision this year are, from left, Rod Sievers, Rose Albert, Janet Douglas, Chris Fark, John Mann, Aaron Lauer and Sue Davis.

Director Rod Sievers, with producers John Mann and Chris Fark. Computer coding, Web site maintenance, and other technical issues are handled by MCR's Web team headed by Associate Director Janet Douglas, with assistants Rose Albert and Aaron Lauer.

Viewers need a high-speed connection (DSL or cable) and a computer that meets specifications with Windows Media Player. (Specifics are noted on the Saluki Vision Web site when viewers sign up for season passes or pay-per-view options.)

Broadcasts of home events are blacked out close to Carbondale (within a 60-mile radius generally) to encourage fans close enough to attend in person. Last year, Saluki Vision also partnered with WSJU television to carry away games fed through the station's satellite uplink truck, and crews traveled to Las Vegas and Wichita for key games at the beginning and end of the basketball season.

Saluki Vision is part of SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler's vision for expanded Internet and Web services at the University and part of the long-range plan, Southern at 150: Building Excellence Through Commitment. Thanks to the arrangement with XOS, the University also was able to stream the Chancellor's State of the University address last year.

It's all part of keeping friends, parents, and alumni connected.

Past SIU Alumni Association President Don Magee signed up for Saluki Vision last year. "I am waiting with baited breath to sign up for Saluki Vision this year, and I'm glad that it has expanded to include football," Magee says. "I hope that it might keep growing and add women's sports in the future."

Magee travels across the country often and says he has yet to find anyone that has been disappointed with Saluki Vision.

He isn't alone. The first season drew more than 700 viewers with very little publicity. Salukis tuned in from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Georgia, California, Massachusetts, South Carolina, and as far away as Singapore.

This year Davis hopes to increase the number of viewers with more marketing and to tap into sports bars outside of the Carbondale area that can purchase licenses for group viewing.

"We are breaking new ground, and in many ways this is similar to what happened in the early days of radio or television," she says.

"Cooperation and a dedicated, professional staff at the helm has made Saluki Vision an overnight success with our fans. We hope our numbers will grow. If they do, we might be able to add another camera and expand the content on the Saluki Vision Web site. But for now, we are simply pleased with the positive feedback." ■

'Saluki Sports History' A Labor Of Love For Huff

Former Saluki Sports Information Director Fred Huff has time to relax a bit more these days. His self-described labor of love, the most comprehensive book on the history of Saluki Athletics, is complete.

Huff's book, "*Saluki Sports History ... 100 Years of Facts and Highlights*," is now available to the public (see details below on how to purchase). The publication links 416 pages, 167 team photos, almost 5,000 lettermen, more than 11 decades, and countless stories you won't find anywhere else.

Huff says the book is accurate throughout its detail. Perhaps the only misleading fact is the title: It actually stretches back 115 years.

"It was a great project that needed to be done," says Bruno Klaus, a decorated Saluki gymnast from 1961-63 and a generous donor to Huff's publication. "If this history, these records, are not written down, who's going to remember? There was only one man who could do this project: Fred Huff."

There seem to be several reasons why the 76-year-old Huff spent the past four years almost solely devoted to his book, a must for every Saluki fans' coffee table. The reason that keeps popping up, however, is simple.

"It *needed* to be done," the Du Quoin native says.

For 30-plus years, the man with the handshake of a vice served in the SIU Sports Information Office. His files weren't always in order, but they were always there. Somewhere. Now, they *are* in order. He had the access for such an endeavor. He certainly has the memories.

Huff roomed with Itch Jones when Itch disbelieved that hotel room trash cans weren't beer coolers. He watched Saluki football crash, ascend and crash again. The packed gyms that deafened gymnastics and wrestling meets in the '60s?

"The wildest sporting environment you've ever seen," he says.

Huff, like some old-time associates and SIU athletes, was concerned that the history of Saluki sports would be forgotten if it wasn't put to print. So when he retired as the sports information director in 2001, he went to work.

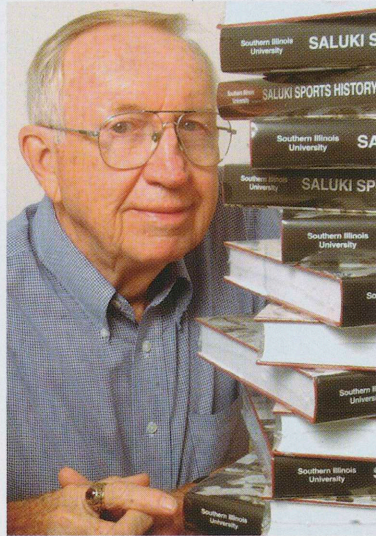


Photo by Pamela Kay Schmalenberger / The Southern Illinoisian

Huff wasn't concerned that the biggies on the SIU timeline would be forgotten. He knew that the 1967 NIT championship is one for the ages, no matter yours. SIU gymnastics has gone the way of the baseball program's batgirls (a modest prelude to basketball's Saluki Shakers). But gymnastics' dynastic run of 15 individual NCAA champions from 1961 to 1972 is timeless, nonetheless.

The 1983 football national championship? That certainly would not be forgotten. No, Huff was more concerned with the details of the sports and events that time's shovel would someday bury.

Using a small library's worth of dusty files, faded media guides and crinkled black and whites, Huff assumed an office in a Du Quoin bank, lent to him by the bank's chairman and the city's mayor, John Rednour.

For a book this kitchen-sink complete, Huff needed time. No problem there. "I don't fish. I don't golf," he says, "And you can only cut your grass one

time a week." More important, he needed funds, as printing costs for the 4,000 copies exceeded \$51,000.

Seventy-three donors are listed near the Introduction. There are others. They range from former coaches to area businesses to post-mortem tributes. Bruce Weber, foreign to the word 'no,' bought a book for each of his Saluki lettermen. For good measure, Weber requested eight more. Giant City Lodge owners Richard and Mike Kelley wrote a \$2,500 check, good for 100 books.

Klaus told *The Southern Illinoisian* he would give the athletic department \$50,000 every year - if it brought back gymnastics. In lieu, the generous gymnast ordered 200 books, contributed \$5,000 and donated another \$6,000 in the name of the late Bill Meade, the department's legendary gymnastics coach who died unexpectedly in November 2004.

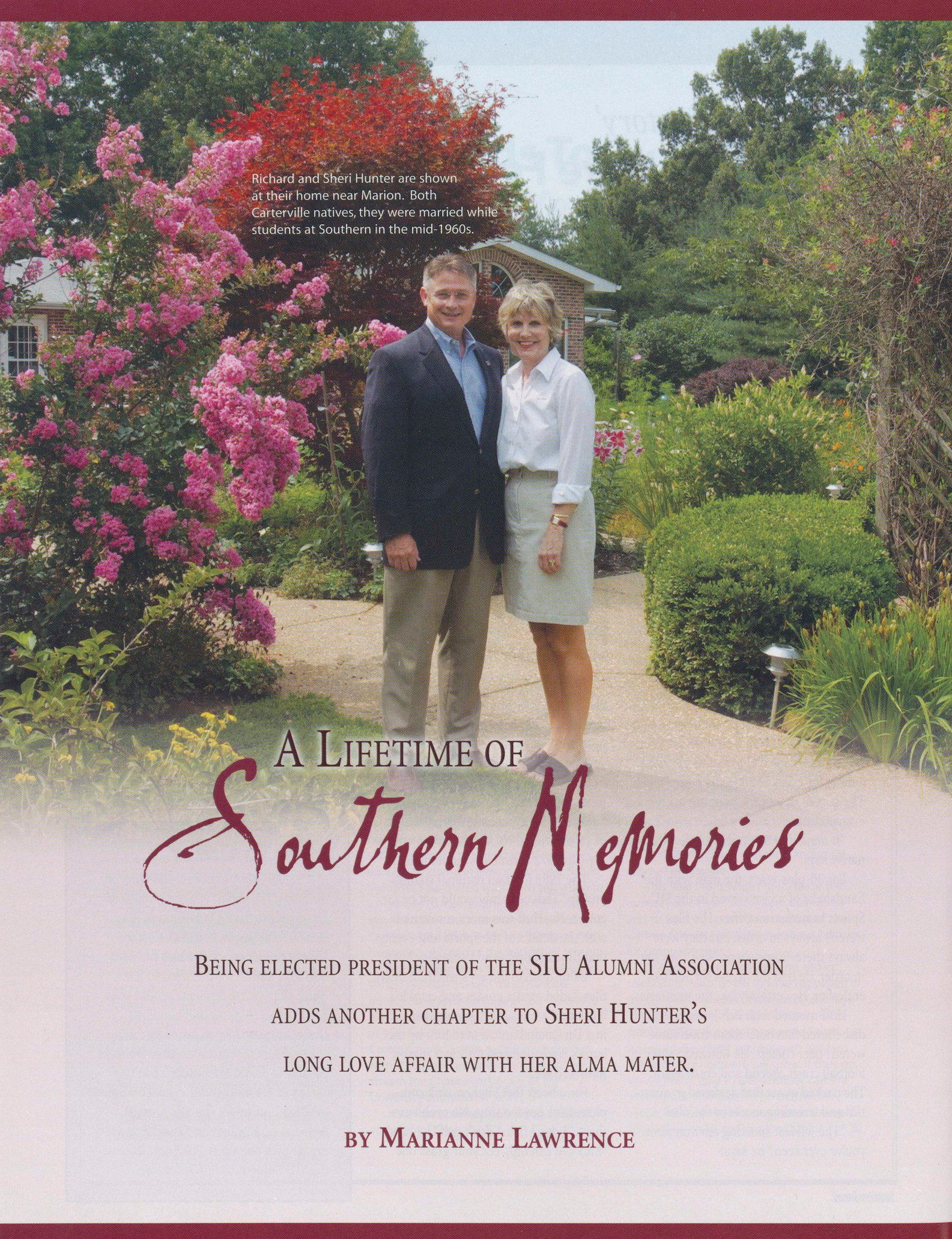
"Fred is from the old school, like Meade and myself," Klaus notes. "I'd do anything for them."

All of the proceeds from book sales - early projections are at \$50,000 - go to a scholarship fund in the SIU athletic department. "SIU has been good to me and my family," Huff says. "This wasn't a job - this was a payback to the University." ■

How To Order

"*Saluki Sports History ... 100 Years of Facts and Highlights*," may be purchased by writing to Saluki Publications, P.O. Box 504, Du Quoin, IL 62832. Cost for Illinois residents is \$37, which includes \$2.15 tax and \$5 for postage and handling. Out of state residents should send \$35 to cover shipping and handling. Copies can also be purchased by calling (618) 542-2111, ext. 150. Make all checks payable to Saluki Publications Inc.

If you are in town for Homecoming, look for Huff under the SIU Alumni Association Big Tent on Saturday morning, or pick one up at 710 Book Store or the SIU Student Union Bookstore.

A photograph of a man and a woman standing on a gravel path in a lush garden. The man is wearing a dark blazer over a light blue shirt and khaki pants. The woman is wearing a white button-down shirt and a light-colored skirt. They are both smiling. The garden is filled with various plants, including large pink flowering bushes on the left and green hedges on the right. In the background, there is a brick house with a white roof.

Richard and Sheri Hunter are shown at their home near Marion. Both Cartersville natives, they were married while students at Southern in the mid-1960s.

A LIFETIME OF
Southern Memories

BEING ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE SIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ADDS ANOTHER CHAPTER TO SHERI HUNTER'S

LONG LOVE AFFAIR WITH HER ALMA MATER.

BY MARIANNE LAWRENCE

Sheri Hunter was just a child when she first attended homecoming at Southern Illinois University, and she still enjoys recalling those memories. "My parents would take me to the homecoming parade, then we would drive through campus to look at all those beautiful house decorations," recalls the new president of the SIU Alumni Association.

She will add yet another memory to her collection when she assumes the gavel at the association's 2005 homecoming board meeting, armed with specific goals for her term (see accompanying story) and deeply rooted feelings for the University that for many years has been like a friendly neighbor to her family, long-time residents of Carterville, Ill.

Hunter's maternal grandfather, Claude Cox, was the first in the family to attend Southern, and she recently won the bid at a local auction for a 1922 *Obelisk* containing his picture as right tackle with the Southern Illinois Normal University football team. Her husband, Richard, laughingly says, "I knew she was going to pay *whatever* it cost to get that yearbook."

Hunter grew up knowing she would be a student at Southern. It was where her grandparents, Claude and Pearl Cox, earned their teaching certificates, and where her mother, Jean Ellen Reynolds, returned to college at 37 to eventually earn three degrees. World War II interrupted her father's college plans, but Ernie Reynolds developed a strong connection to University athletics as a basketball and football official for 25 years.

"I have always had such wonderful family support," says Hunter. "My parents had a tremendous influence in how I turned out and so did all my aunts and uncles and grandparents."

In addition to homecoming and the sporting events, musical performances and special summer camps drew the family to campus on a regular basis. While serving as editor of the Carterville High School yearbook, Hunter remembers the valuable lessons during the summer journalism camp conducted by Manion Rice, now an emeritus professor.

In 1964, Hunter began her college career, which would end up taking a little longer than she had planned. "I went for a year a half before Rich and I got married," Hunter explains. She and Richard Hunter, also a Carterville native, had known each other since they were classmates in grade school. "He was older, but we had dated a little bit in high school and then became more serious in college," she says.

The young couple continued their studies, with Hunter finding time to work in a few classes in addition to having and caring for their two daughters, Laura and Amy. "I think for the next 20 years between the two of us at least one was always in college," laughs Hunter.

Rich earned his bachelor's degree in psychology in 1967, an M.S. in health education in 1974, and a Ph.D. in educational psychology in 1982. A clinical psychologist, his extensive



The new SIU Alumni Association president enjoys gardening, and her yard and deck area is a testament to that prowess.

career in the mental health field included serving as superintendent of the Choate Mental Health Center in Anna, a stint in state government administration, and a consultant to several national organizations.

In addition, he has held an appointment as clinical associate professor in the SIU School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry since 1987 and prior to that served as an adjunct assistant professor in the department of psychology at Southern supervising graduate students in applied experimental psychology.

He now operates a national consulting firm, Clinical Outcomes Group Inc., that is involved in national mental health reform issues, working with Congress on health-care legislation, serving as an expert in federal court "right to treatment" cases, and teaching case formulation and treatment models that improve outcomes for people with serious mental illness that are refractory to typical interventions.

When their youngest daughter was 4 years old, Hunter decided to finish her coursework at Southern. She returned as her mother had done and earned a bachelor's degree in English in



Shown above at graduation, Hunter took classes, raised a family, and then became a teacher at Cartersville High School. She retired last year after 29 years as an educator. Hunter's maternal grandfather, Claude Cox, was the first person in the family to attend the University. At right he is shown as a member of the 1922 football team.

1976, then accepted a job teaching English at Cartersville High School.

Before long, a fellow teacher and good friend suggested they plunge in together and get their master's degrees. With her friend and lots of family support, she added a master's degree in curriculum and instruction in 1988. When the same friend decided they should go for their doctorates, Hunter was game even though she was deeply involved raising a family in addition to teaching. When she was about halfway through she decided to leave. "Since I was at the high end of my salary schedule, I decided that's enough and said goodbye to classes at SIU."

Hunter's 29 years at Cartersville High School were rich ones for her and her

students. "I always say my DNA is t-e-a-c-h. I knew from the time I was a child that was what I wanted to do."

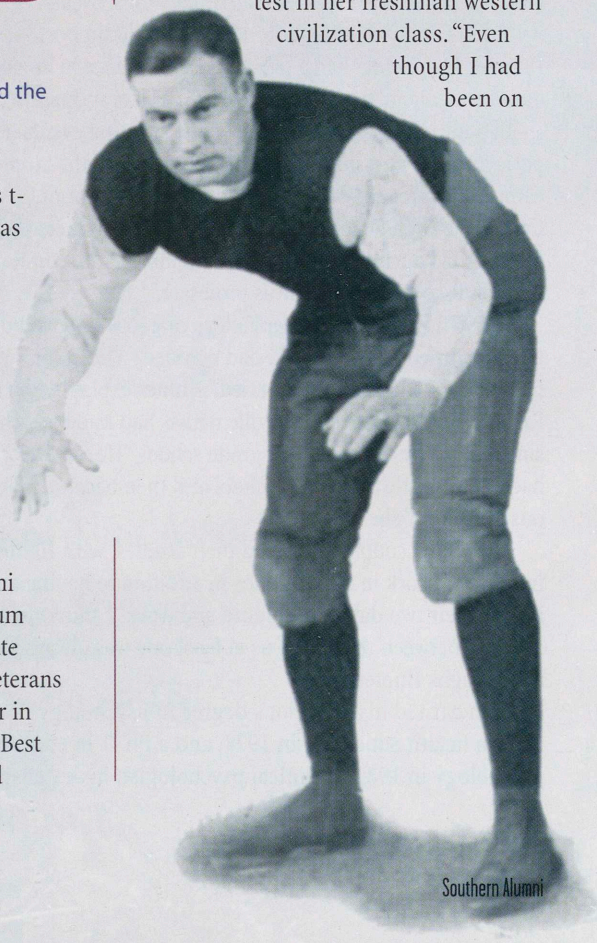
Her plate was always full. She became chair of the English Department in 1994, served on numerous school committees, and chaired the North Central Evaluation Team for the school. During her career she was acknowledged by the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, received a curriculum writing award from the Illinois State Board of Education, was named Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year in 1994, was selected as "Heartland's Best Teacher" by KFVS-TV in 1998, and

received the Joseph Whitehead Educator of Distinction Award from the Coca-Cola Foundation in 2002.

She always had extra time for her students, who benefited from her love of language and the arts. She organized, produced, and directed all the school's plays and some of the musicals and remembers exactly what inspired her to get involved with theater. "The first musical I ever saw was *The Music Man* at SIU, and it was one of my most memorable experiences. I think that show inspired me more than I realized."

For 10 summers she took her art history students to Europe to experience the masterpieces they had learned about in class. "It was a huge responsibility to take those girls," she says, "but when I heard them say, 'Wow, that's what we studied in our textbook,' it was all worth it."

Hunter wanted to have an impact on her students much the way her professor, Lon Shelby, had on her as she struggled with a "D" on the first test in her freshman western civilization class. "Even though I had been on

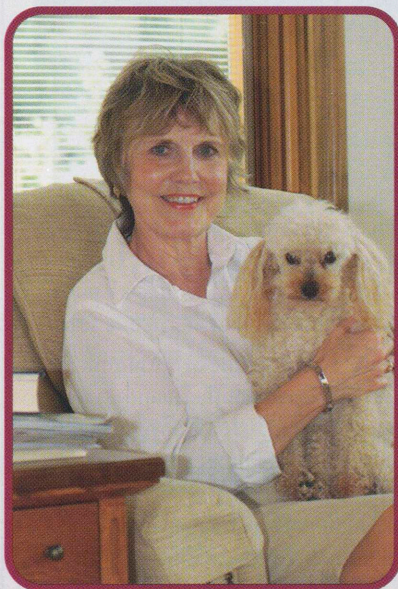


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campus as a child and through my teen years, I was still pretty intimidated, coming from a small rural school," she recalls.

"I went to the professor's office, and he was the nicest person! He went through that test with me question by question and really gave me a lot of courage to go ahead. I'll never forget him and the impact he made on my life. When I ran into him years later, I reminded him of what he had done for me. I hope I have also done that as a teacher."

Hunter knows that she will miss the kids now that she has retired. "I love



Hunter relaxes with the family dog, Brittany.

teenagers. Their energy and enthusiasm for life gives you energy and makes you feel young. My students were always respectful and kind," she adds. "I tried to help them discover literature and art that would be meaningful and exciting to them rather than reaching for drugs or alcohol, and I think I did that on a small scale."

Hunter has remained a mentor and friend to many of her former students, including some who were SIU student teachers in her classroom. She jokes that at some point in her life their talents could come in handy. "Let's see," she says,

"there's an orthopedic surgeon, a physician, some attorneys. ..."


Because her family is such a high priority, Hunter will thoroughly enjoy the time retirement will allow her to travel with her husband, spend time with their daughters, and spoil her first grandchild. Ava Pearl, who is named after her great-great-grandmother, was born in June to the Hunter's youngest daughter, Amy, and her husband, Tom Harmon, who earned a master's at Southern in business administration in 1994.

Hunter points out that although neither of her daughters graduated from the University, they each benefited from attending the camps offered in Carbondale each summer. "I think Amy truly benefited from participating in the SIU musicals and operas as a child. I

could just see her blossom when she was on stage," recalls Hunter. Both daughters received their degrees from the University of Illinois.

Laura, who has an undergraduate degree in microbiology, is now seeking additional studies in philosophy at SIU Edwardsville. She and her husband, John Johnson, and the Harmons each live in the St. Louis area.

Hunter will soon take another "family" under her wing: more than 200,000 SIU alums. "I think the time is right for my term as president on the board. I want to give it lots of time and effort, and now I should be able to do that."

She will meet the challenge with a loyal commitment to Southern and plenty of school spirit. "I still get chills," she says, "when I hear our 'alma mater.'" 

HUNTER'S FOCUS IS ON MEMBERSHIP, A STRONG BOARD, AND LONG TERM PLANS

Sheri Hunter's goals as new leader of the SIU Alumni Association are to build a strong board of directors, increase membership, and support long range planning.

With good communication as a foundation, Hunter hopes to develop a mentoring program that would help new board members become comfortable with policies and procedures relating to meetings and other events. She feels that more seasoned members can help newcomers learn the ropes. "Sometimes it's just the simple little things you don't know, but you really need to know," Hunter explains.

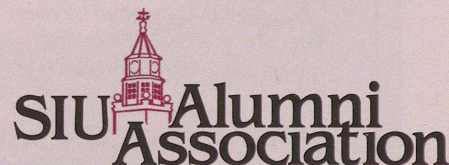
The importance of Association membership growth is something Hunter plans to stress throughout her term. "It is the cornerstone of a strong association and the best way to reestablish the relationship between alumni and our alma mater." She hopes to see board members take a personal interest in increasing membership by merely asking fellow alums to join.

The Association's long range planning goals are also important to Hunter and she has already put into action a long range planning committee to be chaired by board officers Doris Rottschalk of Du Quoin, Ill., and Ray Serati, of Springfield, Ill. "I'm hoping some of the goals in that plan can be accomplished during my presidency," she says.

Rottschalk is certain Hunter will do an excellent job. The two became acquainted when they were involved in their school's Tech Prep programs. "We found we had a lot in common and have become good friends. She may be soft spoken, but when she does talk she has a lot to say," says Rottschalk, who nominated Hunter to serve on the SIU Alumni Association board in 1999.

Ed Buerger, SIU Alumni Association Executive Director, commends Hunter's loyalty and passion for representing and serving her alma mater.

"She has tremendous attributes to lead. The same commitment and dedication she exhibited while educating high school students in Carterville will be an asset in leading our Association forward."

**SIU Alumni Association**

SIU Alumni Association/Alongi Legacy 9th Annual Scholarship Golf Scramble

Nineteen teams participated in the ninth Annual SIU Alumni Association/Alongi Legacy Scholarship Golf Scramble at the Jackson County Country Club in June. In addition to a day of golf, participants enjoyed a delicious lunch and a putting contest worth \$10,000.

Proceeds from the event support a scholarship fund for students in Perry County high schools who plan to attend Southern. The scramble continues to build the Alongi family endowment through the SIU Alumni Association. The Alongi Legacy Scholarship awards \$1,000 annually to a Perry County high school graduate who will be attending Southern.



Enjoying the day of golf, from left, are Mike Bost, Reid Malekovic, Mike Murray, and John Alongi, Sr.

Southern Social In Chicago

Seventy-eight alumni and friends gathered for a Southern Social in May at the DoubleTree Guest Suites in Downers Grove.



Tekoa Wright proudly displays her basketball, autographed by members of the 2004-05 Saluki men's basketball team.

Tekoa Wright won a basketball autographed by the 2004-05 NCAA-qualifying squad, and Cordy Love was the recipient of two baseball tickets to the Cubs-Cardinals game on SIU Day at Busch Stadium.

Representing the SIU Alumni Association were Howard Spiegel, a member of the national board of directors, and alumni directors Michelle Suarez and Argus Tong.

The SIU Alumni Association, Chicago Steering Committee, and Saluki Family Association hosted the event.

The program featured special alumni guest speakers, including "Voice of the Salukis" Mike Reis, WGN Radio host John Williams, WGN Production Director Todd Manley, and Southern Provost and Vice Chancellor John Dunn.

A raffle was conducted for SIU Alumni Association members.

Jackson County Scholarship Banquet Set For Nov. 13

The Jackson County Alumni Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association will be hosting its Service to Southern and Jackson County Scholarship Awards Banquet on November 13 in the SIU Student Center Ballrooms. The program begins at 6 p.m.

Honorees will include Jackson County high school scholarship winners and this year's Service to Southern Illinois Award recipient.

Nominations are being accepted for the Service to Southern Illinois Award. Nominees should be individuals who have provided outstanding service in the southern Illinois community.

For more information, please contact Kitty Mabus, Jackson County Chapter president, at or the SIU Alumni Association at (618) 453-2408.

Central Florida Alumni Gather For Baseball Game

Seventy-five alumni and guests in central Florida gathered for a pregame social and Major League Baseball Game in June. The Central Florida Chapter of the Alumni Association hosted the function.

Attendees enjoyed the Tampa Devil Rays-St. Louis Cardinals game at Tropicana Field in Tampa, with the Cardinals defeating Tampa Bay 5-2. Representing the Alumni Association were national board members Terry Gannon and Jim Greenwood.

Jackson County Alumni Chapter Hosts BBQ

The Jackson County Chapter of the Alumni Association hosted 45 alumni and friends at the 10th annual barbecue in July.



Jeff and Sandy Lorber (forefront) visit with Jay and Carol King at this year's Jackson County BBQ event.

Everyone gathered at the Mississippi Flyway in Carbondale prior to attending the sunset concert at nearby Turley Park. Chapter President Kitty Mabus conducted a brief program and welcomed guests.

Among those attending were Glenn Poshard, former chair of the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees; J.C. Garavalia and Dede Ittner, members of the Alumni Association National Board of Directors; Association directors Michelle Suarez and Argus Tong; and staff members Nadine Lucas and Tina Shingleton.

Alumni Association Board Adds Three New Members

The Southern Illinois University Carbondale Alumni Association added three newly elected members to its board of directors, effective July 1.

Jim Hayes of Harrisburg, a former Saluki football player, is a 1962 graduate of Southern. He is the owner and president of Jim Hayes Inc. (Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Chrysler, and Dodge) in Harrisburg. A life member of the SIU Alumni Association, Hayes is the former president of the Saline County Alumni Chapter. He will serve a four-year term.

Howard Schlechte of Strasburg is a 1958 graduate of the University. He is a retired branch manager for IBM. Schlechte has represented the College of Applied Sciences and Arts on the alumni board since 1994. He is a life member of the SIU Alumni Association and will serve a four-year term.

George Welborn of Anna earned a bachelor's degree in administration of justice from Southern in 1975 and received a master's in public administration in 1977. He retired as warden at the Tamms Correctional Center in 2002, after serving as warden at Menard Correctional Center, Sheridan Correctional Center, Centralia Correctional Center, and assistant deputy director for the Illinois Department of Corrections. Welborn is a life member of the SIU Alumni Association and will serve a four-year term.

SIU Family Day At U.S. Cellular Field

More than 300 alumni and guests recently attended the SIU Saluki Family Day at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago. This event continues to grow as alumni experience a great time with family and fellow Salukis. Attendees enjoyed a tailgate prior to watching the White Sox defeat the Cleveland Indians 6-5. The tailgate featured a silent auction and the opportunity to interact with live Saluki dogs.

The White Sox mascot, South Paw, visited the tailgate area and interacted with Saluki mascot, Brown Dawg. The festive day featuring an afternoon of food, fun, and baseball was coordinated by a committee of Chicago-area alumni. Chancellor and Mrs. Walter Wendler, Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry, and Associate Chancellor for Diversity Seymour Bryson helped represent Southern's administration at the event.



Alums got a chance to meet White Sox mascot South Paw and Saluki mascot Brown Dawg at the event. Also on hand that day was Chancellor Walter Wendler and his wife, Mary.

Randolph County Alumni Chapter Hosts Family Barbecue

In June, 64 alumni and guests attended a family barbecue, hosted by the Randolph County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association. Barbara Brown heads the chapter.

Following dinner, Chris Mincheff honored the 2004 and 2005 scholarship recipients for Randolph County. Glenn Poshard, a former university vice chancellor and chair of the SIU Board of Trustees, was the guest speaker for the evening and shared his positive experiences at Southern with the group.

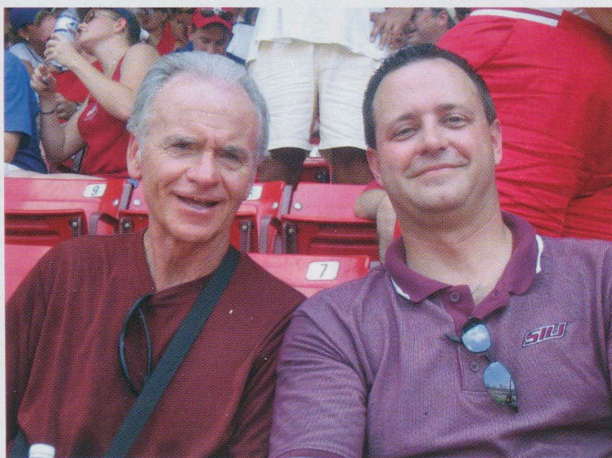
Representing the University were Provost and Vice Chancellor John Dunn and Associate Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Jeff Lorber. Representing the Alumni Association were national board members Doris Rottschalk and Mary Roe, Executive Director Ed Buerger, and Director Argus Tong.



SIU Day At Busch Stadium

Two-hundred-fifty alumni members and guests braved sweltering weather to attend the 21st annual SIU Day at Busch Stadium. The group enjoyed a pregame social in the nearby Millennium Hotel lobby area.

A good mix of Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals fans enjoyed a hotly contested game between the rivals, which resulted in a 6-5 victory for the visitors. Representing the Alumni Association were national board members Dan O'Brien and Howard Spiegel; directors Greg Scott, Michelle Suarez, and Argus Tong; and staff member Jeannie Caldwell.



Bob Hardcastle (left) and Jeff Lorber enjoy the Cubs and Cardinals battle during the 21st annual SIU Day at Busch Stadium Day.

Volunteers Needed In Atlanta And St. Louis

The SIU Alumni Association is in the process of revitalizing alumni chapters in the Atlanta and St. Louis areas. The Alumni Association is calling on alumni and friends in both metropolitan areas to assist in this effort.

Alumni chapters are essential in assisting the Association's efforts to establish an SIU presence in major metropolitan areas nationally, encourage participation in University activities, and facilitate involvement and camaraderie among all Salukis.

If you are interested in assisting with the Atlanta chapter, please contact Melissa Zipfel '97 at (404) 290-7733 or melis-sazipfel@hotmail.com. For St. Louis and Metro East areas, please contact Loren King '00 at ncaatrack@aol.com.

Central Florida Chapter Plans Oct. 29 Saluki Social

The Central Florida Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association is hosting its fourth annual networking social Oct. 29 at Petey Brown's Restaurant in Tampa. Alumni and guests will begin gathering at 7 p.m.

Petey Brown's Restaurant is located in the lower level of the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay. SIU alumni and friends living in the central Florida area are invited to attend this event and mingle with fellow Salukis. For more information, contact Chapter President Terry Gannon at (727) 367-2542.

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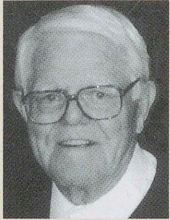
Former Alumni Association President Ed Curtis Dies At 93

Edward Curtis, Jr., who served as President of the SIU Alumni Association from 1954-55, recently died at age 93 in Belleville, Ill. The 1933 Southern product became a prominent Midwest banker and civic leader for over 40 years.

Curtis began his career at the Anna National Bank in 1935, and later served as president and director of five banks. He also served as president of Group 10, the Southern Illinois Counties of the Illinois Bankers Association, and was a graduate of banking and financial schools at the University of Wisconsin, Northwestern University, Columbia University, and Syracuse University.

The SIU Alumni Association Life Member enjoyed being involved with various civic activities, including serving as a Scout Master, President of the Mt. Vernon Chamber of Commerce, and as an officer in the American Red Cross and American Cancer Societies.

He is survived by his wife Juanita, three children, and several grand children and great-grand children.



Alumni Deaths

Fall '05

LACEY, Mildred V., ex '27
06/17/05, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

COOPER, Richard L., '33
05/07/05, Geneva, Ill.

HALPIN, Celestine A., '33; '43
05/30/05, Murphysboro, Ill.

BALLARD, Freda K., ex '34
05/28/05, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

MERZ, Ruth N., '34
05/20/05, Belleville, Ill.

TRIPP, Pauline H., '34; '54
07/05/05, Murphysboro, Ill.

WEGER, C. Evelyn, ex '36
07/06/05, Benton, Ill.

ST. CLAIR, P. Lester, ex '37
06/29/05, Dallas, Texas

WALDRON, Richard V., '38
06/26/05, Gaithersburg, MD

DUNN, Ford R., '39
06/11/05, Venice, Fla.

REEVES, Eulita P., ex '39
05/13/06, Dongola, Ill.

OGLES, Paul E., ex '40
07/11/05, Mt. Vernon, Ind.

REID, James E., ex '40
07/02/05, Marion, Ill.

ALLEN, Virginia Marie, '41; M.S.Ed. '57
07/25/05, Belleville, Ill.

EDLER, Saralee Hook, '41
06/13/05, Kirkwood, Mo.

NORRIS-TAYLOR, Wanda L., ex '41
05/26/05, Fairfield, Calif.

RHODES, Anna Ellen, ex '42
07/15/05, Anna, Ill.

QUINN, Eugene F., '43
03/09/05, Louisville, Ky.

HILLYARD, Betty L., ex '47
05/21/05, Carmi, Ill.

GILLESPIE, Calvin H., ex '48
07/30/05, Carbondale, Ill.

SMITH, Charles G., '48; M.A. '51; Ph.D. '67,
05/26/05, Murray, Ky.

DERBAK, Michael, '49
07/13/05, Royalton, Ill.

DUNNING, Edna D., ex '49
06/09/05, Marion, Ill.

KRAATZ, R. Rodney, '49
07/17/05, Escondido, Calif.

LYNCH, William S., '49
07/04/05, Martinsville, Ill.

TRAVIS, David P., ex '49
04/15/05, Cartersville, Ill.

GADDIE, Lawrence R., '50
06/03/05, LaGrange, Ky.

LEWIS, Raymond D., '51
05/22/05, Cherokee Village, Ark.

MASON, Dahl Leon, '51
06/17/05, Harrisburg, Ill.

SULLIVAN, Clifford W., '51
05/10/05, Rome, N.Y.

MURPHY, Richard G., '52
06/28/05, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

PITT, Harvey C., M.S.Ed. '52
07/28/05, Du Quoin, Ill.

BLUE, Robert E., ex '53
05/25/05, Marion, Ill.

WEIR, Duane A., ex '53
07/29/05, Mt. Carmel, Ill.

COOPER, Stanley B., ex '54
06/07/05, Norris City, Ill.

CHAPMAN, Bernard E., '55
05/23/05, Herrin, Ill.

HALL, Meta D., '55; M.S.Ed. '58
07/24/05, Ridgway, Ill.

TOSETTI, James R., '55; '56
07/09/05, Gleneden Beach, Ore.

CLARKE, Lindell G., '56; M.S. '68
06/02/05, De Soto, Ill.

WHISENHUNT, James W., '56; M.A. '59;
Ph.D. '64, 07/01/05, Carbondale, Ill.

MAGNUSON, Norma L., '57; M.S.Ed. '61,
07/04/05, West Frankfort, Ill.

PROUT, Hedley J., '57
05/14/05, Tahlequah, Okla.

READ, Robert E., '57
05/28/05, Blair, Neb.

BURNS, Hazel D., ex '58
07/15/05, Elkhville, Ill.

CARROLL, Sue M., '58
06/03/05, West Frankfort, Ill.

LOEH, Corinne R., M.S.Ed. '58
06/02/05, N. Andover, Md./Oro Valley, Ariz.

WOOLARD, James H., ex '59
06/19/05, Huddleston, Va.

TOLER, Donald W., '61
04/23/04, Pomona, Mo.

LANCASTER, Eula M., '62
05/24/05, Pittsburg, Ill.

NORMAN, Neal E., '62; M.A. '76
05/30/05, Locust Grove, Va.

HENDERSON, Harlan K., '63
05/30/05, Moweaqua, Ill.

MAGRO Jr., Joseph N., '63; M.S.Ed. '65,
06/30/05, Godfrey, Ill.

RITENHOUSE Jr., John N., '63; M.S. '64,
05/09/05, Reno, Nev.

KORNELLY, Donald E., '64
01/22/04, Parker, Colo.

MILLER, Robert L., '64
05/20/05, Ft. Atkinson, Wis.

WILSON, Steven J., '64
07/12/05, San Antonio, Texas

VINCENT, Billy A., '65
06/22/05, Murphysboro, Ill.

KIMMIE, Orval H., M.S.Ed. '66
07/11/05, Trenton, Ill.

SCHMITZ, Ronald M., '66
05/29/05, Oshkosh, Wis.

FRANCIS, Shirley V., M.S. '67
06/03/05, Springfield, Mo.

SMITH, Ruth J., '67
06/14/05, Scheller, Ill.

WITTY, Gaines D., '67
05/12/05, Ridgecrest, Calif.

SMITH, Bruce G., '69
05/07/05, Wadsworth, Ill.

BRIGHTON, Larry P., '70
01/10/05, Belleville, Ill.

BURNS, Roy L., '70
05/15/05, Lake St. Louis, Mo.

LANG, Cora Eloise, '70; '73
07/20/05, Marion, Ill.

KRAM Jr., Paul L., '71
07/07/05, Wheaton, Ill.

SMITH, Lois L., M.S.Ed. '71
07/18/05, Pinckneyville, Ill.

CULVER, Sylvia A., '72
05/13/05, Springfield, Mo.

STANFIELD, Howard M., M.S. '73
07/16/05, Newark, Del.

MODGLIN, Rodger L., '74
07/24/05, Owasso, Okla.

SMITH, Stephen D., '74
05/15/05, Crystal Lake, Ill.

SEYBOLD, Joe G., '75
05/26/05, Kathleen, Fla.

BASSETT, Clyde M., '76
05/31/05, Quincy, Ill.

CLUCK, Frank D., '76
05/14/05, Cartersville, Ill.

KLINGLER, Michelle "Mikey," '76
05/29/05, Nashville, Ill.

OLSEN, Jeffrey M., '76; '96
06/29/05, Longmont, Colo.

REED, Jeffrey L., '76; '77
07/15/05, Camp Verde, Ariz.

SPRAGUE, Larry L., '76
04/27/05, Scottsdale, Ariz.

BREEDLOVE, Robert F., M.D. '77
06/23/05, Des Moines, Iowa

KRESGE, Susan K., M.S. '78
06/11/05, Paris, France

MURDOCK, Marianne, Ph.D. '78
07/14/05, Trussville, Ala.

SCHIPP, Steven Lee, M.S. '78
06/13/05, Mankato, Minn.

HILL, Barbara L., Ph.D. '80
07/24/05, Charleston, Ill.

DEMUS, Margaret Irene Johnson, '82
06/02/05, Waverly, Ohio

FORD, Robert R., '82
06/14/05, Champaign, Ill.

HOLT, Weldon E., '82
07/23/05, Altus, Okla.

MILLER, Edward T., '85
07/23/05, Columbus, N.J.

ODOM, Jack D., '86
05/30/05, McClure, Ill.

WERTMAN, Christopher A., '86
05/02/05, Candor, N.Y.

REDDINGS, Lorinze J., '87
05/10/05, St. Peters, Mo.

ROBERTS, Randall D., '87
07/18/05, Mulkeytown, Ill.

BROWN, Melissa L., '88
11/06/04, Highland, Ill.

POGUE, Kenneth W., '89
06/29/05, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

RICHARDSON, Jay P., '89
04/30/05, Ellensburg, Wash.

FISCHLEIN, Michael A., '93
05/14/05, St. Charles, Mo.

MIRA, Donald R., '93
06/24/05, Herrin, Ill.

RONZANI, Gabriel C., ex '96
06/11/05, Carbondale, Ill.

BROWN, Eric D., '04
05/12/05, Ashley, Ill.

CASSIDY, Kenneth D., '04
05/27/05, West Chester, Ohio

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Civil Service, Building Services
05/26/05, Herrin, Ill.

DIEFENBECK, James A.
Emeritus Professor; former Chair
Department of Philosophy
07/15/05, Carbondale, Ill.

DODD, Diana L., '42; M.A. '54
Emerita Faculty, Department of English
08/02/05, Anna, Ill.

DRURY, Gilbert L.
Civil Service, former electrician
06/10/05, Marion, Ill.

FORD, Elsa E., M.S. '67
Emerita Faculty, Department of Math
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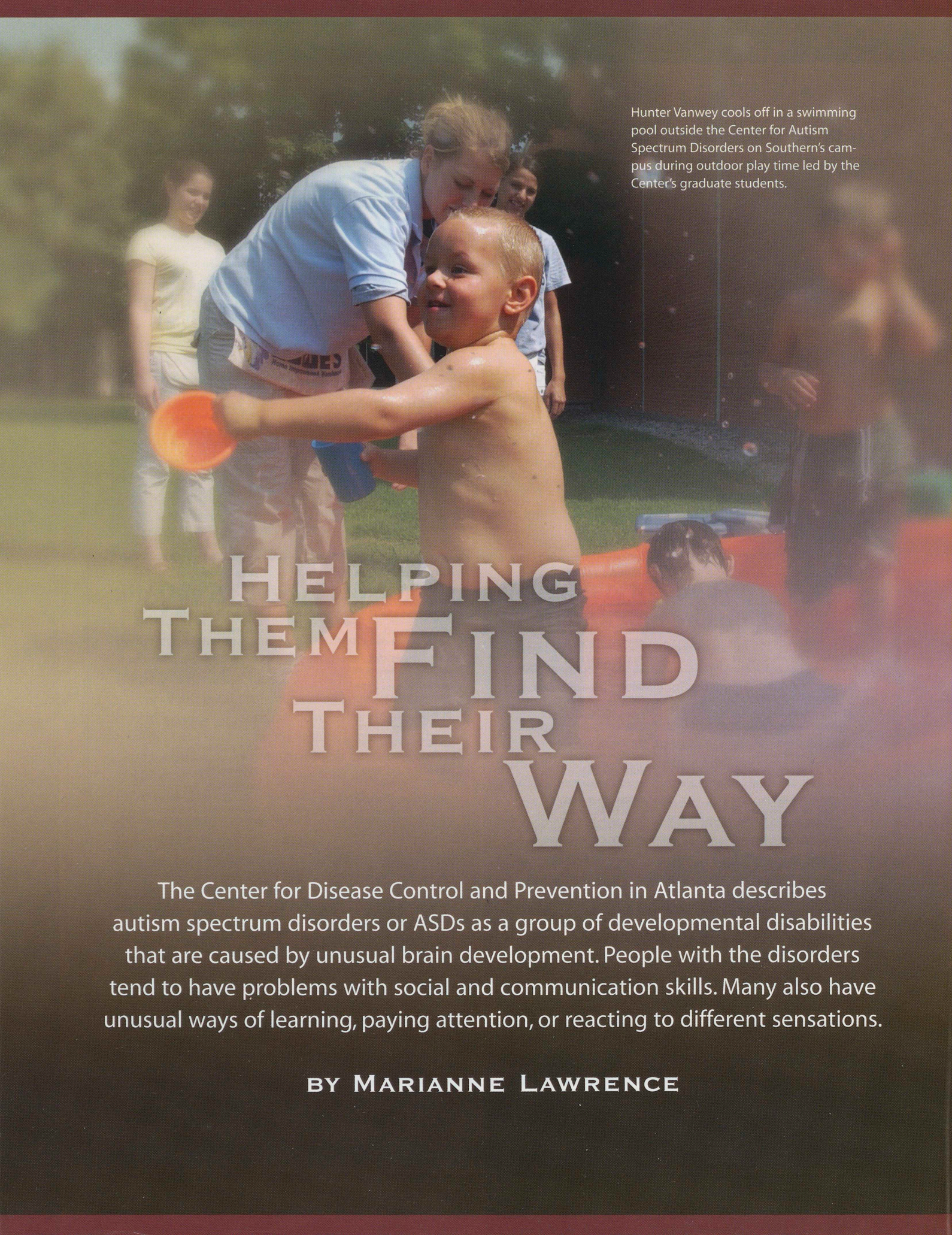
GARNER, R. Kathleen "Kathy," J.D. '83
Emerita, Law Librarian
06/23/05, Carbondale, Ill.

HILL, Morse P.
Emeritus Civil Service
Transportation Service
06/13/05, Carrier Mills, Ill.

PETERSON, Jane E., M.S.Ed. '79
Emerita, Counselor and Academic Advisor
06/09/05, Matthews, N.C.

STONE, Vernon A.
Former Director, School of Journalism
06/15/05, Columbia, Mo.

TALLY, R. Earl
Emeritus, Director of Disbursements
07/02/05, Carbondale, Ill.

A young boy is splashing water with an orange bucket while a woman in a blue shirt helps him at an outdoor pool. Other people are visible in the background, including a woman in a yellow shirt and another person in a blue shirt. The scene is outdoors with trees and a grassy area.

Hunter Vanwey cools off in a swimming pool outside the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders on Southern's campus during outdoor play time led by the Center's graduate students.

HELPING THEM FIND THEIR WAY

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta describes autism spectrum disorders or ASDs as a group of developmental disabilities that are caused by unusual brain development. People with the disorders tend to have problems with social and communication skills. Many also have unusual ways of learning, paying attention, or reacting to different sensations.

BY MARIANNE LAWRENCE

Each day a dedicated staff help children with autism find their way in a world that doesn't seem to belong to them.

The Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, housed in one end of the huge Communications Building on Southern Illinois University's Carbondale campus, has limited space, and with therapy sessions under way, that small area bustles with near constant activity.

A small group of special children are gathered in a lab. Most of them are nonverbal and are not comfortable being touched. An occasional outburst of discomfort can be caused if one of them is jostled or if there is a loud noise or sudden movement.

Goals for the children are to increase social interaction and communication. They work on following directions, listening, and participating in group songs or other activities. Music, pictures, and art are used to help get each child involved in the session.

Anthony Cuvo, director of the center and professor of behavior analysis and therapy, can talk all day about the accomplishments of his staff, the children in their care, and his long range goals and hopes for the center. He often reflects on its beginning five years ago with three children and several graduate students.

Rebecca Trammel '76, clinic director of the center and instructor of communication disorders and sciences, recalls that in the late 1990s, her department began to receive phone calls from parents seeking help for a child who had been diagnosed with autism. "I had tons of experience with children and their developmental disorders, so I decided to take one client and work with a graduate student clinician enrolled in practicum."

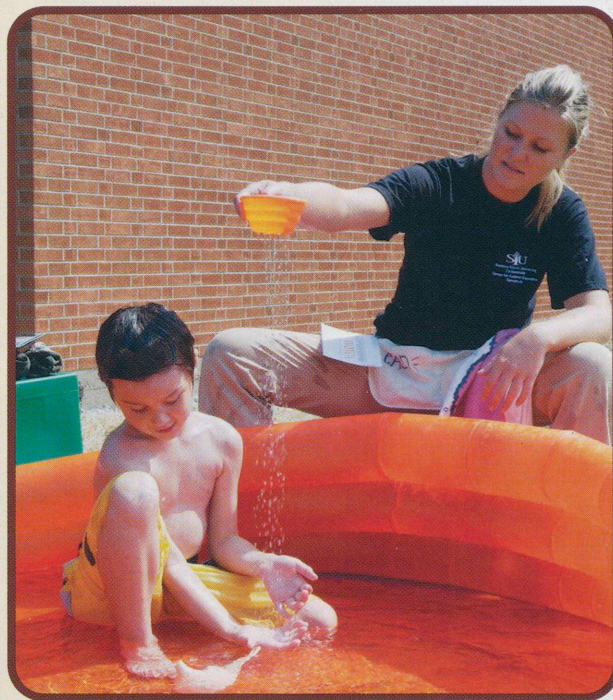
But then more calls came, and she accepted two more children with autism spectrum disorders. "It was clear to me then that group therapy was needed for these children with language and social interaction problems," says Trammel.

She pushed for more room, some money, and support from her department chair, who then put her in touch with Cuvo. "We had many common interests and complemented each other's work," says Trammel.

Cuvo helped get the money and the space and together with Trammel opened a laboratory to take in children with problems few others would address. "Word of the lab's work spread, and semester by semester the program grew," he recalls.

In 2003, the university formally recognized the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders and that same year it received major funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services through The Autism Project, or TAP. Southern is one of three sites in Illinois funded by TAP with others located at the Hope School in Springfield and at the University of Chicago.

The SIUC Center is part of the Rehabilitation Institute in the College of Education and Human Services.



Austin Bauza enjoys the water on a summer day with graduate student Jessica Pigg. Children from the autism center are taken outside daily for activities designed to stimulate and challenge them.

Cuvo, who is skilled at utilizing the University's myriad resources to meet the center's challenges, explains that parents coming to the center are offered interdisciplinary assessment, extensive therapy options, and support services.

To supplement the center's six full-time staffers, Cuvo can draw on the expertise of multiple university programs like psychology, the physician assistant program, special education, dental hygiene, and diet and nutrition. "I try to bring University resources together to help these families," says Cuvo, going down a list of specific examples.

Help to desensitize children in preparation for a dental exam or doctor's visit, or special expertise needed to encourage a balanced diet for children who are sensitive to textures and tastes will come from those University resources.

Melanie Rose M.S. '04 is a behavior analyst and program evaluation specialist for the center. She explains that therapy takes place individually and in groups that is determined by the child's age and learning skills. "If a child is nonverbal, he or she will have individual therapy that targets basic speech and language," she explains. Techniques used to build communication skills include a picture communication system and the use of imitation.

Rose points out the center's social interaction laboratory focuses on preparing a child to enter either preschool or day care. Activities help children learn to take turns, stand in line, follow instructions, and develop other disciplines difficult for children with autism.



Anthony Cuvo, director of the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, likes to point out that virtually all of his staff, including numerous graduate students, are Southern alumni. Seated from left are Leigh Grannan, Allison Easley, and Melanie Rose. From left in the second row are Jessica Pigg, Christine Padula, Stephanie Young, and clinic director Rebecca Trammel. In the back row, from left, are Sudesh Balan, Cuvo, Sherell Sparks, Kirsten Schaper, Karla Pavone, and Kimberly Clausen.

Finally, the laboratory to support full inclusion prepares a child for possible placement in a regular classroom setting. Both labs simulate a preschool classroom and the activities follow a detailed and goal-oriented lesson plan.

Leigh Grannan M.S. '04, behavior analyst, leads a small group in some outdoor activities, getting some help from the sister of one of her charges. Since imitation is a goal of therapy for the child with autism, Grannan explains that siblings are frequently used in the sessions to provide a role model for the other children.

While the clinicians work with the child, Sherrell Sparks '97, M.S. '99, a case manager and resource coordinator, takes care of the rest of the family. In devising parent support group meetings, Sparks tries to present regional support services, timely speakers, and other parents' experiences to help guide families

through the maze of options for them and their child.

In a recent support group meeting, parents shared pizza and their problems while learning about the center, the respite services available to them in the southern Illinois region, and the experiences of Dwayne and Pat Williams, whose son, Ryan, has been with the center since its inception. (See accompanying story.)

Sparks explains the importance of services she provides through her agency and the center's community provider, the Family Counseling Center in nearby Vienna, Ill. Free child care can give parents an important break from the rigors of caring for their child with autism. In addition, there are services that range from counseling to free diapers.

The center's outreach services include on-site, home and school consultation.

It is often a graduate student's job to observe a child in a classroom setting so that therapy can be tailored to address the school-related problems. The center's staff also trains school employees like cafeteria workers, bus drivers and others who work in the building on how to deal with a child with autism.

Consultants make home visits to help parents solve problems in the family's setting. However, while at the center, parents can observe therapy sessions, participate in training, receive consultation, and learn to teach their children at home.

Perhaps making the biggest difference in the success of the Carbondale center are the graduate students who cycle through the program. This summer they took part in a four-week program devised to expose older children to the community.

Visits to the bowling alley, miniature golf course, Wal-Mart, and Campus

RYAN'S HOPE

Ryan Williams seems like a normal 10-year-old fifth-grader with above average musical talents. He plays several instruments and sings with the Southern Illinois Children's Choir. He likes to watch sports on television and play with his Game Boy.

However, to get where he is today was a long, difficult journey that is not over.

The Carbondale boy was one of the first autistic children to be helped by Southern Illinois University and became a building block for the University's Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Rebecca Trammel, one of the center's founders, worked with Ryan back in 1999 and is amazed and proud at how far he has come. She first saw him shortly after his diagnosis—a nonverbal, frightened 2-year-old. "Ryan had severe language problems and sensory issues. He was unusually sensitive to bright sunlight and noises. We always had sunglasses and umbrellas ready," she recalls.

He still has these sensitivities but is now able to better cope, largely because of his parents' steadfast determination to help him become a functioning member of society. Dwayne and Mary Williams have paved the way for their son with careful research into the autism spectrum and constant communication with his teachers and clinicians. Trammel calls them "one of those families everyone would like to work with."

The couple credits early intervention for their son's progress. "The best thing we had when Ryan was little was the center," says Mary. "It has been especially important for him to be in a summer program to avoid regression. He really needs a schedule." Ryan was part of the center's month-long program to expose kids his age to summer activities such as bowling, miniature golf, and shopping.

Music has provided some of Ryan's most satisfying moments. He and his sister, Kacie, who is a year older, perform with the Southern Illinois Children's Choir and look forward to its summer camp. Ryan is a natural musician, playing the piano, violin, and more recently learning the snare drum so he can join his school band.

Listening to music is something he often relies on to smooth out the rough edges of frustration and stress he experiences during the day, according to his mother.

The Williams' journey with Ryan has had its ups and downs, but they have always met problems with creativity. When Kacie began feeling a little left out with Ryan getting all the attention, Dwayne and Mary suggested she write a book about her brother.

The title became "Why Can't I Be Autistic Too?" and has given her a better understanding of her brother's situation. Kacie is one of Ryan's biggest supporters *and*, as Mary explains, she has all his teachers the year before he does and can check them out.

The couple's knowledge of what their son is up against is extensive and they are quick to reach out to share their expertise with other parents, in the classrooms of SIU and, more importantly, with Ryan's teachers.

Each year, they get to know their son's teachers well before school starts in the fall, providing them with detailed information about his behaviors and intervention strategies. Ryan will sometimes blurt out what he has to say rather than waiting to be called on, and he needs extra time to process information, respond to questions, or finish a task.

He can become anxious around animals and is bothered by noises like fire alarms, announcements over the intercom, loud voices, or confrontational situations. Although these things can cause him to cry or panic and run away, more and more, Ryan is able to help himself deal with these occurrences.

His parents know that each time Ryan controls a behavior does not mean he is cured, but that he has learned to "pretend to be normal." At the same time, they are well aware of many high-functioning adults in our society who are autistic, and that has turned their early fears for Ryan into high hopes for his future.

—Marianne Lawrence



This photo of Ryan was taken during a performance at the Southern Illinois Children's Choir camp.

Lake gave the kids an opportunity to function as others in their peer group. Sessions before the actual trips let them practice asking for things, exercising patience to stand in line and wait their turn, as well as dealing with the excitement and noise of being in a public place or large store.

Cuvo's immediate goals for his program are more money and more space. Larger quarters would allow him to make better use of the sophisticated

equipment used for filming therapy sessions and allowing parents and other observers to watch the progress. It would also help to have a more private space for the children's outdoor activities.

To supplement the state's funding, volunteer groups, such as the Fraternal Order of Eagles, have raised money, and a summer golf outing organized by parents of one of the center's students was held this summer. Anyone interested in learning more about the center or mak-

ing a contribution can call (618) 536-2122 or visit the Web site at www.siu.edu/~rehabbat/Autism.

Step by step, these children, thanks to the patient, deliberate work of the clinicians, parents, and community, are making progress toward a productive and satisfying life. What Cuvo and his staff will not forget is the look on a parent's face when they hear their child say "mommy" for the first time. It's what they all strive for.

OCTOBER

- 1 **SIU Alumni Homecoming Celebration**, pregame tailgate east of McAndrew Stadium,
Salukis vs. Missouri State, 1:30 p.m.
Alumni Member Appreciation Volleyball vs. Indiana State, 7 p.m. (Must show SIU Alumni Association Membership Card for free admittance.)
- 3 Garrison Keillor, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Saluki Football at Western Illinois, 6:05 p.m.
- 11 *Pilobolus*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 **Salukis vs. Illinois State**, 6 p.m., pregame tailgate on Saluki Row at 3 p.m.
- 22 Saluki Football at Indiana State, 2 p.m.
- 24 *Tango Flamenco*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Saluki Football at Western Kentucky, TBA
- 29 *Master Harold and the Boys*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 31 *Halloween Pops*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 2 *Leahy*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Salukis vs. Youngstown State, 3 p.m., pregame tailgate on Saluki Row at noon
- 8 *Will Rogers Follies*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 9-13 *The Taming of the Shrew*, Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater, 1:30 p.m.
- 12 Saluki Football at Northern Iowa, 5:05 p.m.
- 13 Jackson County Awards Banquet, SIU Student Center
- 13 *One-Woman Show: Laura Ingalls Wilder*, McLeod Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 *Mozart and America*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 **Salukis vs. North Dakota State**, 3:00 p.m., pregame tailgate on Saluki Row at noon
- 29 *Boys Choir of Harlem*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

McLeod Theater Announces 40th Anniversary Celebration Plans

Theater alumni, faculty, former faculty, students, and Friends of the McLeod Theater will soon kick off their 40th anniversary season with a production of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* (Sept. 28-Oct. 2), and *Finding a Voice*, a Theatre History Symposium (Sept. 30-Oct. 2).

Events include papers, a keynote presentation by Bob Schanke, author of *Shattered Applause: The Lives of Eva Le Gallienne*, and *That Furious Lesbian: The Story of Mercedes de Acosta*. Also featured will be Dawn Larsen performing her one-woman *Toby Show* in the Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater on Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. free of charge, and a book signing by SIU Press authors on Oct. 1. (For further information on the symposium, contact Anne Fletcher at (618) 453-7594 or afletch@siu.edu.)

The following week (Wed., Oct. 5-Sun. Oct. 8), the Theater Department hosts the 2nd International Mask Conference, "Masks of Transformation." (For additional information, contact Ron Naversen, conference planner (618) 453-3670 or rnav@siu.edu.) Events include a mask exhibition at the University Museum, papers, presentations and workshops, and a masked ball. The conference is presented in cooperation with the Carbondale Community Arts, Arts in Celebration.

For a complete listing of this varied and full conference program, see SIUC's Division of Continuing Education Web site,

www.dce.siu.edu, and click "Conferences." See Calendar of Events on page 44 for November offerings, and check future issues of *Southern Alumni* for additional McLeod Theater Anniversary plans. ■



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16th Annual Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble

A total of 34 teams featuring approximately 140 golfers participated in the 16th annual Chicagoland Golf Scramble this summer. The event, co-sponsored by the Chicagoland Golf Committee, SIU Foundation, SIU Athletics, with support from the SIU Alumni Association, has once again served as a premier event for the Chicago-area alumni and supporters of the University's intercollegiate athletics program. The scramble has raised more than \$225,000 in support of Saluki athletics since 1989.

Men's basketball coach Chris Lowery was at the event in the morning and was able to greet some participants on the 1st tee. After 18 holes of golf, attendees were treated to a steak dinner, silent auction, and raffle. In addition, participants heard comments from Saluki Athletics Director Paul Kowalczyk, Men's Golf Coach Leroy Newton, and Swimming Coach Rick Walker.

St. Louis Alumni Enjoy Under The Stars At The MUNY

Forty-three alumni and friends enjoyed "Under the Stars at the MUNY," a first-year event hosted in St. Louis. Attendees were treated to a backstage tour of the MUNY and a buffet dinner at the Culver Pavillion. To cap off the evening, guests enjoyed a spectacular performance of *Annie Get Your Gun*.



Representing the Alumni Association were National Board Director Len Surina, Executive Director Ed Buerger, and Director Argus Tong.

Greater Michigan Alumni Picnic

Fifty-six alumni and guests attended the sixth annual Greater Michigan Alumni Picnic in July at the Kensington Metro Park in Brighton, Mich. The group enjoyed a bright, sunny, and breezy fun-filled day in Brighton with lunch and activities such as volleyball and bocce ball. They also participated in door prize drawings, raffles, and viewing yearbooks.

Among those in attendance from the University were Dean of the College of Applied Science and Arts Paul Sarvela, Chair of the Automotive Technology Department Jack Greer, and Associate Professor Mike Behrmann.

Also in attendance were Associate Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Jeff Lorber, Constituent Development Officer for College of Applied Science and Arts Michael Ellis, and Alumni Association Director Argus Tong.



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

1940s

James York '41 and **Madge Wease York x44** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 27, 2005. The couple lived in Shawneetown, Ill., for many years where James was president and CFO of Shawnee Cabinets, Inc. The Yorks also built and operated the Shawnee Chief Motel in Shawneetown, which is now operated by their son, Timothy York. The former school teachers now live in Stuart, Fla. They have another son, John York of Columbus, Ohio, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

1950s

Col. James Hooppaw USAF (ret) '58 has published his third book, *Tall Tail Tales*, a collection of his stories as well as others.

Hooppaw and his wife, Wendy x62, live in Nine Falls, Wash.

1960s

Glen Loyd '64 was recently inducted into the Wisconsin Broadcasters Hall of Fame. He is consumer protection public information officer for the state of Wisconsin. Loyd graduated from SIUC as "outstanding male graduate" in journalism.

Jabulani Beza '66, M.A. '67, Ph.D. '71 is serving as a Member of Parliament (MP) in the Republic of Malawi, Africa. Beza, a retired professor of political science and criminal justice, taught at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo., from 1983 to 2002. He also taught in Texas, Mississippi, and North Carolina. Since retiring he has devoted his time to economic development in Malawi.

John Paul Eddy Ph.D. '68 was given the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Crown Forum Award given at Morehouse College in Atlanta for his life-long work in human rights. Eddy, emeritus professor at

the University of North Texas in Denton, worked at the Wesley Foundation while at Southern and is co-founder of the International Association of Educators for World Peace. The author and speaker lives in Denton with his wife, Betty.

Lloyd Bockstruck M.A. '69 received the National Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America Award in recognition of his accomplish-

ments in the fields of history, genealogy, and library science. Bockstruck's new book is *Denizations and Naturalizations in the British Colonies in America, 1607-1775*. He lives in Denton, Texas.

1980s

Barry Simich '80, M.S. '84 is vice president of operations at ITT Educational Services Inc.

Alum Recalls Railroad Career That Began In Carbondale

It wasn't just the train rides to and from Chicago and Carbondale on the Illinois Central Railroad but also family lore that influenced **John Fite's** long railroad career.



The 1976 graduate of SIUC's radio and television program, who recently retired after 20 years with the Chicago Transit Authority, first began working for the railroad while a student in Carbondale.

"There used to be lots of trains coming through Carbondale. It was a hub, and I bet there were nine to 10 trains a day," says Fites. He worked as a baggage man in the Carbondale depot for two years.

Fite, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, admits that railroad life must be in his blood. His father, who died when he was young, an uncle and cousin all had careers with the railroads. "I had my SIU degree, but was happy in what I was doing with the railroad."

Since his retirement, Fite has become interested in the history of the Illinois Central Railroad, its influence in bringing African-Americans from the rural south to urban cities, and has become a collector of railroad memorabilia. In addition, he has compiled a history of the railroad, including schedules, especially in and out of Chicago.

As a youngster, he remembers a trip to Mississippi on the City of New Orleans during the 1955 Christmas holidays. "On that day a lot of people were trying to get down south to visit their loved ones. It was so crowded, my mother and I stood up all the way to Memphis," he recalls.

Photographer Buck Miller Dies

Professional photographer Robert "Buck" Miller '64 died May 20, 2005, of multiple myeloma, a bone marrow cancer.

Miller worked for the *Milwaukee Journal*, *Milwaukee Sentinel* and did free-lance work for *Sports Illustrated*, *Newsweek* and for clients such as Lands' End.

Before coming to Southern to earn a degree in photography, Miller spent four years in the U.S. Air Force, where he first began working in photography, taking photos for *Stars and Stripes* and aerial photos for mapmaking.

According to his wife, Joann, portrait work was his strong suit, and he frequently wrote his own bylined stories about the art of being a photographer. Some of his subjects included Sammy Davis Jr., George Shearing, Bob Hope, Louis Armstrong, and George Wallace.

Michael Gulledge Named Lee Executive

Michael Gulledge '82 was elected a vice president of Lee Enterprises, a publisher of newspapers, shoppers, and specialty publications headquartered in Davenport, Iowa.



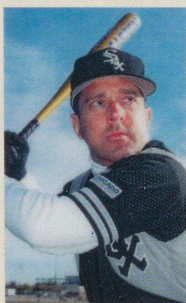
Gulledge is publisher of the *Billings Gazette* in Billings, Mont., and oversees Lee newspapers and publishing operations in Helena and Butte, Mont., and Casper, Wyo. With Lee's recent acquisition of

Pulitzer, Inc., he will have the additional responsibility for newspapers in Santa Maria, Lompoc, Hanford, and Napa in California, and Lihue in Hawaii.

While earning a degree in journalism from Southern, Gulledge began his affiliation with Lee Enterprises as an intern at *The Southern Illinoisan* in Carbondale, where he eventually served as advertising manager. After stints in the company's newspapers in Decatur, Ill., and Davenport, he was appointed publisher of the Billings newspaper in 2000.

He serves on several boards in Montana, including St. Vincent Hospital and Healthcare Board, Big Sky Economic Development Authority Board, ZooMontana Board, Alberta Bair Theater Board, and the Montana Chamber of Commerce Board. He and his wife, Susan, have a son.

Jimmy Hill '83 works for the Cook County Adult Probation, Chicago, in the gang intervention unit.



Each January he attends the White Sox Baseball Fantasy Camp in Tucson, Ariz. He is pictured on his 2003 baseball card.

Derek Adams Shetterly '88 is owner of Woolly Buzzer Productions, which was a gold

winner in the 2005 Summit Creative Awards competition, taking broadcast best of show for a radio commercial produced for Jimi Beans Coffee of Redding, Calif. Shetterly is the son of Ken Adams, who is retired from the SIUC School of Business, and Kathryn Adams of Carbondale. The Medford, Ore., company, owned by Shetterly and his wife, Christina, is a talent bank of professional voice-over artists, creative copywriters, and audio producers serving clients in the U.S. and Canada.

Jason Zellers '88 has been elected to partnership in the Missouri law firm of Armstrong Teasdale. He is a member of the

Mary Jane Dwyer Dies

Mary Jane Dwyer '85, a former popular radio personality who once teamed with John Riley and Mike Reis on WCIL Radio, recently passed away at her home in New Lenox, Ill., at 42. Dwyer was a fixture on one of the most popular programs in the area when she worked on the station's morning show over a decade ago.

A 1991 graduate of the SIU School of Law and a Carbondale resident for over 20 years, Dwyer eventually turned her attention to the legal field. At the time of her death she was assistant public defender in Will County.

Her co-workers there knew her heart *always* belonged in Carbondale.

"Every time I golfed against her, she always beat me," says Will County Public Defender John Prehn. "And she always had her Southern Illinois University golf bag – Mary Jane was a Saluki through and through."

A life member of the SIU Alumni Association and an avid supporter of the annual SIU Women's Golf Outing, Dwyer's last official appearance at Southern was earlier this year to serve as emcee for the 2005 Saluki Hall of Fame induction.

One of those enshrined was good friend and former co-worker Reis, who says her heart-felt introduction that day remains something he'll never forget.

"It was an emotional day for me anyway," Reis recalls, "but when Mary Jane introduced me it took me for a loop. I remember stumbling because of it. It was tremendous."

Dwyer's family requests memorials be sent to the St. Jude Building Fund, St. Jude Catholic Church, New Lenox, Ill.



Dwyer was back on campus when she served as emcee of the 2005 Saluki Hall of Fame induction.

firm's Corporate Services Practice Group in St. Louis, where he serves as the governance and compliance practice area leader. He earned his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 1991.

1990s

Greg '92 and Jennifer '95 Graves have purchased a franchise for Gymboree Play & Music in Rockford, Ill. In addition, Greg is with RWS Design & Controls Inc. in Rockford; the couple makes their home in Roscoe, Ill.

Jeffrey Rehm '92 of Slinger, Wis., was named director of radiology at Froedtert Hospital and the Medical College of Wisconsin, where he served as interim director for nine months.

Michelle Gattusco '93 and her husband, Consolato, of

Bolingbrook, Ill., are the proud parents of a son, Alexander Giovanni Gattusco, who was born Sept. 20, 2004. He is the couple's first child.

Barbara Tyler M.S. '93, co-owner of Balance Pilates and Fitness Studio in Carbondale, has met the requirements for re-certification with the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification. As a certified therapeutic recreation specialist, she is prepared to assess, evaluate, treat and maintain the physical, mental and emotional well-being of clients. Her studio offers Pilates, Yoga and fitness programs to help individuals with disabling conditions reduce depression, stress and anxiety, while building flexibility, strength and self esteem to gain independence.

Major Stephen Stewart J.D. '94 was awarded the Judge

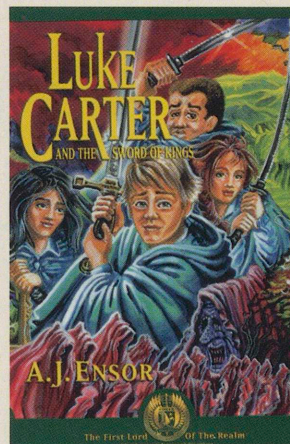
Advocates Association U.S. Marine Corps 2005 Outstanding Career Armed Services Attorney, an award that recognizes distinguished service to the legal profession and practice of military law. He is



the staff judge advocate for the U.S. Marine Corps Forces South in Miami, Fla. This fall he will attend the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General School at the University of Virginia for his LL.M. in Military Law.

Ata Karim Ph.D. '96 was honored with the 2005 Commerce Bank Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award at Kansas State University in Manhattan. Karim, who has been at Kansas State since 1955, is assistant professor of educational leadership and senior associate director of Leadership Studies and Programs. In addition, he serves as director of the James R. Coffman Leadership Institute.

A.J. Ensor '97 of Richmond, Va., is author of *Luke Carter and the Sword of Kings*, an adventurous book about girls and boys, wizards, and witches in America. The children's book was published by WinDruid Publishing of St. Louis. For more



information, visit the Web site, www.LukeCarter.com.

Shane Koch '99 received the 2005 Counselor Educator of the Year award from the International Association of Addictions and Offender Counseling, a division of the American Counseling Association. Koch is assistant professor and coordinator of rehabilitation studies at the University of North Texas in Denton.

2000s

Belinda Anderson '00 has accepted a position with the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Previously she worked as an executive for the Boy Scouts of America. In her



new position for MDA of the Quad Cities, she is responsible for market-

ing, public relations, event planning, fundraising, and staff supervision. The Davenport, Iowa, resident was a member of PRSSA and Pyramid when she was at Southern, and says "SIU professors like Gee Ekachai and Laurel Heatherington taught and prepared me for my future."

Ty Swartz '03 has written a book, *Hate Keeps Me Warm, Too!* A native of Greenville, Ohio, Swartz works as a photojournalist and videographer. His book is available from www.PublishAmerica.com.

Mary Margaret Wallace '03 is the youngest commissioner elected in the history of the Oak Lawn, Ill., Park District, garnering more votes than any other candidate in the 2005 election.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Andy Zachary '04** retired from active duty after 20 years of service. He most recently served at Navy Recruiting District Miami in Sunrise, Fla.

Five SIUC Alums Become Physicians

Five SIUC alumni graduated in May from the Southern Illinois School of Medicine in Springfield. The new physicians and their residency assignments are as follows:

Rhonda Cadena '94, M.S. '97 entered an emergency medicine residency at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and University Hospital.

Nancy Victoria Graves '99 has a psychiatry residency at the SIU School of Medicine and its affiliated hospitals in Springfield.

Ryan Diederich '00 will also be at the SIU School of Medicine and its affiliated hospitals for a residency in plastic surgery.



Sarah Parrish

Michael Berry '01 will be at Wayne State University and Detroit Medical Center for a residency in orthopedic surgery.

Sarah Parrish '01 entered a family practice residency at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

A Step Back In Time



Hats Off To The Class Of '63

While thousands of new University students registered for classes last month, the scene was *quite* different more than three decades ago. The 1959 freshman class was 2,806 strong, and when New Student Week festivities ended at McAndrew Stadium, the throng playfully tossed their mandatory green beanies in the air. Freshmen in those days were required to wear the beanies around campus during the early part of their first weeks on campus.

Three Degrees And Abundant Southern Pride

Patricia Borgsmiller Elmore speaks with pride when she talks about Southern Illinois University Carbondale—a place she has called home for most of her life.

The Murphysboro, Ill., native and three-degree alumna began work on her bachelor's degree in mathematics at the tender age of 17. Except for the year she spent as a systems engineer trainee in St. Louis after graduating in 1965, Elmore has been at Southern as a teacher, administrator, and contributor to University community life.

Her master's in education in 1967 allowed her to begin teaching in the department of guidance and educational psychology as she completed a doctorate in educational psychology with a specialization in educational measurement and statistics.

Ten years later she was a full professor in the department and since 1998 has served as associate dean for administration in the College of Education and Human Services.

Elmore was recently granted fellow status at the American Counseling Association (ACA) annual meeting in Atlanta, an elite honor given in recognition for significant and unique contributions in professional practice, scientific achievement, and governance, teaching, and training.

Although she has been nationally recognized and rewarded for her research in the field of statistics and measurement and for her leadership contributions, Elmore is most proud of the students she has had the opportunity to mentor. Serving on more than 200 SIUC master's thesis and doctoral dissertation committees, she has directed 11 students in their post-graduate work.

Ellen Storey Vasu M.A. '79, Ph.D. '84, department head and coordinator of the Instructional Technology Graduate Program in the Curriculum and Instruction Department at North Carolina State University, fondly remembers Elmore.

"I was fortunate to have Patti as the chair of my dissertation committee. She was an exemplary model of how a dissertation chair should support and collaborate with a doctoral student. She mentored me from the beginning of the dissertation research process through presenting and publishing the findings. We became close, and I still value her friendship today."

Another protégé, Dimiter Dimitrov Ph.D. '96, will soon step into Elmore's shoes as editor of *Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling and Development*, the prestigious journal of the Association for Assessment in Counseling and Education, a division of ACA. Elmore is quick to note she had nothing to do with his selection, but she is glad to be leaving the journal in her former student's capable hands.

Reflecting on her six years as editor, Elmore feels good about her contributions to the journal, adding more diversity to the content, developing special topic issues, and doing what she has done best at Southern: encouraging young authors and emerging scholars.

Her husband, Donald '64, also a life member of the SIUC Alumni Association, is an attorney. The couple's son, Donald Elmore Jr., is an assistant professor of chemistry at Wellesley College, in Wellesley, Mass., where he and his wife, Julia Prentice, make their home.

For her dedication to Southern's students and her professional representation of the University on a national level, the SIUC Alumni Association proudly salutes Patricia Elmore.

"I am proud of SIUC and what we've accomplished. We offer the opportunity for students to receive both undergraduate and advanced degrees and make contributions on national and international levels."



Patricia Borgsmiller Elmore is a nationally recognized leader in the field of statistics and measurement.

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