Chancellor Walter Wendler introduces a bold plan to reshape the campus core in the years ahead.

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Largest Gift Ever Helps Southern Launch Comprehensive Campaign

On Friday, Nov. 4, Southern Illinois University launched its first-ever comprehensive capital campaign with the news that the institution has a pledge for the largest gift in its history. Simmons & Cooper LLC has pledged $10.2 million to fund a new cancer institute at Southern. $54 million in pledges and gifts toward the final goal campaign goal of $100 million has been secured.

The comprehensive campaign, Opportunity Through Excellence, grew from Southern at 150: Building Excellence Through Commitment, the comprehensive plan for Southern. It calls for the University to become one of the Top 75 public research universities by 2019 — the year of its 150th anniversary.

The campaign kick-off event featured an upscale, black-tie dinner held under a sophisticated tent that filled the SIU Arena — home to the nationally acclaimed basketball Salukis. SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler praised the volunteers, alumni and friends of the University for their continued support, and used the event to discuss the major gift.

"As we announce the largest gift commitment in the University's history — a $10.2 million gift from Simmons & Cooper LLC to fund the new cancer institute at our School of Medicine in Springfield — we can be sure that others will follow the example set by Simmons & Cooper," Wendler said. "We greatly appreciate their generosity and support."

The institute, which will be named The Simmons & Cooper Cancer Institute at SIU, will provide extraordinary new resources to enhance treatments and implement the continuing search for a permanent cure. It will establish the University as home to one of the leading cancer facilities in the United States.

Simmons & Cooper LLC, one of the nation's foremost law firms, has spearheaded global legal efforts to provide support for people tragically victimized by asbestos and mesothelioma.

John Simmons, founder of Simmons & Cooper and a member of the SIU Board of Trustees, says "we believe this is the only instance where a law firm has made such a sizable commitment in this area of vital medical research. Simmons & Cooper has been at the forefront in fighting for justice for cancer victims, and we will continue to show that commitment with our hearts and with our pocketbook. I am proud that the Institute is the only major medical center to bear the name of a law firm, but I also hope that others will take a cue from what we have done."

As part of its donation, Simmons & Cooper will endow a Chair at the Institute specifically focused on all respiratory-related forms of cancer. The total pledge amount reflects a donation by the firm as well as a significant personal contribution by John and Jayne Simmons.

"This pledge of $10.2 million to SIU through the SIU Foundation came on the eve of our first comprehensive capital campaign," notes Rickey McCurry, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and Chief Executive Officer of the SIU Foundation. "It was a watershed moment for our University — the mood here can only be described as one of excitement."

He says the University has served as home to many first-generation college students and has a proud history of providing access and opportunity to a diverse student body. "This is Southern's time to shine and for our alumni and friends to give back to an institution that has a legacy of opening doors."
If you are not a member of the SIU Alumni Association, this will be the only issue of Southern Alumni you will receive – and we don’t want that to happen.

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

Chancellor Walter Wendler recently unveiled an ambitious plan to re-center Southern Illinois University Carbondale's campus around new academic buildings, a new football stadium, and other key University facilities. Titled "Saluki Way," this concept would originate a project to create a new "core" of student services, academic and athletics facilities to show off the best of what Southern has to offer.

Driven By History

Walter Rodgers, senior international correspondent for CNN, was recently honored by the SIU Alumni Association as a 2005 Distinguished Alumni. His new book, Sleeping with Custer and the 7th Cavalry, describes his assignment as an embedded reporter in Iraq. Rodgers says much of what he has accomplished in his professional life has been driven in part by the study of history and a recommendation once given to him while a student at Southern—never quit learning about the world around you.

Student Alumni Council

Dedicated to serving the University and their fellow students, the SIU Student Alumni Council is thriving on campus. By focusing on freshmen and shooting for a four-year retention rate, SAC has enjoyed a rebirth of sorts. Through word-of-mouth recruitment and a conglomeration of genuine hard-working members, membership in the organization has increased dramatically in the past five years.

Rising From The Ashes

It has been a decade since the Saluki women's basketball team has logged a winning season. But with new attitude and direction, second-year head coach Dana Eikenberg is striving to change all that and return the program to its winning ways. "There's a lot of enthusiasm and the student-athletes are sharing our vision," she says. "There are certain expectations of this team which have raised the level of intensity, focus, and commitment."
Our September cover story on "Wild Bill" Holden's walk across the United States to raise $250,000 for the fight against juvenile diabetes resulted in a mountain of phone calls, e-mails, and letters from alumni near and far.

Some said the article made them cry, and I initially didn't know how to react to that — it was a first during my years of editing this magazine. But soon I logged it as a compliment, glad Holden's journey had become such an emotional point of pride for so many alumni. Many others called to request an update on his medical situation.

The "situation" referred to Holden's knees, which went from bad to worse during his 2,100 mile trek. I had noted the generosity and concern shown by Harvard graduate Dr. Darryl Tannenbaum, an orthopedist practicing in Columbus, Ind. When Tannenbaum saw an ESPN feature on Holden, it moved him dramatically and he turned inspiration into action. (To see this video, go to: www.siualumni.onlinecommunity.com/video/billholdenonespn.wmv)

Noting Holden's need for knee replacements — and sensing an inability to pay for such a major procedure — Tannenbaum arranged to donate all his 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 anesthesiology.

Many alumni wanted to know if this had actually materialized, and I'm delighted to report that it did. When Holden's walk was complete, he embraced this offer of benevolence from a man he had never met and received bilateral knee replacements free of charge on Aug. 20. Now recuperating at his brother's home in Elgin, the 1972 SIU product is doing quite well and remains humbled by this random act of kindness.

"My knees were shot and there was no way I could have afforded this," Holden recently explained. "I'll never be able to repay the kindness of Dr. Tannenbaum, his staff, SIU alumni, and others who supported what I was doing during my walk for the fight against juvenile diabetes."

It's nice of you to feel that way Wild Bill, but speaking for countless Salukis, something tells me you're paid in full.

Shown after surgery, Bill Holden is all smiles posing with the medical team that made it all happen. Front row, from left, Dr. Michael Young, Holden, and Dr. Darryl Tannenbaum. Back row, Robert Osterling, Douglas Leonard, Sharon Fisher, and Dr. Stephan Baker.
Southern Memories Link Our 200,000 Alumni Around The World

Dear SIU Alumni and Friends:

It is our privilege to send this issue of Southern Alumni to all alumni compliments of SIU Alumni Association members. We hope it will rekindle memories of your experiences at Southern Illinois University, while also noting many changes on campus.

We alumni play an important role in the growth and success of our University. The SIU Alumni Association keeps you connected with campus and college friends through off-campus events, siualumni.com, and our outstanding publications.

Members of the SIU Alumni Association receive four copies of Southern Alumni each year, two issues of our fact-filled newsletter, Saluki Pride, and access to thousands of alumni communicating through our online community.

Joining your SIU Alumni Association has never been easier. Just fill out the postage paid mailer inserted in the middle of this issue, or join online at siualumni.com. Once a member, you will be invited to chapter meetings, pre-game tailgates, social events in your area, and enjoy networking opportunities with fellow Salukis.

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

If you are not yet a member, this issue of the magazine will be the only publication you will receive. As you enjoy this complimentary edition, I invite you to call our office at 618-453-2408 if you have any questions about membership in the SIU Alumni Association. Your involvement in our University’s future is crucial, and Association membership will keep you connected to Southern every step of the way.

Yours for Southern,

Ed Buerger ’70
Executive Director
SIU Alumni Association
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Alum Is Proud Of Byrne

I was more than a little interested in reading your story about Jennifer Byrne in the September issue of Southern Alumni. It was certainly impressive to see that she earned the top female pilot award for the National Intercollegiate Flying Association as a freshman.

I have known some of the recipients of that award, and Ms. Byrne is to be commended for what she accomplished. The amazing view from the cockpits of airliners is-and will remain-something enjoyed by many former Flying Salukis. I am honored to have known some of these outstanding pilots.

Tom Young '50
Annual Member
Wooster, Ohio

Editor's Note: Young is a former coach of the Flying Salukis.

Holden An Inspiration

Thanks for the article "The Heart of a Champion." Bill Holden is an inspiration and an example of the many Salukis who give of themselves to help those who are less fortunate.

Steve Hancock '69
Life Member
Centennial, Colo.

Trip Back To Southern A Tremendous Experience

Wow! What a great time my wife, Jill, and I had recently when we came back to campus for our first SIU football game since 1964. What an experience it was—except for the loss to Illinois State.

It all started with us enjoying a local radio show broadcast live from the University Mall on Thursday evening. Friday we exercised at the Student Rec Center, toured the campus in the morning, had lunch at the Student Center for old times' sake, and then went on the wine trail in the afternoon. Saturday we again exercised at the Rec, attended SIU Basketball Midday Madness at the SIU Arena, made our way over to the tailgate area to take part in the SIU Alumni Association activities, and then went to the Saluki football game.

The University should be very proud, as everything is being done in a first-class manner. I am wearing my SIU gear with pride!

Ray Wilson '64
Life Member
Sunset Beach, N.C.

A Saluki In Iraq Keeps In Touch With Southern

Greetings from Baghdad, Iraq!

I graduated from the U.S. Army ROTC program in June 1983 and am an Army Reserve lieutenant colonel on a one-year tour in Iraq with the XVIII Corps (Airborne). Currently, I am serving as a Deputy Inspector General for the Multi-National Corps-Iraq and am stationed at Camp Victory near the Baghdad International Airport.

My tour should end in late January 2006, and I will head back home to Maryland after out-processing at Ft. Bragg. Serving as an IG is rewarding, with the job focused on conducting inspections, assisting, teaching, and training soldiers about policies and regulations, and investigating various allegations and issues.

I am a Life Member of the SIU Alumni Association and enjoy reading Southern Alumni magazine. The articles are interesting, and it is great to hear about alumni and campus activities at my alma mater. My wife, Debra, and I look forward to visiting the SIU campus next fall and plan to attend a Saluki football game. Go Dawgs!

God bless all SIU alumni, faculty, students, and their families.

Howard James '83
LTC, IG
Life Member
Baghdad, Iraq

James is shown in Iraq with one of his prize possessions, an SIU sweatshirt. He is standing in front of the Al Faw Palace where most of his work with the Army originates.
I would like to thank Gene Green and the SIU Alumni Association for memories that were rekindled by the September Southern Alumni cover story on “Wild Bill” Holden.

It brought back great memories about this “wild and crazy guy” who was a teaching colleague of mine at Waltonville High School in the mid-1970s. Just to let everyone know – he was “wild” back then also.

And if that magazine article wasn’t enough, the SIU Alumni Association’s annual Wrigley Field event this summer allowed Bill and I to run into one another once again. For the first time in 30 years, we hugged, cried, laughed, and reminisced at the pre-game event at the Cubby Bear. At the game that night, we were also able to curse each other’s team (Bill is also “wild” about the Cubs – I’m a Cardinal fan), while sharing memory after memory about SIU and southern Illinois. At the end of the evening it was only fitting that “Wild Bill” was able to scream out one more time, “Cubs Win! Cubs Win!” What a night, and what a great SIU Alumni Association event!!!

Thanks for the memories.
SIU helped make my life a little better that night in August.

Gene Morgan M.S. ’71
Life Member
Benton, Ill.

Holden (left) and Morgan shared plenty of laughs when they talked at the Cubby Bear. It was the first time the two Southern grads had seen one another in 30 years.

Calling All Alumni...

Dear Friends:

I hope you take the time to read about Chancellor Walter Wendler’s plan to reshape Southern in the years ahead. The Saluki Way proposal calls for many exciting ventures, including construction of an Alumni Center in the heart of campus. This development would represent a significant investment in the important partnership between SIU alumni and University leadership. Saluki Way also compliments SIU President Glenn Poshard’s earlier vision spelled out in the SIUC Land Use Plan.

I am asking all 207,000 SIU graduates to support Saluki Way and the Alumni Center. Alumni support will be critical if our University is to continue to provide quality educational opportunities to future generations of Salukis.

Ed Buerger ’70
Moving Morris Contents A Big Job Focusing On The Smallest Details

by Tom Woolf

A nyone with experience in packing up a house and moving box after box of books would shudder at the idea of moving the 2.5 million-volume collection out of Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Morris Library. Anyone except Bill and Trudy Menard, the husband-wife team supervising the relocation of all those books and documents to make way for the massive expansion and renovation of the library. The packing and moving of the collection to the one-story, 50,000-square-foot McLafferty Annex started in October and took six to eight weeks to complete.

The Menards work for Hallett Movers of suburban Chicago, a firm specializing in moving large libraries. With between 40 and 50 campus library moves under their belts, the Menards know exactly what needs to be done.

"The biggest factor is getting the collection back in order," says Bill Hallett, co-owner, with his brother, Jack, of the moving company. "Books that are now on the fourth floor need to be integrated with books on the second floor. And at the other end of the move, everything has to end up on one floor."

His firm has plenty of experience. They moved the 3 million-volume Seattle Public Library, the 3 million-volume Minneapolis Public Library in January, the University of Chicago's Regenstein Library, the 1 million-volume Florida International Library, and the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tenn., among many others.

Central to the effort are attention to detail and proper handling of the collection.

"Libraries get so overcrowded that they store books in several locations," Hallett notes. "That is the real nightmare, re-integrating books from several places into one location. Caring for and protecting the collection is a primary concern."

And it is no small undertaking when you're talking about 48,000 shelves of materials and elements of a collection that is split among several floors. The Menards' attention to detail meant tagging the entire collection, using numerical and color-coded tags in Morris that correspond to tags already in place on shelves in the annex. They were exacting in their measurements, down to the number of inches of books coming off the library's shelves that must fit on compact shelving in the annex.

During the first phase of the project, the basement and most of the first floor of the library will remain open. The second through seventh closed in August for renovation, and the south entrance to the library—closest to Thompson Woods—closed this fall. Upon completion of the expansion and renovation of the rest of the library, most of the staff and collections will return and work will begin on the basement and first floor. The Library Affairs staff is doing its utmost to minimize the inconvenience to library patrons.

A retrieval system is in place, with the library promising to have requested materials transported from the annex and available at the Morris circulation desk in two hours. The annex hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
New Coating May Extend Life Of Artificial Joints

Like the hips and knees they replace, artificial joints don’t last forever, but with a little tweaking, they could last at least as long as their owners, a professor of mechanical engineering and energy processes from Southern Illinois University Carbondale believes.

Peter Filip, director of the University’s Center for Advanced Friction Studies, has teamed up with physicist Samir Aouadi, orthopedic surgeons D. Gordon Allan and Per Freitag, and post-doctoral fellow Manish Paliwal, and mechanical engineers Kambiz Farhang and Young W. Kwon—all from the University—to create a bio-friendly nanomaterial that when used as a coating on medical implants could reduce everyday wear and tear. The coating would prevent corrosion, one of the main reasons artificial joints fail.

“In the past, it was senior citizens who needed the replacements,” Filip says. “They weren’t as active, so the implants lasted long enough. But today, more and more young people are getting implants because of athletic injuries or genetic problems. When these fail, it’s a big problem.”

Increasing numbers of Americans are getting such joints. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, surgeons replaced some 220,000 hips and 418,000 knees in 2003. These implants typically last 15 to 20 years.

Filip’s research focuses on the relationship between the structure and properties of metals, ceramics, and composite materials. He decided to take a closer look at artificial joints after Allan, head of the University medical school’s orthopedic surgery division in Springfield, asked him why implants removed from patients had failed. “We analyzed them and saw what went wrong and what needed to be done to fix it,” he says.

The research group’s fix involves stopping both micromotion and corrosion by applying an infinitesimal layer of “noble metals” (such as gold, silver, and platinum) mixed with salt-like nitrogen compounds.

While the researchers have not yet tested the coatings on implants in actual use, Filip called preliminary laboratory results encouraging. “We found that the friction can be modified as we wish, and we found that wear resistance and corrosion resistance are as we expected,” he says. “We believe that the coatings should also help problems with infection and implant rejection because these are often due to corrosion.”

The researchers already have applied for a patent on the materials and are searching for grant funds that would support further lab tests as well as work with animals and, down the line, humans.

Southern Aviation Student Wins National Aerobatic Championship

Jason Dusel, a senior in Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s renowned aviation technologies program, recently captured the sportsman category in the International Aerobatic Club’s 2005 U.S. National Aerobatic Championships held in Denton, Texas.

Competing for just a second year, Dusel flew against many talented aerobatic pilots, many of whom are professional pilots and include airline captains, former military pilots, and corporate pilots. He has had his pilot’s license for four years and started competing in aerobatics events in May 2004.

Dusel bested reigning national champion Joe Haycraft to capture the championship, winning two of three programs, including freestyle. Competitors in the sportsman division compete from 3,500 feet to 1,500 feet above ground and within a 3,300-foot by 3,300-foot area. He says his goal was to do his best, but to also beat Haycraft, against whom he consistently finished second.

“To beat him in the nationals for the first time was great,” Dusel says. He flew a plane owned by contractor Ken Robinson of Carbondale, who helped form the Southern Illinois Wings of Charity Flight Academy. The captain of Southern’s aerobatic flight team also received support from the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 277 for funds for lodging and meals.

Jason Dusel defeated the reigning national champion to win the crown.
Captivating Hong Kong
March 9 – 16, 2006
$1,599.00 Includes Airfare from St. Louis and other select Midwest Cities
Experience the unique blend of East and West that has made Hong Kong a favorite destination the world over. Delight in the ancient temples, glittering skyscrapers, vibrant markets, superb cuisine and an array of sightseeing. (Global Holidays, Inc.)

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$1,699.00 Includes Airfare from St. Louis and other select Midwest Cities
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Chancellor Walter Wendler recently unveiled an ambitious plan to re-center Southern Illinois University Carbondale's campus around new academic and student support buildings, a new football stadium, and other key University facilities in a design that would serve the campus for the next millennium.

Titled "Saluki Way," this concept would originate a project to create a new "core" of student services, academic, and athletics facilities to show off the best of what Southern has to offer. No doubt the most ambitious capital project proposed at the University in at least three decades, the potentially $500 million endeavor would unfold in stages over the course of 10 years. Although an exact starting date has not been announced, Wendler recognizes that the expense of such sweeping construction and remodeling would require both private and public funds to complete. He feels such bold plans are needed, however, to allow the University to stay competitive in the recruitment and retention of students and to enrich the campus for years to come. The concept partners in with many goals of "Southern at 150: Building Excellence Through Commitment," the long-range plan the University is following as it nears its 150th anniversary in 2019.

"Saluki Way is extremely important as we compete for students," Wendler notes. "It will dramatically refocus the center of our campus and will consolidate services and facilities now scattered throughout the University's landscape."

As an architect, SIUC's Chancellor has long reframed a vision of what could be done to improve the way the campus flows. Alumni sat down with Wendler to discuss his thoughts on Saluki Way.

SA: How long have you been contemplating a plan such as Saluki Way?

WW: The Land Use Plan conducted at the University years ago was part of it, but there are many factors involved. I've always contended that this campus, in the manner it has grown over the years, has ceased to really have a core. I see Morris Library as the heart of the campus from an academic perspective, but in terms of a gathering place for students, alumni, and community, there is not really a place to congregate and enjoy. There just basically is not a center to the campus.

SA: Why is that?

WW: It largely is an artifact of history. This campus developed as a park-like setting rather than as a community. What I've always yearned to do here is to create a true center of the campus. As an architect, it is one of the first things that struck me when I arrived in Carbondale - along with the wonderful natural beauty that is here.

SA: At this time, what is the best way to describe the status of Saluki Way to our alumni and friends?

WW: Presently it is very much a concept which seeks to create a new spine or core for the campus along U.S. Route 51. By doing this, Saluki Way would accomplish a number of things. It would provide a center for all student service activities, produce some new classroom buildings, provide areas for alumni and foundation activities near the Student Center and athletics, and upgrade some of our athletics facilities, which are woefully lacking compared to other conference schools.

We have the worst football stadium in the Gateway Conference – perhaps one of the worst in all 1-AA football – and with some of the renovations taking place around the Missouri Valley Conference, the SIU Arena may now well be the facility in the league in most need of a facelift. I know alumni take great pride in the fact that these programs have recently thrived despite these obstacles, but just think of what could happen if better facilities come on board as well.

SA: Although this is a decade-long concept, what do you envision if this is someday completed?

WW: If Saluki Way becomes reality, try and imagine someone on campus for the first time in 10 years. Should they arrive on a football Saturday, they would see tailgating and picnicking activ-
At a press conference announcing the Saluki Way Master Plan, Chancellor Walter Wendler told those attending that the concept would open up the campus, provide a core, and serve as a bridge between the past, the present, and the future. To hear the press conference, go to http://www.siuc.edu/future/salukiWav/index.html.

Arriving on campus on a non-sporting event day, visitors might see a wide range of student activities and it would put many student services in a single, central location.

Alumni arriving on campus from U.S. Route 51 would no longer see a rusting hulk of a stadium dominating the landscape. Instead they would see new student service buildings, state-of-the-art classroom facilities, and other structures designed to complement the Student Center. These changes would open up the campus, give it some air, and allow it to breathe.

These changes would occur in Phase one. We already have a committee working on some ideas of what the classroom building would look like.

SA: A consolidation of student services appears to be tantamount to the success of this plan.

WW: Without a doubt – and such consolidation will help us attract quality students for years to come. These changes would impact students once they are enrolled at Southern, but also Saluki Way would be appreciated the moment a family arrives on campus. As it is now, things are so spread out and confusing, that it can be a challenge at times.

When people visit our University to decide on whether a family member will attend Southern or some other school, we want to have a welcoming place where they can park centrally, obtain information and advisement, and see what this campus has to offer. SIUC needs to be in the business of making such an experience a good one. Consolidating student service components of the University will provide "one stop shopping" for our students. In a sense, it is what we are now doing in combining the Student Recreation and Student Health Centers.

I see Saluki Way as a bridge between the old and the new, between academics and athletics, between the University and the community.

SA: Saluki Way may be a concept at this point, but alumni can take pride in knowing that shovels are already in the dirt at Southern on many other projects.

WW: That's true, and I'm not sure all of our alumni realize some of the exciting things that are happening at their alma mater. The recent opening of the Troutt-
Wittmann Academic and Training Center (see page 48), the previously mentioned new health center, the ongoing renovation of Morris Library, the start of the first new student housing facility on campus since 1968, the recent announcement regarding funding for the new Transportation Education Center (see page 19). All of these things - and even more - are already making SIUC a better place.

We are finding ways to get things done. Three years ago, if I had told you there would be $100 million of construction under way or planned, you might have told me I was crazy. After all, it was soon after the 9-11 tragedy, and the state budget was in dire straits. Yet look what has already been accomplished! When these projects are in going on, it creates excitement, jobs, enthusiasm. That is why Saluki Way's ambitious cost is doable when you spread it out over 10 years. You have to have a plan, and I think we have a good one.

SA: What are some of the things that must occur for Saluki Way to happen?

WW: Obviously support from the SIU Board of Trustees is important, and at this early stage, they have been very enthusiastic about the concept. We have also benefitted from the input of Dr. Duane Stucky in the SIU Presidents office and his great command of the financial planning that will be needed for this. As we work on some financial perspectives for the project, we will get a better fix on things. But initially we must build a new classroom facility; and we must start on a football stadium.

Certainly key to all of this will be interest from donors. The academic facilities and parking can be built as we find proper resource streams. Parking is a quasi self-supporting activity, while the academic facility could be paid for through state appropriations. On the athletic side of things, however, we have to partner with some strong private donors.

As you will note in other parts of this issue of Southern Alumni, we have already raised more than half of our Comprehensive Campaign goal of $100 million, so I hope that makes for some excitement and giving energy from our alumni and friends. All of these dreams, plans, and goals are linked as we try to make this University the best it can be in the years ahead.

SA: I suspect you researched situations at peer institutions. Did you find that a revitalization of the campus was a common goal?

WW: Certainly many other universities are taking a hard look at how their campuses will look in the years ahead. The common thread is you must do these types of things to stay competitive for students. It absolutely is a recruiting tool. I want everything at SIUC to tell people, "We do care, we're proud of our University, and we'd be proud to have you join us."

Whether you are a student, family member, alumnus, faculty, staff, or community member, I want everyone to be proud to be here. Not a false kind of pride, but a true pride in being a part of a life-changing environment that sits right here in Carbondale.

SA: You mentioned the Comprehensive Capital Campaign earlier, and I note that former first lady Dorothy Morris is the honorary chair. As someone who witnessed phenomenal growth of SIU many years ago, she may well see some similarities with what you are proposing here.

WW: If she does, I would take that as a compliment. Nothing we are trying to do now will ever overshadow or change the remarkable things that happened here in the past under the leadership of Delyte and Dorothy Morris. In fact, their legacy does indeed help provide us with energy and optimism to find a way to make all of this happen. We're taking a step with the Comprehensive Campaign, and Saluki Way that is helping provide a new sense of energy about the campus. These changes can make a great University even better.

When I was hired more than four years ago, I was told my job was to increase the quality of the University, raise the quality of students and faculty, and raise private funds to help make those things possible. Those things are happening. The inertia to move everything in the right direction simultaneously is a challenge, but we are making progress.

SA: Talk in greater detail about the timeline offered by the Saluki Way concept.

WW: The concept is projected as four or five phases. The first phase, which I touched on earlier, centers on an academic building and a football stadium, with renovation work at the SIU Arena as a sort of second step in this process. Phase two would be the alumni center.

One of many changes included in Saluki Way would be the construction of a new football stadium, built east of the SIU Arena. "The rusting hulk that is McAndrew Stadium must be replaced," Wendler says.
and student services and administrative support buildings near where McAndrew Stadium now sits, with a modest undertaking of replacing the outdoor track facility when this construction occurs. Phase three would center on a parking garage and the beginning development of the plaza area as a central artery. Phase four and five would continue with some athletic facility upgrades (track, baseball, tennis) as well as the constant addition of academic buildings in the center of campus that would be constructed as state funding and other resources become available. We would also relocate recreational fields near the SIU Arena to other areas of campus. One other thing that will happen is Plant and Service Operations will move to the McLafferty Annex once the Morris Library renovation is complete.

SA: And private money is vital in making the athletic components of this plan occur?

WW: It is my hope that a great deal of all the work done with the athletics facilities is funded through private funds. That is going to take the kind of commitment that traditionally we haven't reached, but we're getting there. Remember, the Troutt-Wittmann Academic and Training Center was funded completely from private support. Some of the athletics facility changes are on a wish list of sorts, but we have no choice regarding a football facility. Whether you are a fan or not, McAndrew Stadium is falling to pieces and needs to be replaced.

I hope no one views Saluki Way as an athletic plan. That assumption is absolutely incorrect. This plan is about an integrated concept blending an old campus with a new focus that is academic in nature. Simply part of that plan will be an upgrade to athletic facilities that have been neglected for many years.

SA: What part of Saluki Way is specifically aimed at serving alumni of this institution?

WW: One thing I feel strongly about is the construction of an alumni center, which will be built right on the Saluki Way corridor. If an alumnus comes back to campus for an event or to make a contribution, imagine how nice it would be to park in a new parking facility, have a short stroll to the alumni center for a reception of some kind, and then be able to be close to a wonderful show at a revitalized Shryock or a sporting event they wish to attend. All of this would be in this core portion of campus providing alumni with a wonderful experience when they return to their alma mater.

Having an alumni center at the entrance of campus would make alumni feel welcome, connected to Southern, and proud to have attended this University. The facility would generally

Saluki Way proposes to establish a new campus core. This design concept, which includes a new football stadium and a walkway that stretches from the University's old campus to the new football stadium, indicates what campus might look like in ten years. Orange indicates new academic buildings, blue indicates new parking areas, and red represents athletics facilities.
serve as their home when they return to campus, available as a highly visible place where they can stop and ask questions, visit with other alumni, or simply take a break from their trip.

SA: Obviously other campuses have been faced with this same sort of long-range planning challenge, but does the wooded setting make Southern somewhat unique?

WW: It certainly does. This is a beautiful campus that now lacks a core. If done correctly, we'll take care of that issue while providing new facilities, a nice pedestrian area that is a little bit more urban than areas like Lake-on-the-Campus or Thompson Woods. We have the best of the natural world because of the beauty that surrounds the campus. With Saluki Way, we would bring dense activity into the middle of campus, with many ancillary areas, such as University Housing, Thompson Point, and others helping form more of a feeling of a town or village. It could indeed be the best of both worlds.

SA: There are certainly risks with Saluki Way. Does the magnitude of those hurdles ever deter your optimism for completing such a task?

WW: There is always a risk involved whether you stay stationary or move forward. The cost of doing nothing never manifests itself immediately, but is instead present over a slow degradation of time. You turn around one day and say, "What happened here? We're still a good University, but are we as great anymore?" What normally has happened if you reach that point is no one took any risk for a number of years regarding progression of facilities, recruitment, or retention. I'm willing to take such risks, as are the vast majority of our students, alumni, faculty, staff, and citizens.

We can and must plan for the future and have to take advantage of every idea and every opportunity. Although anything this good for Southern is going to require real effort and energy, I firmly believe that the biggest risk of all is doing nothing.

(Advertiser's Note: On the Friday prior to Homecoming, the following letter to the editor by SIU Alumni Association President Sheri Hunter was published in The Southern Illinoisan to voice her support of the Saluki Way plan.)

Southern Renaissance

Drive through the campus of Southern Illinois University and you will discover a palpable sense of rebirth. Morris Library, removed of its contents, now undergoes major renovation. Dedication of the new Troutt-Wittmann Center on Oct. 1 ensures that student athletes will now benefit from a state-of-the-art academic and physical services facility. The newly constructed Health Center, considered among the best in the nation, will also provide the best in health care for SIUC students. The rebirth of Southern has begun.

Like former President Delyte Morris, who advised Southern Illinois University to "think big," Chancellor Walter Wendler shares Dr. Morris' same vision. Saluki Way, a construction plan which will substantially upgrade and refocus the center of campus, calls for new buildings for academics, registrar, bursar, and Institutional Advancement; additional parking; a new football stadium; and renovation of the Arena. Planned in phases, Saluki Way will become a landscaped corridor which connects the older, historic campus from Altgeld Hall south to a new football stadium. This ambitious plan will certainly ensure that Southern Illinois University will strengthen its commitment to quality education, maintain a beautiful campus, develop state-of-the-art classrooms, and remain a strong, competitive, and internationally recognized university.

As an educator for twenty-nine years, I know the value of education and the importance of providing educational opportunity for all. Southern Illinois University has, since 1869, done that. From twenty-one original students to an enrollment of 21,411 in 2005, Southern has sent over 200,000 alumni out into the world, like SIU graduate Bill Holden who recently walked 2000 miles to raise over $250,000 for juvenile diabetes. Joan Higginbotham, NASA astronaut, and international broadcast journalist Walter Rodgers also represent what can be accomplished with an SIUC education. We will continue to educate creative and productive citizens but only if we "think big." To ensure our future and remain competitive, we must embrace a bold new vision that includes Southern at 150 and Saluki Way.

As the current president of the SIU Alumni Association, I represent the voice of over 200,000 alumni, living in over 130 countries. I ask all alumni to enthusiastically support Saluki Way and Southern at 150. As many alumni will recall, Buckminster Fuller, a former professor at SIU and world thinker, urged us to become futurists, to devote ourselves to realizing a better future. Dr. Morris and the Board of Trustees headed his advice then. Now we must again embrace a bold new vision to ensure a bright future for SIU!

Sheri Hunter
President
SIU Alumni Association
Ground Broken For New Campus Apartment Complex

Southern Illinois University Carbondale officials broke ground this fall for the 147,000-square-foot Wall & Grand Apartments, the first new housing construction on campus in 37 years. The 100-unit complex is part of the institution’s Housing Master Plan, which projects the University’s housing needs over 15 years. Student input gathered for the plan indicated the need for more apartment-style units.

The complex is going up on the northwest corner of Wall Street and Grand Avenue, just east of the nearly completed Student Health Programs facility, which is adjacent to the Student Recreation Center. An ambitious construction schedule shows students moving into the apartments next August.

The complex will house 400 freshmen age 21 and older, sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students. Fully furnished two- and four-bedroom units will offer two bathrooms, a washer and dryer, fully functional kitchen, and either a balcony or patio. Plans also call for a large lounge area, convenience store and outside terrace.

“This is an exciting project, as it will give us a new opportunity to respond to our students’ expectations,” Chancellor Walter Wendler says. “This complex, the new health center next door, and other projects around the campus help demonstrate our commitment to moving the University forward.”

The nearly completed Student Health Programs facility at Southern Illinois University Carbondale continues to take shape on campus. Construction crews began work on the $9.6 million, 57,000-square-foot building in June 2004, and workers are in the final phase of construction of the building, located adjacent to the Student Recreation Center on the east side of the campus. University health service workers will begin moving in phases in mid-November and will be finished by year’s end.

“Generations of Salukis have relied on the caring professionals in our Student Health Programs,” Chancellor Walter Wendler says. “They’re a terrific group of physicians, dentists, nurses, health care professionals and educators dedicated to delivering the best in a broad array of health and wellness services to our students. And soon, they’ll have a state-of-the-art facility that will match their reputation for quality.”

The new facility will replace the current buildings located on Greek Row. Paid for mostly with student health fees, the building will house a continuum of care under one large roof. Services located there include a clinic, pharmacy, Wellness Center, emergency dentistry, counseling, insurance office, laboratory, mental health clinic, sports medicine and physical therapy, among others. It also includes a 120-seat auditorium and conference rooms.

Photos of the completed facility will be featured soon in Southern Alumni magazine.
Governor Announces $3.9 Million For Transportation Education Center

Planning for Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s Transportation Education Center moved into high gear following Gov. Rod Blagojevich’s recent announcement of $3.9 million in funding for the planning and design of the project.

Blagojevich made the announcement to a large audience gathered at the Southern Illinois Airport between Carbondale and Murphysboro, the future home for the $3.9 million center. The funding is through the governor’s economic development program “Opportunity Returns.”

The center will replace outdated facilities and laboratories, as well as crowded learning environments. It also will provide adequate space for millions of dollars worth of equipment purchased by and donated to the two programs.

“Today is a day that solidifies more than 10 years of planning and dreaming,” Chancellor Walter Wendler said in introducing Blagojevich. “We have programs in aviation technology, aviation management and automotive technology that rank among the best in the country. Our facilities for both haven’t been adequate for 10 years. But today, because of those who could envision the future, we are here to celebrate.”

The Transportation Education Center (TEC) will serve SIUC’s nationally recognized aviation and automotive programs, which are part of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

Among those participating in the event was Mary Simon, widow of the college’s first dean, Ernest Simon. Wendler said Simon was on hand “to see the beginning of something her husband dreamed of when this college began more than 50 years ago.”

Wendler also noted the contributions of Glenn Poshard, former chair of the SIU Board of Trustees and former vice chancellor for administration, and Larry Woolard, southern region manager for the State Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

The complex will comprise five existing buildings and four new buildings, and the new buildings will total 271,000 square feet. The main structure will include classrooms, corporate facilities and meeting rooms, a computer center, libraries, laboratories, flight simulator, and an engine test cell to safely test operating airplane engines.

“The TEC will finally bring the quality of the learning environment to the level of the outstanding teaching that takes place in our classrooms, labs, and, in this case, the sky,” CASA Dean Paul Sarvela said. “It will allow us to increase our enrollments, provide for safer learning environments, and increase opportunities for interdisciplinary teaching.”

The automotive and aviation programs currently enroll 613 students. The new center will allow the enrollment to grow to 700.

“The Transportation Education Center also will provide facilities that will enable our faculty to conduct applied research designed to address pressing issues facing the people of Illinois, such as better ways to develop and use biofuels and other alternative fuels,” Sarvela said.

He added that the center also will serve “as an economic development engine, attracting high-tech industries to our region. The center represents the governor’s commitment to education as well as economic development in southern Illinois.”

The planning and design phase of the center will take about a year. Construction of the project, which will generate 200 to 300 jobs, will take about two and a half years.
A Career Driven By History

Walter Rodgers, senior international correspondent for CNN, was recently honored by the SIU Alumni Association as a 2005 Distinguished Alumni. He also lectured for the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute and autographed copies of his new book, *Sleeping With Custer and the 7th Cavalry*, which describes his assignment as an embedded reporter in Iraq.

by Marianne Lawrence
Walter Rodgers '62, M.A. '64, maintained a full schedule during his week on campus this fall, attending homecoming events, meeting with students, giving a public lecture, and receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award. Here he is shown delivering a lecture at the School of Law.

When a Harvard professor and best-selling author came to Southern Illinois University in the late 1950s, the visit made a lasting impression on the young freshman who was assigned as his escort.

"He knew everything about everything," recalls Walter Rodgers. When the fascinated student asked David Reisman how he did it, he replied, "You know, it's easy. Every semester I take a course—physics, botany, religion, geography ... whatever."

Rodgers returned to his alma mater more than two decades later, with a master's degree in history and a charge to deliver a commencement speech that contained five recommendations to new Southern graduates. One was the Harvard author's advice to him, and the others were his own: learn a foreign language, become an expert on something outside your profession, think critically, and read!
When Rodgers recently announced his retirement as senior international news correspondent from CNN, he received an e-mail from an employee of the Atlanta-based news network. The young woman wrote, “I want you to know that I was in the SIU class of 1987 and heard that graduation speech. I still try to do the things you said.”

Rodgers’ influence on her is similar to the influence his professors had on him, although he admits “it took me years to realize what a good education and foundation I got at SIU.” During nearly 40 years of broadcasting news on the international and home fronts, he has had a front row seat to history, often in the hot spots of the world. But the history base he acquired at Southern, in addition to his habit of constantly reading, gave him a context few journalists possess and has his history professors bursting with pride.

Betty Fladeland, who retired from the history program in 1986 after 33 years at Southern, did not lose touch with her prized graduate assistant after he left Carbondale. “I have a whole box of letters from him and also visited him when he was bureau chief in Germany and in Jerusalem,” she says.

She and emeriti colleagues Howard Allen, Harry Ammon, and Pat and Ed O’Day welcomed Rodgers with open arms on his return to Carbondale this fall, sat in the front row for his lecture, and enjoyed leisurely visits filled with spirited conversation over dinners during the week.

Fladeland recalls that they were all a little surprised when Rodgers became a correspondent but knew he would do well. “He has a good memory and works hard,” she says.

A HOME AT SOUTHERN

Becoming an international correspondent didn’t appear to be an option in Rodgers’ formative years. His high school grades faltered after his mother and father divorced when he was in eighth grade, and he made it through high school excelling only as a swimmer, a talent that rescued him when his dreams of getting into an Ivy League school vanished.

Rodgers had scholarship offers from around the country, but when Southern Swimming Coach Ralph Casey offered him a full, four-year ride, he accepted. Far from his East Coast family, he
quickly made friends and built relationships that would last a lifetime. Casey was not only a coach, according to Rodgers, but also an intellectual who taught health education and Freudian psychology. “Don’t ask me why, but we’d get dissertations on everything from how to make love to a woman—which was pretty interesting for a freshman—to advanced statistics.”

The Saluki swimming teams had successful seasons during Rodgers’ stay, and he lettered in the sport all four years. “We were so good that the University of Illinois team was afraid to swim against us because we would have humiliated them,” he boasts.

A TREASURE OF TEACHERS

While SIU swimming scored high marks as a team, and co-captain Rodgers broke several records, he also became aware of the caliber of teachers in his chosen field of study. The student-athlete was more than ready to let them influence and inspire him.

He singles out Harry Ammon as a “brilliant man,” pointing out that Ammon wrote the definitive biography on President James Monroe.

Loretta Ott Ledbetter, former SIU Dean of Women and student advisor, says Rodgers became close to her entire family while he was at Southern. “We were actually his extended family,” she says. “He lived with me and my husband during his graduate school years, and we still see each other frequently.”

She suggested Rodgers take parallel courses his junior year: English history and English literature. “Having lived in England more than 10 years in two hitches, it turned out to be great background,” he says.

Ledbetter spent time with Rodgers and his wife, Eleanor, at the correspondent’s flat in London and summer home in Massachusetts. “As a student he was a delight to work with, and it was rewarding to see him excel,” she says. “He has such a broad knowledge of everything, and he defines every aspect of the word ‘journalist.’ There are lots of reporters,” Ledbetter adds.

In addition to his professors, Rodgers formed a close relationship with fellow grad student Walter Burdick, who now chairs the history department at Elmhurst College. Burdick and Rodgers have written “pretty close” to a letter each week since they parted company in 1964.

Rodgers recalls that he and Burdick agreed to write their theses together and get their orals out of the way by March so they could play tennis until graduation. Through the years a deep friendship developed through the letters. According to Burdick, “the letters allowed me to gain a rare insight into Walt and a strong sense of his goodness and decency.”

Who Is That Talking To The President?

Walt Rodgers met numerous world leaders in his broadcasting career, but the first was President John F. Kennedy.

“I was home for the Christmas holidays in 1962 visiting my mother and stepfather, who was a sound recording engineer in the White House Press Corps. I was the last unmarried kid in the family, and my parents didn’t know what to do with me so they took me to Palm Beach and included me in all the functions,” he recalls.

“Jack Kennedy was having a cocktail party for the White House Press Corps, so they took me along. There was a pecking order in the reception line with correspondents from the New York Times, Washington Post, Associated Press, United Press International, television, and last, of course, were the families of the techs.”

Rodgers described Kennedy as “the best looking hunk of man you ever saw in your life. He was Apollo, tanned and elegant. He shook hands and talked with everyone in the line, and when my stepfather introduced me as an SIU graduate student and former swimmer, his face lit up.”

Kennedy and young Rodgers discussed their respective swimming careers. “I think I was a better swimmer at SIU than he was at Harvard, but then he had a bad back,” the former Saluki letterman quips.

When Kennedy asked him what he was studying, Rodgers replied he had just finished a seminar on 20th century history, taking delight in mentioning that the president’s senior honors thesis, “Why England Slept,” was required reading in the course.

“By this time all the correspondents in the room were beginning to wonder just who the President was spending so much time with. We must have talked 10 or 15 minutes. You could see why he was such a good politician. He was so good with people and when he talked to you, you were the only person in the room.”

—Marianne Lawrence
Rodgers stands before his photo on the SIU Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Wall at the Student Recreation Center. He received the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award for his accomplished career as an international broadcast journalist.

**Finding His Niche**

Rodgers left Southern to work on a doctorate but quickly burned out, returned to Washington, D.C., and applied to the CIA for the position of career officer. “It went all the way to the end of the interview process and they said, ‘No thank you.’ It was just as well because I’d probably be dead by now,” he chuckles.

He worked as a lobbyist for a year before he was approached by a small radio operation and asked if he’d like to cover the House of Representatives for them. “It was a wonderful career,” says Rodgers, who explains that he met young congressmen like Jerry Ford and Bob Dole. “I was a kid reporter on his way up the professional ladder, and they were on their way up as well.

“...I got to cover the Vietnam War debates, which was like covering the great antebellum Civil War debates over slavery. I think that Vietnam was the last big debate in the U.S. Senate that was noteworthy.”

While working for Associated Press radio in 1981 he was at the scene of the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan. “John Hinckley’s gun was about 18 inches off my left ear,” says Rodgers. “My work for AP that day was good, and I got a lot of attention.” Soon after, Roone Arledge called Rodgers and offered him his first network television job with ABC News.

Rodgers and his wife, Eleanor, would spend 20 years living abroad, although they traditionally returned to Massachusetts in the summer to spend time at their home in the Birkshires. The pair met when Rodgers was a radio reporter and she worked as a legislative assistant for a Maine congressman. He had only spoken to her on the phone and thought because of her mature voice she was much older—perhaps 55 or 60. He stopped in the office one day and recalls, “I can still see her sitting at that typewriter. She was 30 years old and a beauty!”

Rodgers worked in London as a news correspondent before spending five years as ABC’s Moscow bureau chief, covering such major stories as Mikhail Gorbachev’s Glasnost and Perestroika programs and the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

He joined CNN in 1993, serving in the network’s Berlin bureau before spending more than five years as bureau chief in Jerusalem, longer than any other CNN correspondent or bureau chief. He and Eleanor enjoyed Israel, which was exciting and dangerous but also intellectually stimulating. While there, he covered the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, suicide bombings, and Middle East Summit conferences. When he was named CNN’s senior international news correspondent in 2000, he moved his base to London.
Rodgers was not unfamiliar with wars, having covered conflicts in Lebanon, Afghanistan, Sarajevo, and Kosovo. However, that type of coverage was about to change in a big way with the decision to embed reporters with military units during the invasion of Iraq. These journalists would be pioneers in reporting the war while in the middle of the conflict.

He was one of 18 CNN reporters who would be delivering their Operation Iraqi Freedom newscasts from a different angle. Embed U trained the reporters on the military’s rules for journalists, educated them on how to survive possible attacks with weapons of mass destruction, and basically gave them a dose of “staying alive 101.”

Rodgers says “the physical discomfort was indescribable,” and six months after returning home and retiring from CNN, he decided to write his first book, *Sleeping With Custer and the 7th Calvary* (published by SIU Press.) In the introduction, he writes, “I have a compelling need to validate what I experienced, especially as I begin to wonder what really happened and more so now that things seem to be going so wrong in Iraq.”

Assigned to the Army’s fabled 7th Calvary and armed with a solid history background, the SIU alumnus could not help but recall the Little Bighorn battlefield where Gen. Custer and the 7th were laid waste by Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse. His book is written in great detail, a true account of what it was like as his unit left Kuwait and fought its way through intense desert sand storms and enemy attacks to Baghdad.

His experiences proved to be nearly unfathomable for the average person, but his insights into their meaning provide the book’s true meaning.

While Rodgers’ says his only goal for his first year of retirement is to read a book a week, it is hard to imagine this veteran newsman not discovering more ways to share his life experiences and perceptions with those around him.

In many ways he has come full circle. “When I got into the news business 40 years ago, I decided to try to live some history instead of writing about it,” he says. “Now I guess I’ve done both.”
Meet Southern’s Newest Distinguished Alumni

The Southern Illinois University Alumni Association recently recognized five prominent graduates as Distinguished Alumni during the University's homecoming activities.

In addition to Walt Rodgers, the 2005 SIU Distinguished Alumni were: Dr. Wade Horn, Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services for Children and Families; Dr. H.S. Muralidhara, co-inventor of 24 U.S. Patents who serves as Vice President of Corporate Plant Operations/Process Technology at Cargill Inc.; Dr. David Murphy, a premier country music recording artist who has released four albums in Nashville during the last 10 years; and Dr. R.J. Reynolds, President of Salem International University, in addition to having published numerous articles, essays, and books, he has served on the National Commission on Children, the National Commission on Childhood Disability, and the U.S. Advisory Board on Welfare Indicators. He has previously served as a psychology professor at Michigan State University and George Washington University, and adjunct professor of public policy at Georgetown University. He and his wife, Claudia, are proud parents of two grown daughters, Christen and Caroline.

Here is a closer look at these honorees:

Dr. Wade Horn - M.A. '79, Ph.D '81

Horn has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the well-being of children as a husband, father, child psychologist, college professor, public policy expert, and federal official. He serves as Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services for Children and Families, a position for which he was nominated by U.S. President George W. Bush in 2001 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. He oversees 65 social programs and a $46 billion annual budget and plays a key role in implementing President Bush's initiatives to enhance the well-being of children, including efforts to increase the effectiveness of the Head Start program, promote positive youth development, and encourage responsible fatherhood and healthy marriage. Horn formerly served as President of the National Fatherhood Initiative, whose mission is to increase the number of children growing up with responsible fathers in their lives.

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Dr. H.S. Muralidhara - M.S. '74

A native of India, Muralidhara's first experience on U.S. soil came as a graduate student at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. A co-inventor of 24 U.S. Patents, "Murali" is Vice President of Corporate Plant Operations/Process Technology at Cargill Inc., a major food processor headquartered in Minneapolis, with over 100,000 employees worldwide. He specializes in separations technology research.

Murali is also actively involved in developing innovative separations technology applications of membrane technologies and membrane fouling research, in addition to separation/purification of natural products and water-related processes. The editor of two books on advances in solid/liquid separation, he won the illustrious Hausner Award in 1996.

He is a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and obtained a doctorate in chemical engineering from West Virginia University in 1977. Murali and his wife, Dr. Ponnamma Kurian, a 1975 SIU graduate, have a son, Shilesh, and a daughter Shubha.

David Lee Murphy - '83

Murphy, a premier country music recording artist, does not make a big fuss over his stardom. In a Southern Alumni magazine feature entitled "A Common Man," the Herrin, Ill., native says: "I took many trips down I-24 to Nashville and came back too many times with my tail between my legs. You develop a strong sense of humility. I have always tried to keep things in perspective." After some initial struggles, his blue-collar approach paid off. Murphy's first album, "Out With A Bang," included the hit songs, "Party Crowd," which was the most played country music song of 1995, and "Dust On The Bottle," which became Murphy's first No. 1 single. "Out With A Bang" became the best-selling album by any new male artist in 1995.

He was nominated by the Academy of Country Music as Top New Male Vocalist for 1996. His second album, "Gettin' Out the Good Stuff," spawned the Top 5 singles "Every Time I Get Around You" and "The Road You Leave Behind," a song dedicated to his late father, Jack. The country music star has released four albums during the last 10 years. His most recent, "Tryin' To Get There," features the hit single, "Loco," which climbed to No. 5 on the national country music charts and the title track which David Lee wrote with the late Waylon Jennings.

Murphy wrote or co-wrote all the songs on his four albums. His compositions have also been recorded by superstar country artists like Reba McEntire, Hank Williams, Jr, Brooks & Dunn, and Kenny Chesney to name a few. Murphy's first taste of Nashville came through a music business class at Southern. The class traveled to Nashville four times a semester, where Murphy says he made crucial connections in the industry. Murphy lives with his wife, Donna, and their three sons in Franklin, Tenn.
Dr. R. John Reynolds – Ph.D '71

After a stint as a high school teacher in Wisconsin from 1961 to 1964, Reynolds began a splendid career in higher education that has spanned more than 35 years at institutions across the United States. This distinguished alumnus, whose career features presidential roles at five universities and colleges since 1982, is currently President of Salem International University, in Salem, West Virginia.

Reynolds has earned a reputation for turning around financially-troubled small private colleges and universities. As president of Huron University in South Dakota from 1984 to 1993, he turned nine years of deficit into a surplus, increased enrollment by 1,020 students, and opened branch campuses in London, Tokyo, and Sioux Falls, S.D. He assumed the presidency at Tri-State University in Angola, Ind., in 1993, and turned two decades of financial deficits into seven years of surpluses. Reynolds served as Interim President of Millikin University in Decatur, Ill., in 2002-2003, turning around another financially-troubled institution.

Nationally-recognized as an authority on off-campus development, he has established or supervised the implementation of over 30 branch campuses in 12 states and two international sites. Also, Reynolds held various leadership positions in the School of Technical Careers from 1969 to 1982. Reynolds' entire family including his wife Carol '76, son John '80, and daughter Katherine Ph.D '98 have received degrees from Southern.

Huff Receives Alumni Achievement Award

A longtime Saluki athletics official respected for his devotion to the betterment of a University he served for many years and public service in his community has won the 2005 Alumni Achievement Award for Distinguished Service at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Fred Huff of Du Quoin received the honor at a Homecoming luncheon hosted by the SIU Alumni Association and SIU Foundation Board of Directors in the SIU Student Center. The award recognizes SIUC alumni and friends for exemplary service to the SIU Alumni Association and the University.

Since arriving on campus more than 45 years ago, Huff has exhibited a passion for promoting and serving the University. Although he left his position as sports information director at the University to begin a seven-year managerial role at the Du Quoin State Fair in 1971, Huff's love for Southern and the student-athletes he encountered was unwavering.

He returned to the program as assistant athletics director in 1977, under former athletics director and NFL Hall of Famer Gale Sayers. The Saluki Athletics Hall of Fame established his duties as chief athletics publicist shortly thereafter.

During his tenure as sports information director at Southern, Huff promoted some of the University's most historic sports moments. With his wife, Ann, assisting him on many occasions at court-side or in the press box, Huff publicized events such as the 1983 National Championship football season, 1967 Walt Frazier-led NIT Championship basketball team, the long-time dominance of Southern's powerful gymnastics squads in the 1960s and 1970s, and World Series appearances by the Saluki baseball team.

Huff has also been an ambassador for the SIU Alumni Association. A life member of the Association, he formerly served on the organization's national board of directors as well as several standing committees, including athletics, homecoming, membership retention, publications, and public information. The Huffs are perennial supporters of the Perry County Alumni Chapter and were honored for their years of service to the group at an awards banquet this month.

According to Executive Director Ed Buerger, "Fred Huff is respected in his profession but is also revered for the many lives of young student-athletes, student workers, interns, and assistants he has touched over the years. He has guided a countless number of SIU graduates to future success in the public relations industry. Fred cares about former co-workers and staff long after they leave SIU." Huff retired in 2001 after 35 years as sports information director. Forty former assistants, interns, students, and University co-workers paid tribute to his long service at Southern by returning to Carbondale for a special tribute. Some guests traveled from as far away as Madison, Wis., and Columbus, Ohio.

He recently authored a 416-page book, SALUKI SPORTS HISTORY: ... 100 Years of Facts & Highlights, chronicling the University's proud athletic history in facts, figures, highlights, and photos ranging from 1892 to 2005. Copies of the publication are still available and 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 all charges.

Copies can also be purchased by calling (618) 542-2111, ext. 150. Make all checks payable to Saluki Publications Inc.

Huff, who is the recipient of the "Citizen of the Year" award in Du Quoin, now spends time extending his expertise to countless civic projects. The Huffs are proud parents of three children, one grandchild, and two great-grandchildren.
Southern Honors ‘Inspiring Women Of Achievement’

Southern Illinois University Carbondale honored four “Inspiring Women of Achievement” for outstanding contributions to their communities at a gala on Oct. 8. Launched a year ago, the Inspiring Women of Achievement program recognizes women from around the region, whose accomplishments and conduct are inspirations to others. The program generates funds for scholarship endowments at Southern. After awarding one scholarship in 2004, the program awarded three scholarships this year, thanks to the program’s success.

The 2005 Inspiring Women of Achievement were: Elaine Melby of Carterville; Margaret Nesbitt of Carbondale; Blanche Carlton Sloan of Carbondale; and Gloria Celesia Tison of Harrisburg. There were 37 nominations for this year’s award. Here is a closer look at the Inspiring Women honorees:

- **Melby**, who has been affiliated with Century 21 Realty for more than 30 years, owns five Century 21 businesses in southern Illinois. She is the recipient of numerous company awards. She is the first woman elected to the Carterville School Board and is also a 15-year member and past president of the John A. Logan College Foundation Board, and serves on the Williamson County Special Education Governance Board.

  Her community activities include membership in the Rotary Club of Marion, the Carterville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Heartland Regional Medical Center Board of Directors, Bank of Marion Board of Directors, Shabagon Council Girl Scouts and involvement in her church.

- **Nesbitt**, a civil rights activist, spent 31 years at Southern and was instrumental in establishing the Affirmative Action Office in 1969. Today, as a lifetime member of the NAACP, she also is president of the Northeast Community Development Congress, and a member of the Attucks Community Service Board in Carbondale and the Attucks Youth Board. She also is founder and current president of Concerned Citizens of Carbondale.

  Her accomplishments include being the founder and coordinator of the local after-school program, I Can Read, for Carbondale elementary school students, as well as her participation in Students Against Violence Freedom Council, which was instrumental in building the first federal housing for low-income residents of Carbondale.

- **Sloan**, former director of development and executive director of the John A. Logan College Foundation, holds an influential position in resource development initiatives nationwide. As a life member of the Council for Resource Development, she has served on its board of directors and task forces and edited and reviewed many publications and applications. At John A. Logan College, she wrote more than 400 successful proposals/applications for federal and state funding that totaled more than $10 million.

  Sloan is a charter member and former president of the Carbondale Rotary Breakfast Group and is a former district governor, among other positions, for Rotary International.

- **Tison** is a corporate attorney for Raymond James Financial Services in Harrisburg and Marion and winner of the 2005 Citizen of the Year Award from the Saline County Chamber of Commerce. She is president of the parent-teacher organization at Harrisburg’s West Side School, serves as a parent volunteer, and is a member of the external study team for the local school district. She also is a member of the Saline County University Women, which is dedicated to promoting education for women.

  Tison is a founding member of the Harrisburg Medical Center Foundation Board and a board member of the Bridge Medical Clinic, which provides free medical services for uninsured persons in Saline County, and volunteers with the First Presbyterian Church Kids Club.

In addition to honoring the 2005 recipients, The Inspiring Women program presented a $2,000 Margaret H. Steele Scholarship to Justine Pruemer of Dieterich, a transfer student.

For more information about the Inspiring Women program, go to [www.siuc.edu/inspiringwomen](http://www.siuc.edu/inspiringwomen).
Near perfect weather conditions and a thrilling Saluki football 23-20 overtime victory made for plenty of smiles at the 2005 Southern Homecoming Celebration this Fall.
Teaching Is Always On Her Mind

by Marianne Lawrence

Donna Manering says she was always a good student and loved being in school; so she stayed in school as a teacher and administrator for nearly 25 years.

And although the three-degree Southern Illinois University Carbondale alumna has been out of the classroom since 1999, her goal as an administrator at the Illinois Education Association (IEA) in Springfield is to work each day to improve the teaching profession.

Manering admits that she likes professional change and has loved everything she has done, beginning with a third grade teaching assignment shortly after earning her bachelor's degree in elementary and special education in 1974.

For the next 21 years, she taught several different grade levels, including special education, in the Carbondale Elementary School District before being tapped to replace a longtime principal at Cobden High School, a small community near Carbondale.

Manering recalls that experience as one of her best. "I knew nothing about high school—except that I went to high school—all of the first things I did was bring the teachers together to find out where we were and where we wanted to go," she recalls.

"I told them I felt I was a good leader and good manager but would need to defer to them on many things." She recalls that first there was silence, then laughter. When she asked what they were laughing about they told her that they were simply surprised because they had never been asked for their input before.

The next year she took advantage of the opportunity to become assistant superintendent and director of curriculum back in her Carbondale district and, as an administrator, became a tireless advocate for the classroom teacher, taking an active role in contract negotiations while serving on numerous task forces and committees.

Manering completed her master's degree in 1977 in elementary and special education and in 2000 earned her doctorate in educational administration. For 12 years she taught a classroom management course to undergraduate students at Southern who would soon be doing their practice teaching; she still does numerous presentations for teachers, parents, and administrators.

At the suggestion of a colleague, she applied and got the post of director of higher education at the IEA and in 1999 left the Carbondale classrooms for Springfield.

In her role as director of higher education, Manering has continued to support numerous programs at her alma mater and in the southern Illinois region, especially programs for teachers. In 2001 she formed the Southern Illinois P-20 Education Alliance, bringing together educators from all levels to find ways to improve schools in the region and to share scarce resources.

She is especially proud that the Alliance spearheads a conference, "Closing the Gap," which has been held the past four years at John A. Logan Community College. The conference pulls together teachers from southern Illinois districts for a day of professional development and networking activities. "Attendance has been so great that some schools now schedule their improvement days to coincide with the conference," says Manering.

The IEA is heavily invested in the conference and has also provided important funding for other University projects like the Saluki Kids Academy and T.A.L.L., Teachers Academy on Lifelong Learning.

Jim Manis, associate director of SIU Institutional Advancement, is grateful for the relationship Manering has maintained with the University's College of Education. "Both the Illinois Educational Association and National Education Association have been terrific partners in supporting and enhancing quality education. I appreciate Donna's commitment, caring, and leadership, which secured critical funding for Southern's programs," says Manis. "Without her and the IEA, these two specific programs would not have achieved the level of success they have attained."

Recently Manering took on the title of interim director of program development for the IEA and says she might apply for the permanent job. Whether she keeps her old job or moves up the ladder with the state association, Manering will remain in a position to be a positive and active advocate for teachers across the state.

Donna Manering reviews some paperwork in her Springfield office of the Illinois Education Association.
Class Of 1955 Inducted Into Half Century Club

Doris Alvey Jones got married while she was a student at Southern Illinois University in the early 1950s. The retired teacher from Champaign, Ill., recalls that she and her roommate used the home economics room in 1951 to make her wedding dress. Memories like this created a special Homecoming Weekend this fall for members of the Class of 1955 who gathered on campus for their induction into the SIU Alumni Association’s Half Century Club.

As members of the class prepared to attend the reunion, thoughts drifted back to another time on campus. Harvey Welch of Carbondale remembers the honor of being assigned to escort Dorothy Morris, the University’s first lady, during homecoming. Jerry Mileur, of Hadley, Mass., a frequent campus visitor, relishes the memory of his fraternity winning the Greek sing every year.

Class of 1955 Reunion Chair Neil Dillard, who served for many years as the Mayor of Carbondale, says his fellow graduates felt as though they were an important part of something that was big and growing at Southern in the early 1950s. Enrollment was exploding under the leadership of President Delyte Morris. A new library was being built and, as June Kiehna DeBernardi of Dayton, Ohio, points out, she and her classmates were among the first residents of Woody Hall, the new women’s dorm.

The 1955 Obelisk proclaims, “Southern is growing faster than any other school in America ... and has grown from a “Normal school to a full-fledged University.” That yearbook pictured Dick Gregory as a track star and Eleanor Roosevelt as a campus visitor.

Carolyn Bernhard Nottleson, who was secretary-treasurer of her senior class, traveled from Austin, Texas, to join her classmates and share her special memories of spring festivals and homecomings, remembering the lakes, the clubs and, of course, the beer parties.

Don Carlton of Marion, Ill., recalled the fun of teaching as a graduate assistant and serving as a resident fellow. For Jerry Cole of Lansing, Ill., it was writing for the Egyptian and journalism classes, and William Tonso, Evansville, Ind., likes remembering living in the barracks and the many pranks that authorities never solved.

According to Dillard, the Class of 1955 still values the lifelong friendships they formed at Southern, the education that sent them all on the road to success, and the enjoyment their Southern memories still induce a half century later.

To the Class of 1955, we say thank you all for the roles you played in helping make the University what it is today.
Providing opportunity has been the hallmark of Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s mission since its founding in 1869. While public universities such as Southern have always had a responsibility to provide access to higher education, Southern Illinois University Carbondale has embraced a more profound strategy and taken its responsibility to new levels.

For nearly 140 years, Southern Illinois University Carbondale has given people the opportunity to shape lives of meaning and success. Many of our graduates are first generation students who thought college was out of reach financially. Others, both students and faculty, were attracted by the university’s Midwestern charm as well as its growing reputation for excellence.

Those who found their way to Southern are part of a legacy of excellence. As our prominence mounts, their stories take on greater significance; the benefits they reap by intertwining their lives in the Southern story increase with each passing year.

Alumni of Southern now have a wonderful opportunity to elevate the value of their degree and add richness to the Southern experience for future generations. Opportunity Through Excellence, a $100 million campaign that seeks to build support for Southern’s people, programs, and places, is a critical step toward securing our vision for tomorrow—one of prominence, excellence, and greater distinction.

The DVD provided on the facing page will help explain this endeavor while hopefully helping you feel connected to a University that means so much to us all. Please take advantage of this unprecedented opportunity. Allow Opportunity Through Excellence to be the vehicle through which you share in and shape the future of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.
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Every attempt was made to ensure accuracy in the reporting of donors in this publication as well as to honor the wishes of anonymous donors. However, we wish to apologize for any errors which may have occurred in the omission or inaccurate listing of any name. If an error is discovered, please contact the Director of Advancement Services at (618) 453-4915, and we will correct the error.
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The road to excellence is always under construction. If you believe in this basic premise, as I do, then grab your hard hats, alumni and friends. More than ever before in the history of the University, Southern's focus is upon excellence. Campus has become a virtual construction zone!

Construction carries with it a price tag. We're very grateful to the thousands of individuals and businesses who stepped forward last year — contributing a total of $15 million. It is only through your gifts that we are able to increase our endowment and equip and even build new facilities, such as the Troutt-Wittmann Academic and Training Center dedicated on September 30th. Donors are helping to build Southern's road to excellence, one dollar at a time.

Construction requires a solid foundation. With the loyal support of our donors we have continued to build upon Southern's rich heritage of excellence. The following pages of the Honor Roll of Donors recognize and thank those who last year demonstrated their confidence in our fulfillment of the Southern at 150 blueprint for excellence in the future.

Construction requires sacrifice. With your continued support, and hopefully, even greater support, we will move onward and upward—raising the bar, if you will, for Southern. We have embarked upon a journey never before experienced at SIU—a comprehensive fund raising campaign known as Opportunity Through Excellence. Dollars raised during this campaign will be directed toward the people, places and programs outlined in Southern at 150—bringing us ever closer to our goals and objectives.

By your continued support and gifts to the campaign, you can be a part of an unprecedented success story. The road to excellence may always be under construction, but it is a road on which we can be proud to travel.

Rickey N. McCurry
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As President of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors, it is my distinct privilege to say thank you to the thousands of individuals and businesses whose financial support last year is reflected on the pages which follow. Your $15 million in total contributions for FY05 is deeply appreciated by the thousands of students, faculty and staff at Southern. Your private contributions go a long way in not only bridging the gap left by diminished state funding, but in reaching those goals and aspirations outlined in our blueprint for the future, Southern at 150.

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Southern Illinois University Carbondale recently announced the largest gift in the history of its College of Mass Communication & Media Arts, donated by a southern Illinois native who became a groundbreaking Chicago journalist.

The college received more than $1.22 million from the estate of the late Virginia Marmaduke, a colorful, tenacious woman known as "The Duchess" who worked her way into the hard-bitten, male-dominated newsrooms of Chicago's top newspapers during World War II.

Marmaduke previously donated $70,000 to the University to support scholarships and guest lecturers on campus. This new donation will increase funding for the student scholarships and lecture series and will establish a media center named for Marmaduke, who died in November 2001 in Pinckneyville at age 93.

"This generous gift from the estate of Virginia Marmaduke will have a major impact on our goals of achieving excellence," says Manjunath Pendakur, dean of the College of Mass Communication & Media Arts. "The Duchess clearly understood how to make her money work toward that goal."

Born in 1908 in Carbondale, her family moved to Chicago in 1918. She went to college at the University of Iowa to hone her natural ability as a writer before pursuing a career in journalism.

Marmaduke returned to southern Illinois in 1930 with her then-husband, whose family owned the Herrin Daily Journal. The pair went their separate ways 13 years later during the height of World War II and Marmaduke headed back to Chicago to be near her parents. She landed a job at the Chicago Sun, where she declined to cover so-called "women's news," a common destination in those days for female writers.

As the first female news reporter for the Sun and likely the first to cover crime in the city, Marmaduke earned the nickname "Duchess" from an editor who thought "Miss Marmaduke" was too much of a mouthful to shout across the newsroom. She compiled a long list of professional honors, writing memorable accounts of "blood, guts and sex - not necessarily in that order," as she once said.

A story on children with cerebral palsy was read into the Illinois General Assembly record and she interviewed two U.S. presidents, Queen Elizabeth II and numerous celebrities. She worked at the Sun-Times after the two papers merged and briefly worked at the Chicago Tribune. To this day, she remains the first lady of Illinois journalism.

Marmaduke returned to the area in 1965, moving into a two-story log cabin on land that belonged to her family for more than a century. She became a strong booster of Southern during the decades that followed, and often prowled the halls of the Communications Building speaking to students and faculty.

The college will direct the majority of Marmaduke's estate gift - $850,000 - to her scholarship endowment, aimed at juniors in the School of Journalism and the Department of Radio-Television. The contribution will increase the total endowment for the Virginia Marmaduke Mass Communication & Media Arts Endowed Scholarship to about $897,000. The added amount will make more scholarships available to students who qualify.

Another $77,860 will support the Virginia Marmaduke Lectureship Endowed Fund, bringing its total endowment to $100,000. The fund allows the college to bring in top media professionals from around the world for lectures. About $293,000 will fund the new Virginia Marmaduke Media Center Activities Endowment, which will pay for research into media issues.
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What Is Planned Giving?

A planned gift, unlike an outright gift, is a charitable contribution that is realized by the charity in the future, rather than immediately. Because some people are unable to donate a large sum of money during their lifetime as a result of family or other financial obligations, planned gifts can be a good alternative. Planned gifts are usually realized upon the death of the donor.

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

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

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

Bequest

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

Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust

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

Charitable Remainder Unitrust

A Charitable Remainder Unitrust offers the same benefits as the charitable remainder annuity trust but pays a fluctuating income based on a fixed percentage of the trust’s annual value.

Charitable Gift Annuity Agreement

A Charitable Gift Annuity Agreement is a contract between the donor and the SIU Foundation which allows the donor to make a gift and receive fixed annual payments for life. The payments are partially based upon the life expectancy of the donor. These payments may even exceed 10 percent, depending upon the age of the donor. Generally, a portion of the annual payment is a return of principal and is therefore, non-taxable.

Charitable Lead Trust

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

Revocable Living Trust Agreement

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

Life Estate Agreement

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

If you have questions about planned giving, contact Yvonne Spencer at the SIU Foundation by calling (618) 453-4907 or by email at yvonnem@siu.edu.
Peoria-based Caterpillar Inc. presented Southern Illinois University Carbondale with a grant that provides student scholarships and support for programs in the College of Engineering and the College of Business and Administration. Proceeds from the Caterpillar Foundation for the Cat Excellence Fund at SIUC will also focus on minority and diversity programs in both colleges. The funding amount is not being disclosed. Plans are to renew the grant annually because of the company’s continued relationship with the University.

“This institution for many years has provided Caterpillar with excellent employees with the technical skills and leadership qualities that we need that allow Caterpillar to continue to grow,” Caterpillar senior project engineer Tim Cross says. “The Caterpillar Excellence Fund will continue this relationship by providing support for student programs and curriculum to develop, recruit and retain students of diverse backgrounds and experiences.”

Provost and Vice Chancellor John Dunn says the University appreciates Caterpillar’s continued support and commitment. He is particularly pleased Caterpillar “recognizes the University’s commitment to diversity and has identified some of the funds to support programs and services that benefit students from minority communities.”

For the last three years the University has been one of 12 strategic partners for Caterpillar – where the company recruits at campuses that offer a combination of majors in multiple disciplines. Those disciplines include engineering, business and accounting, information technology, marketing and industrial technology, says Cross, who graduated from Southern in 1981 with a computer engineering degree.

“Caterpillar’s gift marked a tremendous day for SIUC,” says Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement. “This is our third year as a strategic partner and Caterpillar has been supportive of us. The grant is just further indication of that growing partnership.”

The funds are to enhance the opportunities for students through scholarships and minority and diversity recruitment, Cross explains. “Caterpillar is a global company and we need diverse perspectives and need to think outside the Midwest. Even though we are a strong Midwestern company, we want perspectives and views that are broader than that.

“Southern provides a good resource and a diverse set of students on campus. That is why they are one of our strategic partners.”

Among the collaborations involving the University and Caterpillar is the company’s donation last year of two U.S. patents, several foreign patents and $85,000 in associated funds for research and development of a mono-valve engine – which could lead to groundbreaking engine advancements that provide more power, greater fuel efficiency and reduced emissions.

Establishing relationships with private industry and promoting the University as a research institution of high quality are among the goals of Southern at 150: Building Excellence Through Commitment, the blueprint for the development of the University by the time it celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2019.
Anonymous Gift Benefits Art History Program

An anonymous donor is providing a dramatic boost to Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s art history program.

Through an endowment established at the SIU Foundation, the $781,000 gift will support the research, teaching and service mission of the art history program, part of the School of Art and Design in SIUC’s College of Liberal Arts. The money may support faculty and student research, teaching or enrichment activities, such as visiting scholars, as well as fellowships or stipends. “This is a significant contribution and we deeply appreciate the donor’s generosity,” Chancellor Walter Wendler says. “This will greatly enhance educational opportunities for our art history faculty and students.”

Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement, notes private donations such as this are critical to the University’s ability to fulfill its teaching, research and service missions. “As the state continues to struggle with financial constraints, private support takes on added importance,” says the head of the SIU Foundation.

Undergraduates may obtain a major or a minor in art history. The School of Art and Design began offering a graduate certificate in art history in 2001. Carma Gorman, design historian and associate professor in the school, says creation of the graduate certificate was a first step toward establishing a master’s degree in art history.

Associate Professor Peter Chametzky, who heads the art history program, is the initial fiscal officer for the endowment. “We are delighted with the gift, which we take as a vote of confidence in what we are doing, and we hope it will help us strengthen and eventually expand the program,” he says.

Gorman and Chametzky are the only tenured faculty in art history. Two tenure-track art historians joined the faculty in the fall: Elina Gertsman and Stacey Loughrey Sloboda. Both earned their doctorates in 2004 and served as visiting assistant professors last school year.

Peter Chametzky (left) and Carma Gorman, both associate professors in art history at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, say a $781,000 gift from an anonymous donor will strengthen the educational and research opportunities for faculty and students.
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Dedication ceremonies for the new Troutt-Wittmann Academic and Training Center were held on Homecoming Weekend. Speakers included Chancellor Walter Wendler and other University officials, as well as Pete Wittmann (at right), the Southern alumnus who donated $4.5 million for the center and for scholarships. The facility is immediately north of the SIU Arena and Lingle Hall.

Wittmann, who returned to campus with members of his family, remained a humble Saluki during the dedication ceremonies. "This isn't about me, but instead is about the many student-athletes who will be able to use this facility," he says. "Anything I can do to help them, I want to do it – I've been in their shoes. I'm delighted to be able to give back to the University."

The building bears the names of Wittmann – who insists on giving himself second billing – and his best friend from college, Kenny Troutt. The two met on McAndrew Stadium’s football field and played for the Salukis in the late '60s. They went on to become roommates, fraternity brothers, successful business partners, and remain best friends today in Dallas.

"It must have been fate that Kenny and I met," Wittmann once said. "He is the brother I never had. You need to note that I didn't say he is like a brother to me – he is a brother."
In early 2006 the SIU Foundation will be printing and mailing a separate publication to recognize all donors providing gifts to the University at the Century Club Level (between $100 and $499) during the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. A significant increase in the overall number of gifts received this past fiscal year and limitations of space in this issue of Southern Alumni magazine precipitate this measure.

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Former Southern first lady Dorothy Morris is serving as the honorary chair for the University’s Comprehensive Capital Campaign. Now living in Chapel Hill, N.C., she continues to be supportive of initiatives at the institution.

When Delyte and Dorothy Morris came to SIU in 1948, enrollment was little more than 3,000 students. “His peers couldn’t understand why he would leave Ohio State to come here,” Dorothy once said, “but he was a native of southern Illinois and wanted to build the University.” By the time Morris retired in 1971 after 22 years as president of the University, enrollment at the University was well over 20,000.

“We’re honored to have Mrs. Morris lend her support to the Opportunity Through Excellence campaign,” says Rickey McCurry, SIUC Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and Chief Executive Officer of the SIU Foundation. “The legacy of the Morris years at Southern provides great optimism and expectations as we strive to make this University even greater in the days ahead.”

Dorothy Morris chats with SIUC Provost John Dunn during a recent campus visit.

Dear Alumni
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Southern Illinois University Carbondale has always had a special place in the hearts of its alums. It is a school of remarkable contrasts. It is at the same time a sophisticated research institution, but one known for faculty teaching. It has traditionally been a school of choice for first-generation college students, yet it provides those students with a world-class education. It provides big city academics, and recreational and sporting activities in a rural, idyllic setting. It remains wonderfully familiar, but it continues to improve and to remodel itself as changing times and technology require.

In short, it is a source of golden memories, with a very bright future. The school is proud of its ability to transform lives, create productive citizens, and send them out into the world as wonderful representatives of the university that trained them. Our capital campaign, Opportunity Through Excellence, is a chance to build on Southern’s solid reputation, grow to new prominence, and do an even better job of what it already does so well: providing opportunity for students to live educated, competent, and happy lives. This campaign will add to those strengths and further enhance the value of a Southern degree.

I look forward to the greater sense of self confidence the school will have as a result of this campaign. It is the first in the university’s long history, and it will make a tremendous difference in the life of the University. By supporting Southern’s people, programs, and places, we will be investing in us. You will be prouder of your university when we secure our position among the top 75 research institutions in the U.S. You will be glad that you had a hand in helping it reach new heights of excellence while never abandoning its important mission.

Give Southern the opportunity to do and be even more. Join me in giving generously to Opportunity Through Excellence. The past has indeed been glorious, but it is only the prelude to a more glorious future.

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STUDENT ALUMNI COUNCIL
FOCUSED ON SERVING FELLOW STUDENTS

BY LAURA TAYLOR
The 25 Most Distinguished Senior Award is a prestigious honor bestowed on graduating seniors at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Recipients are honored each spring for enriching the University community above and beyond the call of duty, and Timasha Udugama could easily be considered among these elite Salukis.

The senior from Sri Lanka not only serves as vice president of the SIU Alumni Association’s Student Alumni Council (SAC) but is president of the Student Orientation Committee, public relations chair for the Sri Lankan Students’ Association, a member of the University’s Student Orientation Advisement Registration staff (SOAR), and on the Vice Chancellor’s Advisory Board.

Although qualified for Top 25 senior recognition, Udugama is ineligible for the award — and that’s just fine with him.

Since SAC members coordinate the program, they are exempt from receiving the honor. But the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society honoree says he’s receiving something just as important. "I may not be eligible for the Top 25 award, but SAC has provided me with something much more important," he says. "I was nervous when I arrived at SIU, but my personality has completely changed. SAC brought me out of my shell. I’m now confident and comfortable even when speaking with someone like Chancellor Walter Wendler."

PARTICIPATION ON THE RISE

By focusing on freshmen and shooting for a four-year retention rate, the Student Alumni Council has enjoyed a rebirth of sorts. Through word-of-mouth recruitment and a conglomeration of hardworking members, the Student Alumni Council membership increased from 12 members in 2000, to 36 in 2003, and now the group has 67 active participants — its highest membership ever.

SAC Advisor Tuesday Ashner says the recruitment of good officers played a key role in the process. From there, the ball got rolling.

“I informed our students of the direction the Association felt this group needed to go,” she says. “We weren’t going to have cliques, and everyone was welcome to join regardless of cultural backgrounds, majors, or grade point averages.

“Now you can hardly go 20 minutes without a SACer walking into the Alumni Association’s Student Center office,” Ashner laughs. “It’s wonderful.”

SAC MEMBERS HELP THE UNIVERSITY

With membership thriving in the Student Alumni Council, it’s no wonder the group gets so much done. The students are involved in just about every aspect of University life. Recently they assisted in hosting the Inspiring Women’s Gala at the Student Center, and recently accepted an invitation to volunteer at the University’s Comprehensive Capital Campaign Kickoff Dinner, “Opportunity Through Excellence.”

Udugama says SAC is continuously called upon because of their professionalism.

“Word gets around that SACers do a good job,” he explains. “People are confident that we will be professional due to their previous experience with us.”

It is professional demeanor that gives this talented contingent of students an extra edge. Anna Gorges, a senior from Bloomington, is the current president of SAC. She praises those Southern students who served before her.

“I am often amazed at some of the alumni I meet,” Gorges says. “SAC truly bridges the gap between students and alumni and gives us the opportunity to socialize with great people who have made such a difference in the world.”

Members benefit from various networking opportunities and offer the same to fellow students. Each year, SAC helps with the Extern program, which matches juniors and seniors with alumni and friends of SIU in professional settings during spring break. Through this activity, students receive hands-on, often one-on-one experience invaluable to them and their future employer. Last year 196 students participated in the program, and 54 percent received internship or job offers.

BROAD RANGE OF STUDENTS

“Students Helping Students” is the motto of the Student Alumni Council. With a membership that reflects the makeup of the University’s student community, the SACers are constantly participating in new and refreshing projects.

SAC embodies a broad range of students. Members hail from 10 foreign countries, including Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Pakistan, Romania, Germany, Ireland, Spain, Thailand, and Ukraine; majors
range from zoology to physiology. Undergraduate and graduate students can join. Some members are married with children, while others are single. But they all share one thing in common: they enjoy the experience of serving their fellow students and University.

"Every student gets something different," Ashner says of the SAC experience. "Whether it's camaraderie, service, or networking with alumni... they find their own reason why the organization is important to them. All I can say to students is, 'Try it. We're not for everybody. See if you like it. You'll experience friendships, leadership, and genuine growth as a person.'"

With all this student organization accomplishes, it is a wonder they can thrive academically. However, this group also excels in the classroom, having maintained a 3.09 cumulative grade point average during the 2004-2005 school year.

With its welcoming social climate and commitment to others, Gorges is not surprised that participation in the organization is at an all-time high. "With SAC being so diverse, we as a group are more open to a range of opportunities and events due to varying personalities and lifestyles," she says. "Being a member is a great way to broaden your perspective on other unique individuals and serve people at this institution."

Susanne Boehm, a graduate student from Germany, couldn't agree more. "From my first meeting, I felt welcome," she says. "I thought it was a good idea to give back to the community, and it was also a tremendous opportunity to meet new people and make friends."

Boehm says she was proud to be part of Southern's Homecoming Celebration, appearing as the cowardly lion on the SAC float. "The entire Homecoming weekend was a new experience for me, since we do not have anything like that in Germany."

"And it feels good to give something back to a community and University that has made me feel so welcome in a foreign country."

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Family Weekend at Southern this fall was a special one for Jim and Pam Stencel, whose son Tim is a freshman majoring in aviation flight.

The Stencels, who make their home in the Chicago suburb of Jefferson Park, were selected as "Family of the Weekend" at the annual event sponsored by the Saluki Family Association and New Student Programming at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The couple’s answers on their questionnaire application qualified them to be chosen for the honor, explains Saluki Family Association Coordinator Cordy Love. "Questions are taken from our freshman orientation sessions and are all about the University."

The couple was treated to a complimentary two-night stay at Best Inns & Suites in Carbondale, special meals, and tickets to a film and a theater program. Upon their arrival, they were presented with a gift basket containing Saluki gear and promotional items by their official escorts, Ryan Warren, a senior aviation major from Peoria, Ill., and Gina Breen, junior majoring in French and Spanish from northern Ireland.

Both Warren and Breen are members of the SIU Alumni Association's Student Alumni Council and the honored couple was impressed with their "nice and knowledgeable" escorts.

The Stencels received special recognition from Dr. Larry Dietz, vice chancellor of student affairs and enrollment management, at the association's annual breakfast.

“We were delighted and amazed that we won,” says Jim, a telephone company technician, adding “we felt like royalty!” He and his wife, Pam, who is in the court reporting business, say their son is doing well at Southern and are pleased that he has made so many new friends.

Tim got an unexpected treat the day his family arrived — a gift basket to help celebrate his birthday. Love points out that a popular feature of the Saluki Family Association is the Happy Birthday Kit program.

Parents can order a kit for their son or daughter that is hand-delivered to their door. The kits, available at three different price levels, include cookies, money for a Debit Dawg account, discount coupons, balloons and a custom card. The kits can be personalized with hats, flowers and toiletries and other items.

To find out more about the kits, call 618-453-1000, e-mail family@siu.edu or visit the association's Web site, www.salukifamily.siu.edu.

SIU Alumni Association Welcomes Families

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

The Alumni Association helped greet parents and their sons and daughters at a breakfast in the Student Center on Sept. 24. Later, the Association visited with students and their families at the Family Fun Festival in the International Lounge of the Student Center. Association staff distributed information about their various programs including the class ring, diploma frame displays, student membership, and the Student Alumni Council.
On The Road To Hollywood

by Marianne Lawrence

Twenty years in the making, Kevin Brown's board game, "Road to Hollywood," is ready for its close-up.

You could say it all began when Brown and a fellow graduate assistant at the SIU Student Recreation Center began throwing movie quotes back and forth. "He was the first person I had met who was like me: interested in movies with a knack for remembering quotes."

Brown earned his undergraduate degree in forestry at Southern in 1979 and, after getting his master's in recreation in 1983, moved on to Texas Tech University where he managed the Student Recreation Center.

He eventually returned to Illinois and a job as Collinsville superintendent of parks, where one day, as he and co-workers were trading their favorite movie quotes, he decided to find a board game they could play. After searching every store he could think of and coming up empty-handed, he settled on a solution - he'd invent his own game.

The plan emerged quickly from that point in 2000. Meticulous and detail-oriented, Brown went to work, first with extensive research to make sure there really was no such game on the market, then with the legal process of securing copyrights, trademarks, and a patent. "You ask a lot of questions, talk to everybody and anybody, and leave no stone unturned," he says. The game was designed in a format similar to the popular "Trivial Pursuit" game. "It took me a year just to find someone to design the cards at a price I could afford," recalls Brown.

Then there were the quotes. "The first 50 were easy," says Brown, who ended up with 2,000 in the final version of the game. He admits that after filling several thick notebooks, the quotes and corresponding answers are now on his computer.

"When I hit the first thousand—which took almost two years—I thought, 'That's not enough. I can't sell a $30 game with only 1,000 quotes!'" Brown called on his own extensive collection of movies but eventually rented hundreds more and bought numerous books of quotes to gather the other thousand.

Brown acknowledges the important support he received from friends and family. His wife, Ruth, who works part time in real estate, helped with the design, marketing, and assembly, while other family members and friends participated in testing the game and its rules. "We went through three designers and endless details," says Brown. The couple eventually formed The Lee and Gates Co. to market their product.

When the game was released in late 2004, Brown found himself in a whirlwind of media activity. He was interviewed for numerous newspaper articles and appeared on television and radio talk shows throughout the St. Louis area, gaining valuable publicity.

The game has found a home in all six St. Louis Borders' Bookstores in addition
to the chain's stores in Springfield, Mo., and Fairview Heights, Ill. "Last February, Borders informed me that this was the best-selling game at all the St. Louis area stores," smiles Brown. He is close to working out an arrangement to be nationwide with the chain.

Borders' also featured a first-ever "trivia night" at one of its stores. "We were hoping for 20 people, and there were 40," says Brown. "The event was scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m., and we had to kick some of them out at 10 p.m."

"I like to adhere to the KISS (keep it simple, stupid) theory."

The game is also available at Tom's Supermarket in Lebanon, the Historical Society and Opera House Restaurant in O'Fallon, Ill. and at The Book Worm, a bookstore in Carbondale.

But Brown is not resting on his laurels. His marketing goals, in addition to hitting Borders' nationwide, include selling the game in lobbies of a St. Louis theater chain in conjunction with an ad that would run before the featured movie. He also is working on stocking the game at Target and Wal-Mart.

The "Road to Hollywood" is a relatively simple game to play. In fact, Brown was diligent in writing the instructions. "I like to adhere to the KISS (keep it simple, stupid) theory," explaining that he dislikes the pages and pages of instructions typical with most games. "I think I rewrote these instructions more than 50 times!" The instructions open with this statement: "Okay everyone. Pay attention! This is really easy to understand. I only want you to read this once!"

The game's board features a map of the United States with a filmstrip path from Maine to Hollywood. Markers are plastic limousines, and the game is played with each card containing a quote and four possible answers.

Players divide into teams, and each team chooses a spokesperson (who can be key to the team's success). The spokesperson selects a quote card and announces the movie's category: A/A (action or adventure); D/M (drama or mystery); SF/H (science fiction or horror); C/W (comedy or western); and M/C (musical or children).

The spokesperson can use impersonations, expressions, gestures, and mannerisms while reading the quote ("Houston, we have a problem."). The team must first name the movie (Apollo 13) to advance its marker one space on the board.

The team moves additional squares by naming the actor or actress who said the quote (Tom Hanks), the character's name (Jim Lovell), and the year of the movie's release (1995), making it possible for the team to move four spaces in one turn.

In addition, the game includes bonus questions, a "bail out" feature, and Oscar cards with special instructions. When a team reaches "Hollywood," members must answer all four questions from one quote to win the game.

Brown stresses the importance of team play. "You need a mix of ages and both men and women on the team," he says. "You will be amazed how many quotes you will remember and how much fun you'll have."

Road to Hollywood can be purchased directly on the Web site, www.roadtohollywood.net, or from Brown's company, The Lee and Gates Co., P.O. Box 32 Lebanon, Ill. 62254, (618) 954-9321, leeandgates@aol.com.

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"I eat breakfast 300 yards from 4,000 Cubans who are trained to kill me, so don't think for one second that you can come down here, flash a badge, and make me nervous."

"Get off my plane!"

"I'd rather have one of them than 10 War Admirals."

"I'm gonna wash that man right out of my hair."

"You've got to ask yourself one question: 'Do I feel lucky? Well, do ya, punk?'"

"Cougar, this is Maverick. Don't you think we've had enough fun for one day?"

1968
Pete (Maverick) Mirth
Tom Cruise
Top Gun

1972
Harry Callahan
Clint Eastwood
Dirty Harry

1988
Melia Miami
Micheal Jordan
South Beach

2000
Charles Horman
Lee Ielpo
Sudden

1999
President James Marshall
Harrison Ford
Air Force One

1992
Col. Nelson Messrs.
Jack Nicholson
A Few Good Men

Answers
AmeriCorps Students At Work In Area Schools

Whether tutoring a struggling young reader or helping write a curriculum, the University's AmeriCorps students are welcomed and valued additions each year in Carbondale area schools.

Mythili Rundblad's job in the Student Development Office is to oversee Southern's AmeriCorps chapter and coordinate the careful selection of students who will use their time, talent, and special interests to help in classrooms from kindergarten through eighth grade. Each student is responsible for tracking several children's progress in improved grades and social skills, homework completion, and other information that will be used in writing grants that support the AmeriCorps program.

This year 11 students are divided into four area school districts where they will spend between 20 and 23 hours each week. One student is assigned to the new Carbondale Boys and Girls Club.

Rundblad says that the selected students take on a big-time commitment, considering most carry a full load of University courses. Time management is critical as they juggle service time in the schools with their own classes. "The students don't have much time for anything but their schoolwork and AmeriCorps," says Rundblad.

Acceptance into the program requires an extensive application process that includes personal interviews and a background check. Rundblad evaluates each student's skills, looking for the characteristics she believes are most important: commitment and dependability.

At team meetings every other week, Rundblad asks students to reflect on their experiences, participate in a group activity (like planting flowers at a school), or discuss current issues. "I like to present them with a situation they can respond to with their own thoughts. I encourage them to read about current issues and form their own opinions; an example would be the issue of funding of schools with property taxes."

The AmeriCorps students' goal is to accumulate 900 hours in the program to receive the Education Award, which places more than $2,000 in a trust fund they can use to defray education costs or pay back student loans. In addition, students receive a monthly stipend or living allowance.

Rundblad explains that the 900 hours accumulate through the students' time in the school districts, their attendance at the training sessions, and any other approved volunteer work or attendance at an educational symposium. She is
Students Helping The Community

Erin Yaseen '05 works with two students at an elementary school in Murphysboro.

always available through the yearlong commitment with counseling, training and encouragement.

Alexander Reynolds, who learned about AmeriCorps at a residence hall presentation, is in his second year in the program and says he changed his major to social science education after joining. Although he carries 16 academic hours and admits to occasionally feeling overwhelmed, Reynolds says, "I know the experience is worthwhile both as a job and a learning experience."

Becky Canty, principal of Elkville Elementary School where Reynolds is assigned, says the teachers there encouraged him to go into education. "He has a knack with kids and is a great role model."

It is Holly Tozer's first year in the program, and she is also assigned to Elkville, where she found an immediate connection. "Elkville is a small, rural school much like the one I attended in Dawson, Ill., and I can relate to the kids there," she says. Tozer's day varies with whatever the teachers need, then she moves to an after-school program at the town's civic center where she helps students study for tests and complete their homework assignments.

"If a student is having a bad day, a teacher will ask me to work with that child one-on-one," Tozer says. "It is rewarding to see them improve." She finds it easy to sympathize with her young charges, telling them she knows how hard it is because she is a student and also has to take tests.

Murphysboro Superintendent of Schools Lori James-Gross says her teachers are grateful for the students' presence. "It really gives us additional eyes, ears, and hands each day," says James-Gross.

Students can also help in other areas. Brenda Jones, curriculum director in the Murphysboro district, was glad to get a health-care major last year who helped her write a health awareness curriculum. "We try to take advantage of their strengths," she says.

Rundblad, who coordinates the Saluki Volunteer Corps and Service Learning programs in the student development office, is always delighted when students come up with ideas on how to impress young children with the importance of education.

Several years ago, members of the AmeriCorps group planned a trip to Southern for students who received no behavior referrals for one month. The participating schools' principals approved the idea, and kids were bused to the Southern campus where they were treated to a tour on the Saluki Train, pizza at the student center, and a surprise visit from the late Sen. Paul Simon.

"I wish we could find a way to expand the AmeriCorps program and help all the small, rural schools in this area that are struggling," says Rundblad.
Saluki Men Look For Fifth Straight MVC Title

The Saluki men's basketball team has been picked to finish third in the Missouri Valley Conference in 2005-06 in a vote of league beat writers, radio announcers, head coaches, and sports information directors. Northern Iowa (with all five starters returning) and Creighton finished ahead of Southern in the balloting.

Saluki guard Jamaal Tatum was named to the pre-season all-conference team; however SIU must replace two of its all-time great players in Darren Brooks and Stetson Hairston if it hopes to win its fifth-straight league title.

Southern Head Coach Chris Lowery says the situation is similar now to what it was two years ago when Brooks and Hairston replaced star players Kent Williams and Jermaine Dearman. The program didn't miss a beat and enters this conference season with a string of four-straight NCAA Tournament appearances.

"Our kids have really done a good job of being understudies in the past and then stepping up and taking different roles and not trying to replace the big-name player from the year before," Lowery says.

He notes leadership must come from Tatum and fellow guard Tony Young, both juniors. "Our older kids have taught our younger kids the way to be and the way to act in our program, and that is something you need to be successful."

The Salukis open MVC action Dec. 31 hosting Drake in a 2:05 p.m. contest at the SIU Arena. For the rest of the team's schedule, turn to the Calendar of Events on page 83, or go to http://siusalukis.collegesports.com.

Jamaal Tatum, shown at right, was named to the Missouri Valley Conference preseason all-conference squad in a vote of league coaches, media, and sports information directors. The junior is expected to be one of Southern's team leaders this season.

Pre-Season Poll

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Paul Lambert Era Salukis To Reunite In January

Saluki men's basketball players who competed at Southern during Paul Lambert's tenure as head coach are being invited back to campus for a reunion in January. Lambert served as Saluki head coach from 1970 to 1978.

Reunion activities begin on Saturday, Jan. 21. Former Salukis and their guests will gather for a 6 p.m. reception at the Carbondale Civic Center. A dinner, catered by 17th Street Barbecue, begins at 7 p.m. The program, which will feature remarks by Saluki greats Mike Glenn and Joe C. Meriweather, follows dinner.

Returning players will be special guests at the Saluki basketball game on Sunday, Jan. 22. The Salukis will host Illinois State at 2:05 p.m. in the SIU Arena. Players will be introduced and recognized on the Arena floor at halftime.

Former Lambert-era players interested in attending the banquet and game can make your reservations by calling Rodney Watson at (618) 453-4667. A block of rooms has been reserved for reunion participants at the Hampton Inn, Carbondale (618-549-6900).

Lambert was tragically killed in a motel fire shortly after leaving Southern. He compiled a 126-84 record as Saluki head coach, leading the Salukis to the school's first-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 1977. Southern advanced to the Sweet 16 of the 32-team tournament after defeating Arizona 81-77 in the first round. It succumbed to Wake Forest 86-81 in second round play.

Lambert's widow, Carol, and two daughters, Jill and Julie, are planning on attending the reunion, as are former assistant coaches Herman Williams and George Iubelt.
The Saluki football team came on strong at the end of the regular season, winning three of its last four Gateway Conference games to claim share of its third consecutive conference championship. Southern, which finished tied with Northern Iowa and Youngstown State with a 5-2 league record, was denied the outright title when it lost a 25-24 thriller at UNI.

Despite not earning the Gateway's automatic bid to post-season play, the Dawgs bounced back the next week to defeat 20th - ranked North Dakota State 9-0 and earn an at-large bid into the NCAA Tournament. This marked the third straight season that Coach Jerry Kill's squad had advanced to post-season competition.

At press time, the Salukis (8-3 and ranked 11th in the nation) were scheduled to play at Eastern Illinois in a first-round game. The winner was set to advance versus the winner of the game between Lafayette and Appalachian State. Last season, Southern was ranked first in the nation and was the top seed in the playoffs, but lost in the first round to Eastern Washington.

"I felt like we peaked too soon a year ago," Kill said. "Some people have kind of given up on us, but I think we're playing our best football late in the season. Even though we lost to Northern Iowa, we played a good football game up there."

Regardless of the outcome, Kill was thrilled to be in post-season play.

"I'm just glad we got in the big show and got a chance," he said. "It's a great reward for our seniors."

Junior running back Arkee Whitlock, who led the Gateway Conference in rushing this year with 1,271 regular season yards, credited that Saluki senior class for turning the program around.

"I got here and kind of forgot what it's like to lose," he said. "We've been successful for three years straight now. I have three rings here. It's a great accomplishment for the seniors who started out at 1-10 and built it up to a three-peat."

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**Derek Shelton Named Cleveland Hitting Coach**

Derek Shelton '92, a former Saluki catcher and four-year letterman on Southern’s baseball team, was recently named the hitting coach for the Cleveland Indians. He had been in that capacity in an interim basis since taking over the reins from Hall of Famer Eddie Murray in June. The Indians thrived at the plate under the former Saluki, and his efforts were rewarded by making the job his for the upcoming season.

When Shelton, 35, joined the team, the Indians ranked last in the American League in runs scored (214 or 4.0 runs per game), were batting .243, and had an on-base percentage of .308. From June 5 through the end of the season, the Indians hit .285 (1,073-for-3,762) with 149 homers and 576 runs scored (5.3 runs per game). Their .285 average from June 5 through the end of the season was the best in the Major Leagues, and their 576 runs ranked third behind only the Red Sox and the Yankees.

"Getting to the Major Leagues has definitely been enjoyable, not just because I've reached a goal, but because the club played so well," Shelton says. "It's exciting to be back in this role next season."

Shelton was previously Minor League Hitting Coordinator for the Indians, after playing and managing in the New York Yankee organization following his graduation from Southern. As the 2005 season ended, he was one of four Salukis in the Major Leagues joining Steve Finley (Angels), Jerry Hairston Jr. (Cubs), and Jason Frasor (Blue Jays).
It has been a decade since the Saluki Women’s Basketball team logged a winning season. But with new attitude and direction, second-year head coach Dana Eikenberg is striving to change all that.

BY GREG SCOTT
At first glance, it appears to be a daunting task.

When Dana Eikenberg became head coach of the Saluki Women's basketball team a year ago, her charge was to rebuild a once-proud program that hadn't enjoyed a winning season in nearly a decade. The Salukis had plummeted to the bottom of the Missouri Valley Conference standings.

In reviewing Southern's decline, one has to look no further than the numbers: eight consecutive seasons finishing eighth or lower in the MVC, including last-place finishes each of the last three seasons; seven consecutive seasons with 20 or more losses; a record of 63-182 (.346 winning percentage) since its last winning season in 1995-96.

Eikenberg is the seventh coach in the program's 46-year history, and she isn't accustomed to losing. The fiery Clinton, Ill., native was a four-year starting point guard for the Penn State Lady Lions, where she played on three NCAA Tournament teams and helped lead the program to its first-ever No. 1 ranking in 1991.

But when she was introduced as Southern's new leader on April 20, 2004, Eikenberg was certainly aware of the challenge. “Our staff always believed that if the stars were aligned right and we received a few breaks, we had game plans designed to win,” Eikenberg says. “We were disappointed, but not surprised at the outcomes.”

The Saluki staff inherited an inexperienced squad that lacked depth. Eikenberg opted to save remaining scholarships for the second year of her rebuilding process. In addition, five players who followed her from her previous post at the University of Missouri-Kansas City had to sit out last season due to NCAA rules. As a result, her first squad at the University competed with just eight players all season.

The depleted Lady Salukis finished 3-24. “We absolutely knew it was going to be a challenge,” Eikenberg says. “I’ve been blessed to have friends who have helped me through this. I’m not by myself.” They have traveled this road before and do not appear to be overly fazed by the challenge.

**TURNING AROUND A PROGRAM**

Prior to accepting the position at Southern, Eikenberg rebuilt a struggling women's basketball program at UMKC. In 2000-01 she inherited a team with four ineligible players that posted a 2-25 record. Within two years, she catapulted the Kangaroos to a second-place tie in the Mid Continent Conference, and their first .500 season (14-14) in 10 years. She proceeded to lead them to their first-ever No. 1 ranking in 1991.

She says. “I’ve been blessed to have friends who have helped me through this. I’m not by myself.” They have traveled this road before and do not appear to be overly fazed by the challenge.

**SHE LIKED THE DIRECTION**

The job at Southern appealed to Eikenberg for several reasons. While beginning her coaching career as an assistant at Indiana State from 1995 to 1997, Eikenberg became familiar with the Missouri Valley Conference and the winning tradition Southern had enjoyed under former Hall of Fame Head Coach Cindy Scott (see accompanying story). She likens the blue-collar work ethic of MVC coaches with the way she was reared as a youth and her style of play at Penn State.

Also, in recent years, she noticed the athletic program thriving under athletic director Paul Kowalczyk's leadership and felt campus support was in place. The impressions were mutual, as Kowalczyk says Eikenberg is the perfect fit for the job.

“Dana is the total package. She's experienced, successful, knowledgeable, a team player, leader, hard worker, organized, articulate, and ethical,” he says. “She exudes confidence and competence and will no doubt restore the pride and tradition of SIU’s women's basketball program.”
Eikenberg says character is an important attribute for players hoping to succeed in her program. "You can learn a lot about kids when you see them in their homes," she notes. "It's important for me to see how they treat others around them."

Another person Eikenberg was familiar with is Saluki Head Football Coach Jerry Kill. A friend of hers knew Kill when he coached at Emporia State. It wasn't long ago that Kill was in a similar position. He soon transformed a dormant football program into a national championship contender.

Eikenberg says Kill's knowledge has been an asset as the two often meet and share ideas and philosophies.

"Jerry Kill has been one of my biggest mentors here. We sit and talk a lot because I trust him," she says. "There are a lot of similarities between us. Our staffs are even similar. Susan Koering is a similar personality to Tracy Claey's (defensive coordinator), and Matt Limegrover (offensive coordinator) reminds me of Jody Adams. The thing about Jerry and I is that neither of us think we're anything special—we just have some great people who support us."

Southern's football coach agrees.

"What she is going through and trying to accomplish is a really similar to what we faced in football," Kill says. "Just as football had a strong tradition tied to the 1983 national championship team, women's basketball was dominant during that era as well."

"Dana is a good communicator and is dedicated," he adds. "Although she started at rock bottom, she's going to surprise some people this year. I don't think any team has worked as hard as they have this year, and she has a staff that has been with her for awhile. Take it from me— that is a real important part of building a program."

Eikenberg is similar to Kill in another aspect: While rebounding, shooting, and passing are essential to winning basketball games, she reviews several other qualities about a student-athlete before deciding whether or not she should represent Southern. Eikenberg and her staff watch how prospective student-athletes interact with teammates, classmates, and, most important, their families.

"You can learn a lot about kids at their home. It's important how they treat others around them. If they're not treating their own family well, we know their behavior won't be much better around us," she says. "Our staff is building a new family here. We trust and care about our student-athletes, but in return, we want honesty, loyalty, and a sense of integrity from them."

CLASSROOM EXCELLENCE REQUIRED

In addition to character, academics will be a priority during the Eikenberg era. Last season, Southern was honored by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, ranking 22nd on the NCAA Division I Academic top 25 Team Honor Roll. The award recognizes teams throughout the nation that have the highest grade point averages based on nominations submitted by WBCA-member coaches.

The Salukis earned this honor for the first time in school history. They posted a 3.314 team grade point average during Eikenberg's first year. While she is quick to credit the previous coaching regime at Southern for this achievement, Eikenberg wants academic excellence to serve as a staple of her program. Overall, during her four years at UMKC and one year at Southern, Eikenberg's students have a 3.028 cumulative grade point average. She says this lays a solid foundation for any program.

Rene Portland, who has compiled a 581-204 record in 25 years as head coach of the Penn State Lady Lions, speaks with pride while referring to her former player.
“Dana takes great pride in her Penn State background and was one of the people who laid the groundwork for what we’re enjoying in Lady Lions basketball today,” Portland says. “We have produced a lot of kids who understand the game and enjoy sharing what they learned and go about it the right way. “That is what Dana is doing. At Penn State, it’s not just about being an athlete. You are a student, too. It’s great to see Dana continuing that same mindset at SIU. When she sets her mind on something, she gets it done.”

Eikenberg’s mentor has also enjoyed her former player’s progression through the coaching ranks. After graduating from Penn State with a communications degree in 1992, Eikenberg served as a graduate assistant coach at the University of Illinois from 1993-95, where she received her master’s degree in kinesiology in 1995. She then accepted assistant coaching positions at Indiana State and Iowa, before becoming a head coach at UMKC.

“Dana has gone about it the right way. It’s a long process, but every step she has taken has been a good one,” Portland says. “She understands what needs to be done. The best way to learn is to become a head coach and make decisions.”

Portland’s thoughts are ironic since Eikenberg says she didn’t initially plan on being a head coach. She competed in a variety of sports as a youth, including basketball, softball, swimming, and volleyball, which kept her parents, Jack and Joyce Eikenberg, quite busy.

“If they weren’t coaching, they were driving me somewhere,” Eikenberg jokes. She decided to continue her playing career at Penn State, where she was initially perceived as a shooting guard. At point guard, Portland had her sights set on Dawn Staley, a Philadelphia native who eventually chose Virginia over Penn State. Staley went on to garner two national player of the year awards and play in three Final Fours. She currently competes professionally in the WNBA and is head coach of the Temple Lady Owls.

“We always tease Dana that she wasn’t our top choice at point guard,” Portland jokes. “At the 11th hour Dawn went to Virginia, and we kept Dana at point guard. It turned out to be a good decision because Dana fit the bill.”

Eikenberg was part of an exclusive all-freshman starting five that finished with a 14-14 record. The Lady Lions advanced to the NCAA during each of her final three seasons. Her junior year, Penn State earned its first-ever No. 1 ranking after knocking off Staley’s Virginia squad on a buzzer-beater.

“Dana was going head-to-head with Dawn Staley at the point guard position and we beat them on their home court,” Portland says. “That tells you something about Dana.”

After leaving Penn State, Eikenberg
spent a year playing professionally in Germany. She passed up an opportunity to serve in an internship with the Cleveland Cavaliers. "Penn State opened doors for me," she says. "I never really thought about being a coach; my goal was to own an NBA franchise someday. But while I was in Germany, I found a passion for helping others. I knew the game enough and was confident in my ability to communicate it. That was really the beginning of my coaching career. I worked with the German team and on an Army base there. That is when I started to carve it out."

THE ROAD TO CARBONDALE

Now, in the midst of her second year at Southern, Eikenberg is on a mission to carve out a winner in Carbondale. The program receives an immediate boost from four athletes who decided to transfer from UMKC after their coach accepted the position at Southern. This was a pleasant surprise for the coach.

"We weren't allowed to contact any of these kids due to NCAA regulations," she says. "Our administration informed us that they were transferring here. There were some individual circumstances that arose after we left UMKC which resulted in them making their decision. It is a positive for our program."

The four transfers expected to contribute immediately are sophomore perimeter specialists Katy Freeman (5-8 guard, Duluth, Minn.), Erin Pauk (5-6 sophomore point guard, St. Charles, Mo.), and Jayme Sweere (5-9 guard, Springfield, Mo.) along with junior frontcourt performer Carlai Moore (6-1 junior forward, Kansas City). Rachel Boldt, who also transferred from UMKC, suffered career-ending knee injuries and has joined the staff as a student assistant coach.

Freeman is regarded as a tough defender, and Sweere’s explosiveness should aid an up-tempo offensive style and aggressive defense the Salukis are striving to employ this season. Eikenberg calls Pauk one of the headiest point guards she has seen. She says Pauk, a consistent and steady on-court leader,

Eikenberg hopes a mix of returning players and new talent will return Southern to winning ways in the Valley.

won't be a flashy performer but makes very few mistakes.

The most anticipated transfer may be Moore, a skilled scorer and rebounder who some observers feel has the potential to become one of the premier performers in the MVC. She was named first-team all-MCC and the league’s Sixth Woman-of-the-Year in back-to-back seasons at UMKC.

"Carlai is a special player that we basically stole out of Kansas City. If Missouri, Kansas State, or Kansas had been looking, she is someone they would have tried to steal away," Eikenberg says. "She is also special because of her work ethic and beliefs. Carlai is an amazing athlete who brings versatility and athleticism. We hope to center a lot around her this year."

Incoming recruits Kaci Bailey (5-7 freshman guard, Dresden, Tenn.), Erica Smith (5-7 guard/forward, Florissant, Mo.), and Jasmine Gibson (5-10 freshman forward, Kansas City, Mo.) will also add depth to the new-look Salukis. Bailey is an accomplished three-point shooting specialist who is making the transition from shooting to point guard, and Smith is a much-improved performer who Eikenberg says has the uncanny ability to rebound and get close to the rim. Gibson scored more than 1,000 career points in high school and finished ranked among career leaders in scoring, rebounding, and blocks.

Eikenberg is quick to add that she is also counting on returning holdovers who endured the coaching change and have bought into her philosophy. She is particularly proud of India Bruster (6-4 sophomore center, Cleveland, Ohio), who has earned the coach’s respect after working herself into better playing shape and responding to challenges. Bruster has trimmed 44 pounds.

"We didn’t know if India was tough enough and encouraged her to leave the program. But she said no," Eikenberg says, "I have a great deal of admiration for what India has done. She worked hard to stay here and has made great strides. We actually have high expectations for her."

Old reliable Amy Hayden, a 5-10 senior guard from Fort Wayne, Ind., and Elyse Morris, a 5-9 sophomore guard from Prophetstown, Ill., return to the fold this season; both should add stability and leadership.

TIES THAT BIND

"One of our fears was the team being divided into two groups—players who were here prior to our arrival and those who came in afterward," Eikenberg says. "But that didn't happen, and I have to credit our kids. They all forged a bond over the summer and did things together. That will benefit us on the court."

"It’s been perfect. I wanted to bridge that gap and make sure everyone knew we were all under one umbrella, we’re all Salukis."

Another positive for the Salukis occurred in September. NCAA regulations permit a team to practice 10 days leading to a foreign trip. Eikenberg took her team on a three-day Canadian tour Sept. 2-5. The Salukis won all three exhibition contests, which served as a confidence booster.

"Elyse and Amy had never won three consecutive games. I knew it meant a lot to them," says Eikenberg. "It also allowed us to shake the rust off our transfers and
introduce our freshmen into the scheme. We were three weeks ahead of the game. The trip provided great confidence into what we could do. It also gave us some ideas as a coaching staff.”

Eikenberg also strives to increase attendance at women’s games. During her first year at UMKC, the Lady Kangaroos drew 1,739 fans for 13 home dates. That figure grew each season to a total of 7,430 her last season in Kansas City. She drew 1,739 fans for 13 home dates. That figure grew each season to a total of 7,430 her last season in Kansas City. She

“The potential is here. If we could be more talented, experienced teams, but we are and that the necessary changes will take to compete at the national level. Dana will get the job done.”

As for her own career, Scott doesn’t regret her decision to step down from the coaching ranks. As an administrator, Scott has even greater respect for those in the coaching profession. 

Although Scott has been away from Southern for eight years, she still has a connection to the program. She has remained involved in activities such as the annual Mitch Parkinson Women’s Basketball Tournament. The University also renovated the women’s basketball locker room in the SIU Arena, a project for which Scott was the largest contributor. The locker room is now named in her honor.

“Cindy continues to demonstrate that she wants to give back to support future student-athletes and this program,” Eikenberg says. “I don’t want our kids to forget what has happened in the past. Women’s basketball was once very good here, and it’s important that we build toward the standard Cindy established.”

Despite her retirement from the coaching ranks and physical distance from Carbondale, Southern’s No. 1 fan in Boston has a vested interest in the women’s basketball program.

“If the first thing I do each morning is log on to the Southern Illinoisan and Daily Egyptian Web sites,” she notes. “That was my life. It defined who I was as a person. The program is near and dear to me and always will be.”

As Scott follows the Salukis, she is encouraged by Southern’s new leadership. “I know Dana has already made an impression with the stability she has established. I’m convinced she will get the job done. I want them to surpass what we accomplished.”

As for her own career, Scott doesn’t regret her decision to step down from the coaching ranks. After compiling a 388-215 career record at Southern, she is enjoying being involved in every facet of Bentley’s athletic program.

“I can’t say I miss anything about coaching. In my current job I’m still able to help student-athletes and coaches. Life is better,” Scott admits. “I’m not concerned with winning and losing on a daily basis. Coaching was in my blood. It’s 24-7; you have to give it your all, because if you’re not doing something, you can bet someone else is. That’s why I had to quit. I was too intense and passionate.”

As an administrator, Scott has even greater respect for those in the coaching profession. “I have great respect and sympathy for coaches at the same time. It’s tough,” Scott says. “Dana has the toughness. She proved that at UMKC. And after playing at Penn State, she knows what it takes to compete at the national level. Dana will get the job done.”

Those words inspire Eikenberg.

“We want that winning tradition back at Southern,” Eikenberg says. “We want to make Cindy proud. She is busy with her own career, but I know she still has strong passion for the Salukis. I hope someday we get to the conference championship game and she is in the stands cheering for us. What a moment that would be.”
SIU Alumni Association Honors Ben Gelman

A Makanda man who has garnered respect as an accomplished journalist and photographer was honored in November as the recipient of the 2005 Service to Southern Illinois Award.

Ben Gelman, a featured columnist in the Southern Illinoisan newspaper, received the honor on November 13 at an awards banquet hosted by the Jackson County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association. The chapter also recognized five scholarship recipients. This year's winners are Kendra Ann Bachmann of Murphysboro High School, Christen Renee McGill of Trico High School, Sylvia San and Sara Elizabeth Starkey of Carbondale Community High School. Also being honored was Nicole Jones, a Murphysboro native and current SIUC student, and the recipient of the Jackson County Family YMCA Scholarship. Like in past years, Old National Bank of Carbondale has graciously supported these recipients by covering their meals that evening.

The Service to Southern Illinois Award recognizes an individual who has provided outstanding service to the southern Illinois region. A New York City native, Gelman served as a commercial photographer from 1939 to 1956 in various positions throughout his home state, before moving to Carbondale in 1956. He began a 26-year career as a photographer, regional editor, reporter, and Sunday news editor at the Southern Illinoisan. His stories focused on University achievements, interesting people, and events in the southern Illinois region. Gelman left the newspaper in 1982 to accept a position at SIUC as a public information specialist. He wrote stories for the University's quarterly alumni magazine, publicizing individual contributions, research, and services to alumni and friends. Gelman also served as editor of the SIUCourier, a weekly newspaper for faculty and staff of the University, focusing on the achievements of those who contributed to the enhancement of the institution.

A Pulitzer Prize nominee in 1969, Gelman received the 1991 Lindell W. Sturgis Public Service Award from the SIU Board of Trustees. He and Virginia, his wife of 58 years, live in Makanda.

Du Quoin State Fair

The SIU Alumni Association chapters of Perry, Randolph, and Jackson counties hosted alumni and guests Aug. 27-Sept. 5 at the SIU Dome during the Du Quoin State Fair in Du Quoin. Activities were coordinated through the Media and Communications Resources office. As appreciation for their willingness to represent Southern during the fair, volunteers enjoyed a meal catered by 17th Street Barbecue.

Alumni volunteers assisted in greeting visitors, addressing general questions about the University, providing information about the Association, and serving as ambassadors of the University. National board member Doris Rottschalk was instrumental in gathering volunteers.

Illinois State Fair In Springfield

The Prairie Capital Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association assisted in greeting alumni and guests under the SIU tent at the Illinois State Fair Aug. 12-21 in Springfield. Activities were coordinated by the Media and Communications Resources office.

Alumni volunteers assisted in answering questions about the University, providing information regarding the Association, and serving as ambassadors. Chapter leaders Don Magee and Phil Beers were instrumental in recruiting volunteers.

Prior to the fair, 40 alumni volunteers and guests enjoyed a reception at the SIU tent, hosted by Media and Communications Resources. The reception served as an opportunity to express appreciation to volunteers for their willingness to represent Southern during the fair.

Perry County Scholarship Banquet

The Perry County Chapter of the Alumni Association hosted its SIU Scholarship Banquet Sept. 15 at Alongi's Restaurant in Du Quoin. Forty-seven alumni and guests enjoyed the function honoring this year's recipients.

Jessica Denton, the 2005 Alongi Legacy Scholarship winner, and recipients of the Perry County High School scholarships, Holly Ellen Coleman and Robert Nelson Rushing, were recognized.

John Dunn, SIUC Provost and Vice Chancellor, was the guest speaker. His message focused on a bright future for the University. Also, Fred and Ann Huff were honored for their longtime commitment and dedication to the Perry County Alumni Chapter.

Representing the University were Rickey McCurry, Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement; and Jeff Lorber, Associate Vice Chancellor. Representing the SIU Alumni Association were Sheri Hunter, President of the National Board of Directors; and board members Doris Rottschalk and Dede Ittner; Executive Director Ed Buerger; and Directors Greg Scott and Argus Tong.
SIU Alumni Gather in Denver

Thirty-two alumni and friends attended a picnic and Colorado Rockies/Chicago Cubs baseball game Aug. 21 at Coors Field in Denver. Guests enjoyed a pregame buffet in the Coors Outfield picnic area. Following the picnic, the gathering moved inside Coors Field, where the Rockies defeated Chicago, 9-7. Denver-area alumnus Mark Szczesny '96 was instrumental in coordinating the event.

Representing the University was Greg Scott, Director of Alumni Public Relations at the SIU Alumni Association.

St. Louis Area Alumni Want To Revitalize Chapter

Plans to revitalize the St. Louis Alumni Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association have recently been discussed during meetings in St. Louis.

The executive board consists of Loren King '00, Tiffany Green '01 and Jeff Jewett '01. During the meeting, upcoming cultural and social events, the Missouri Valley Conference, and alumni volunteer recruiting efforts were discussed.

St. Louis alumni and friends interested in participating in this effort should contact King at (314) 484-6647 or ncaa-track@aol.com.

Union County Alumni Meet

Twenty-five alumni and friends attended a social hosted by George and Nancy Welborn on Oct. 6 in Anna. A board and committee were established for the Union County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association.

Officers elected included George Welborn '75, MPAD '77 as president; Bill Hartman '79 as vice president; Dianne Clark '66 as secretary, and Wally King '69 as treasurer.

Union County Chapter's goal is to increase Southern's presence in the area and to raise funds for its Union County High School Scholarship.

Watch Party In Atlanta

Ten SIU alumni and friends attended a Saluki Watch Party Oct. 27 in Atlanta. The group gathered for a social at Three Dollar Cafe and watched the Saluki football team defeat top-ranked Western Kentucky on ESPNU.

The Greater Atlanta Alumni Club of the SIU Alumni Association coordinated the event for Saluki football fans. Melissa Zipfel '97 led the club's efforts.

Saluki Football Watch Party In Nashville

Thirty SIU alumni and friends attended a Saluki Watch Party Oct. 27 in Nashville, Tenn. The group gathered for a social in Scoreboard Sports Bar and watched the Saluki football team win on national television at Western Kentucky.

Door prize drawings were conducted at halftime of the game. Also, plans to establish an SIU Alumni Club in Nashville and coordinate future events and activities were discussed. Nashville area alumnus Robert Rickman and Bill Turner coordinated the gathering. Representing the University were Manjunath Pendakur, Dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, and Ron Graves, Chief Development Officer for the college.
Central Florida Networking Event

Twenty-six SIU alumni and friends living in central Florida gathered for a Saluki Networking Reception on Oct. 29 in Tampa. Sheri Hunter, president of the SIU Alumni Association's national board of directors, was the special guest. The Central Florida Alumni Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association is hosting this program for the fourth consecutive year.

Guests enjoyed light snacks and a cash bar. After the social, guests were invited to dine with fellow alumni and guests at their choice of three hotel restaurants, including Petey Brown's, Oystercatchers, or Armani's.

Representing the Association were Executive Director Ed Buerger, and Director Argus Tong. Vice Chancellor Rickey McCurry represented the SIU Foundation.

SIU Alumni Association Seeking Volunteers

As part of the SIU Alumni Association's mission to reveal to the world the excellence of Southern Illinois University, alumni chapters are essential to maintaining a relationship between SIU alumni and their alma mater. The Association is searching for volunteers to lead its efforts in developing clubs and chapters in the metropolitan areas of Atlanta, Memphis, Nashville, or Washington/Baltimore.

Also, as part of our outreach efforts in Illinois, we are searching for interested volunteers in the Chicago, Springfield, Peoria, and Southern Illinois alumni in Jackson, Perry, Randolph, Saline, Union, and Williamson counties.

If you are an SIU alumni living in one of these areas, please contact Argus Tong, director for off-campus alumni programs and chapter development at (618) 453-2408 or send an e-mail to argus@siu.edu.

For more information on chapters in your area, please visit the web site, www.sialumni.com, and select the Chapters and Groups link.

Roger Tedrick throws out the first pitch.

SIU Night at Wrigley Field

The 28th annual SIU Night, at Wrigley Field was another sold-out event as 1,000 alumni and friends were in attendance. Guests enjoyed a pregame social at the Cubby Bear Lounge hosted by SIU alumnus George Loukas '73. They were treated to beverages and food prepared by Loukas' staff. Afterward, everyone walked across the street to Wrigley Field to watch the St. Louis Cardinals/Chicago Cubs baseball game.

Roger Tedrick '70, chairman of the SIU Board of Trustees and a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, represented the Association by throwing out the ceremonial first pitch.

University representatives in attendance were Executive Assistant for Government Relations in the President's Office David Gross, Associate Vice Chancellor Jeff Lorber, and Annual Fund Director for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Tanna Morgan. Representing the SIU Alumni Association were national board members Jeannette Fromm, Dan O'Brien, Randy Ragan, Sandra Smith, Howard Spiegel, and Darla Treece. Also in attendance were Alumni Association directors Gene Green, Greg Scott, Michelle Suarez, and Argus Tong.
Alumni Chapters Award Scholarships

Holly Coleman, Robert Rushing, and Jessica Denton were honored as scholarship recipients at the Perry County Alumni Chapter Dinner. They are flanked by Sheri Hunter (left) and Doris Rottschalk.

In 2005 alumni chapters in Jackson, Perry, Randolph, Perry, Union, and Williamson counties awarded scholarships to 27 students valued at $28,300. Funded by annual contributions by alumni and friends, these scholarships are awarded to deserving high school seniors who will be attending the University.

In addition, the Alongi Legacy Scholarship established by the John R. Alongi family of Du Quoin, awards a scholarship of $1,000 to a deserving Perry County High School senior who plans on attending SIUC. Applications are available online at: http://www.siualumni.onlinecommunity.com/scholarships.htm.

A complete list of this year's recipients follows:

**ALONGI LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP**
Jessica Denton

**JACKSON COUNTY FAMILY YMCA**
Nicole Jones

**JACKSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**
Kendra Bachmann
Christen McGill
Sylvia San
Sarah Starkey

**PERRY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**
Holly Coleman
Robert Rushing

**RANDOLPH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**
April Gibson
Alicia Guebert
Monica May
Jessica Schermberauch
Jacqueline Schermberauch
Crystal Shevlin
Mariah Snider
Tina Steibel

**UNION COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS**
Michael Brown
Patricia Mayberry
Joshua Wilson
Alex Wright

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS**
Matthew Cox
Hope David
Laura Hayes
Jacob Heath
JoAnn Morgando
Chelsie Romines
Abigail Young

Make Your MVC Reservations Now

Make your reservation now for the Missouri Valley Conference Men's Basketball Tournament March 2-5, 2006. Join the SIU Alumni Association at the St. Louis Pavilion Hotel (formerly Marriott St. Louis Downtown) at the special SIU Alumni Association Group Rate of $114 per night. Enjoy the Alumni Association's hospitality room and transportation to/from SIU games (available only to guests registered under SIU alumni group rate).

Reservations must be made by Feb. 2, 2006, by calling (314) 421-1776, or (800) 581-7151. Please ask for the SIU Alumni Group Rate.

Details on pre-game or post-game gatherings for alumni and fans will be available after the tournament pairings have been determined. Please check www.siualumni.com for updated information. Also please note that due to the championship game appearing on CBS Television, the title game will be played on Sunday afternoon, not the customary Monday night.

Volunteers will be needed to assist SIU Alumni Association staff with various areas. For more information, please contact Argus Tong at (618) 453-2408 or via e-mail at argus@siu.edu.

On The Road With Saluki Basketball

The SIU Alumni Association with be hosting pre-basketball receptions prior to the SIU men's basketball games against the Bradley Braves (Jan. 28 in Peoria) and versus the Illinois State Redbirds (Feb. 14 in Normal). Several chapters and clubs will also be hosting watch parties during the men's basketball season. For more details, please contact your chapter representatives, or check the Calendar Listing at www.siualumni.com.
Four Students Earn Pulliam Memorial Scholarships

Ryan Anne Cheperka of Carbondale, Djamilatou Saidou Hangadoumbo of Niger, West Africa, Cecilia Mayberry of Carbondale, and Fahran K.J. Robb of Pinckneyville are the recipients of the Roscoe Pulliam Scholarship.

The Roscoe Pulliam Scholarship Fund awards four scholarships valued at $1,000 each. Recipients must be closely related to an Southern alumna or alumnus who is a current member of the SIU Alumni Association.

Cheperka is a senior majoring in psychology with a minor in mathematics. A two-time recipient of the Pulliam Scholarship, Cheperka’s numerous academic honors include being on the University and National Dean’s List. She is a member of the Gamma Beta Phi Honors Society and received Honors Day recognition at Southern.

Saidou is a junior majoring in microbiology/pre-med. A Dean’s List student, Saidou transferred to Southern from John A. Logan College. She was named to the President’s and Vice President’s List for academic prowess, and is a student achievement award recipient. A Collegiate All-American Scholar Award winner, Saidou has served as president of the Black Students Association and has been active in the International Students Club, Student Senate, and Biology Club.

Mayberry is a senior majoring in health-care management with a minor in general business. She was an SIUC Honors Day participant last spring. She began her career at John A. Logan College, where she earned President’s List honors twice for academic achievement. The Carbondale native also has been named to the Vice President’s List three times.

Robb is a junior majoring in agricultural information and political science, with minors in speech communication and environmental studies. She is a two-time recipient of the Pulliam Scholarship, a Dean’s List student, and Provost Scholar. Her academic accolades also include Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society, Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, Outstanding Student Honor Society, and Dean’s Certificate of Distinction. A University Honors Program participant, Robb has excelled in several student organizations. She was named Outstanding “Agbassador,” a student recruitment organization in College of Agricultural Sciences. She has served as president of the Kellogg Hall Executive Council, public relations chairperson of the Ag Council, and senator of Undergraduate Student Government. She has also been a member of Student Alumni Council, the student chapter of the SIU Alumni Association.

Union County Chapter Hosts Saluki Basketball Tribute

The Union County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 49 alumni, students, friends, and Saluki fans Oct. 28 at the Great Boars of Fire Lodge in Cobden. Guests enjoyed a tribute to Saluki basketball as head coach Chris Lowery, his assistant coaches, and players were special guests.

George Welborn ’75, MPAD ’77, president of the Union County Alumni Chapter, welcomed all guests and encouraged the group to support University programs and activities. He also recognized chapter officers, scholarship recipients, and spoke about the importance of Alumni Association membership. This year’s scholarship recipients are Michael Ryan Brown, Patricia Mayberry, Joshua Kyle Wilson, and Alex Wright.

Upon receiving a standing ovation from the audience, Coach Lowery addressed alumni and guests. He extended his appreciation for their support and also introduced his assistant coaches, staff, and players. Lowery lauded the Union County Chapter and SIU Alumni Association for organizing the function.

Representing the Association were staff members Tuesday Ashner, Jeannie Caldwell, Greg Scott, Michelle Suarez, and Laura Taylor.

The inaugural Latino Alumni Reunion was held recently at Sangria Restaurant and Tapas Bar in Chicago. This successful first event, hosted by Dr. Seymour Bryson, SIUC Vice Chancellor for Diversity, enjoyed an excellent turnout, great food, and even better company. Future SIUC Latino Alumni events are being planned. For more information contact Carmen Suarez, csuarez@siu.edu.
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Southern Study Not Just Horsing Around

by K.C. Jaehnig

A horse doesn’t have to be Mr. Ed to tell you he’s unhappy; just watch what he does.

Pacing or chewing the stall, pawing, kicking, tongue lolling, lip licking, constant drinking, even the development of hoof problems all signal a serious case of equine blues, says Sheryl King, head of Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s equine science program.

“These so-called ‘stall vices’ aren’t vices at all. They’re the damaging effects of too much care,” she notes.

Most horse owners love their animals. They shelter them from the elements in climate-controlled barns. They give them high-quality food and costly supplements. They protect them from the rough-and-tumble world of herds with their equine pecking orders. To the horse, however, all that feels like prison.

“Horses evolved on the edge of a glacier, adapting to exploit one of the least productive and most demanding niches in the plains environment,” King says. “Their natural habitat is outdoor living, herd association, constant movement and near-constant ingestion of low-quality, fibrous food. The more divorced a domesticated management regime is from the horse’s natural state, the more the animal will tend to suffer.”

What do horses want? From years of working with these large animals, King thinks it boils down to three things: to eat, to move, and to stand around, preferably in the company of other horses.

“In its natural state, a horse’s life is spent eating and moving to the next spot to eat. In fact, eating takes up approximately 70 percent of a horse’s day,” she says. “Horses don’t sleep much; they don’t lie down for long periods of time, and although they are very social, they don’t seek mental stimulation from other horses. That’s all foreign to the way we humans live.”

With a $3,200 grant from the state’s new Equine Promotion Board—one of seven made from its newly established check-off funds—King has started work on a research project aimed at developing a “best practices” guide to the humane care and management of domestic horses. Along the way, she’ll also train some of the next generation of professional horse handlers.

“Every year, I have students come into my program (Southern offers the state’s only four-year equine science degree) with little horse experience,” King says. “I also have students with significant show experience, where the horses are kept in stalls and coddled. The best way for them to understand horse behavior is for them to sit and watch it for long periods of time.”

As part of King’s introductory horse management course, 29 SIUC equine science majors recently worked together to watch and describe what horses actually do over a 24-hour period. Some of the horses they watched had the run of the pasture, some spent the entire time in their stalls. Others stayed out during the day but returned to the barn at night, while still others roamed free at night, doing stall time in daylight hours. Some of the stalls had only natural light, while in others man-made lights stayed on the whole time.

Each horse had a large number painted on its side to make it easy to identify, with

students describing what they observed from a distance. So as not to disturb the horses, King came up with a novel way of notifying students each time a new observation period started. She provided each one a portable CD player with earphones and some CDs on horse management with pre-recorded time cues embedded in them.

King says she would need three to five years of such data, with each set based on different horses, before she has enough information to draw scientifically valid conclusions. She plans to produce videotapes throughout the project to record what she does and how the horses react. At the end, she hopes to weave it all together in a documentary of sorts that can introduce horse owners to the basic concepts.

“The goal is to get something together that will teach them what makes a horse most comfortable and under what conditions they do their best,” she stresses. “The approach is based on the innate behaviors of the horse. We are asking the horses to tell us what they prefer rather than making the assumption that the horse prefers what we do.”
McLeod Theater Department Plans 40th Anniversary Gala

A special alumni reunion weekend in April will highlight Southern's year-long celebration of McLeod Theater's 40th anniversary. The Gala Reunion Weekend, scheduled for April 7 and 8, will culminate a year of activities the theater department is coordinating.

Southern alumni, faculty, former faculty, students, and Friends of McLeod Theater are invited to participate in the weekend spectacular. The celebration features a special anniversary dinner at the SIU Student Center. Dinner will be preceded by a reception sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association. A tribute to longtime respected Southern professor Christian Moe and a keynote address from Hollywood actor and University alumnus Peter Michael Goetz will highlight the gala dinner.

Post-dinner activities include A Theater Extravaganza performance: 40 Years in 40 Minutes in McLeod Theater. The evening concludes with a cake and champagne anniversary party sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association. Cost to attend the festivities is $50 per person, and those wishing to make reservations can contact the SIUC Theater Department.

"We want to make sure our theater alumns are aware of this special occasion. Therefore, we would appreciate alumni assisting us in spreading the word," Fletcher says. "Our committee, as well as Friends of McLeod Theater, and the theater department want this weekend to be a rousing success."

Ed Buerger, Executive Director of the SIU Alumni Association, says the Gala Weekend is an intriguing opportunity for alumni wishing to return to their alma mater.

"McLeod Theater is revered by many alumni of this institution. The anniversary committee is providing a wonderful opportunity for former students to rekindle fond memories of art and cultural activities they enjoyed at Southern," he says.

"In particular, I know Dr. Christian Moe is revered by many former students. That should be an enjoyable tribute for all guests attending."

McLeod Theater's celebration began in September with a symposium: Finding A Voice, which focused on the lives and careers of marginalized practitioners of the American Theater 1920-1930s. The symposium drew theater historians from around the country. Internationally renowned theater historian Robert A. Scharke, author of Shattered Applause: The Lives of Eva Le Gallienne, presented the keynote speech.

Dorothy Chansky, author of Composing Ourselves: The Little Theatre Movement and the American Audience, was also on hand. SIUC alum Dawn Larsen presented her hilarious and informative one-woman show as "Maxine Lacey," the famous Toby Show Actress who toured the rural Midwest in comic tent shows. The symposium coincided with the Department's first production, Our Town.

Following the symposium was the 2nd International Mask Conference: Behind the Mask, the brainchild of Ron Naversen, Professor of Design at SIUC. The week-long whirlwind of presentations, workshops, performances, and social activities featured mask artists from Iceland, Africa, Sweden, Brazil, Africa, Israel, Bali, Canada, and the United States, to the Carbondale campus. "People wear masks every day," Naversen says. "You have your work mask and your friendly neighbor mask. What's interesting is that these archetypes, like most of our other social customs, come from the roots of ancient tribal rituals. That's what the conference explored."

Performances given throughout the conference included a Nigerian Ancestral Masquerade by Ojetunji Ojeyemi with James Asokere and Adeleke Onanuga; Tales From the Mask by Torborn Alstrm; Scenes From Little Big Frog by Rob Faust of Faustwork Mask Theatre; This World, the Next and Then the Peach Orchard by Larry Hunt, artistic director of Masque Theatre and Matriarchs of the Earth; and an aboriginal tribal mask ritual performed by Big Sky Collective Victor Reese, Sharon Jinkerson-Brass, Mariko Ohara, Melina Laboucan-Massimo.

Also on the agenda were an "Open Mask Cabaret," a Mask Bazaar, and a fantastic Masquerade Ball compliments of the University Museum. The Festival coincided with the Carbondale Community Arts, In Celebration: Arts and Ethnic and Festival on Saturday, October 8, at the Carbondale Civic Center.

In addition, the University Museum presented the Behind the Masks exhibition, a collection of tribal and ritual masks from around the world. Students and faculty representing SIUC's School of Art and Design presented an exhibit of Mask and Glove. University Cinema and Photography students coordinated a Mask & Photography presentation, and local area middle school students coordinated a juried exhibition of masks titled Hidden Talents.

The Anniversary festivities continue with the Department's 70s disco version of The Taming of the Shrew and a one-woman performance by SIUC alum Judith Helton. She re-creates the life and story of Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the famous "Little House" books.

The department is still accepting plays from alumni. For more information, contact the SIUC Theater Department at (618) 453-5741 or send an e-mail to Anne Fletcher, Chair of the Anniversary Committee, at afletch@siu.edu.
1930s

Kate Burkhart Daniel ’38 writes that she would like to pay tribute to her grandfather, James Monroe Burkhart, who was a trustee of Southern Illinois Normal University in the late 1890s, and to her father, Carl Burkhart, a Southern graduate of the class of 1897. In addition, Daniel’s late sister, Marjorie Burkhart Gilbert, attended in 1921, and, according to family, their grandmother, Mary Ellen Spiller (Burkhart), attended when the college was first organized. In addition, Daniel writes, “The Burkharts have a long and fond association with SIU. I attended my 50th class reunion in 1988 and hope to attend one in the future.”

1940s

Albert Horrell ’42, M.S. ’61 is author of the poem, “Grandfather’s Masterpiece” which was published in the Summer-Autumn 2005 issue of the Mid-America Poetry Review.

1950s

Harry Jacobson M.S. ’53, Ph.D. ’69 and his wife, Florence, celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on Sept. 6. The couple lives in Eustis, Fla. Harry, 98, was a former professor at Southern, and Florence, 97, was a librarian for 15 years. Jacobson kept the tie he wore on the couple’s wedding day and has worn it on each of their anniversary dates. “I just put it away,” he says. “I had in mind that it would be a nice remembrance.”

1960s

Joey French ’66, a CPA with Huber, Ring, Helm & Co. in the St. Louis area, was recently recognized for 35 years of membership in the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is a frequent speaker at area high schools to promote the society’s career initiative. French and his wife, Pat, live in Brentwood, Mo.

Stephen Fritz M.S. ’68 has become the 14th president of New England College in Henniker, N.H. Most recently Fritz was dean of the school of arts and sciences at Park University in Pittsburgh, Penn., and held administrative positions at Goddard College in Plainfield, Vt., Hiauxsee College in Madisonville, Tenn., and North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, N.C.

1970s

Ruth Andes M.S. ’70 received the 2005 Constance E. Miller Commitment to Excellence Award from the Genesee County Mental Health Association. She was honored for her contributions to mental health awareness and service. Andes is professor of sociology and human services at Genesee Community College in Batavia, N.Y., where she has taught for 36 years.

Anthony Kilbert ’70, M.S. ’71, a speech and music instructor at Kauai Community College on the Hawaiian island of Kauai, received the Frances Davis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. He has been at the college for more than five years, where he manages the Performing Arts Center and serves as marketing director for the college. News of his award was sent to Southern Alumni by a former classmate, Rhonda Kirkpatrick ’70, M.S. ’71, Ph.D. ’73.

Don Yaworski ’70 is celebrating his 25th anniversary as a self-employed commercial photographer. A resident of Kansas City, Mo, Yaworski was recently a judge for the annual photography competition sponsored by the American Agricultural Editors Association. The accompanying photo is a self-portrait, according to Yaworski. “I photographed myself in my studio and took the photo of a crop duster while on assignment in Mississippi. I merged the two photos in Photoshop and used the result for self-promotion.”

Col. William Jones ’71 retired after 34 years of military service, receiving a meritorious citation from President Bush. Jones served in the U.S. Air Force from 1971 to 1977. He received a U.S. Army commission in 1977. He earned numerous decorations during his long career and is active in the American Legion, American Rifle Association and is an appointed member of the Governor’s Rehabilitation Services Advisory Council. He and his wife, Linda, live in Genesee, Ill.

Jim Williams ’72 marked 25 years of service as a registered representative for Lincoln Financial Advisors Corp., Harrisburg, Ill. Williams and his wife, Robyn, live in Harrisburg.

David Schwind ’74 has joined Custom Steel Processing in Madison, Ill., as vice president of purchasing. He formerly spent 30 years with Cooper B-Line in Highland, Ill., a division of Cooper Industries of Houston, Texas. He and his wife, Diane, a nurse practitioner, live in Edwardsville.

Turner Memorialized In Congressional Record

Months following the death of James Turner early this year, the life of the 1971 Southern grad was memorialized with a resolution entered into the Congressional Record, 109th Congress, first session House of Representatives. Turner, a public servant and respected law enforcement officer in Texas, was the first president of the San Jacinto County Peace Officers Association.

Congressman Kevin Brady’s resolution read in part: “Jim Turner’s family, his co-workers, and his community miss him greatly. Growing up, he had heroes he looked up to, but in San Jacinto County, he was the hero of those he served and of those who loved him.”

“Mr. Speaker, it is heroes like Lt. Jim Turner who make America strong. It is an honor to represent his community in the U.S. House of Representatives and I urge you to join me in honoring his memory and the people to whom he dedicated his life.”

Turner is survived by his wife, Patty, and sons Jeff and Tommy.
Bruce Roche Ph.D. '75 of Duncanville, Ala., is author of A Unifying Voice: A Centennial History of the American Advertising Federation, 1905-2005. He is retired from the College of Communication faculty at the University of Alabama.

Vicky King '76, M.S. '82, principal of Carbondale Community High School, is one of three new members appointed to the Illinois High School Association Board of Directors. King was a former coach and athletic director for the school before being named to her current position.

George Csolak '78 was recently named director of corporate communications by Laclede Gas Co. of St. Louis. He was formerly director of financial communications at Smurfit-Stone Corp. and worked for Monsanto Co. In addition, he was a reporter for several St. Louis publications.

Glenn Rogers '79 was named group lean director for Parker Aerospace in Irvine, Calif., in July. He has 28 years of aerospace and other industry experience and, before joining Parker, was a lean consultant for various companies worldwide.

Pamela Wilson '79 has donated a copy of her second book, Puppy Pal Pointers: From the True Tails of Ripple and Jessie, to Morris Library in honor of her late uncle, R. Clifton Andersen, who was a professor and served as associate and interim dean of the College of Business and Administration during his 30 years at Southern. Wilson lives in Austin, Texas, where she teaches veterinary medical terminology at Austin Community College. She is also a program specialist in the Texas Department of State Health Services.

1980s

Navy Capt. Steven Nichols '82 has assumed command of Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton, Calif., after serving as commanding officer of the Fleet Hospital at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Nichols has received numerous awards and medals, including the Legion of Merit and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Michael Haywood '83 was honored as Educator of the Year 2005 at the INROADS/Chicago Inc. 35th Anniversary Gala Celebrating Excellence. Haywood is director of undergraduate recruitment and minority programs for the College of Business and Administration on SIU's Carbondale campus. He is pictured above left, with keynote speaker for the event, Kwame Jackson, who was a runner-up on the television show, The Apprentice.

Fabian DeRozario '85, M.S. '89 is a professional speaker/trainer in the areas of diversity, communications, customer service, and leadership. He has worked with organizations such as Delta Airlines, General Electric, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and numerous universities nationwide. He and his wife, Jesslyna, live in Atlanta, Ga., where he recently founded the Malaysian Association of Georgia. In addition to other community volunteer activities, he serves on the board of directors for the Georgia Society of Association Executives.

Mark Case '86 M.S. '88, was awarded Outstanding Non-Traditional Educator at a recent meeting of the North Carolina Science Teacher's Association in Greenboro, N.C. Case is director of the R.C. "Cliff" Payne Woodmen of the World Camp. He lives in Randleman, N.C.

Lonnae O'Neal Parker '88 was in Chicago for a book reading and signing last month. She is author of I'm Every Woman - Remixed Stories of Marriage, Motherhood & Work. A Pulitzer Prize-nominated reporter for the Washington Post, Parker writes about popular culture, youth culture, and race. She was a featured author in the November 2005 issue of Essence Magazine.

1990s

James Hetao Liu Ph.D. '91 was named the 2005 Madison Scholar in the College of Science and Mathematics at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. A professor in the department of mathematics and statistics, he is the author of more than 40 research papers and a textbook, A First Course in the Qualitative Theory of Differential Equations, which was published by Prentice Hall in 2003.

Holly Loy '91 writes that her father, Robert Loy '67, lived in University City with her mother, Jean, and brother, Marty '89, while working on his undergraduate degree. Her mother worked as a nurse at the student health services and at Carbondale Memorial Hospital. Holly is interested in looking for any former University City residents with stories to share, specifically relating to her parents and brother, who are now deceased. Anyone with a memory to share can email her at hollyloyesq@hotmail.com.

Michael Overturf '94 was married in November of 1997 in Wheeler, Texas. He is currently the manager of the O'Reilly Auto Parts Store in Effingham, Ill., where he lives with his wife, Mary.

2000s

Marine Corps 1st Lt. Michael Plucinski '02 was designated a Naval Aviator while serving with Training Air Wing One in Meridian, Miss. He was presented with the "Wings of Gold," marking the completion of months of flight training.

Four Southern graduates have been commissioned as Naval officers after completing the 13-week Officer Candidate School at the Officer Training Command in Pensacola, Fla. They are Navy ensigns Richard Dean '03, Charles Donaldson '03, Edward Tucker '03, and Brady Peters '04.

When Tim '01 and Amanda Barger were married earlier this year in the Chicago area, many family members and guests attending were SIU graduates. As the Bargers pose in the foreground, their large extended Saluki family is shown in the background following a wedding that appears to have had a Southern flavor about it.
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JANUARY

2  Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Wichita State, home, 8:05 p.m.
5  Saluki Men's Basketball at Indiana State, 6:05 p.m.
5  Saluki Women's Basketball vs. University of Northern Iowa, home, 12:05 p.m.
7  Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Bradley, home, 2:05 p.m.
8  Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Bradley, 2:05 p.m. Alumni Chili Luncheon (South Concourse) Noon - 1:30 p.m. Association members receive two free tickets per household to game. Contact Greg Scott at (618) 453-2408.
11 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Evansville, home, 7:05 p.m.
12 Saluki Women's Basketball at Missouri State, 7:05 p.m.
14 Saluki Men's Basketball at Drake, 7:05 p.m.
14 Saluki Women's Basketball at Wichita State, 2 p.m.
16 Saluki Men's Basketball at University of Northern Iowa, 7:05 p.m.
19 Saluki Men's Basketball at Missouri State, 7:05 p.m.
19 Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Creighton, home, 7:05 p.m.
21 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Missouri State, 7:05 p.m.
21 Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Creighton, home, 7:05 p.m.
21 SIU Alumni Appreciation Day: Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Drake, 2:05 p.m.
Details available at a later date.
22 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Illinois State, home, 2:05 p.m.
24 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Creighton, home, 7:05 p.m.
26 Blast!, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
28 Saluki Men's Basketball at Illinois State, 4:05 p.m., Pre-game reception.
28 Saluki Women's Basketball at Evansville, TBA

FEBRUARY

1  Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Indiana State, home, 7:05 p.m.
1 Russian National Ballet: Sleeping Beauty, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
2 Saluki Women's Basketball at Bradley, 7:05 p.m.
4 Saluki Men's Basketball at Wichita State, 11 a.m.
4 Saluki Women's Basketball at University of Northern Iowa, 2:05 p.m.
7 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Missouri State, home, 8:05 p.m.
10 Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Missouri State, home, 7:05 p.m.
10 The Bobs, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
11 Saluki Men's Basketball at Creighton, 1 p.m.
12 Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Wichita State, home, 2:05 p.m.
14 Saluki Men's Basketball at Bradley, 7:35 p.m., Pre-game reception.
17 Saluki Women's Basketball at Creighton, 7:05 p.m.
17 Broadway Pops, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
18 Saluki Men's Bracketbuster, home, TBA
18 Greater Michigan Alumni Chapter Winter Dinner Party
19 Saluki Women's Basketball at Drake, 2:05 p.m.
21 Saluki Men's Basketball at Evansville, 8:05 p.m.

MARCH

2-5 Saluki Men's Basketball MVC Tournament, St. Louis
2 Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Indiana State, home, 7:05 p.m.
3 Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Illinois State, home, 2:05 p.m.
7 Mozart and the Butterfly Lovers Concerto, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
9-12 Saluki Women's Basketball MVC Tournament, Springfield, Mo.
24 Mame, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7  SIU Official Class Ring Ceremony
April 15 Alumni Appreciation Baseball Tailgate
April 22 Alumni Appreciation Softball Tailgate
April 23 Chicago Area - A Wickedly Saluki Afternoon of Theatre
April 29 Central Florida Annual Picnic
May 3 SIU vs. SLU Baseball Pre-game Gathering

Greater Michigan Alumni Chapter Is Hosting A Winter Dinner Party
Saturday Evening, February 18, 2006
At Dave and Busters Restaurant and Entertainment Facility
45511 Park Avenue
Utica, MI 48315
Time: TBD
For more information, please contact Greater Michigan Chapter President, Dale Hall at (586) 421-0595 or via email at mossieoak@sbcglobal.net

The SIU Alumni Association Will Be Hosting Alumni & Friends For A Wickedly Saluki Afternoon Of Theatre

Broadway Performance of Wicked - The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz
Sunday, April 23, 2006
Reception at the Oriental Theatre 1:15 p.m.
Performance at 2 p.m.
Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre
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Lower Balcony - $99
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Due to the popularity of the performance and a limited block of tickets, sales are open to Association members until Jan 20. After Jan 20, open to all alumni and friends.
For more information, please call the SIU Alumni Association office at (618) 453-2408 or check our website at http://www.siualumni.com.
Carmen Piccone, Former Southern Football Coach

Carmen Piccone, 75, the eighth coach in the history of SIU football, recently died of an aortic aneurysm in Wynnewood, Penn. Before coming to Southern, he was a star football player at Temple University and was quarterback and co-captain of the football team.

When his former coach at Southern, Al Kawal, became head football coach at Southern in 1955, he hired Piccone as backfield coach, and in 1959 he succeeded Kawal as head coach, serving in that capacity until 1963. While at SIU he earned a master's degree in health education.

Piccone later was head coach at Virginia Military Institute and then was an offensive coordinator at Cornell University and at Trenton State University before returning to Temple in 1977 as offensive coordinator. For 10 years he was a scout for the New Orleans Saints and an assistant in the player personnel department of the Philadelphia Eagles.

His wife and former high school sweetheart, Dorothy, says that as a coach and mentor to young Saluki players, her husband stressed the importance of sportsmanship and character.

### Alumni Deaths
#### Winter '05/06

FINOLA, Anita O., '31 08/08/05, Tuscar, Ariz.

BOWEN, Virginia P., '32 08/08/05, Spartas, Ill.

KOHL, Elizabeth Lewis, '33 09/02/05, Belleville, Ill.

JOHNSON, Gladys Mio, ex '35 09/08/05, Atlanta, Ga.

LINDSEY, Anne W., '35 09/29/05, Marion, Ill.

YOUNG, James A., '35; M.S.Ed. '38 09/13/05, Marion, Ill.

HITT, Helen Ricks, ex '38 09/02/05, Bonita Springs, Fla.

BRADLEY, Marion F., ex '42 09/19/05, Carbondale, Ill.

DUNHOO, Virginia, '42; M.S.Ed. '55 10/03/05, Rocksville, Ill.

IVANUCK, Marion A., ex '43 10/1/05, Steeleville, Ill.

DAVIS, Ada (Kramer), '45 09/12/05, Marion, Ill.

RAGLAND, Tommy Lee, '45 09/17/05, Oak Park, Ill.

BISCHOF, Leidford "Dick," M.S.Ed. '47 10/10/05, Dekalb, Ill.

PERRI-BEARSON, Rosemary, ex '47 09/27/05, Springfield, Ill.

WHITTINGTON, Theime C., ex '47 10/09/05, Benton, Ill.

KENON, Norma J. (Thies), ex '49 10/02/05, Dupo, Ill.

NICHOLS Sw, James R., '49 08/16/05, Houston, Texas

STOTLAR, Monte Jean, ex '49 10/15/05, Carbondale, Ill.

CALHOUN, Daisy (Palmer), '50 08/03/05, Austin, Texas

FECKER, Billie E., '50 10/08/05, Danville, Ill.

MALONE, Robert L., '50; M.S.Ed. '51 10/12/05, Indian Head Park, Md.

ROBERTSON, George M., '50 09/11/05, Marion, Ill.

WELLS, George A., '51 07/25/05, Uitchfield, Ill.

WHITACRE, Maurice A., '51; M.A. '52 09/04/05, Carbondale, Ill.

MEDEBASS, Betty W., '52 09/15/05, Fijin, Ill.

ODELL, John D., '52 10/12/05, Springfield, Ill.

OSTREICH, Robert C., ex '52 10/21/05, Decatur, Ill.

DINWIDDIE, Carrie H., '53; M.S.Ed. '57 09/11/05, Columbus, Ind.

NEAL, Taylor A., '53 09/30/05, McLeansboro, Ill.

PEDIG, Paul R., '53; M.A. '56 09/01/05, Carbondale, Ill.

BARRINGER, Don Dean, '54; M.S.Ed. '60; Ph.D. '71, 10/02/05, Champaign, Ill.

LONG, Earl H., '54 09/10/05, West Frankfort, Ill.

AGER, John T., ex '54 09/12/05, Grand Chain, Ill.

BALLANCE, Donald D., '56 08/20/05, Cobden, Ill.

SEAGRAVES, Gayla C., '56 09/17/05, Phoenix, Ariz.

MACCLINTOCK, Terence W., M.S.Ed. '57 10/19/05, Murphyboro, Ill.

DINKA, Frank, M.A., '58 10/06/05, Springfield, Mo.

BOOKSTIVER, Charles W., '59 09/18/05, Du Quoin, Ill.

MAULDING, Donald, '59 09/22/05, Forsyth, Ill.
Kaplan Leaving Southern After 56 Years

In almost six decades of service at the University, retired physiology professor Harold Kaplan certainly has contributed to the growth of the campus from a small teachers’ college to a pre-eminent research institution.

He arrived in 1949 to start Southern's physiology department a year after President Delyte Morris came to the University. In subsequent years, the department and the campus showed tremendous growth.

Now, almost three decades after initially retiring from SIUC in 1977, Kaplan, a visiting professor in the School of Medicine's MEDPREP program, has officially bid farewell to the University. He is moving to Oklahoma City to be near one of his three children.

Kaplan, who turned 97 in September, provided nearly six decades of hard work and dedication to the University. It earned him the respect of colleagues, staff and former students. “Everybody treated me right and the kids liked me,” Kaplan recalls, explaining how a one-year decision to come to Carbondale turned into 56 years of commitment.

From a faculty and staff of one person, Kaplan subsequently served as department chair for 22 years. He headed the University's pre-medical training program, and the vivarium program three different times. “He has forgotten more physiology than I will ever know,” says Kathleen Jones, a visiting instructor and chair of the Student Progress Committee for the MEDPREP program. “He has a great sense of collegiality, professionalism, dedication, love of teaching and interaction with students.”

Kaplan also leaves a legacy of more than 200 publications to his credit and is the author of several books, taking his expertise in physiology and expanding that into areas including speech pathology and animal science. A pretty impressive career built on a move that was supposed to be brief.

“I intended to stay just one year before moving on, but President Morris got to know me and he liked me,” Kaplan says. “The University provided more faculty and equipment, and it turned out they wanted me to stay.”

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Join SIU alumni, friends, and fans for a catered breakfast featuring talks from a St. Louis business leader and former Southern athlete. Raffle tickets will be sold at the breakfast for a chance to win two tickets to all 2007 MVC Tournament games!

The breakfast will be held on Friday, March 3 from 8-11 a.m. at the St. Louis Pavilion, One South Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. Cost of the event is $35 per person (table prices are also available).

For more details go to: www.cba.siu.edu/mktg/MVC2006.htm
Former SIU President Delyte Morris is shown years ago standing atop a roof viewing the layout of the central portion of the University. Now more than three decades later, concepts proposed in Saluki Way would help mold a new core for the campus in the years ahead.
Glenn Poshard, former U.S. Congressman and one-time candidate for Illinois governor, recently was selected as President of Southern Illinois University, replacing James Walker, who announced his retirement last June. The new president will begin duties on Jan. 1.

Roger Tedrick '70, chair of the SIU Board of Trustees, announced Poshard's selection by the board saying, "I am pleased to bring the news that Southern Illinois University's future will be led by an individual that has meant so much to its past."

Carbondale campus Chancellor Walter Wendler added, "Dr. Poshard has been and will continue to be an articulate and passionate voice for Southern Illinois University. There is no question that he is well prepared to lead this University into a bright future."

A Life Member of the SIU Alumni Association, Poshard began a 40-year relationship with the University as an undergraduate student who would complete three degrees - a bachelor's in secondary education (1970), a master's in educational administration (1974) and a doctorate in administration of higher education (1984).

Poshard and his wife, Jo, who live in rural Carbondale, co-founded the Poshard Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that shelters and provides assistance to abused women and children in southern Illinois. His wife, a 1971 Southern graduate and a retired educator, will now serve as the main administrator of the foundation.

"I have often said that whatever I've been able to do with my life, I owe to this University," Poshard said. "The opportunity to advocate for and advance the interests of my alma mater is deeply appreciated."

Poshard, 60, began his professional career teaching and coaching in southern Illinois. He served the education community in several capacities until 1984 when he was appointed to fill a seat in the Illinois Senate to which he was re-elected in 1986. He won election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1988 and served in Washington until 1999.

After an unsuccessful bid for governor of Illinois in 1998, Poshard was named vice chancellor of administration at Southern's Carbondale campus, a post he held until retiring in 2003.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich named him to the SIU Board of Trustees in January 2004 and Poshard became the first three-degree SIUC graduate to serve that board. He resigned as board chair in June of this year, announcing his plans to seek the job of President.

As SIU President, Poshard will have a seat on the SIU Alumni Association's national board of directors. Ed Buerger, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association, says, "It is rewarding to see the University turn to one of its own and recognize his particular talents and passion."