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## WILL COAL BE KING AGAIN?

Southern's Coal Research  
Center Helping Develop  
New Uses For Illinois Coal

Inside: Southern Exposure, Salukis In Business, Class Notes, and more...

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# School Of Art & Design Is Up For A Challenge

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*H*arris Deller, director of the Southern Illinois University Carbondale School of Art & Design, is proud of his program's top notch faculty and their accomplishments – but he is not resting on any laurels.

Instead, he is facing a new challenge that has the potential to add \$1 million to the school's research and scholarship programs. He is looking to the University's alumni and friends to help raise \$500,000 that will earn a match from the Windgate Foundation, a strong supporter of the arts and particularly the SIUC School of Art & Design.

According to Deller there will be two separate endowments of \$250,000 each. "Ideally, the research endowment would reward work that is being done in existing programs and the scholarship endowment will be based on juried talent aimed at recruiting undergraduates."

Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement and Chief Executive Officer of the SIU Foundation, says "securing endowments that will generate money for faculty and student support are an important effort within the Opportunity Through Excellence Campaign for Southern now underway."

The Windgate Foundation has expressed the belief that there is tremendous talent and potential within the School of Art & Design and that there must be additional resources available for scholarship and research to strengthen the programs and attract and retain talented students.

"This has been an incredible year for the School of Art & Design," says Deller, citing creation of the \$1 million L. Brent Kington chair in blacksmithing, a program that has garnered national attention. Retired since 1997, Kington established the SIU program in the late 1960s. His graduate student and current head of the blacksmithing specialization, Richard "Rick" Smith MFA '92, will be the first to hold the chair.

School of Liberal Arts Dean Shirley Clay Scott says, "The challenge is a wonderful opportunity for supporting students and great for the entire school." Deller agrees and is hoping that all University alumni and members of the local art community will support the challenge. "If the art department is successful, then the rest of the University also will be successful," he says.

The school offers two undergraduate degrees and a master's in fine arts with specializations in art education, art history, ceramics, communication design, drawing, glass, industrial design, metal-smithing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture.

Contributions can be made payable to the SIU Foundation-Windgate Scholarship Endowment or SIU Foundation-Windgate Research Endowment. For more information on the challenge opportunity, contact Jill Gobert at 618-453-4563.



This ceramics class is in one of the school's specializations that also includes art education, art history, communication design, drawing, glass, industrial design, metalsmithing, painting, printmaking and sculpture.

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## ON THE COVER

Lee Buchsbaum's cover photo depicts a roof bolter at the ICG Viper Mine near Williamsville, Ill. If the state's coal industry stages a comeback, scenes such as this will be much more commonplace in southern Illinois.

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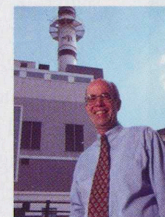
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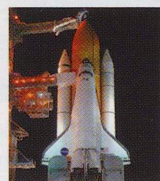
### A Return To King Coal

In a time when natural gas prices spiral to record heights, anxious consumers are beginning to have an increased interest in alternatives to help feed the nation's energy needs. One solution lies literally under their feet – Illinois has one of the largest coal reserves on the planet, and the SIUC Coal Research Center is helping find answers on how that coal can best be utilized.



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### A Saluki At NASA



Jeff Spaulding is Kennedy Space Center's Shuttle Test Director, one of only two such positions in the nation. The SIU Alumni Association Life Member spearheads half of the shuttle launches in the country – alternating with NASA's other Shuttle Test Director – and has dispatched nine shuttles into orbit. He says an Externship experience at Southern helped pave the way to his career at NASA.

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### The Making Of A Winner

No one can argue with the success being enjoyed by the Saluki softball team. With three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances on its resume, Southern boasts one of the nation's premier programs and is off to another fast start in 2006. The foundation for that success, however, was put in place many years before a state-of-the-art stadium served as home for the program.



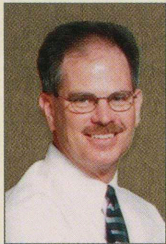
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### A Citizen Of The World



Although she has lived on nearly every continent for her work in the Foreign Service, Janice Jacobs still nurtures some deep roots in southern Illinois. A 1968 Southern graduate who recently completed three years as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services in the U.S. State Department, she will serve as the U.S.

Ambassador to the republics of Senegal and Guinea-Bissau, countries on the western coast of Africa.



It's not like Mike Riley really needed something else to do. In addition to being the manager of Carbondale's Sherwin-Williams Company, he is also a husband, father, and non-traditional senior at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. But the avid cyclist had a burning desire to do something to help fight cancer.

That's how *Spin4Life* was born.

Riley is serving as chairman of this first annual biking event, set April 27-30 throughout southern Illinois. The bicycle tour will consist of a ride totaling 230 miles divided into four legs. Each leg will begin at 8 a.m. in the Sherwin-Williams stores in Marion, Mt. Vernon, Effingham, and Centralia, with riders participating with pledges from individuals and businesses. All proceeds will benefit The SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute in Springfield.

Riley hopes *Spin4Life* will raise money and awareness for the fight against cancer, and predicts the event will grow into something bigger and better each year – not that expectations for the inaugural event are not lofty. "I'm hoping that around 150 riders will participate throughout the event," he says. "Through pledges from individuals and corporate support, we feel it might be possible to raise \$1 million.

"This money will help SimmonsCooper help all of us, and most have been impacted in some way by cancer," Riley says. "That has been evident recently at SIU."

President James Walker died last month after a lengthy battle with prostate cancer (see back cover), and Saluki football coach Jerry Kill recently announced he had a cancerous tumor removed from a kidney in January. Kill expects a full recovery and doctors found no evidence the cancer spread.

Riley hopes SIU alumni and friends will get involved with the event, either as a participant or a sponsor. He is also hopeful local businesses will come forward with support. Registration fees vary depending on how many legs of the ride one wants to participate in. A full list of fees, information, and registration forms are available at [www.spin4life.org](http://www.spin4life.org). Forms are also available at various Sherwin-Williams locations or by contacting Riley at 618-203-4645.

"I'm really excited about the possibilities," Riley says regarding *Spin4Life*. "We can all make a difference by being involved in this kind of event."



Mike Riley discusses plans for the Spin4Life bicycle event which will be held April 27-30 throughout southern Illinois.

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## Southern's Leadership Now On Board

Reading the December issue of *Southern Alumni*, I couldn't help thinking how far our University has come in the past few years. In the face of tremendous financial challenges from the state, Southern Illinois University Carbondale has found a way to move forward and progress. This has not been easy, nor will funding the dreams of "Saluki Way" come without dissenting voices, but the plan has a great chance to succeed because of leadership.

Chancellor Walter Wendler sounds like a leader this University has needed for many years. He will tackle tough issues and stay the course when he feels the institution will benefit. Now three-degree alumnus Glenn Poshard is SIU President bringing talents to compliment Wendler and form a team that will work for the common good of the institution.

A unified vision, teamwork, and a plan for the future – how long it has been since any of us could boast about *that* combination at SIU?

*Dan Williams, EX '72  
Chicago, Ill.*

## Excited About 'Saluki Way'

I want to thank the SIU Alumni Association for the last issue of *Southern Alumni* magazine. There were many great articles, photos, and informa-

tion concerning the proposed "Saluki Way" plan at the University which makes me quite proud.

It appears the people at SIUC, whether it is students, alumni, faculty, staff, or administration, are making every effort to connect the University's past, present and future. The in-depth and progressive questions detailed in *Southern Alumni* provide everyone with a solid foundation concerning the vision of Chancellor Walter Wendler.

Having administrators fighting for success at Southern, and staying on that course, is something all alumni should appreciate.

I wish the University well in the years ahead and thank you for a great December issue of *Southern Alumni*.

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

## Half Century Club Honoree Glad She Came Back

The pictures taken at SIU during our golden anniversary sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association reminded me how much I enjoyed attending the Half Century Club event on campus last Fall. I hesitated to make the effort – but I am so glad I did! Seeing old classmates and touring the campus was nice, but best of all was being pleasantly surprised to talk with Dr. Frank Klingberg and his wife after the banquet. He was my husband's advisor when we were on campus.

I have been widowed since 1996, but had first met my husband, Murrell Jones, in the

International Relations Club sponsored by Dr. Klingberg in 1949. One girl who lived at the Mastaba where my roommate and I lived told us she was going to the IRC club meeting, noting that "we sit around and talk government and politics." No one seemed interested until she added, "I'm the only girl in the club and there are lots and lots of guys." That did it. My roommate and I grabbed our sweaters and dashed after her.

After the first meeting this 6-4 skinny veteran came up to me (I stand 6-0 myself) and said, "You are supposed to be on my committee to make a float for the Homecoming Parade so I need your name, address, and phone number." My roommate (Jean Wallis '53) stood eagerly by to give him her vital information, but he said, "Since you live with Doris, she can pass the information along to you."

Murrell and I were married in 1951 and remained in school until he graduated in 1952. I dropped out to go where he found a job, but we returned two years later and I finished my degree in 1955. Seeing Dr. Klingberg and his wife was worth more than anything else and I treasure visiting with

them both. He was 97 and his wife was 95 last Homecoming Weekend, but they walked down the stairs, while I found – and needed – the elevator.

In the 1950s, several professors such as Dr. Klingberg invited students to their homes. I remember going to literature discussions with Dr. Faner, and Dr. Morris was the new president and often held open houses. Dr. Davies was one of my PE teachers, and Dr. McLeod was a brand new professor setting up the radio and theatre department.

Dr. Quigley was my roommate's advisor and gave us permission to use the sewing rooms to make my own wedding gown (on a \$20 budget). Those rooms were located on the first floor of Old Main on the circle where you could park your car if you had one.

Many of those professors now have a whole building named for them, so that says something about the quality of education I received while at SIU. So many memories came back during my visit to campus, and I am so thankful that my son *insisted* on taking me.

*Doris Alvey Jones '55  
Life Member  
Champaign, Ill.*

## Dear Readers...

**Y**our SIU Alumni Association is always eager to hear your opinions of Southern Alumni. As with all alumni magazines, we can only improve if we are being responsive to you, our readers. Therefore, we encourage you to take some time after you've read this issue of Southern Alumni to let us know what you're thinking. **Please mail your letters to:**

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We also invite you to send items and photographs of interest for the class notes section as well as submissions for Southern Memories. You can mail this information or send it by e-mail to the above addresses.

# More Value For You

## A New Look For Mélange

**M**élange Coffee Shop on the Carbondale strip is getting an extreme makeover both inside and out, and members of the SIU Alumni Association can enjoy the new features along with a 10 percent discount.

As a result of the remodeling there is a renovated bar area with full service and new and more comfortable seating. Friday and Saturday evenings will feature classical guitar music and appetizers.



The coffee shop was site of Sunday afternoon chamber music concerts during last year's three-week Southern Illinois Music Festival and hopes to participate in the festival again this year scheduled for June 16 to July 4.

Mélange, a SIU Alumni Association benefit partner since 2003, offers a daily fare of specialty coffee drinks, French pastries, bagels and sandwiches. Hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 10 or 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

## A Night At The Theater

**S**IU Alumni Association members can enjoy an evening at the theater by taking advantage of discounted tickets for shows in the annual Celebrity Series presented at Shryock Auditorium.



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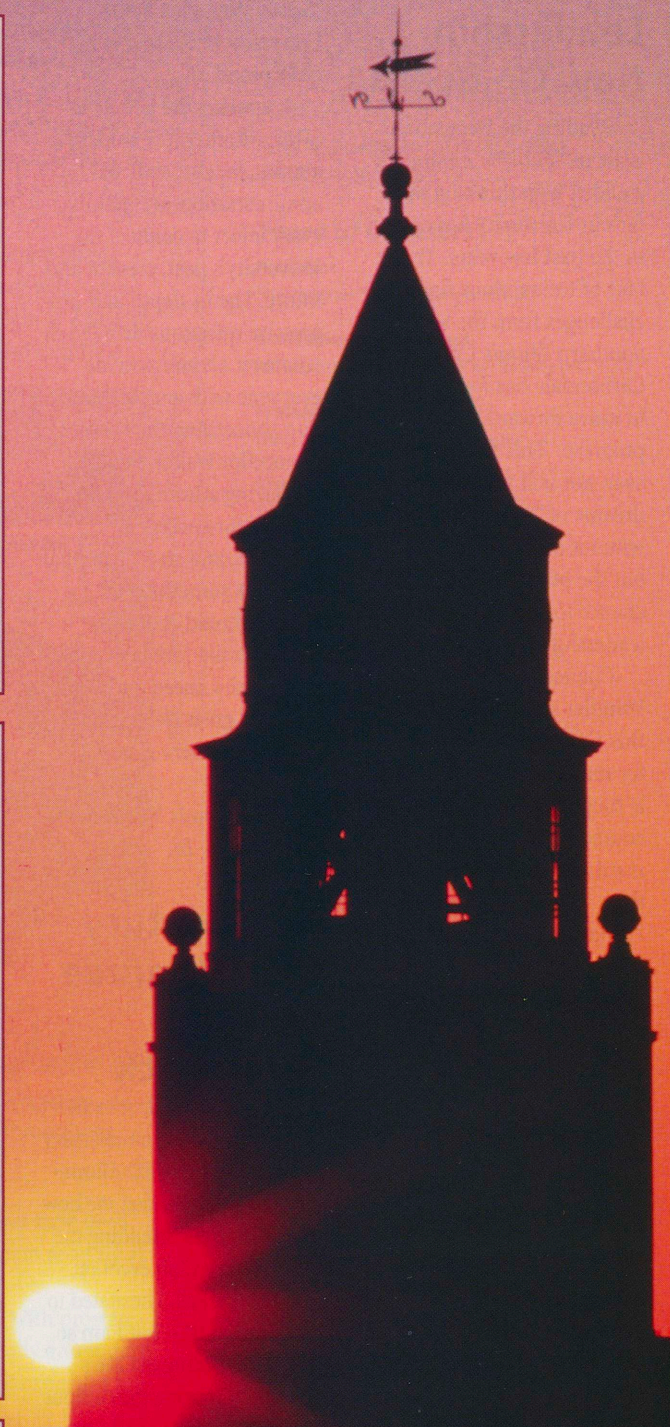
According to Bob Cerchio, director, shows for the upcoming 2006-2007 season will include the Dukes of Dixieland, Circus Nexus, a Las Vegas Cirque du Soleil-type show, Siegel Schwall Band featuring jazz and blues, and the modern dance company, Momix. For more information contact the Auditorium at 618-453-3370 or visit the Web site, [www.siu.edu/~shryock](http://www.siu.edu/~shryock).

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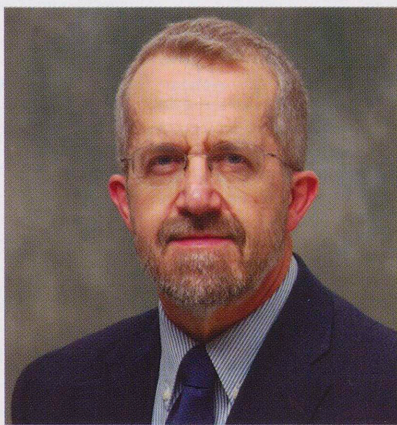
## Owens Leads School Of Architecture

A central Illinois native and 25-year veteran as both student and teacher at Southern Illinois University Carbondale is the first director of the newly formed School of Architecture at the University.

Terry Owens will oversee architecture, fashion design and merchandising and interior design programs in his new position. Paul Sarvela, dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, says Owens has a track record of success that makes him right for the position.

"He brings a tremendous amount of administrative experience to the job," Sarvela notes. "And he brings a healthy dose of good humor."

Owens says his first priority is establishing a master's of architecture degree, which currently is in the development and review stage at the



Terry Owens

University. The new degree program will accommodate recent changes in the licensing law for architects in the state of Illinois, Owens says. The law now requires students to graduate from a program accredited by the National Association of Architect

Boards. The new master's program will meet that requirement.

He is the first director of the school, established last year after the college was reorganized into four schools from seven departments. Three schools—architecture, allied health and information systems, and applied technology—are up and running. The fourth school, transportation, is nearly complete.

The three-degree alumnus has a long association with Southern. He received his associate of applied science degree in architecture technology from the University in 1980 and earned a bachelor of science degree in advanced technical studies here in 1981. Owens earned a master's degree in education in 1984. He began teaching at Southern in 1986 as an assistant professor, became associate professor in 1991, and has served as chairman of the Department of Applied Arts since 1993. ■

## Southern Student One Of Only 60 To Win National Honor



Fahran Robb

A student at Southern Illinois University Carbondale is one of just 60 college students nationwide named to the 2006 All-USA College Academic Team by USA Today.

The newspaper selected Fahran Robb, a Pinckneyville native majoring in agricultural information and political science, from a pool of more than 600 nominees. Robb, who also is pursuing minors in speech communication, environmental studies and agribusiness economics, is one of 20 members of the third team. She is the **first** SIUC student to receive the honor in the program's 17-year history.

The program honors full-time undergraduates who excel in scholarship and extend their abilities beyond the classroom to benefit society. Judges rated applicants based on grades, academic rigor, leadership, activities and an essay describing their most outstanding intellectual endeavor.

Robb, the daughter of Sam and Myrna Robb, says making the team has been her dream since high school, where she attended agriculture classes under her favorite teacher – her father. She credits him with sparking her intense interest in agriculture and environmental issues.

"My dad was the agriculture education instructor at Pinckneyville High School for 37 years and just recently retired," Robb says. "I took four years of classes with him and he really got me interested in it."

Rick Williams, director of the University Honors Program, says Robb's award will bring other high-achieving students to the University.

"Not only that, but it will help make those top quality students who are already here – and there are many – realize they too can compete not just in the classroom but also at a national level," he notes. "That is a great obstacle that awards like this help us to leap over. This award shows we are in fact a competitor with the best schools in the country."

Gary Minish, dean of the SIUC College of Agricultural Sciences, nominated Robb for the honor. She also gathered letters of recommendation and wrote an essay on her 2005 white paper for the National Corn Growers Association on biomass conversion to ethanol.

The 21-year-old has specific interests in alternative fuels, such as ethanol, and preserving natural resources.

"I'd like to work in Washington, maybe at the (U.S. Department of Agriculture) or a think tank on agriculture and environmental issues," says Robb, a third-year Southern student with enough credit hours for senior status. "It's always been part of my life, and I want to improve policy for farmers and the environment."

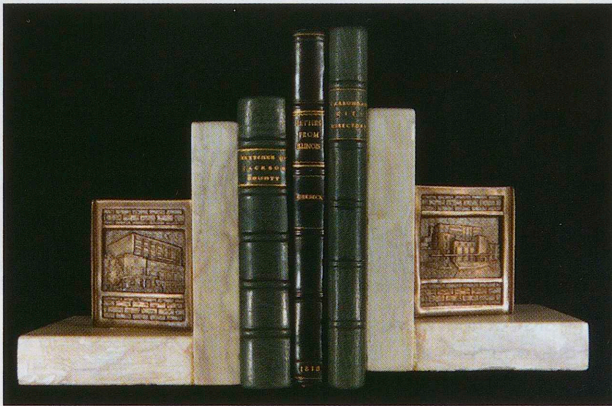
She plans to pursue graduate studies at either Cornell University or Yale University, aiming for joint degrees in agribusiness economics and law. But when it came time to choose a university to begin her higher education, Robb said Southern was a natural choice.

"All my family have gone here – my mom, dad, older sister, everyone," she says. "I have strong ties to the University and received a lot of scholarships. It's a beautiful campus and all my professors are extremely friendly and helpful." ■

## Limited Edition Library Bookends Available

**H**andcrafted marble and bronze bookends fashioned from materials salvaged from Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Morris Library are still available. The bookends feature Saint Anne vein marble hewn from the countertops of the library's information and circulation desks.

metalsmithing and jewelry at Southern, features a bronze book with the original and future facades of Morris Library. The book's spine depicts the design scheme found in and around the Special Collections Research Center at the library. Richard McGriff, stonemason at SIUC, worked the salvaged marble into



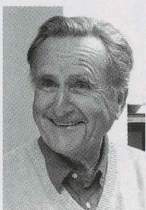
Workers are replacing those desks as part of the ongoing five-year, \$42 million renovation of Morris Library. The University commissioned fewer than 100 of the bookend sets, which sell for \$350 each.

The bronze portion of the piece, created by Richard Mawdsley, visiting professor of

shape for the pieces.

The University will include a certificate of authenticity with each set. Funds from the sale benefit a general activities fund for the library. For more information or to order a set, contact Kristine McGuire at [kmcguire@lib.siu.edu](mailto:kmcguire@lib.siu.edu) or call (618) 453-1633.

## Tribute To Moe Set During Theatre Gala Weekend



Christian Moe

A tribute to Christian Moe is the highlight of the weekend. Moe was a member of the

**S**outhern's Theater Department will hold a Gala Alumni Reunion Weekend April 7-8 to celebrate the 40th anniversary

season of the department's main performance facility, The McLeod Theater.

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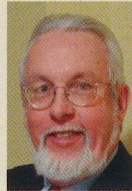
Department faculty from 1958-1998 and served as the Department Chair from 1989-1997. During that time he directed numerous productions and was instrumental in the training and education of hundreds of students.

Tickets for the weekend, which include all events, are \$50 for adults and \$25 for children/students. For more information, contact the SIUC Theater Department at 618-453-5741 or the publicity office at 618-453-7589.

## On The Side

### Basanta Named To Distinguished Professorship

**W**. Eugene Basanta, a nationally recognized expert in health law and policy at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, will serve as the law school's inaugural Southern Illinois Healthcare Professor of Law.



Basanta is "a gifted colleague," law school Dean Peter Alexander says. "He has a national reputation in health law and policy and is a member of the faculty who contributes greatly to the day-to-day operations, as well as the long-term goals of the School of Law."

The professorship recognizes a senior law school faculty member who has given much to the school throughout their career—and is tied to law, medicine and health policy issues. There are gifts and pledges totaling \$180,000 to support the professorship, with the lead gift coming from Southern Illinois Healthcare Inc. The goal is \$250,000.

"I feel honored for the recognition that it brings to the program," says Basanta, who is health law center co-director with professor Marshall Kapp, the law school's Garwin Distinguished Professor of Law and Medicine.

Basanta is "the perfect recipient" for the professorship, notes Carbondale surgeon and SIH board member Dr. Marsha Ryan. SIUC is one of only 20 programs nationwide to offer dual law and medical degrees.

"He has spearheaded the effort in law and medicine for both the law school and medical school for years and has single-handedly helped create a very well-respected law and medicine program," she says.

### Costello's Help Saves University \$1.3 Million

**U**.S. Rep. Jerry Costello recently had good news for Southern Illinois University officials. Agencies in Washington have agreed that \$1.27 million the University received to renovate Evergreen Terrace in 1988 is a grant, not a loan.

"I am pleased that we were able to convince HUD that this was indeed a grant," says Costello. "Often in situations such as this it is nearly impossible to convince the agency that it is in error, particularly when the money was provided almost two decades ago. This is one of the most effective roles we play for the University and our constituents—that of advocate and liaison with the federal government."

Costello also gave credit to Illinois' U.S. Senators, Richard Durbin and Barack Obama, for joining him in sending a joint letter to HUD last year explaining the situation and asking for a review of the funding history.

SIU President Glenn Poshard says the decision by HUD clears the way for the University to pay off the mortgage on the complex. "We were first told by HUD that this money was a HUD loan and must be repaid along with 17 years of interest. HUD was intransigent until we asked Congressman Costello to help."

"His advocacy has saved SIU more than \$1.3 million and made it possible for us to move forward with our plans to upgrade and improve Evergreen Terrace. We are very thankful for his efforts and continued support and for the willingness of HUD to be open to our concerns," Poshard concludes. "We also extend our thanks to Sen. Dick Durbin and Sen. Barack Obama. Their efforts also made a difference."

Chancellor Walter Wendler says the decision will help the University as it moves ahead with plans to purchase the buildings in the future.

## Music School's Recording Studio Takes Shape

The \$11 million makeover of Altgeld Hall resulted in new interiors, utilities and a 20,000-square-foot addition. But the final piece of the renovation is taking shape in a small room deep inside the 109-year-old building housing the Southern Illinois University Carbondale School of Music.

Brian Wagner, music instruction specialist, is hooking up the building's new professional-quality recording studio. The studio, some of which still sits in factory packaging, will provide students with the opportunity for increased hands-on experience in recording live music. In turn, it will strengthen Southern's course offerings aimed at aspiring music business professionals.

The studio equipment is a balance of cutting-edge digital recording equipment and tried-and-true classic analog pieces. Wagner, a 25-year veteran of working with broadcast and recording equipment, says students will get a good balance of experience using the equipment.

"It's close to state-of-the-art. It has some of the latest computer-driven equipment out there," Wagner stresses. "I tried to think down the road with the equipment. It's nice stuff. For students to get hands-on experience like this, that's rare."

Gone are the days of wide tape rolling through a reel-to-reel machine. In most cases, a computer will handle much of the front-end processing of incoming sound signals before turning them into digital information and storing it on a hard drive. Students will gain experience using well-established professional recording software to make their recordings.

Included in the \$150,000 budget for studio equipment are several remote recording units and high-quality microphones. Wagner says engineers also will be able to record two events at two places at the same time, if necessary.

Once the studio is finished, techni-



Robert Weiss, director of the SIUC School of Music (left), watches Music Instruction Specialist Brian Wagner at the controls in the new recording studio.

icians and students will be able to record performances in the orchestral and jazz band rehearsal rooms, which lie on either side of the recording studio separated by walls and large windows. Construction crews also took the oppor-

tunity presented by the building-wide makeover to run dozens of cables through the structure to nearby Shryock Auditorium, making it possible to record performances there using the top-notch equipment in the studio. ■

### Der Wins SIU Alumni Association's 2005 Outstanding Thesis Award

A plant biologist is the 2005 winner of the SIU Alumni Association Outstanding Master's Thesis Award. The Association recently selected Joshua Der for his work titled "Molecular Phylogenetics and Classification of Santalaceae."



With his advisor, Daniel Nickrent, professor in the Department of Plant Biology, Der examined the evolutionary relationships within the sandalwood family, which includes plants such as mistletoe and sandal tree. Der used DNA sequence data to infer the relationships among genera and, in turn, to revise the classification of the major groups within the family.

The SIU Alumni Association will honor Der and Nickrent during the April 2006 national board meeting where he will receive a \$500 honorarium. He also will receive recognition during the May 2006 graduation ceremony.

Der, a native of Westminster, Calif., currently is pursuing a doctorate in biology at Utah State University. He hopes to teach and do research in the university setting. ■

## Southern Opens First Research Park Building

**S**outhern Illinois University Carbondale continues to find innovative ways to contribute to the growth of the region's economy. University and community leaders recently marked the newest chapter in that ongoing effort with the grand opening of the first new building in the Southern Illinois Research Park. The park is on the south side of the campus, near the intersection of U.S. Highway 51 and Pleasant Hill Road.

"This facility and others that we hope will follow in the Southern Illinois Research Park, will further enhance our region's economy by offering outstanding facilities that will attract high-tech, research and knowledge-based businesses," Chancellor Walter Wendler says.

He acknowledged the continuing support of state legislators, state agency officials and members of the congressional delegation. In particular, Wendler pointed out that U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Bellefonte, shepherded nearly \$2 million in federal grants and appropriations since the unveiling of plans for the research park six years ago. Just last August, Costello presented SIUC officials with \$1 million to build additional access and roadways in the research park.

The one-story, multi-tenant building is near the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development



U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Bellefonte, was among the speakers at the grand opening of the first new building in the Southern Illinois Research Park at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Also participating were, from left, SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler, SIUC President Glenn Poshard and Associate Vice Chancellor Raymond Lenzi.

Center, the anchor of the research park. The new building will accommodate six to nine enterprises with around 100 employees and an annual payroll of \$5 million.

Raymond Lenzi, associate vice chancellor for economic and regional development and executive director of the research park,

says the new facility represents the economy of the future.

"SIUC and the research park together will play a historic role in creating new technologies, educating the workforce and creating the businesses and jobs for the 21st century," he says.

## Southern Grad Wins Two Emmys In Texas

by Becky Malkovich

**A** Texas television producer with southern Illinois roots continues to receive awards for the work she is doing at a Houston television station.



Gayle Beatty Halvorsen '90, a Benton

native and Southern graduate, is the director of on-air promotions at KHWB, a WB station affiliate located in Houston, the nation's 10th largest market. Halvorsen was most recently awarded two National Television Academy Emmys for her work at the station, a part of the academy's very competitive Lone Star region.

Halvorsen, the daughter of Bill and Kay Beatty of Benton, won her Emmys for her

work on two different productions: one for a public service announcement for the Houston Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the other for her promotional campaign for the station's WB LOL Comedy block of shows.

The Emmy wins represent the first for both Halvorsen and her station. In addition, Halvorsen recently won two "Froggy" awards from the WB Network. One Froggy was awarded for the same public service announcement as her Emmy win, while the other was for a promotional spot for a syndication tie-in.

The awards come as good career choice acknowledgment for a woman who "sort of fell into TV," she says. "I started as a musical theater major at Texas Christian University, but once I got there, they changed their program. I decided to go into TV. Since SIUC was one of the top schools for broadcasting, I came back to go to school," says the 1984 Benton Consolidated High School graduate.

She dove into the opportunities afforded her at the University, working for WSIU


and helping coordinate fund-raising drives. She also spent time in the area working for The Southern Illinoian and WSIL-TV before beginning her TV station-hopping climb up the ladder.

She joined the Houston WB station as the company was preparing to launch a 9 p.m. local newscast. "They were looking for someone to promote the broadcast, and I jumped at the opportunity," she says. Her current duties include promotion, writing, producing, editing and managing.

Halvorsen feels her success in the television field may not be that surprising to those who graded an aptitude test she took as a high school student. The test showed her skills were particularly well-suited for television writer/producer.

"I guess it was just a natural progression. My dad owned a radio station when I was young, and I've pretty much always been involved in radio, television or promotion," she says. "I guess it's a perfect fit."

— Malkovich is a writer at the Southern Illinoian and a 1965 SIU graduate.



**THE  
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SIUC Coal Research Center Director John Mead sees great things ahead for the region's coal industry.



Photo by Jeff Garner

**Southern's Coal Research Center Helps  
Support Development Of New Uses For Illinois Coal**

**BY GENE GREEN**

Mining Photos By Lee Buchsbaum



Underground miners are shown above at the former Zeigler 11 Mine in Coulterville, now operated as the Gateway Mine by Peabody Energy.

The United States has seemingly reached the point where each new sign of unrest in the Middle East is reflected the next day at the gas pump or in utility bills. In a time when natural gas prices spiral to record heights and oil inches near a staggering \$70 per barrel, anxious consumers are beginning to have an increased interest in alternatives to help feed the nation's energy needs.

One solution lies literally under our feet: Illinois has one of the largest coal reserves on the planet.

"Only Montana has more coal reserves than Illinois," says SIUC Coal Research Center Director John Mead. "And new technology can go a long way in turning that high sulfur coal into clean, gasified material which can be more than competitive in price and help break the dependence on foreign oil."

The Coal Research Center, established at the University in 1974, was initiated in part due to the concern of the scarcity of natural gas and a reaction to the energy crisis of 1973. In the three decades since, energy issues have come almost full circle, as the Center continues to study and support the development of innovative, environmentally safe technologies for mining and the use of coal.

“Following that initial great interest in using domestic coal instead of foreign oil, there was a subsequent phase where most of the ideas at the national level concerning synthetic fuel were passed over,” Mead explains. “Now with the cost of oil and the instability in the Middle East, coal is a hot topic once again.”

Even United States President George W. Bush, a native of Texas, appears to agree. During his Feb. 1, State of the Union Address, Bush stressed, “America is addicted to oil, which is often imported from unstable parts of the world.”

If America is truly ready to break that addiction, Mead says Illinois coal is poised to be a major part of the cure.

### A COAL EVOLUTION

“A decade ago, natural gas was a growing source of fuel for electric power production and viewed as a cleaner way to produce electricity,” Mead notes. “But as gas prices started to go up, the use of those types of power plants went down because they were too expensive to run. The use of coal to generate electricity is now much more in vogue again.”

“At a time when this country is forced to import large amounts of liquefied gas from the Middle East, the use of coal for this purpose has tremendous potential, is a domestic product, and certainly would be cost competitive with imported fuel.”



Cecil “Junior” Shockley on his Cat at the former Old Ben Ziegler 11.

In the 1900s, coal was a major player on the Illinois economic scene, once employing more than 50,000 miners. The Illinois mining industry boasted 18,000 employees as recently as 1980, but that number has now declined to approximately 3,500 people who produce about half the amount of coal it did 25 years ago.

“Most of that decrease is due to productivity, with automation claiming many jobs,” Mead says. “But sales also tanked in the 1990s. The good news is that we are now poised to create new energy-conversion plants that can be located adjacent to a mine, producing mining jobs, construction jobs and operation positions—all exporting products of tremendous value that will impact the local economy.”

“Right now most of the coal leaves the state—in fact, we sell more coal to Florida than anywhere else—but the future points to coal serving as a way to actually produce fuel and energy products here at home. With improvements regarding environmental aspects in place, there is a renewed interest in Illinois coal that provides alternatives to traditional power plants.”

Geological surveys have estimated that United States coal reserves exceed the energy equivalent of Middle East oil and, in fact, show Illinois alone has resources equivalent to one-third of all of the oil in the Middle East. (The Middle East is estimated to have 685 billion barrels of oil in reserve, with Illinois coal estimated at producing the equivalent of 218 billion barrels).

“Coal today is not just something that is burned and turned into electricity, although that is mostly what is used for right now,” Mead says. “Coal can be turned into transportation liquid, natural gas, and other feed stocks. If our country has the *will* to use coal in these ways, we *certainly* have the technology.”

## THE FUTUREGEN PROJECT

One project on the horizon that could impact Illinois is FutureGen, an initiative to build the world’s first integrated sequestration and hydrogen production research power plant. The \$1 billion project is intended to create the world’s first zero-emissions fossil fuel plant.

The initiative will, in part, be a government/industry partnership intended to eliminate environmental concerns associated with coal utilization. This will be a “living prototype” with future technology innovations incorporated into the design as needed.

Although no decision has yet been reached on where the project will be based, Mead feels Illinois—with deep saline aquifers available to safely

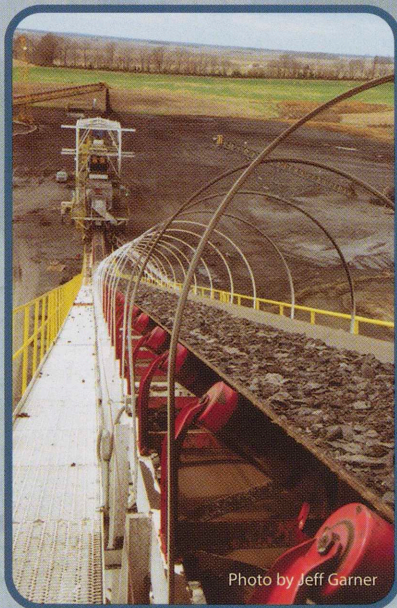


Photo by Jeff Garner

Coal is shown above being sent to a cleaning plant at the Willow Lake Mine near Harrisburg, Ill.

## SIUC RESEARCHER USES COAL TO GENERATE HYDROGEN

Imagine pulling into your nearest Perrier station and filling your car’s fuel tank with water. It could be done, maintains an engineer at Southern Illinois University Carbondale—maybe sooner than you think.

“Twenty years ago we had stationary phones, and you had to wait in line to talk on a pay phone,” says Tomasz Wiltowski, an associate professor of mechanical engineering and energy processes. “But technology caught up and now we have cell phones. Technology will do the same with fuel—it has to.

“Producing fuels in an economically and environmentally acceptable manner is a huge problem and will be more of a problem in the near future. The car is part of our daily life. We have to do something in order to have fuel.”

In Wiltowski’s lab, that something involves the production of hydrogen that could be used to drive a car, among other things. The source of this hydrogen? Good, old-fashioned coal.

“There are different numbers on our oil reserves—I think it’s something like 40 or so years until we run out—but we have plenty of coal, something like 400 years’ worth, and it can be used to produce cleaner energy,” Wiltowski says.

Coal, especially the high-sulfur coal found in Illinois, has a bad rep as a dirty fuel. That’s true when it’s burned, Wiltowski admits, but who says you have to burn it? Wiltowski is focusing on gasification, a process that turns solid coal into a gas made mostly of hydrogen and carbon monoxide. The resulting “syngas,” when burned, produces nearly twice as much usable energy as coal.

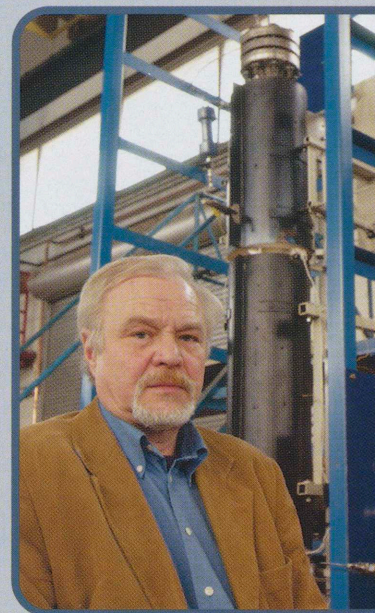
“There are not many centers in the U.S. working to produce hydrogen from coal; we are one of the few,” Wiltowski notes. While syngas burns cleaner than coal, it does produce carbon dioxide, a major “greenhouse” gas associated with global warming. So Wiltowski is taking gasification one step further, breaking the syngas down into its two components, then oxidizing the carbon monoxide to make carbon dioxide. The beauty of this approach, he says, is that it produces extremely pure forms of both hydrogen and carbon dioxide.

Wiltowski has come up with a combination gasifier/reactor that can turn coal into gas and then turn that gas into hydrogen and carbon dioxide in 15-minute cycles. He adds water to the gasifier at the beginning of the process. When it turns to steam, not only does it speed up the process, but the steam (basically vaporized water) lends its hydrogen to the syngas.

“It produces about 60 percent more hydrogen than would normally be available in the syngas stream,” Wiltowski says.

One of the reactions in the process generates heat; the other requires it. To further cut costs, Wiltowski uses the generated heat from the one to power the other. In yet another cost-saving feature, the reactor where all this takes place has two chambers, each capable of running both reactions. Switching back and forth between the two allows the reactor to run continuously with no down time.

Wiltowski is thinking ahead to the next step: turning some of that pure hydrogen into fuel for cars, truck, buses and the like. Many



Southern’s Tomasz Wiltowski

researchers are working on some variation of fuel cells that combine hydrogen and oxygen to produce enough electricity to run an engine.

“I don’t believe the design of the gasoline engine would have to be transformed to run on hydrogen; perhaps all you would have to do is change the timing,” he says. “The problem is, how can you store the hydrogen in the car and what kind of a fuel tank would you need? We are starting to work on that now in my lab.

“Three graduate students and three (post-doctoral researchers) are working on my research projects. And since we have an automotive department on campus, our plan is to work with them and get an engine to see how well it would operate on hydrogen. It’s important to work on this; we don’t have many other solutions.

“We don’t have much in our oil reserves. Once they are empty, that’s it.”

—by K.C. Jaehnig





Charles "Peaches" Gude, one of the first African-American miners to be employed as management, was superintendent of the massive John Ross Coal Preparation plant owned and operated by Old Ben. The plant was shut down when the mines it served closed due to the provisions of the Clean Air Act. Gude is shown here in his former office in April 2002. This photograph by Lee Buchsbaum has been featured on the cover of *The Southern Illinoisan* and has been shown throughout Illinois, the United States, and abroad as part of the Coal Research Center's "Working in the Seams: The African-American Coal Miners of Southern Illinois" series.

retain sulfur dioxide—is certainly in the running.

"It would be my guess that Ohio and Texas will probably be in line with Illinois to produce the best proposals for hosting FutureGen," Mead says. "Illinois is a highly industrial state with agriculture as its biggest industry. We have tremendous universities, intellectual capital, and plenty of coal. That is a fantastic combination."

Not only will FutureGen be able to safely produce energy from coal, but it will also be able to transfer energy from the hydrogen captured from coal, also known as coal gasification. (See accompanying story for gasification breakthroughs.)

FutureGen is expected to require 10 years to complete and would be led by an industrial consortium representing the

coal and power industries, with the project results being shared among all participants and the industry as a whole. A decision on the location is expected in the next year.

#### THE CENTER AT WORK

The SIUC Coal Research Center uses University faculty in the development and operation of a variety of funded projects and proposals. Faculty and students at Southern from such diverse fields as engineering and technology, science, business, education, law and agriculture have contributed to the University's international reputation in energy and environmental research.

Mead has been at the University since 1989, working previously in Springfield advancing coal development for the State

of Illinois. Although the Coal Research Center is a little more than three decades old, he notes that Southern has been a leader in the field for much longer than that.

"This University has been involved in the environmental aspects of coal since the 1950s through the Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory," he says. "The pioneering work done by Willard Klimstra and others did a great deal to advance the reclamation of surface mining."

Mead stresses that work from those early years is a partner in what is happening today in the industry.

"Coal as a part of our national energy strategy has returned, and there has already been a tremendous amount of study on this completed at SIU," Mead says. "We

have made great strides regarding environmental improvements, and that has helped renew interest in coal."

Despite the world energy situation, Mead feels there will not be instant changes apparent regarding the Illinois coal industry, but says that the upside is tremendous.

"There is a definite strengthening of demand for high-sulfur coal, and we have enormous reserves that can carry this country for hundreds of years," he stresses. "Illinois coal can be used as an alternative feed stock for the production of many materials and chemicals made from natural gas today. It can even be made into synthetic natural gas."

And while coal from most areas of the country can be turned into these products, Illinois coal has desirable char-

acteristics in terms of its heating content and chemistry, while being one of the most heavily researched and studied coals in the world. And the future use of such research may not be too far off.

"We are looking at projects right now that include the production of synthetic natural gas. This would put a synthetic product right in the pipeline and be indistinguishable from natural gas from wells," Mead notes. "None of this is a dream; we can indeed make it happen."

### OPPORTUNITY ON THE HORIZON

After being a bit of a sleeping giant in this region for years, Mead sees many signs pointing to Illinois coal returning to the forefront.


"We are seeing a confluence of the maturing of technology, the maturing of our scientific attitudes on what can be done, while realizing that these things are both desirable from an energy standpoint and worth the capital risk involved to build them. The opportunities exist in ways around here that haven't been possible in a generation."

He says the passage of last summer's federal energy plan was a key initiative and that plans are now in place for the commercial development of new technology. This combination will facilitate industry—in collaboration with government—to come forward and take advantage of these opportunities.

Mead feels coal has been thought of as a hidden industry of sorts, as it is

based in the generation end of our electric utility system. "People don't think about it; you flip a switch and the power is there. But it wouldn't be there without coal. In the coming years we may be saying the same things about liquid fuels, transportation fuels, natural gases and petroleum-produced chemicals, because at the *beginning* of those pipelines will be coal."

And when that happens, coal might be able to put that crown back on its head again.

"Coal is going to be king again," Mead predicts. "And the exciting part is that because of the new technology that has been refined, it is going to be back in a cleaner, better and more sustainable way than most ever thought possible." 

## SIU'S PEABODY COAL CONNECTION

by Lee Buchsbaum

If not for the vast quantities of high-energy coal that lies beneath most of southern Illinois, there might not be much of a population living above it.

Since its discovery under what was then Herrin's Prairie in the 1880s and the realization that this coal was part of a massive formation, mining companies from across the world have been extracting the precious material from below Little Egypt.

Hand in hand with the growth and subsequent electrification of the city of Chicago, a small coal brokerage firm named Peabody Coal constructed its first mine in rural Williamson County near Marion in 1895, and gradually acquired thousands of acres of the Illinois Basin's vast reserves. Throughout the 20th century Peabody maintained a leadership position across the Midwest, constructing and producing from scores of mines across central and

southern Illinois and employing generations of coal miners.

Today Peabody Energy, headquartered in St. Louis, is the world's largest private-sector coal mining company producing from mines throughout the nation, in Australia, and Venezuela as well. Its coal products fuel more than 10 percent of all U.S. electricity and 3 percent of world-wide electricity. But much of its corporate and leadership roots, coal reserves and holdings still remain in Illinois.

### SALUKIS IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

As Peabody has grown throughout the world, they've often had Southern Illinois University Carbondale graduates in leadership positions, including outgoing President and CEO Irl Engelhardt (MBA 1972) and current Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Richard Navarre (Bachelor of Science in Accounting 1982).

Engelhardt, raised in Pinckneyville, joined Peabody

in 1979 and rose to its highest position in 1990. While in that role, he helped pilot the company's transformation towards an independently controlled, publicly held, profitable transnational corporation while cementing Peabody's reputation as a world class, innovative supplier of low-cost energy.

Navarre, who joined Peabody in 1993 as Director of Financial Planning, is also on the Board of Advisors to Southern's College of Business and Administration and the School of Accountancy. He is responsible for the Peabody's financial activities, information technology and has played a leadership role in helping the company develop markets in China.

"Illinois has enough coal to

produce all of America's electricity for 50 years," Navarre says. "Fully utilizing these technologies will enable us to transform abundant Illinois Basin reserves into other valuable energy sources, like synthetic natural gas, transportation fuels and hydrogen."

At the beginning of this century, Peabody – which

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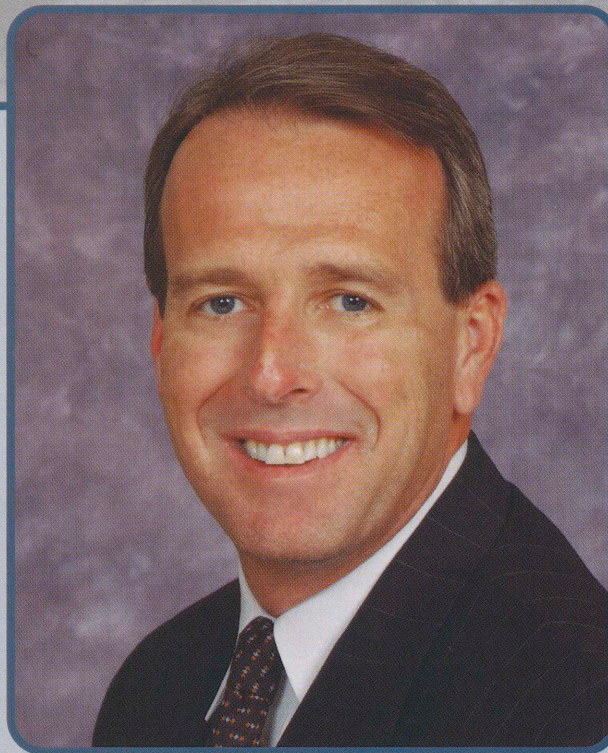
controls over 2.4 billion tons of Illinois coal reserves – announced and embarked on an aggressive series of cutting edge coal conversion energy projects to redefine and enhance the value and uses of southern Illinois coal. This activity is expected to ultimately lead to the investment of billions of dollars throughout the region and the creation of thousands of high paying energy sector jobs. As these projects come to fruition, the company is fast becoming the largest private investor in the state.

Although Illinois has seen its production dwindle with a lack of market for its higher sulfur coal, Peabody spokesperson Beth Sutton points out, “with tens of billions of coal resources, Illinois should be one of the energy capitals of the world.”

#### NEW MINES ARE JUST A BEGINNING

Over the past six years, the company has developed five new mines in the state – but that is only the beginning. Peabody is also majority owner in a partnership to construct a cutting edge technology, low emissions power plant in Lively Grove (southwestern Washington County). Named the Prairie State Energy Campus, Peabody is partnering with several other corporations and electricity providers to build what they hope will become one of the first of a new fleet of power generating plants that takes advantage of emerging methods of emissions controls while much more efficiently creating electricity from coal.

Prairie State is a planned 1,500 megawatt generation plant that will be fueled by a new 6 million ton per year coal mined sited adjacent to the station—thus collapsing some of the associated transportation costs. Electricity from the



Navarre, a 1982 graduate of Southern, is Chief Financial Officer of Peabody Energy.

plant will be distributed throughout the Illinois power grid and transmitted to Midwest communities.

Combined with the coal mine, Prairie State is expected to create over 450 skilled, permanent jobs with wages that are estimated to be more than 40 percent higher than the state average. During the peak of the four year construction phase, the project will need over 2,000 workers.

A recent study prepared by SIUC concluded that Prairie State would inject over \$2.8 billion into the Illinois economy in new spending, job creation and economic activity spread over 30 years, translating to \$93 million per year – most in rural downstate communities.

Even more promising, by utilizing emerging technology it is now possible to begin to profitably convert coal to a synthetic natural gas. Utilizing what Peabody terms “Btu Conversion” technologies (Btus or British thermal units, are a way of measuring the energy capacity in coal), coal today can be trans-

formed into other high demand energy forms such as diesel and jet fuels, natural gas and even hydrogen.

“Our country’s natural gas prices,” stresses Navarre, “have more than quadrupled from 1990 levels and the average home is facing a 48 percent rise in gas-fired heating bills this winter. We’re pursuing development of what would be one of the largest coal-to-natural gas plants in the United States and this project, we’re happy to say, will be sited in Illinois.”

Presently, ConocoPhillips and Fluor Corp. have begun preliminary engineering and design work for the project. The partnership “combines the strength of industry leaders in advancing a major Btu conversion opportunity that provides an alternative to scarce U.S. natural gas,” says Peabody current President and Chief Executive Officer Gregory Boyce. These technologies, he notes, “will significantly expand the market for coal” and more fully utilize Illinois’ vast coal reserves to help power the nation.

#### CHANGING THE VALUE OF ILLINOIS COAL

In October of 2005, Peabody purchased a 30 percent interest in Econo-Power International Corporation, which owns and markets modular coal gasifiers for industrial applications. The EPIC process works particularly well using coal products from the Illinois Basin. A typical industrial application would use more than 200,000 tons of coal per year to fuel four gasifiers, producing the equivalent of 4 billion cubic feet of natural gas.

The EPIC and ConocoPhillips projects are the largest coal to natural gas endeavors to be developed in the U.S. in more than two decades and could literally transform the value of Illinois coal.

Using new technologies, one ton of coal can make roughly two barrels of diesel or jet fuel or gasoline. Taking advantage of Illinois’ vast coal reserves, the state has more energy potential than Kuwait and Saudi Arabia **together**. Indeed, America’s coal reserves may be able to yield upwards of 800 billion barrels of oil, more than the combined proven reserves of the entire Middle East.

Several corporations have begun to move closer to developing a conversion plant, but high front end costs and a continued volatility in the marketplace are continuing to deter investment. With its value only rising, however, the emerging possibilities inherent in coal to liquids should help rebuild Illinois’ resurging coal industry and bring new sustainable development to communities all across Little Egypt.

“We believe that coal is the 21st Century fuel,” Navarre says. “Technologies are real and available to turn coal into vital forms of energy that will allow us to rely on energy solutions from Middle America instead of the Middle East.”

# Students Have Special Opportunities For Southern Living And Learning

The mission of University Housing at Southern Illinois University Carbondale is to provide a high-quality, affordable living/learning environment that contributes to personal development and academic success of each student who resides there.

Ed Jones, Southern's Director of Housing, likes to describe a dorm as a place to eat and sleep and a residence hall as a place you live and learn. The living/learning opportunities in residence halls can be found in two programs – Academic Emphasis Floors and Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs).

Students sharing the same interests can take advantage of a variety of Academic Emphasis floors. Currently students can choose Air Force ROTC, Architecture, Art and Design, Automotive Technology, Aviation, Business and Administration, Education and Human Services, Engineering, and Mass Communication and Media Arts.

Faculty and staff from University departments are involved on the floors with

programming, academic advising, mentoring, and special activities, making each one a unique design with a feel all its own.

In the fall of 2004, students living on the Engineering Academic Emphasis floor won the overall high GPA award on campus, receiving \$150 in programming dollars.

College of Engineering Recruitment and Retention Coordinator Bruce Chrisman was not surprised, as he has spent numerous hours working on assignments and tracking student progress throughout the semester. "It is a perfect example of how successful students can be when interacting with those in their major and also in their living environment," he says.

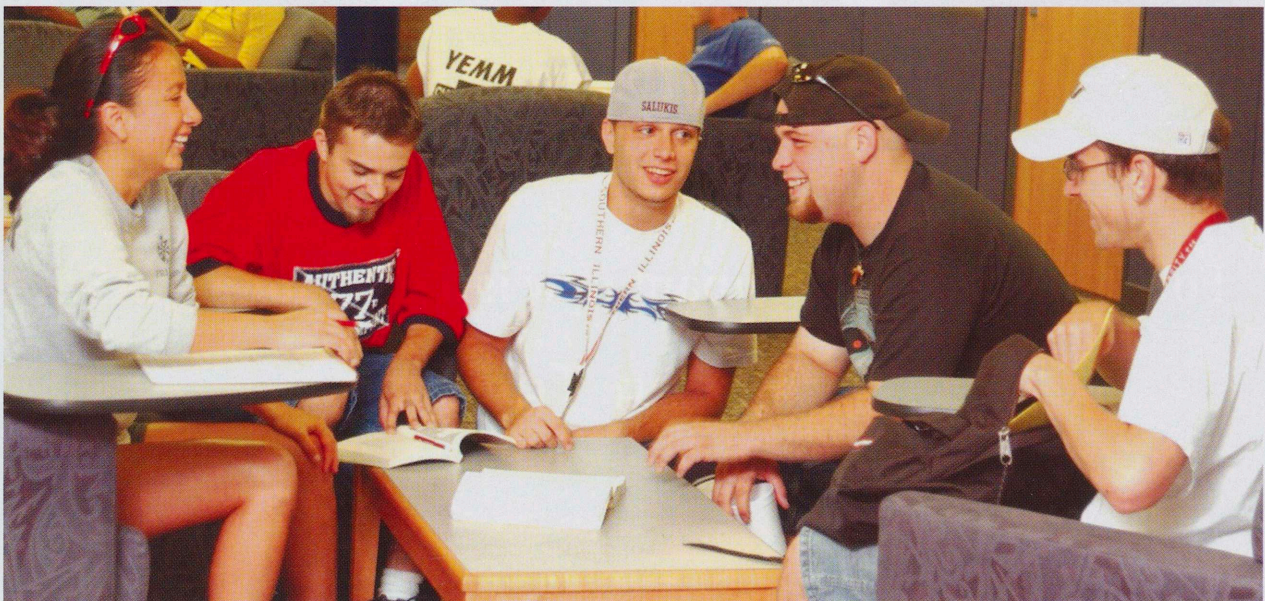
The Freshman Interest Groups began in 2001 when University Housing staff collaborated with the core curriculum director and several academic departments to create a program to assist first-time students. The result was a program that provides 10 to 20 students the opportunity to take 2 to 3 classes together and also live on the same residence

hall floor. FIGs range from general core curriculum classes to specific departmental sections.

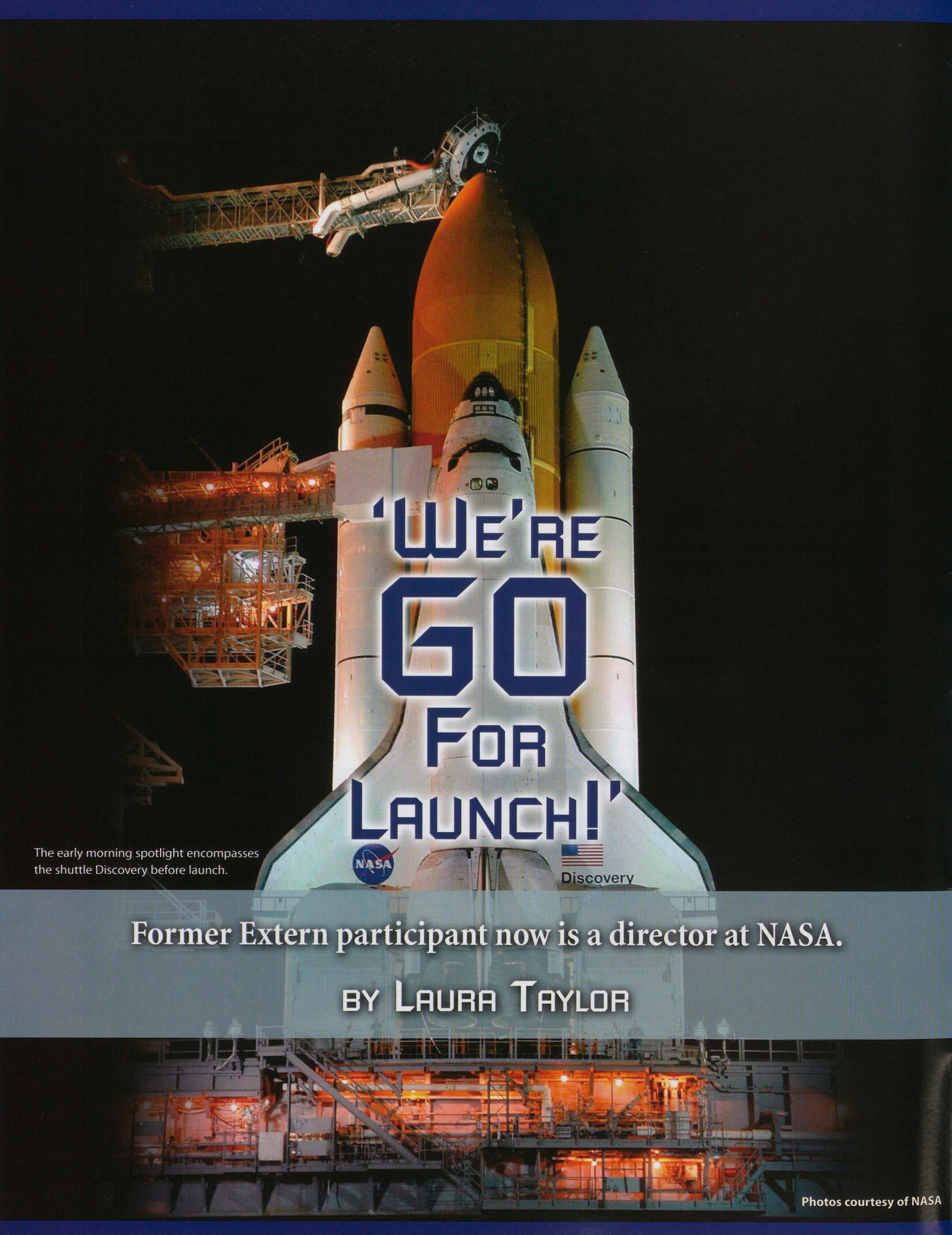
Some of the benefits for the students include early move-in, the opportunity to live and learn together, and the ability to begin lasting friendships. Students have also indicated that they feel more connected to SIU and to the faculty teaching their courses.

University Housing studies have shown that students who participate in these programs tend to do better academically and plan to complete their degrees at SIU. Cordy Love, coordinator of New Student Programs and the Saluki Family Association, says the housing academic programs are emphasized in the Student Orientation Advisement Registration (SOAR) sessions attended by new students and their families.

For more information on residence hall programs, contact Kathie Lorentz, 618-453-7535 or visit the Web site, [www.housing.siu.edu](http://www.housing.siu.edu) and use the Saluki Advantage link. ■



Students working together on class assignments, such as these shown above, is the goal of two University Housing programs that promote living and learning opportunities in Southern's residence halls.



# 'WE'RE GO FOR LAUNCH!'

The early morning spotlight encompasses the shuttle Discovery before launch.



Discovery

Former Extern participant now is a director at NASA.

BY LAURA TAYLOR

**D**riving to work 10 hours early may not excite some people. But on this particular morning, Jeff Spaulding of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) considers this journey to be the most exhilarating day of the year.

"It's so exciting knowing that this is the day we are going to launch," he says. "Seeing the spotlight over the shuttle in the darkness and knowing that you're going to be a part of the whole process is incredible."

Spaulding is Kennedy Space Center's Shuttle Test Director, one of only two such positions in the nation. Kennedy Space Center, located in Cape Canaveral, Fla., is the home site of every NASA launch of shuttles, orbiters and satellites.

The SIU Alumni Association Life Member spearheads half of the shuttle launches in the country, alternating with NASA's other Shuttle Test Director. He has dispatched nine shuttles into orbit, and feels launching a 4.5 million-pound shuttle into space isn't too bad for a day's work.

### NO PRESSURE HERE

Spaulding, who earned a degree in engineering from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1987, considers it a privilege to work for NASA. "I work with so many interesting people, including astronauts," he says. "There are a lot of incredible people here at KSC."

He says these people make his job easier. Before every launch, the Rockford, Ill., native assembles the Launch Countdown Working Group, a team that reviews and updates more than 5,000 pages of procedures used to run a launch countdown.

"A common myth is that we have a launch button," he says with a smile. "Actually, we don't have a launch button, but there *is* an emergency stop button. The last portion of the launch, after 31 seconds, is automated. You're really on the edge of your seat after that."

Spaulding and his team have one ultimate goal: run the countdown and make



Spaulding, (standing), leads Mission Management Team simulation training.

sure it goes according to plan. His secret? "I work well under stress!" he says.

Once the launch is automated, the team has no choice but to sit and watch. If something should happen, and the launch countdown must be stopped, Spaulding calls a hold or presses his emergency button.

"We have to be quick to respond to anything and launch our emergency response teams if necessary," he says. "In training, we go through every possible worse-case scenario we can think of. We have to be prepared."

### CHOOSING SOUTHERN

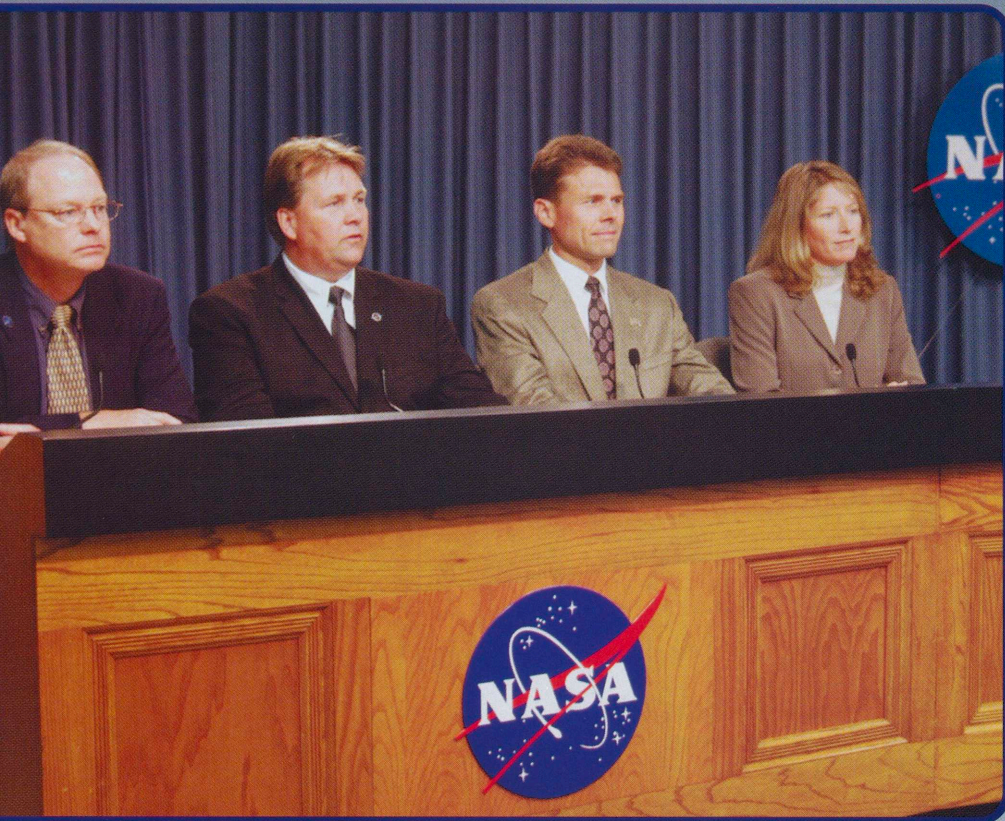
Spaulding's home town is about 1,300 miles north of Cape Canaveral. While growing up in Rockford, he attended Harlem High in suburban Loves Park. With a graduating class of

nearly 500 students, he was interested in math and science but never really thought of it as a career until he came to Southern.

Spending his first undergraduate years at Illinois State, he later transferred to Southern to pursue an engineering degree. "Obviously the University of Illinois would have been a good choice as well, but I liked the SIU campus and school better," he says. "Plus, southern Illinois is a beautiful area, which I still remember well."

"My friends and I used to go to the spillway and spend a great deal of time outdoors at places like Giant City State Park. I also especially liked walking through Thompson Woods to get to class. The campus is so nice."

It was at Southern, with help from the SIU Alumni Association's Extern pro-



Spaulding, (second from left), answers questions at NASA's "Return-to-Flight" press conference last year.

gram, when he first decided that a career in aerospace was his niche.

"During my junior year, I did an Externship at Lockheed-Martin in Denver, Colo.," Spaulding says. "The senior design engineer for Manned Maneuvering Units peaked my interest in space systems. (The Manned Maneuvering Unit is a jet-powered pack used by astronauts for maneuvering outside the shuttle.) I was able to view all sorts of missile and rocket materials for a manned flight and found it interesting."

Little did Spaulding know that in just one year he would be working for NASA.

### ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN, ONE GIANT LEAP FOR SALUKIS

During his senior year at Southern, Spaulding got word that NASA was traveling to Carbondale to conduct interviews. He immediately signed up, and

several weeks later received a call to inform him that he had been hired as a floor operations engineer.

Interestingly enough, during his six-month training program he met 15 other Salukis who had also been hired.

"We kind of laughed about it in the end because we thought they must have run out of money for their tour while at Southern and just hired as many of us as they could," he jokes. "It's great to work with so many people with whom you share a common bond."

Astronaut and SIU Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Joan Higginbotham works with Spaulding on occasion but spends most of her time at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. Higginbotham will be traveling to the International Space Station sometime this year as part of a crew that will be delivering pieces for assembly to the space station.

"I see many fellow Salukis on an everyday basis," says Spaulding. "I can't even count how many are down here."

### ADVICE FOR THE FUTURE

Spaulding says some young people may find it intimidating to work for places like NASA but advises that being in awe of a job should not stand in their way. "Take the first step. I always think it's sad because people are often too afraid to take that first step," he says. "Also, follow your heart. If you're interested in an area, pursue your dreams. You'll never know unless you try."

Spaulding advises students to never stop refining their communication skills. "I've seen so many great projects die because they weren't presented well. Writing skills, speaking ability and presentation capability needs to be stressed more during a student's education.

"One of the most important things is to be able to stand up in front of a group of people and successfully express yourself; it will help you do *anything*."

Communication skills certainly continue to come into play for Spaulding, who is currently working on exciting projects for NASA, including new exploration vehicles, future launches and even an upcoming return trip to the moon. In 2004, U.S. President George W. Bush announced a mission back to the moon and an eventual manned trip to Mars.

"I'm using my expertise in the programs that will take us to the moon and Mars," Spaulding says. "We're looking back at past shuttle guides and past programs to make way for upcoming technology."

And as NASA projects push forward, this Saluki continues to push himself as well.

"By stretching the imagination and will of people, it pushes the envelope of technology," he says. "We have to *challenge* ourselves to *better* ourselves. We are never satisfied at NASA—and that is a philosophy tied to success."

# Sambursky Leads Carbondale Chamber

Former Southern Illinois University Carbondale quarterback Joel Sambursky has been named the new executive director of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. Mary Mechler, chamber president, recently announced his appointment.

"The board is proud and excited to have Joel in this position," Mechler says. "Many know of his accomplishments on the football field, but we believe his leadership skills and desire to succeed will be even more valuable for the Chamber. He will help us take Carbondale's business climate to the next level, and we are confident in his ability to build Chamber relationships in Carbondale and the region."

Sambursky, 23, holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Southern. He is working on completing a master's degree in business administration at his alma mater.

While at SIUC, he completed an internship at First Southern Bank. He has also worked for US1 Corporation in Lenexa, Kan. and maintained an "A" average while playing football for the Salukis for four years—three of which included NCAA Division 1-AA National Playoff appearances.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler says the appointment creates another tie between the University and the Chamber. "We are proud of Joel. He is an excellent leader and has a passion for

what he does," Wendler says. "He is a man of high integrity, and he will use his talents to serve the Chamber well."

Saluki Football Coach Jerry Kill is

the Chamber as he led our football team. It's great that we are going to keep him close by."

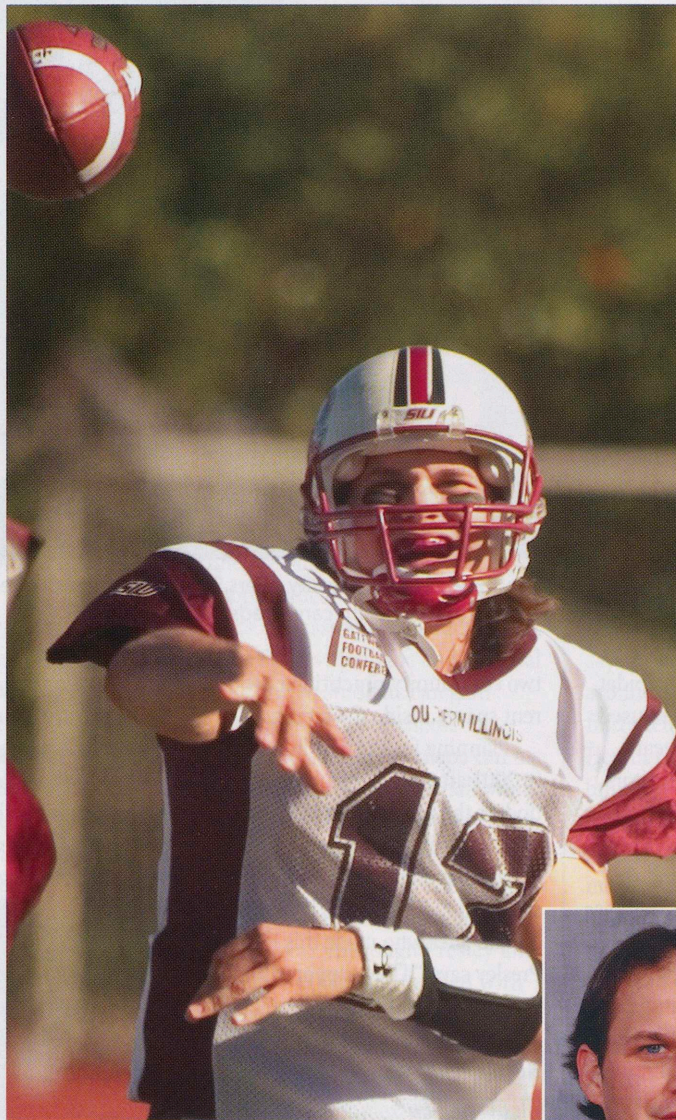
SIUC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment

Management Larry Dietz, who serves on the Chamber board, thinks Sambursky's "leadership skills and intellect will allow him to be a terrific leader for the Chamber. He will be effective in helping us reach the goals that have been established."

Sambursky served as the captain of Saluki Football from 2002-05 and was a two-time finalist for the Walter Payton Award, presented to the top offensive performer in the NCAA 1-AA. He has been active in Habitat for Humanity, a guest speaker at many camps and banquets hosted by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and served on the Student Athletics Advisory Board.

The Liberty, Mo., native is anxious to make his mark in the business world.

"I think some of the attributes on the football field can carry over to this position, but I also will be humble enough to learn as much as I



Joel Sambursky takes his leadership skills from the football field to the offices of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce.



excited about the news. "I think it is fantastic that Joel has the opportunity to lead the Chamber," Kill says. "There is no question in my mind that he will lead

can and ask plenty of questions," Sambursky says. "It is a great opportunity, and I'm delighted to be staying in Carbondale. This is my home now." ■



## Southern's One-Stop Health Shop

*New Student Health Center, touted as the largest in the nation, now serving the University community*

by Monique Garcia

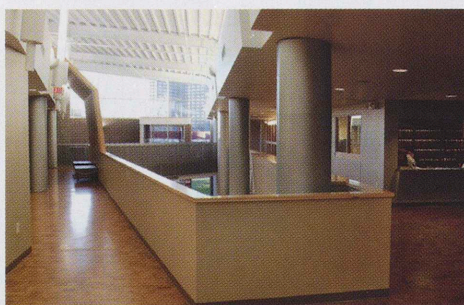
Cheryl Presley knows every nook and cranny of the Student Health Program's massive new 57,000-square-foot facility.

For months during the building's construction, Presley, director of the facility, walked the halls daily, making decisions about every little detail from wall color to carpeting to wood paneling. The building had to be perfect, she says. And more importantly, it *had* to appeal to students.

"My goal was to have a building where students felt comfortable without feeling like they were ill just because they may be here to see a doctor," Presley says. "It was a matter of being very conscious; we were picky. We wanted a building students could be proud of."

Also known as the Healthplex, the state-of-the-art facility is now open for business and has replaced the dilapidated buildings on Greek Row that housed health programs for the last 38 years.

The building, which administrators are touting as the largest campus health center in the nation, houses Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy, Emergency Dental Services, the Wellness Center, the Counseling Center and the Medical Clinics, which were previously scattered across campus. Also, students can now visit an optometrist or dermatologist on campus with the addition of



Photos by Alan Rogers

The state-of-the-art facility offers Southern students "one-stop shopping" when it comes to their health care needs.

two community practitioners, both who rent spaces inside the facility.

Planning for the new building began in 2001 after students urged officials to update the aging Health Center. The \$9.6 million facility was funded almost entirely by students through a \$35 increase in student medical fees. "The students really are the ones who made this happen," Presley says. "They supported it, voted for it and paid for it. This is for them."

Attached to the Recreation Center, the Healthplex looks like a work of art.

Constructed following "green architecture" standards, the building was made using as many natural sustainable goods as possible and is wheelchair accessible throughout. The windows are angled to let in as much light as possible to cut energy costs, the floors are made from durable cork, and much of the carpeting is made from boar's hair or recycled goods. All of the woodwork is hand-carved natural maple, and metal accents are brushed stainless steel. The medical clinic is almost double the size of the old

### A brief history

After being housed in old dormitories on Greek Row for 40 years, the Student Health Center has moved into a bigger and better building. Here is a brief history of the center, and its many homes.

1920

Dr. Hendricks, Physician in charge, opened the Student Health Center on the first floor of the Davies Gymnasium under University President, Pulliam.



1944

The Student Health Center moved to a white two-story residence, the "Harwood House."

1970

The Student Health Center expanded to the building across the street to Kesnar Hall where insurance, pharmacy and administration were located.

1963

The Student Health Center moved into Biemforh Hall located in Greek row.



2000

Cheryl Presley became Director of the Student Health Center. Creation of the new health facility was her vision.



2006

The grand opening of the new Healthplex that integrates all campus health programs, the counseling center and the Student Recreation Center in one location.

2004

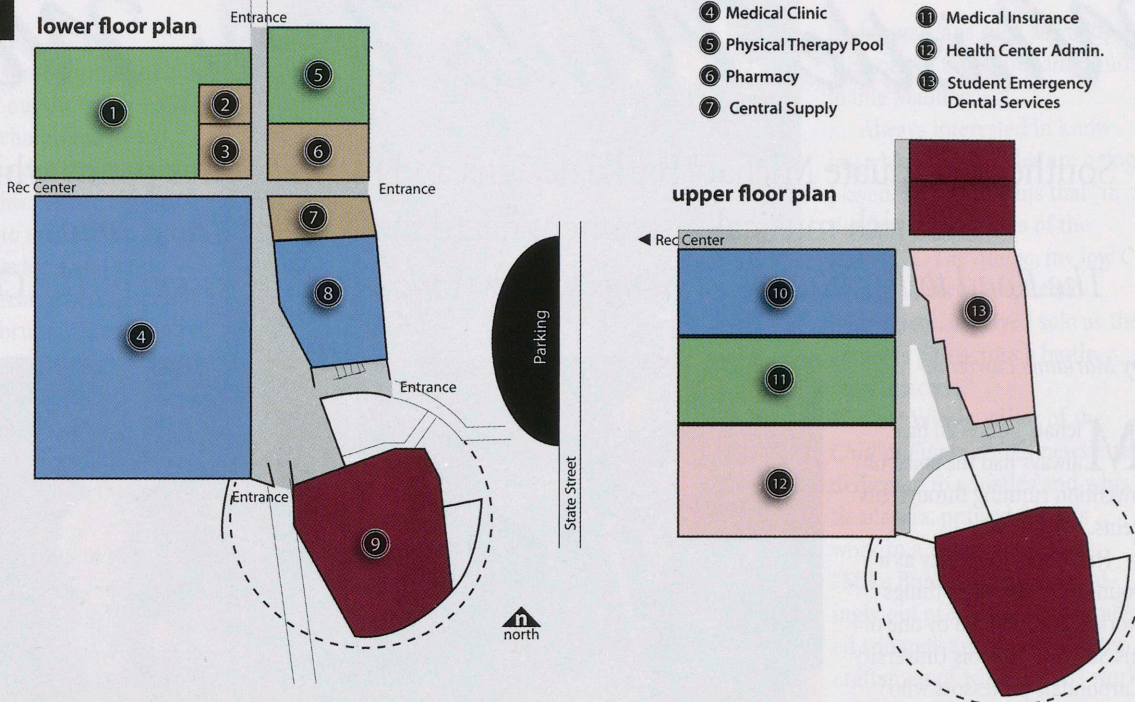
Chancellor Wender and invited guests break ground for new Healthplex on Grand Avenue.



Rec Center Parking

## Navigating the new Student Healthplex

The new Student Health Center brings together services previously scattered across campus. Students can get immunizations, attend nutrition counseling and pick up a new pair of eyeglasses in one visit.



one, and patient rooms and doctor's offices are grouped in pods of three examining rooms per office.

Presley notes this arrangement allows doctors to manage time better, as they can tend to one patient while another room is being cleaned or prepped. Before, doctors could only tend to one patient at a time because rooms were often already in use. She says doctors even chose to share offices in order

to have more exam rooms.

While the building is being touted as a one-stop medical shop, it also pulls in academics. A classroom was built adjacent to the Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy clinic so students can gain hands-on learning experiences.

Student and academic groups can use the facility's high-tech lecture hall, which the Undergraduate Student Government will use for meetings this year. Along the bare walls, Presley is planning to hang student art.

Although Presley and others are thrilled with the new complex, the move didn't come without difficulties. The Healthplex was originally slated to open last fall, but construction schedules pushed the opening into the winter months.

Presley says some students show up late or miss appointments because they get lost in

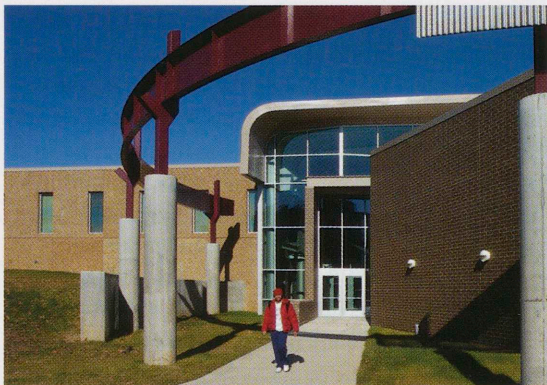
the new building, or worse, make the trek to the far west side of campus to the old building because they didn't know the new facility was open. She says officials are printing maps to post around the building to help students find their way, and a large Student Health Center sign on the outside of the building will also guide students to the facility.

But some students don't mind the incomplete projects, saying the new building more than makes up for a few missing signs.

Brian Gordon, a master's student studying sports management, says he was a little confused when he walked into the new building, but found his way with some advisement from the Information Desk staff.

"I'm impressed," Gordon says. "I love the atmosphere, and it's classy. I used to go to Eastern (Illinois University), and their building is *nothing* compared to this." ■

— Garcia, Miller, and Rogers are all student employees at The Daily Egyptian.



Connected to the Student Recreation Center, the new facility offers students care under one roof, replacing multiple cramped facilities on the west side of campus that had housed the health programs for 40 years.

## Whistle While You Work

Southern graduate Michael Burke designs and manufactures penny whistles, the Irish musical instrument heard in films like *The Alamo*, *The Road to Perdition*, *The Gangs of New York* and *The Passion of The Christ*.

by Marianne Lawrence

Michael Burke '70 has always had the spirit of invention running through his veins.

His natural curiosity as a youngster about how things work was reinforced by one of his Southern Illinois University Carbondale professors who told him he could teach himself to do anything he could imagine. That combination enabled Burke to find his professional niche and an interest that has turned into a successful international business.

The chief design engineer at Wildlife Materials International Inc., of Murphysboro, Ill., also owns the Michael Burke Pennywhistle Co., which designs, manufactures and distributes the Irish musical instrument, also known as tin whistles, worldwide.

Growing up in the small southern Illinois town of Grand Tower, Burke's curiosity landed him in some trouble more than once. As a kid he singed eyebrows when trying to figure out the workings of an old miner's lamp; another time he was caught launching model rockets off the sand bars of the Mississippi River.

After reading in junior high school about the famed radio pioneer Marconi, he was inspired to build his own spark trans-



The entire family is involved in the Michael Burke Pennywhistle Co. From left are Burke, his brother, John, his stepfather and mother, Les and Madeline Mainer, and his wife, Susan, who he says has been instrumental in making his business a success.

mitter and began sending signals to a friend across the cornfield near his home. "We used an AM radio for a receiver, and because the thing produced a wide band noise, the neighbors soon let me know they were also receiving me loud and clear."

Although his father, Clarence, passed away when Burke was only 11 years old, he had explained the family's Irish heritage to him and his brothers, always telling them "there are only two kinds of people in the world: those who are Irish and those who wish they were." Burke often dreamed of visiting the "old country."

In 1996 that dream came true when he and his wife, Susan, an instructor in the SIU Rehabilitation Institute and two-degree alumna, were able to travel to Ireland. "That was the beginning of my love of Irish music and culture and when I began to make pennywhistles," says Burke.

"While in Ireland I bought an Irish-made whistle that came with one of those tutors with the little dots to help you learn the tunes. The whistle was squeaky, breathy and clogged constantly. I was used to designing things and figured I could make a better whistle than

that one,” recalls Burke.

He built some whistles and then sought out the opinions of the people who played them. “When I would ask musicians to try my whistles and advise me on how to make them better, they were kind and said they were great. When I asked them to be brutally honest so I could improve, they saw I was sincere and then begin to tell me what they *really* thought,” says Burke, adding that “there is no place for ego in the quest for perfection.”

In 1998 he went to his brother, John, who owns Burke Tool & Manufacturing in DuQuoin, Ill., and worked out a CNC (computer numerical control) program to manufacture the pennywhistle. Burke explains that this process has enabled him to produce more whistles and allowed him to sell around 2,000 last year.

“John, who graduated from the SIU School of Technology in Machine Trades, is a fine designer and has made significant contributions to the processes we use to make our parts,” says Burke. The company is truly a family affair, with John in charge of manufacturing and Susan handling the business end. In addition, his 80-year-old mother and stepfather, Madeline and Les Mainer, are involved. His mother, who he describes as “the finest person I have ever known and my rock of encouragement,” makes the packaging for his instruments and helps with inventory. Les is in charge of cleaning and polishing the final product.

Burke sells the instruments from his Web site, [www.burkewhistles.com](http://www.burkewhistles.com). The online catalog displays 60 models of the whistles, which are made of composite materials, brass and aluminum and



Les Mainer fine tunes one of the Burke pennywhistles with some extra polish.

come in 19 keys from low C to high G. Also available are tune books, tutoring material, cases and pouches for the whistles, and CD recordings.

He is quick to point out that he could never make all the instruments on his own, saying “I have talented and dedicated people at every level, like Bonni Stein, a skilled machinist, and Steve Morris, an assistant with a fine ear for music. They share my goals and take pride in our work.”

Bryan Kelso Crow, SIUC professor of speech communication and host of *Celtic Connections*, a program of Irish music originating on WSIU-FM and nationally syndicated on other public radio stations, uses Burke’s whistles when playing with his well-know local group, “The Dorians.”

“Bryan advised me early on when my instruments left much to be desired and encouraged me to continue to improve,” says Burke. According to Crow, Burke’s whistles are highly regarded by many top

Irish musicians such as Paddy Moloney of the “Chieftains” and Joanie Madden.

Always interested in knowing where his whistles are being played, Burke explains that “in the first five minutes of the 2005 film, *The Alamo*, my low C whistle, a very low pitched instrument, is played solo as the cameras pan across a battle scarred scene.”

Dale Wisely, editor of the *Chiff & Fipple* e-mail newsletter dedicated to whistles and whistle players, praised Burke’s work in a recent newsletter: “Mike Burke has come seemingly out of nowhere and landed squarely among the master craftsmen of whistles. His work is impeccable.”

Since 1978 Burke has worked for Wildlife Materials International. Many of the products the company manufactures are his designs, like transmitters and receivers used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the study of endangered species such as the California condor and the black-footed ferret. The Care Track division of the business is designed to monitor and track patients with Alzheimer-type diseases.

Burke’s involvement and commitment to SIU has not wavered through the years. The SIU Alumni Association Life Member still remembers and applies advice he got from his SIU professors and is a devoted fan of Saluki men’s basketball. “Chris Lowery is doing a brilliant job as a leader on and off the court. I remember well going to about every game he played at the Arena.”

“We have a great university that has made my life rich since childhood and is still doing so every day. I am proud to be in the fraternity of alumni and I am *forever* a Saluki fan!” ■

## Baseball Salukis Get National Pre-Season Attention

Missouri Valley Conference baseball coaches may have voted Wichita State as the preseason favorite in the annual Missouri Valley Conference baseball coaches' poll, but *Dan Callahan's* Salukis are nipping at their heels.

The Shockers, who accumulated 68 points, including six first-place tallies, edged Southern by just four points. The Salukis received one of the first-place votes and had pre-season all-Valley picks in left-handed pitcher *Tyler Norrick* and leftfielder *Kevin Koski*. The Salukis head into the March 24 MVC opener at Wichita State with eight returning position starters, 16 lettermen and 13 seniors.

"It is nice to get this kind of respect and recognition from your peers in the league," Callahan says. "We've been so close the last three years as far as an NCAA bid is concerned, and we would love to advance to that next level this year."

Callahan, starting his 12th year with the Dawgs, led the squad to a 38-21

mark in 2005 after watching his team get to the championship game of the Valley Tournament the previous two seasons. Last year was the third 30-win season for Southern in the last four years.

The Salukis are also tabbed by *Baseball America* to finish second in the conference and advance to the NCAA Tournament. In addition to all the veteran returnees, the somewhat unexpected return of senior outfielder *Grant Gerrard* and *Norrick* should give Southern a major lift in league play.

Gerrard (.333, 5 HR, 26 RBI), despite missing most of the 2005 season due to a broken wrist, was drafted in the 16th round by the Seattle Mariners, while *Norrick*, a second-team all-conference honoree, posted 89 strikeouts in 81 innings prior to being selected in the 17th round by the Toronto Bluejays. Both decided to pass on playing professional baseball this season and return to SIU. Both could also elevate their draft worth considerably, particularly *Norrick*, who *Baseball America* projects to be the 2006 MVC Pitcher-of-the-Year.

Another key performer is expected to be *Koski* (.380, 57 R, 92 H, 32 RBI, 15 SB), the conference's top returning hitter who began the 2006 season on a 35-game hitting streak – the longest in Saluki history and second-longest in MVC history. The magazine feels *Koski* is the Valley's "Best Pure Hitter," "Fastest Runner," and possesses the "Best Strike-Zone Discipline."

After a challenging non-conference start, featuring road games against some Top 20 teams, the Salukis feel they will be ready to remain one of the league's top squads. They jumped off to a great start, win-

ning two out of three from 20th-ranked Florida Atlantic University to usher in the season. At press time, the Salukis were 8-1 overall – the best start for an SIU baseball team in 37 years.

"We have some questions to answer," Callahan stresses. "Koski, Gerrard, and *Nathan Emrick* (SS) are coming off injuries, but they should be fine by conference. And after losing pitchers like *Bryan Rueger* and *P.J. Finigan* (to MLB draft) and *Ryan Terry* (injury), we will have to have some guys step up on the mound in a hurry.

"I think we have addressed some of those needs, however, and are confident that we can be the kind of team which will challenge for the league title this season."

For the 2006 Saluki baseball schedule, go to: <http://www.siusalukis.com>. ■

### Saluki Basketball's Wins MVC Tournament

At press time, the Saluki men's basketball team had won the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament with a win over Bradley in the title game to secure the league's automatic bid to the NCAAs. *Chris Lowery's* squad fashioned a 19-10/12-6 regular season record and grabbed the second spot in the close Valley race with an exciting 46-45 win over 25<sup>th</sup>-ranked Northern Iowa in a sold-out SIU Arena on the last regular season game of the year.

The Saluki women, much improved despite a 10-17/6-12 mark, were scheduled to enter conference tournament play one week after the men's action. The ladies had four losses by five points or less – including two in overtime – as *Dana Eikenberg* continues to rebuild the program from last year's 3-24/1-17 mark.

Post-season wrap-ups for both squads will be featured in April edition of the *Saluki Pride* newsletter. ■



Tyler Norrick was taken in the MLB Draft last year, but decided to turn down the offer and return for his senior season.

## Saluki Football Helps Basketball Team Land Indiana

In the process of building its 2006 football schedule, the Saluki football team delivered an unexpected assist to the men's basketball squad.

Southern previously had a contract to play football at Indiana on Sept. 2. The Hoosiers asked to switch the date to Sept. 16, and offered to sweeten the deal financially. After more negotiation, IU decided to throw in a home-and-home men's basketball series to further entice the Salukis.

The package was too good to pass up, says Saluki football coach Jerry Kill.

"We preferred the original date, but it became an opportunity for us to help out our athletic department and specifically, the basketball team," he says. "This is good for everyone."

Saluki basketball coach Chris Lowery says he is thrilled to start a series with the Big Ten power. Indiana will host Southern on Dec. 17, 2006, and then will welcome the Hoosiers to the SIU Arena on Dec. 1, 2007. That game will mark the six-year anniversary of the Salukis' 72-60 home win over Indiana, which played a big part in Southern's march to the Sweet 16 in 2002.

"It's a tremendous series for us," says Lowery, who insists on scheduling home-and-home series. "That's how we want to build our program – not two-for-ones, not one-and-dones."

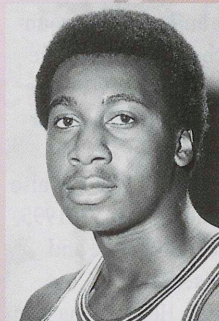
For the Football Salukis, in addition to Indiana, the rest of the 2006 football slate features three, new non-conference opponents. The three-time defending Gateway

Conference champions open the season at home against Division II Lock Haven on Thursday, August 31. After playing at Indiana on the 16th, Southern continues on the road to face I-AA foe Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Sept. 23.

The conference home schedule features Indiana State (Sept. 30), Western Illinois (Oct. 7-Homecoming), Western Kentucky (Oct. 21) and Northern Iowa (Nov. 11). The Salukis play three Gateway Conference opponents on the road, Illinois State (Oct. 14), Missouri State (Oct. 28) and Youngstown State (Nov. 4).

The Salukis finish the regular season at home with a non-conference game against Southern Utah (Nov. 18) of the Big Sky Conference. ■

## Nate Hawthorne Remembered



When the Paul Lambert-era Salukis recently met in Carbondale, one of the best players from that time was instead remembered during a moment of silence. Nate Hawthorne, one

of the most accomplished basketball players in SIU history, had recently died of a massive heart attack in Tempe, Ariz., at the age of 54.

Hawthorne became a major force during three productive seasons with the Salukis from 1970-73, scoring 1,001 points before being selected in the NBA Draft by the Los Angeles Lakers. The Mt. Vernon, Ill., native would play professionally for the Lakers, New Orleans Jazz and the Phoenix Suns. While with Phoenix, Hawthorne competed against the Boston Celtics in the 1976 NBA Finals.

Hawthorne is the third Lambert-coached player to die in the past year. Earlier, SIU Hall of Famers Gary Wilson and Wayne Abrams passed away. Other Salukis remembered along with Coach Lambert in the moment of silence were Eddie James, George Thompson, Al Williams, and athletics trainer Robert "Doc" Spackman.

Look for a photo of the reunion group in a future issue of Southern Alumni magazine. ■

## Salukis Second At MVC Swimming Championships

Despite a flurry of top times and broken records, it proved not to be enough for Southern Illinois University swimmers and divers, as Missouri State University held on to repeat as 2005-06 Missouri Valley Conference champions in recent action at the SIU Rec Center Pool.

Missouri State's women's team tallied 875 points, 51 points more than SIU (824), while Illinois State came in third (765), followed by Evansville (398) and UNI (273). In the men's MVC Invitational, MSU led with 713 points. The Salukis were second (688), with Evansville third (300).

In addition to the second-place finishes, the Saluki also experienced some significant successes on an individual level. The headliners of the meet were sophomore Antonio Santoro and team newcomer Julie Ju. Santoro was named MVC Invitational Swimmer of the Meet while Ju was named MVC Championship Co-Swimmer of the Meet.

In the 500 Freestyle, Santoro set a MVC Invitational record with his time of 4:25.26 in the preliminary, then went on to post a winning with a time of 1:36.75 in the 200 Freestyle. He also won the 200 Butterfly in a NCAA provisional-qualifying 1:47.28 and swam anchor as part of the winning 800 Freestyle Relay team, along with Vinicius Waked, Gareth McGee and Dennis Hedo.

Ju won the 50 Freestyle with a time of 23.66 and then won her second individual title of the MVC Championship in the 100 Breaststroke with a time of 1:04.43. She also picked up her third individual title in the 100 Freestyle with a time of 50.54. Ju was also part of the 400 Freestyle Relay team that set a new MVC and MVC Championship record with a time of 3:27.48. Ju swam anchor along with Isabel Madeira, Kelsey Kinsella and Danielle Quarry.

Another top standout was Brandon Birchak, who won the 1-Meter and 3-Meter titles to earn MVC Invitational Diver of the Meet. On the women's side, Cristina Curtuneanu earned MVC Championship Diver of the Meet after she won the 1-Meter and finished second on the 3-Meter. Saluki diving coach, Chunhua "Joy" Zhao earned MVC Invitational Diving Coach of the Meet after her team's performance. ■

## Saluki Track Finishes Down In The Pack

The SIUC men's track and field team finished third and the women finished fifth in the 2006 State Farm Missouri Valley Indoor Track and Field Championships held at the UNI Dome.

Host Northern Iowa won the men's team title with 140 points, followed by Indiana State (124), SIUC (88), Illinois State (53), and Wichita State (50) to round out the top five. In the women's team race, Wichita State ran away with the title with 138.5 points to defeat Illinois State (80.5), UNI and Missouri State (77 each), and Southern (70 points).

Saluki Brittany Riley was named the Female Field Athlete of the Meet, setting a new meet and facility record in the weight throw. Riley threw 73-05.25 to take the women's weight title, breaking teammate Amarachi Ukabam's meet record from a year ago. On the men's side, seniors Eli Baker and Felix Anderson each won an individual MVC title in the final indoor championships of their careers. ■

## Six Salukis Enter Hall of Fame

The Southern Illinois University Carbondale Athletics Department inducted its 2006 Hall of Fame Class on Feb. 24.

The newest inductees are as follows:

- **Chris Carr** (1992-1995) played forward for three seasons with the Salukis and helped lead the team to NCAA Tournament appearances in 1993, 1994 and 1995. He was named the MVC "Player of the Year" in 1995 after leading the league in scoring with 22.0 ppg. The Salukis had a combined record of 69-26 during Carr's career and won three straight Missouri Valley Conference Tournament championships. Carr was drafted by the Phoenix Suns in the second round of the 1995 NBA Draft and scored nearly 2,000 points during his six-year career that included stints with Phoenix, Minnesota, New Jersey, Golden State, Chicago and Boston.

- **Rick Shipley** (1987-91) is regarded as one of the best rebounders in school history. During four seasons with the Salukis, he totaled 983 rebounds, which still ranks fifth in school history. On March 5, 1989, Shipley grabbed an incredible 20 boards against Illinois State. No

Saluki player has accomplished that feat since. Shipley was the MVC rebounding champion in 1991, when he averaged 9.0 rpg. Also a gifted scorer, Shipley piled up 1,359 points, which ranks 15th in school history. In 1991, he earned Second-Team All-MVC honors and was named to the MVC All-Tournament team.

- **Don Millard** (1962-64) was a two-time NCAA champion grappler during the Salukis' golden era of wrestling. Millard won both the NCAA College Division championship and University Division championship in the 167-pound weight class in 1964. He was the first person in school history to win an individual title at the University Division level. Millard finished the 1964 season with a 16-2 record. In 1962, Millard won the Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship in his weight class and was one of five Saluki qualifiers for the University Division meet, where SIU finished tied for sixth. He finished the year with an 18-4 record.

- **Wayne Grandcolas** (1951-54) was an outstanding pitcher for the Salukis more than 50 years ago, and only a rotator cuff injury during his senior year prevented

him from pursuing a pro career.

Grandcolas led the team in victories and innings pitched each season from 1951 to 1953. He threw a no-hitter against Arkansas State in 1953 and also led the league in stolen bases, with nine. As a senior in 1954, Grandcolas pitched through the rotator cuff injury and then missed the last six weeks of the season with a broken leg. Nevertheless, he recorded a career record of 23-7 and still ranks ninth in school history in wins and ERA (2.18).

- **Jennie (Horner) Smith** (1992-1995) was one of the nation's top distance runners during her stellar career at SIU. She earned All-American status in 1995 in the indoor mile. Horner also won six MVC track titles and one cross country title. Her track championships were in the indoor mile (1994 and 1995), the indoor 1000-meter (1995), the outdoor 1500-meter (1994 and 1995) and the outdoor 3000-meter (1995). She was also named MVP at the indoor meet in 1995, and her times in the indoor mile and outdoor 1500-meter set MVC Championship records. Horner's mark in the 1500-meter still stands today. She won the MVC's cross country championship in 1994 in the 5K. Horner still ranks among the career record holders at SIU in numerous events and owns the school record in the outdoor 1500m.

- **Darren Plab** (1991-92) is the most accomplished high jumper in school history. He won NCAA national high jump championships in 1991 and 1992. Plab represented SIU and his country at the 1992 Olympics, though he did not medal. Plab was a four-time All-American, finishing 5th (1991) and 2nd (1992) in the indoor high jump and winning the outdoor high jump in both 1991 and 1992. Remarkably, he is still the SIU record-holder in the high jump with a mark of 7'-6 1/2" in the indoor and 7'-8 1/2" in the outdoor.



The newest members of the SIU Athletics Hall of Fame are, from left, Rick Shipley, Chris Carr, Don Millard, Jennie (Horner) Smith, Saluki Athletics Director Paul Kowalczyk, Wayne Grandcolas, and Darren Plab.

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The 2005 MVC Champion Softball Salukis were presented with their championship rings at a ceremony during halftime of an SIU basketball game.



# THE MAKING OF A WINNER

With three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances on its resume, Southern boasts one of the nation's premier softball programs. However, the foundation for success was put in place many years ago.

BY GREG SCOTT



A centerfield view of Charlotte West Stadium – Rochman Field, the Saluki softball team’s state-of-the-art home on campus.

**M**any observers would agree that Saluki softball head coach Kerri Blaylock is on a fast track.

In the midst of her seventh season as coach, the 39-year-old Herrin native has guided her team to NCAA Tournament bids in each of the past three seasons, averaging 43 wins during that span. The Salukis are two-time defending Missouri Valley Conference champions, and Blaylock’s coaching staff has won the MVC Staff-of-the-Year honor four consecutive years.

But Blaylock sends the credit in another direction.

“It’s all about the players. You work hard at recruiting and bringing in the right type of athletes,” she says. “Our success started before our NCAA Tournament seasons when we had kids like Erin Stremsterfer (team MVP in 2000 and 2001) and Marta Viefhaus that were close and never quite got there. Then we were able to recruit some great kids like Adie and Haley Viefhaus, Amy Harre and Jenny Doehring to help us turn the corner.”

Adie and Haley Viefhaus, stars on the 2003 and 2004 teams, have since graduated from the program and have played professional softball for the Chicago Bandits of the National Pro Fastpitch League. Doehring was a two-time NCAA Regional All-Tournament team member.

Harre, Southern’s version of “Ms. Everything,” received all-American accolades, last year’s MVC Pitcher of the Year, and first-team, all-conference honors all four years of her career. The Nashville native joined the Viefhaus twins on the Bandits last

summer, after a storied career in which she set school and Valley records in shutouts (49), starts (124) and appearances (151). Southern’s career-record holder with 90 complete games and 820.1 innings pitched, Harre became the first Saluki to represent USA Softball, earning a gold medal as a member of the USA Elite team in October 2004.

Last year, Harre led a senior class that also included all-conference performers in Kelly Creek (first base), Maria Damico (outfielder) and Katie Jordan (outfielder), cornerstones to Southern’s recent success. This group led Southern to a school record 47 victories last year. Despite losing this quartet to graduation, expectations remain high for the Salukis. After finishing in the top 25 of the national polls in 2004 and 2005, following last year’s 47-14 run, the Salukis picked up votes in this year’s ESPN.com/USA Softball and *USA Today*/NFCA preseason polls. They were ranked 29th and 32nd, respectively.

“It has been one recruiting class after another and you build a tradition of success. You want to keep it going; our coaching staff doesn’t want to miss any NCAA Tournaments,” Blaylock says. “Once you’ve been to the NCAA Tournament, you want to go back every year.

“It’s a great honor to be back in the polls. It shows a great amount of respect for our program and the kids.”

While Blaylock, 239-103 as Southern’s head coach, is thankful for the respect her team has garnered, she is also appreciative of those who blazed a trail many years ago. She specifically mentions pioneers like former coach Kay Brechtelsbauer, who led the softball program for 32 years and initially hired Blaylock as an assistant in 1988, and Charlotte West, who served the University for 42 years as a faculty member, coach and administrator.

“Personally, Coach B. gave me my first opportunity. If it weren’t for her, I would be an accountant somewhere pushing a pencil and bored out of my mind,” Blaylock says. “I tell our kids all the time that they are reaping the benefits of people who came before them. Through the hard work of people like Dr. West and Coach B., some wonderful opportunities have been brought to life for our softball program.”

### “THE ROC”

One opportunity Blaylock’s Salukis enjoy is Charlotte West Stadium–Rochman Field, their home-playing field for three years. Affectionately referred to as “The Roc,” the state-of-the-art facility features large dugouts, a training room, full-size lockers in a carpeted locker room, and two batting cages for players.

In addition, the fans enjoy chair back and bleacher seating, a concession area, and a large electronic scoreboard. “The Roc” has



Former longtime coach Kay Brechtelsbauer endured various challenges establishing Southern's softball program. Today she beams, "we've come a long way, and I'm excited to see where the program is headed."

already been honored twice by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association as one of the top fields in the nation. Prior to this facility, Southern's softball teams played on an outdated field right off Grand Avenue, lacking many amenities, including restrooms.

"Coach B. struggled many years recruiting talent to play in that sub-par facility on Grand Avenue. The new facility has made recruiting much easier," Blaylock says. "The University stepped up on a grand scale. We're truly fortunate to have a facility of this nature after all these years."

Saluki players admit that "The Roc" was a factor in their decision to attend Southern.

"They were completing construction of the new stadium during my recruiting visit," says junior pitcher Cassidy Scoggins. "It sounds petty, but the facility

plays a role in determining an athlete's decision, and we realize we are fortunate to be playing in such an awesome facility."

Senior Katie Louis concurs that the facility is a recruiting tool for Southern. She says the location of "The Roc," built further south of the former Grand Avenue field, has been a comfort for fans. "I remember watching games at the other field," she says. "The new stadium is an unbelievable upgrade that makes for a better atmosphere. Our stadium is not *the* deciding factor, but it's certainly an important part of the package."

Louis says current and future Salukis should pay homage to Brechtelsbauer and West. "They are two amazing women who have paved the way for not only Saluki sports, but for women's athletics on a national scale," she says. "I attended Coach B's camps here at SIU when I was 12 years old, so I saw her in

action. She has done some great things for this program. It's an honor to play in a stadium named for Dr. West, as I have a great deal of admiration for what she has done for women."

### LIFE BEFORE 'THE ROC'

Brechtelsbauer is the first to say that the softball program has come a long way. After completing her master's degree in 1966 and accepting a teaching assignment at Southern, she was asked to coach the softball team on a part-time basis.

The winningest coach in the history of Saluki women's sports, the SIU Hall of Famer tallied a career record of 641-438-3, but her success didn't come without challenges along the way. Brechtelsbauer likens the team's initial playing surface to a cow pasture with a rickety backstop.

"I remember shortstops turning their heads from a groundball. It was a matter of either playing in front or behind the ruts in the infield," she says. "We didn't have a groundskeeper. Northern Illinois actually told me they weren't coming back here anymore. We didn't have dugouts at one time; I pulled benches out onto the field for players."

The University eventually moved the softball team to the more forgiving Grand Avenue facility across from the Recreation Center. "After playing in that pasture, it felt like we had died and gone to heaven," Brechtelsbauer says. "The playing field itself was nice." But soon the facility became outdated, and it began to hurt the program's recruiting efforts. Located close to Grand Avenue, traffic created a distraction for fans, and Brechtelsbauer had safety concerns related to spectator seating near the street. Foul balls were often hit into the street. In addition, the facility didn't have restrooms, which meant fans were forced to walk across the street to the Recreation Center.

Later, some barracks buildings, located within a short walking distance from the field, came in handy. However, as Brechtelsbauer discovered, this became a problem during the course of a game.

# HER PITCHING ROOTS RUN DEEP

**K**erri Blaylock's philosophy was shaped many years before being named head coach at Southern. She thrived as a star pitcher for head coach Bruce Jilek '59, MSEd'64 at Herrin High School from 1980-84. During this time, she discovered that a team wins a lot of games by simply keeping their opponents from scoring.

"We were all about pitching and defense. Our teams scored few runs, but won a large number of games," Blaylock says. "If you pitch and defend, the opposition isn't going to score—and it only takes one to win."

Blaylock credits Jilek for being a profound influence on her career. "Coach Jilek is a second father to me and has mentored me as a player and coach," she says. "He is the one who got me interested in coaching; he's a great student of the game."

Jilek coached softball for 24 years at Herrin High School, compiling a 539-102 record. Blaylock was a key performer on two of his eight state tournament teams. Jilek, currently in his third year as head softball coach at John A. Logan College in Carterville, says pitching and defense is a recipe for success.

"It didn't take me long to figure out that pitching was key," Jilek says. "If you pitch and play defense, people will give you ballgames." We won 107 straight conference games at Herrin during one stretch. We won seven games, but the remaining 100 were given to us."

Jilek, who talks to Blaylock on a weekly basis, refers to his understudy as a bright spot in his coaching career. And he isn't surprised by her success.

"Kerri was always a driven individual. She didn't have an overpowering fastball, so she had to work to pitch effectively," he says. "I was fortunate to have people like Kerri and convinced them that it was good to get up at 5:30 a.m. and throw 200 pitches four to five days a week, sometimes twice a day. We didn't have the best talent overall, but we typically had better pitching than our opponents."

Blaylock fondly recalls those 5:30 a.m. pitching sessions.

"Coach told me that was what I needed to do to be the best. I was a finesse pitcher and didn't have as much talent as others," she says. "The key for me was outworking and outsmarting my opponents. I would have done anything coach asked me to do."

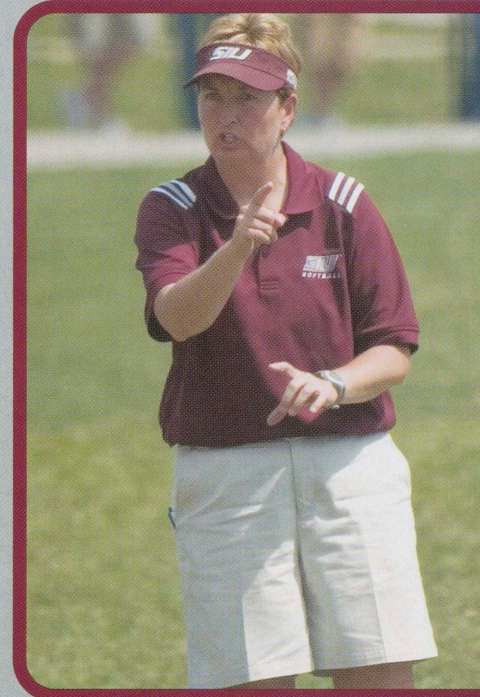
"But my mom really hated it until I got my driver's license."

Blaylock led the Lady Tigers to two state tournament berths. She compiled a record of 65-7 and set records for wins and strikeouts. She was the first female athlete ever selected to the Herrin High School Hall of Fame in 1992. Blaylock continued her playing career at the University of Evansville, where she compiled a 77-48 record and a 1.54 earned run average. She still holds most of Evansville's pitching records and was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 1995.

Blaylock has coached both of SIU's all-American pitchers in Jamie Schutte (1997) and Erin Stremsterfer (2001). In addition, her tutelage has benefited Carissa Winters (1998-2000), the all-time strikeout leader in the MVC (896), and Amy Harre, Southern's record-setting hurler who became the first Saluki softball player named to the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Watch List in 2005.

Southern's earned run average has ranked in the top 10 nationally since 1996, including a sparkling 1.05 mark in 2004.

"Our pitchers definitely have more talent than I did in



Kerri Blaylock's emphasis on strong pitching and defense has the Salukis pointed in the right direction.

my playing days," she says. "But I can become their brains. I call all of the pitches and try to use their strengths to get the opposing batters out. I love calling the game and trying to set up hitters."

"One of my top hitters was due up to hit in the sixth inning of a tied game. I couldn't find her. She was in the blue barracks restroom, and we were forced to use a pinch hitter," Brechtelsbauer says. "We ended up winning the game in extra innings, but a number of emergencies would arise in which players had to use the restroom."

Brechtelsbauer decided to take action. She and Charlotte West designed preliminary blueprints for a new softball

facility. Over several years, they presented their proposal on multiple occasions. Eventually, with the financial support of Barrett Rochman, a Southern graduate, local businessman and significant annual contributor to the program, the dream came to fruition in May of 2003.

Both Brechtelsbauer and West were on hand for the stadium dedication.

"It is a terrific facility that has been a spark for our softball program," Brechtelsbauer says. "If I were a young

lady looking for a school with a top-notch facility, I would have to consider Southern.

"My last couple of years, we struggled recruiting. At one point, I was able to out-recruit the Big Ten. But when some of those schools built new facilities, it became difficult for us. We started losing prospective student-athletes."

Brechtelsbauer can't help but think about what could have been.

"I'll never know how much better we would have been with a teaching area to

watch videos and instruct players,” she says. “I know Kerri appreciates those things because she experienced some of those challenges with me. We’ve come a long way, and I’m excited to see where the program is headed.

“It’s also exciting to attend games as a fan at the new facility in safe and comfortable surroundings.”

### PAVING THE WAY

Brechtelsbauer estimates that the Salukis played only five to 10 games yearly in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Softball programs weren’t allowed to recruit, so the coach conducted tryouts for students.

“Basically it amounted to taking whoever was available on campus. It wasn’t unusual for me to look for a pitcher by lining up the players to see who could throw the ball underhanded across the plate,” she says. “The majority of these students were physical education majors. We were quite fortunate to have some very good student-athletes.”

Brechtelsbauer, who didn’t have assistant coaches at the time, says she invited players in for tryouts to demonstrate their skills. Although records weren’t kept prior to 1977, she says the program started moving forward when it advanced to its first AIAW World Series in 1970, defeating Minnesota in its first game. The Salukis finished fourth in the College World Series in 1971, and made additional appearances in 1977 and 1978.

With a total team budget of only \$660 for her first year, and not much more the following several years, Brechtelsbauer packed sandwiches for the players, who traveled to Omaha, Neb., in a station wagon and car. The Salukis fashioned modest uniforms during the first post-season appearance.

“Our players bought shirts and I ironed numbers on their uniforms. Unfortunately some fell off as they ran the bases,” Brechtelsbauer laughs. “The uniform consisted of a white T-shirt, shorts, and stirrups. And we did quite well; that was a quality group of young ladies.”



All-conference hurler Cassidy Scoggins leads Southern’s pitching staff. She was a 20-game winner and sported a 0.94 earned run average a year ago.

But the program fell on hard times in the 1980s. Although softball programs were allowed to begin recruiting athletes off campus in 1978, Brechtelsbauer was still a part-time coach. She was juggling coaching with her teaching responsibilities and had decided to begin pursuing a doctorate. Her recruiting efforts were primarily relegated to phone calls.

After going 24-9 in 1979, the Salukis finished with sub-.500 records three of the next five seasons. “We slipped in the early ’80s and were struggling with the program. We lost a lot of close games,” Brechtelsbauer says. “The players we

brought in weren’t of the same caliber as those who were playing for schools that were recruiting.”

Brechtelsbauer served on a committee to review staffing for all sports in the athletic department. Eventually, the softball program’s budget was enhanced steadily each year, allowing her to hire staff and devote more time to recruiting. She credits the late Gary Buckles, whom she hired as a part-time coach to work with the pitching staff. Blaylock, a former college pitching star at Evansville who had worked camps with Brechtelsbauer, joined the staff

and assumed a larger role when Buckles left the program.

Brechtelsbauer also drew on the knowledge of assistant and SIU alumnus Skip Cosgrove, in his 17th season with the program, who she says has been a long-time asset to the program.

Her efforts culminated with a memorable 1991 season, in which the Salukis finished with an overall record of 42-7, which included a 23-game winning streak. The team posted 25 school records and was the only team in Gateway Conference season to finish undefeated in league play (14-0).

“That was a very skillful group with some current and future Hall of Famers,” she says. “It was an easy team to coach because most of them had been together all four years. I gave them considerable leeway in terms of strategy and baserunning because they knew how to play the game and made good decisions.”

The Salukis were steady and consistent in the '90s, culminating with a 38-20 mark in 1999, Brechtelsbauer's last season as head coach. “I wanted to spend more time with my family and retired knowing that Kerri and Skip would continue building the program. I knew the program was going to be in good hands—otherwise I wouldn't have left,” she says. “I'm pleased that they have continued to stress academics. I always told our kids there would be repercussions if they didn't perform in the classroom, and Kerri has continued that philosophy.”

### COMPLETING THE JOURNEY

Blaylock admits that she is a dreamer. Initially, she told recruits the goal was to advance to an NCAA Regional. Having accomplished that feat, Blaylock now tells players the program is striving to reach the next level: the NCAA College World Series.

“Some people may laugh at us, but I dream big. It's something I've always wanted to do,” she says. “I've stayed here because I want it to happen at SIU.”

Despite their success in the NCAA Tournament and preseason rankings, the Salukis still don't feel they are respected by higher-profile opponents. Blaylock uses this as a motivational tool.

“I like flying under the radar and being an underdog. Our kids play relaxed but have a chip on their shoulder,” she says. “We like to beat a Missouri or Alabama because we don't always get the respect. We pass that on to recruits.”

Blaylock's players have bought into the underdog mentality. Ashley Hamby, a junior pitcher who joins Cassidy Scoggins in leading what has become a traditionally dominant pitching staff, says the Salukis have something to prove.

“People don't expect much from us because we lost four seniors who many feel were the heart and soul of this team,” she says. “Some may take us for granted. But we still have talent left on

this team. We're going to sneak up on some people this year.”

Senior Katie Louis concurs. “We lost four amazing players, but our coaching staff brought in a great recruiting class, and we don't plan on skipping a beat this year.”

A southern Illinois native, Blaylock is thankful that her program has reached a point at which its players can dream big with her.

“When I was in college, we were driving a van overnight during spring break to play games. But now we fly, have better means of transportation, and have contractual support for our equipment,” she says. “Our kids deserve it because they work hard and devote time.

“I'm pleased that it has grown in this way. This has happened through the contributions of many people creating a building block for us to get to this point.”



Charlotte West Stadium has provided a recruiting edge for the program. The playing surface has been honored as one of the top fields in the nation.

## Alumni Member Wins Trip To MVC Women's Tournament

SIU alumni member Marilyn Daniel of Murphysboro was the lucky winner of two all-session game tickets and hotel



accommodations for the Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament, March 9-12, in Springfield, Mo. The drawing took place at

halftime of the Saluki women's basketball game against Drake on Jan. 21, part of the SIU Alumni Association Member Appreciation Women's basketball game activities.

Daniel, shown above with SIU Alumni Association Director Greg Scott, says she is excited about her upcoming trip to Springfield and is looking forward to cheering on the Saluki women in the conference tournament. She also received a pass to the MVC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year banquet. Twenty-three alumni members participated in the drawing.

## SIU Alumni Member Night Christmas Dinner And Program

The SIU Alumni Association hosted its 7th annual Alumni Member Night Christmas dinner and program Nov. 29 on campus, as 70 guests enjoyed a reception in the new Band Orchestra Room of Altgeld Hall. Alumni members enjoyed selections from pianist Richard Gardner '80, MM'83 and vocalist Sara Alstat '01, MM'05 during the social.

Following the reception, members and guests enjoyed a performance by the *Boys Choir of Harlem* in Shryock Auditorium.

## Geography Dept. Reunion

The SIUC Department of Geography and Environmental Resources will hold its first alumni reunion on May 5, 2006.

For more information and to make reservations, contact the department through e-mail, [geog@siu.edu](mailto:geog@siu.edu), or call Olise or Jennie at 618-536-3375.

## Union County Alumni Activities

The Union County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association participated in the Veteran's Day Parade Nov. 11 in Anna. About 30 alumni and their families distributed SIU pens, pencils, balloons and candy. They also sang a rousing version of "Go South-

## SIU Alumni Member Chili Supper

Three hundred sixteen alumni and guests enjoyed a chili supper prior to the Saluki basketball game against Bradley on Jan. 8 in the SIU Arena. The Student Alumni Council and Jackson County Alumni Chapter joined the Association in hosting this event, which is part of the Association's member appreciation activities. Members were also eligible to receive two game tickets, compliments of the SIU Alumni Association.



Alumni enjoyed a bowl of chili, salad, beverage and dessert. Special guests included Bill Holden, a 1972 SIU graduate, whose walk across America to raise funds to fight Juvenile Diabetes was chronicled in the September 2005 *Southern Alumni* magazine. The Association extends a special thank you to Tom Brownlow '74, Ph.D.'00, former alumni board president Don Magee, and David Saladino '92 of Springfield for coordinating a bus trip for alumni from the Capital City to Carbondale for the event.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler and his wife, Mary, Associate Vice Chancellor Jeff Lorber, and national alumni board members Steve Falat, J.C. Garavalia, Jim Hayes, Dede Ittner, Doris Rottschalk, and Ray Serati were also on hand.

Representing the Jackson County Chapter were Linda Benz, Sondra Greer and Joyce Hayes. Student Alumni Council members assisting in hosting the event were President Anna Gorges, Cindy-Ann Alexander, Maryl Epplin, Flaviu Hodis, Georgeta Hodis, Elizabeth Marquina, and Otsuka Parylo.

At halftime, the Alumni Association honored sponsors and game hosts who provided support for pre-game home football tailgates in 2005. Rottschalk, vice president of the Association, emceed the presentation of plaques, with assistance from executive director Ed Buerger, and staff members Michelle Suarez and Laura Taylor.

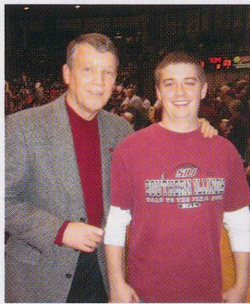
Among those honored for the second consecutive year were presenting sponsors Marion Pepsi, River Radio Group and Venegoni-Horrell Distributing. Also recognized were game hosts Herrin Security Bank, Regions Bank, the *Southern Illinoisan* newspaper and Tres Hombres Mexican Restaurant.

ern Go" on the judges stand. The Chapter also coordinated a bus trip for 46 alumni and guests who watched the Salukis defeat Murray State 57-53 on Dec. 28.

One of the chapter's goals is to raise funds for scholarships for Union County students to attend SIU. For more information about upcoming events or scholarship opportunities, contact George Welborn, chapter president, (618) 833-6141.

## Student Wins \$2,800 Scholarship From Association

Jeffrey Doherty, a junior majoring in management at Southern, is shown with SIU Alumni Association Executive



Director Ed Buerger after he was selected as the lucky winner of a \$2,800 scholarship drawing during halftime of the SIU-Creighton basketball game on Jan. 24. The scholarship, sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association, covers tuition and fees for fall semester.

Current SIUC students were eligible to register for the drawing prior to the game. Two hundred eighty-two students entered the drawing, 13 percent of which were members of the Alumni Association. Student members also received a coupon for a free hamburger and fries from the Student Center McDonald's, compliments of Short Enterprises and the SIU Alumni Association.

The Association served as game sponsor on the evening and coordinated this program to extend appreciation to SIUC students. As an added bonus, a boisterous crowd of 9,004 watched the Salukis make history by defeating the Bluejays. With the victory, Southern broke the conference record for consecutive home conference wins with 42.

## St. Louis Area Chapter Events

Ninety alumni and guests living in the St. Louis area attended the SIU Annual Trivia Night. The St. Louis Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted the Jan. 27 event. The executive committee of the chapter organized the program, with assistance from alumni volunteers. The group also raised \$2,000 for its scholarship fund, which will benefit high school seniors in the St. Louis and Metro East area planning to attend SIU.

Also, St. Louis-area alumni are invited to watch Saluki baseball on April 26. The Salukis will play St. Louis University at GMC Stadium in Sauget, Ill. Cost to attend is \$14 per member and \$20 for non-members, which includes a pre-game buffet and game ticket. To order, please call (618) 453-2408 or register online at [www.siualumni.com](http://www.siualumni.com).

## SIU Football Playoff Tailgate In Charleston

Four hundred and five alumni and guests attended a tailgate prior to the SIU-Eastern Illinois playoff football game Nov. 26 in Charleston. Attendees enjoyed a pre-game meal catered by the Great Boars of Fire. A brief program was conducted, and featured speakers included SIU President Glenn Poshard, Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement



Rickey McCurry, and Director of Athletics Paul Kowalczyk. Roger Tedrick, Chair of the SIU Board of Trustees, SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler and Associate Vice Chancellor Jeff Lorber also participated in the festivities.

The group then moved into O'Brien Field and watched Southern defeat Eastern Illinois

21-6 in front of a large and enthusiastic contingent of Saluki fans.

SIU Alumni Association representatives in attendance included national board members Steve Falat, Mike Munge, Len Surina, Howard Spiegel, George Welborn and Wes Wilkins; and SIU Alumni Association directors Gene Green, Greg Scott, Michelle Suarez and Argus Tong. The Association wishes to extend a special thank you to the following volunteers for their assistance in hosting the event: Tommy Bell, Mike Holley, Kevin Lister, Keith Nyman, George Robinson and Christi Schumacher.

## St. Louis Chapter Hosts Saluki Basketball Social

The St. Louis Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted more than 300 alumni and friends at a pre-game basketball social in Jacques Sports Bar on Nov. 30. After the reception, Saluki fans walked to Savvis Center to watch the Salukis play the St. Louis Billikins.

SIU Alumni Association President Sheri Hunter and national board members Harry Fanning, George Welborn and Wes Wilkins were also in attendance. Other association representatives included executive director Ed Buerger, and directors Michelle Suarez and Argus Tong.

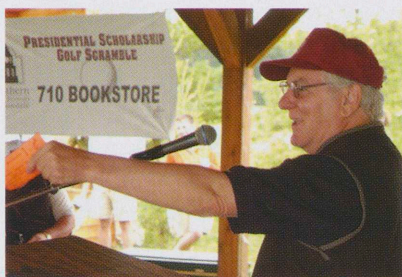
The St. Louis Alumni Chapter meets regularly. With about 7,000 alumni in the greater St. Louis area, the chapter's goal is to increase Southern's presence and to raise funds for scholarships. The following events are being planned: SIU vs. SLU Baseball pre-game gathering, April 26 in Sauget, Ill.; 2nd annual SIU "Under the Stars" at the MUNY; SIU Day at Busch Stadium; and a wine-tasting.

The next St. Louis Chapter Meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 19, at the Cheshire Lodge & Inn. For information about chapter activities, log on to [siualumni.com](http://siualumni.com) or contact President Loren King '00 at (314) 484-6647 or e-mail him at [ncaatrack@aol.com](mailto:ncaatrack@aol.com).



## Presidential Scholarship Golf Scramble May 19

The 2006 Presidential Scholarship Golf Scramble, hosted by SIU President Glenn Poshard (shown below), will be held on Friday, May 19, at Stone Creek Golf Club in Makanda, Ill. There



will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. An entry fee of \$100 will be charged, with all proceeds being used for scholarships to attract Illinois' best stu-

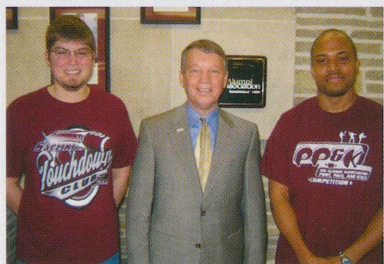
dents to Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

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

## Alumni Association Presents Textbook Scholarships

Three SIUC students won textbook scholarships as a result of their performance in the SIU Alumni Association Punt, Pass and Kick Competition during the Saluki football season.

The Alumni Association, in conjunction with sponsors of its pre-game member tailgates, sponsored a Punt, Pass and Kick Competition at halftime of each Saluki home football game. Participants who successfully completed the contest with a field goal won a textbook scholarship for the spring semester.



Ed Buerger is flanked by Kyle Williams and Rasheed Muwallif. Williams and Muwallif won textbook scholarships in the Association's Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition.

This year's winners are Nicholas Modesto, a senior from Chicago majoring in administration of justice; Rasheed Muwallif, a senior from Peoria majoring in administration of justice and Kyle Williams, a junior from Dixon majoring in engineering technology.

The textbook scholarships are sponsored by Pepsi, River Radio, Venegoni-Horrell Distributing, Regions Bank, *Southern Illinoisan* newspaper, Tres Hombres Mexican Restaurant, and the SIU Alumni Association. All competitors receive a T-shirt and a gift certificate, compliments of Tres Hombres Mexican Restaurant.

## Alumni Member Appreciation Baseball And Softball Events Set

SIU Alumni Association members are invited to appreciation events in conjunction with Saluki baseball and softball on April 15 and April 22 on the SIUC campus.

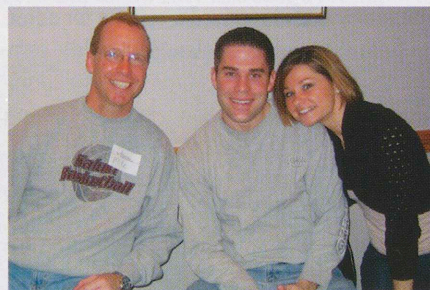
Saluki Baseball will host Creighton at Abe Martin Field on April 15, with the first pitch scheduled for 2 p.m. Alumni members will gather for a pre-game tailgate beginning at 12 p.m. Head coach Dan Callahan's team features many returning starters, and many observers have the Salukis finishing as high as second in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Saluki Softball will host a doubleheader against Creighton on April 22. The first game begins at noon. Members are invited to enjoy a 10:30 a.m. pre-game tailgate at Rochman Field, Charlotte West Stadium. Head coach Kerri Blaylock's team has advanced to the NCAA Tournament three consecutive years.

For more information or to make reservations to attend these gatherings, call the SIU Alumni Association at (618) 453-2408.

## Alumni Reception In Normal

One hundred and nine alumni and guests attended a reception on Jan. 28 in Normal prior to Southern's basketball game



against Illinois State. The group gathered at the Staywood Inn.

The SIU Alumni Association salutes Bloomington-

Normal area alumni who assisted in hosting the event, including Brad and Janelle Burke and Mike Holley, Mark Holley and Chuck Bernardes. Salukis fans went home happy, as Southern defeated the Redbirds, 65-52.

## Rainbow Network Plans Anniversary Celebration

The Saluki Rainbow Network (SRN) is hosting an alumni weekend and celebration, April 14-16, in celebration of its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Activities begin with a dinner dance on April 14 in the Student Center Ballrooms at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person.

For additional information, call Paulette Curkin at (618) 453-7523, or log on to [www.siu.edu/~glbf](http://www.siu.edu/~glbf).

## Chicagoland Golf Scramble Moves To New Course



George Loukas, the event's sponsor, is shown speaking at last year's dinner.

The 17th Annual Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble is moving to a new course. It will be held at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling, Ill., on Friday, July 28. There will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m., with dinner following the event. All proceeds benefit Saluki Athletics.

This event has raised more than \$240,000 since 1989, and sponsorships are available. For additional information, please contact George Robinson at (618) 453-5408 or [grob@siu.edu](mailto:grob@siu.edu).

## Greater Atlanta Area Club Contact Needed

The SIU Alumni Association is currently searching for a new Atlanta-area alumni contact.

The reviving of the Atlanta Alumni Club is in full swing, and a volunteer leader is needed to continue the group's momentum. If you are interested, please contact Argus Tong at the SIU Alumni Association: [argus@siu.edu](mailto:argus@siu.edu) or (618) 453-2408.

## SIU Family Day At U.S. Cellular Field Set For June 3

The 5th Annual SIU Family Day at U.S. Cellular Field will be held Saturday, June 3. The World Series Champion White Sox host the Texas Rangers in a 6 p.m. game which will be followed by fireworks.



Shown enjoying last year's event, were, from left, Mike Davids, Paul Conti, Walter and Mary Wendler, Jeff Lorber, and Lee Ann Conti.

The price for this year's event will be \$37 for adults and \$32 for children 12 and under. This price includes the game ticket and the pre-game tailgate beginning at 4 p.m. Reserved parking may be purchased for an

additional \$18. For more information or registration, please contact Bryan Vagner at (618) 453-4913 or [bvagner@siu.edu](mailto:bvagner@siu.edu).

## Central Florida Chapter Picnic

The Central Florida Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association invites all alumni and friends to attend its 5th Annual Saluki Family Picnic at noon (EST) on May 21. Everyone will gather at Ft. DeSoto Park in St. Petersburg. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Terry Gannon, (727) 367-2542, or via email at [tgannon@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:tgannon@tampabay.rr.com).

## Association Families Eligible For Scholarship

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

Applications and eligibility criteria are available online. Materials must be postmarked by May 26 to be considered. Applicants must include a copy of their financial aid award letter and three letters of recommendation, one from the relative who is an SIU Alumni Association member.

For more information, contact the SIU Alumni Association, Student Center, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901, call (618) 453-2417, or visit [www.siu alumni.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.siu alumni.com/scholarships.htm).



## Board of Directors Ballot

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

Only the votes of dues-paying members are valid in this election. Ballots must reach the alumni association offices no later than noon on **April 10, 2006.**

### Directors for Election (four year term)

A	B	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Art Aikman, Ph.D.'65
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barry Smith, '80

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

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Kraatz, '58
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary Roe, '65, M.S. '66

All candidates are life members of the SIU Alumni Association.

### Please return your ballot to:

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Name of person(s) voting:



Although she has lived on nearly every continent for her work in the Foreign Service, Janice Jacobs still nurtures some deep roots in southern Illinois.

*by Marianne Lawrence*

Janice Jacobs became a citizen of the world when she was in the third grade.

"My whole family moved to Ethiopia in 1954, where my father worked for the Point Four Program (predecessor to the U.S. Agency for International Development) and since there were no American schools, I went to a French school, not speaking a word of French," recalls Jacobs.

She eventually was moved into a normal classroom after a three-month crash course on the language, but a seed had been planted during the four years she lived in Ethiopia and Thailand before the family returned to their home base in Washington, D.C.

"My life's path was influenced by my father's work in the agency and at Southern Illinois University, where he served as dean of international programs," says Jacobs, a 1968 Southern graduate who recently completed three years as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services in the U.S. State Department.

Although the SIU Alumni Association Life Member has lived on nearly every continent, she still nurtures some deep roots in southern Illinois. "Both my parents are from southern Illinois,

and my whole family attended SIU—father, mother, two brothers, my sister and I. It's sort of a family tradition."

Numerous family members and friends were in attendance when Jacobs recently lectured for the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute on "Balancing Border Security and International Education Exchanges." In fact, she was introduced by her cousin, Larry Dietz '70, SIUC Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. Her mother, Oma Lee Jacobs '64, sat in the front row.

"Of all the speaking engagements I've had," smiled Jacobs as she took the podium, "this is the first time my mother has been in the audience. As you can imagine it's a little unnerving, but I'm sure I'll get through it."

Her family takes pride in her accomplishments and is excited about her recent Senate confirmation as U.S. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the republics of Senegal and Guinea-Bissau, countries on the western coast of Africa. She will be sworn in at a ceremony March 30 in Washington, D.C.

According to her mother, Jacobs is boning up on her French since Senegal is a French-speaking nation. "Even though Janice is

fluent in both French and Spanish, she hasn't used her French in a while, so she is doing her homework," says Oma, a veteran world traveler herself, who recently returned from the Galapagos Islands and a trip down the Amazon.

The late Robert Jacobs would also be proud of his daughter. He received his Southern degree in 1935 and after a stint with Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Mich., where Janice was born, began his work to develop local capabilities in countries like Thailand and Ethiopia.

"My father recognized how important education is for a country's future and its prosperity, and I think that understanding brought me to the job I currently hold," says Jacobs.

His work was temporarily interrupted in 1962 when SIU President Delyte Morris asked him to return to his alma mater and serve as dean of the University's international programs. As a result of that move, Janice entered her junior year at University High School before enrolling at SIU and choosing a major in French to build on her early skills.

Her other siblings would also earn Southern degrees. Her brother, Larry, graduated in 1971 and earned a master's degree in 1981, and his daughter, Jessica, is currently an SIUC student. A sister, Linda Wineberg, graduated in 1978 and is teaching in California. Another brother, Bob, attended the University and was tragically killed in 2004 while working in Saudia Arabia.

After Jacobs graduated, she and her first husband were married in Bangkok, Thailand, where her parents were living. "He saw how my father lived and eventually decided to join the Foreign Service even though he had graduated law school," says Jacobs. His assignments took them to Ecuador, Egypt, Mexico and Nigeria during which time Jacobs had two sons, taught in the American schools, and did some embassy work.

While in Mexico, she decided to take the Foreign Service exam. "I became an officer in March of 1980, and we both



In her role as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Service in the U.S. State Department Bureau of Consular Affairs, Janice Jacobs is shown conducting a briefing at the Washington Foreign Press Center.

were assigned to Lagos, Nigeria. The couple separated while in Nigeria, and Jacobs was assigned to Ethiopia as Consular Section Chief, enabling her to return to the country she lived in as a child with her two sons, Kurt and Eric. "I was really excited about going back since I had been there as a child."

Her consular responsibilities were to issue visas to people wanting to come to the U.S. and to take care of American citizens abroad. This could include routine paperwork related to births and deaths outside the country or crises like plane crashes or natural disasters such as the 2004 Tsunami, where families needed to be notified and emergency arrangements made.

Although she was happy to return to Ethiopia, things there were not good. "As much as I love Ethiopia, the people and the food, it was a difficult time because of the brutal reign of Mengistu. There were thousands of deaths under his reign," recalls Jacobs.

During her service there, travel for her family frequently was restricted for safety reasons. In addition, the Ethiopian government limited contact

with people in most sections of the embassy, which put Jacobs in a unique position. "Because everyone wanted visas to visit the United States, as head of the consular section, I ended up getting to see a lot of people the others in the embassy could not talk to."

Her next assignment to Paris brought a complete change from the African climate of Ethiopia. "Our first winter in Paris was quite a shock, and we rushed out to buy winter clothes. Paris is a beautiful city, the food was wonderful and there was so much to see and do."

It didn't take long for both sons to speak French. Jacobs recalls her youngest son, Kurt, learning to speak Spanish at the same time he learned English when the family was in Mexico. He now lives and works in Chicago. Eric, who is fluent in Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese and French, followed in his mother's footsteps and has been in the Foreign Service since 1997.

Before leaving Paris in 1985, Jacobs married Ken Friedman, a civilian personnel officer in the Department of Defense in Washington. For the next six years she worked in the State Department as division chief of the Visa



Members of Janice Jacobs' family gathered for a photo after her recent lecture for the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. From left are her sister-in-law and brother, Sandra and Larry Jacobs, her nephew, Matthew Jacobs, her mother, Oma Lee Jacobs and her niece and Larry's daughter, Jessica Jacobs, an SIU student.

Office coordination division and as a senior watch officer in the Operations Center during the Gulf War.

Her next assignment as Principal Officer in the American Consulate in Matamoros, Mexico, produced some good memories. Jacobs laughs when remembering that at first the local Rotary Club wasn't sure what to do with her. "The head consul there had always been included as a member of the Rotary Club, but they had no women members. It was nearly a year before I was asked to join," she recalls.

While in Matamoros she became involved in a project that she still finds rewarding. She enlisted high school students from Matamoros and Brownsville, Texas, just across the U.S. border, to work together in a beach clean-up and recycling project. "I'm proud of the legacy that I left there. I've stayed in close touch and am happy they have continued the project."

Returning to Washington in 1994, she took time to get her master's degree in national security strategy from the National War College, where military personnel and civilians are brought together for training.

Jacobs learned a lot about the military and how it works, which turned out

to be helpful in her next job as Deputy Director in the Office of Cuban Affairs. "With issues surrounding the Guantanamo base and migrant Cubans who were picked up at sea while trying to get to the U.S., people I worked with at the War College turned out to be good contacts."

After leaving Cuba, Jacobs returned to Washington's Bureau of Consular Affairs before being named Deputy Chief of Mission and Charge d'Affaires at the American Embassy in Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic.

In 2002 she returned to Washington and assumed her assignment as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services in the Bureau of Consular Affairs. Here she would face perhaps the most challenging task of her career: dealing with challenges the State Department faced after 9/11, especially in visa services. "After the terrorist attacks, there was a lot of scrutiny because all the hijackers entered the U.S. with visas," explains Jacobs, "even though in each case correct procedures had been followed."

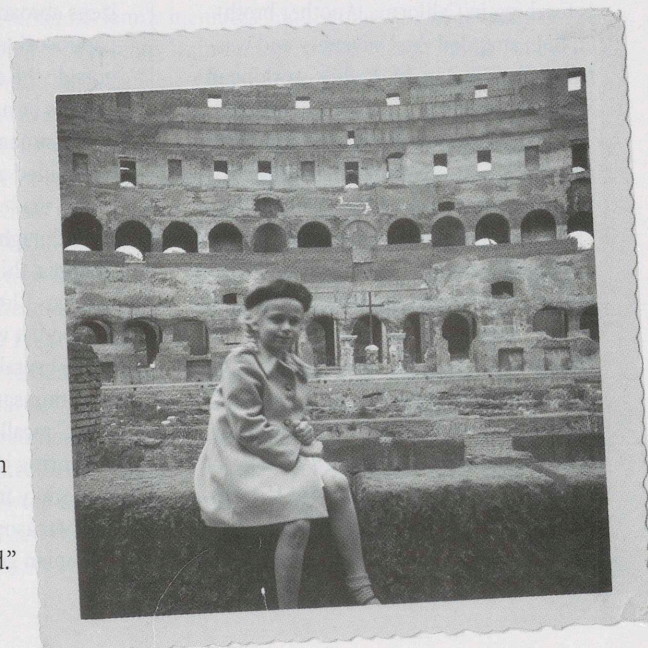
Jacobs explains that Visa processing was transformed after 9/11 to address security concerns. Screening of applicants increased, including more interviews and checks with other Washington agencies. As a result, the system bogged down beginning in the spring of 2002. "Unfortunately, some students were delayed an entire year," she says.

"We're working hard to keep the country open to legitimate visitors and travelers not just because it's important to our economy, but because it is what we are all about, what the U.S. has always stood for. We're a nation of immigrants, and we've always welcomed foreigners to our shores. We don't want to lose that."

Jacobs is always happy to return to Southern and the warm memories, especially from her high school years. "I became very close to the people I graduated with and always come back for the reunions. We had our 40th just last year."

She also stays in touch with her Sigma Kappa Sorority sisters and recalls living in the sorority house on Campus Lake. Even though she is a world traveler, her warmest memories still reside right here on the SIU campus.

A world traveler even when she was young, Jacobs is shown here at the Coliseum in Rome in 1954.



## Cleta Whitacre, Former Williamson County Chapter President Dies

Cleta Whitacre, age 91, of Marion, died recently in Florida, where she had lived for the past six months.



A career educator, Whitacre taught in Williamson County more than 60 years. After completing her two-year elementary teaching degree at Southern in 1933, she taught until 1944 in the rural schools of East Hampton, West Hampton, Wolf Creek and Hurricane. She received her Bachelor of Education degree at SIU in 1943 and then taught math and business in Johnston City from 1944 through 1952. After this, she earned a Master's at the University in 1956 while teaching 32 years in the business department of the Marion school system until her retirement in 1984.

Starting in 1979, Whitacre served as the president of the Williamson County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association for almost two decades. During this time she was instrumental in helping raise funds annually to pay for four \$1,500 scholarships awarded by the chapter. She was also the recipient of the 1997 SIU Alumni Achievement Award for Service.

Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to Hearts Helping Hearts and mailed in care of Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home, P.O. Box 370, Marion, IL 62959.

### Alumni Deaths

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**AIASSI**, Christina K., '26; '38  
01/08/06, Murphysboro, Ill.  
**BENNETT**, Celeste (Sanks), '27  
12/03/05, Shawneetown, Ill.  
**EWING**, Evalon Kathryn, '33  
12/13/05, Silver Spring, Md.  
**GIDCUMB**, Kathleen (Coffee), ex '33  
12/16/05, Harrisburg, Ill.  
**NUERNBERGER**, Alice B., '33  
12/19/05, New Athens, Ill.  
**ROBISON**, Edith H., '33  
12/05/05, Navarre, Fla.  
**SWAGLER**, Alice K., '33  
01/15/06, Shattuc, Ill.  
**BALDWIN**, James M., ex '36  
11/25/05, Galatia, Ill.  
**GLENN**, Ada H., '36  
12/29/05, Dahlgren, Ill.  
**WILSON**, Marion M., '37  
12/12/05, Lawrenceville, Ill.  
**ETHERTON**, William H., '38  
11/21/05, Jacksonville, Ill.  
**NELSON**, Mildred Edna (Hill), '38  
09/08/05, La Conner, Wash.  
**FRICK**, James O., ex '39  
11/30/05, Cocoa, Fla.  
**FRAKES**, Raymond M., ex '40  
12/16/05, Carbondale, Ill.  
**JONES**, Margery (Buckingham), '40  
08/24/05, Sun City, Calif.  
**LANKFORD**, Dorothy L., '40  
12/20/05, Browns, Ill.  
**ECKERT**, Dolores, '41  
01/11/06, Belleville, Ill.  
**LANGDON**, George D., '41  
12/08/05, Troy, Ill.  
**VEACH**, James F., ex '42  
11/23/05, Vienna, Ill.  
**HOSKINS**, Edward E., ex '43  
11/16/05, Glendale, Ariz.  
**PRIEST**, Harry A., ex '43  
12/01/05, Marion, Ind.  
**LINGLE**, Marjorie H., '44  
12/19/05, Jonesboro, Ill.  
**BAPTIST**, Bette (Leckrone), '46  
12/09/05, Brentwood, Tenn.  
**ULM**, Cleo Hazel, '46  
11/21/05, Stevensville, Mont.  
**BRUSH**, John B., '47  
10/19/05, Deerfield Beach, Fla.  
**GARRETT**, Harry L., '47  
10/11/05, McAllen, Texas  
**PLUMLEE**, Karl E., '48  
01/10/06, Du Quoin, Ill.  
**FORTNER**, Robert E., ex '49  
12/06/05, Carmi, Ill.

**HODGSON**, Frank M., '49  
12/19/05, Centerville, Ohio  
**LANE**, Ralph L., '49  
12/22/05, Waterloo, Ill.  
**BOWYER**, Lebron F., ex '50  
12/24/05, West Frankfort, Ill.  
**CUNNINGHAM**, Darrell G., '50  
03/04/05, New Haven, Ind.  
**GRAY**, Afton B., ex '50  
01/06/06, Marion, Ill.  
**JONES**, Betty A., ex '50  
01/06/06, Anna, Ill.  
**LESLIE**, H. Max, '50  
11/05/05, McLeansboro, Ill.  
**SMITH**, Thomas H., '50  
01/17/06, Du Quoin, Ill.  
**SYVERTSEN**, Gertrude A., '50  
12/13/05, Edina, Minn.  
**BROWN**, Joseph J., '52  
12/27/05, Mt. Vernon, Ill.  
**DURRANT**, Richard L., '52  
10/26/05, Elgin, Ill.  
**FOX**, Richard O., ex '52  
12/26/05, West Frankfort, Ill.  
**SPAETH**, John M., '52; M.S.Ed. '56  
12/07/05, East Alton, Ill.  
**CULLEY**, Kenneth E., '53  
01/10/06, Mulketown, Ill.  
**COLEMAN**, Wyona S., '54  
11/29/05, California, Penn.  
**LUCHSINGER**, Barbara B., ex '55  
11/17/05, Dix, Ill.  
**REED**, Shirley (Holder), '55  
12/29/05, West Frankfort, Ill.  
**SCHNEIDER**, Jeanne J., M.S. '55  
11/27/05, Knoxville, Tenn.  
**MILLS**, Doris "Dorie" M., '56  
11/28/05, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
**SKEELS**, John "Jack" V., '56  
12/20/05, Louisville, Ky.  
**WHITE**, Virginia (Selle), '56  
12/11/05, Lexington, Ky.  
**DONOHU**, Ernest L., M.S.Ed. '58  
01/12/06, Galatia, Ill.  
**JOBE**, Robert D., M.S.Ed. '58  
12/18/05, Fairview Heights, Ill.  
**McROY**, Jerry D., '58  
01/12/06, Marion, Ill.  
**CARTER**, Denzel Alice, '59  
11/14/05, Houston, Texas  
**DICKEY**, Ruth (Alston), '59  
11/12/05, Belleville, Ill.  
**HUMMEL**, John F., '59  
12/21/05, Bartlett, Tenn.  
**BALDUKAS**, Penelopi (Siouti), '60  
11/21/05, Madison, Wis.  
**BRELJE**, Terry B., '60; M.A. '63; Ph.D. '67,  
11/23/05, Springfield, Ill.

**REA**, Kathleen, '60  
12/26/05, Benton, Ill.  
**ROFFMANN**, Phyllis (Zenzen), '60  
01/15/06, Mt. Vernon, Ill.  
**BROWN**, Willadene R., '61; M.S.Ed. '63  
12/02/05, Carbondale, Ill.  
**HEIMANN**, Marcel A., '61  
10/29/05, Aviston, Ill.  
**PRINSTER**, Helen (Beattie), '61  
10/24/05, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
**EASTMAN**, Harry S., ex '62  
12/29/05, Gorham, Ill.  
**McNIGHT**, Virginia R., '62  
12/19/05, Herrin, Ill.  
**CARTER**, Neal A., '63; M.S. '65  
11/26/05, Slidell, La.  
**GREATHOUSE**, James A., '63  
12/27/05, Carmi, Ill.  
**HORTIN**, David W., '63  
11/02/05, Ypsilanti, Mich.  
**OTRICH**, Phillip R., '63  
12/29/05, Anna, Ill.  
**CLUTTS**, Jerry Lee, '63  
01/02/06, Tavares, Fla.  
**BOSOMWORTH**, Lyndal L., '64  
12/12/05, Ottawa, Ill.  
**GASKILL**, Sandra J., '64  
11/26/05, Belleville, Ill.  
**McCANN**, Carol (Harris), M.A. '64  
11/23/05, Carbondale, Ill.  
**RANEY**, Donald R., '64  
11/11/05, Hutsonville, Ill.  
**DENNIS**, John C., '65  
12/08/05, Charleston, S.C.  
**GOSSETT**, Linda S., '65  
11/06/05, Libertyville, Ill.  
**SAYERS**, Patricia L., '65; M.S.Ed. '66; SP '76,  
11/25/05, Harrisburg, Ill.  
**SCHLOSSER**, Cyril J., M.F.A. '65  
10/27/05, Edina, Minn.  
**WOMBACHER**, James O., '65  
01/31/06, Mascoutah, Ill.  
**HALL**, William H., '66; M.S.Ed. '68  
11/27/05, Columbus, Ohio  
**WOODS**, Rosalie (Conti), '66  
12/23/05, Godfrey, Ill.  
**BUCK**, Margaret E., M.S.Ed. '67  
12/20/05, Ottawa, Ill.  
**CERNY**, Gerald E., '67  
01/18/05, Newburyport, Mass.  
**COBLE**, James P., '67  
11/06/05, Springfield, Ill.  
**SURBER**, Barbara M., M.S. '67  
10/12/05, Dayton, Ohio  
**BEINER**, Bruce G., '68  
11/28/05, Roselle, Ill.  
**HANEY**, Sidney D., '68  
11/22/05, Eldorado, Ill.  
**DeMANUELE**, James A., ex '69  
01/15/06, Louisville, Ky.  
**HINDMAN**, David W., '69  
01/15/06, Herrin, Ill.  
**SEYLLER**, Richard L., '69  
10/25/05, Gilberts, Ill.  
**WEIBLE**, Robert J., '69  
01/04/06, New Athens, Ill.  
**WILDMAN**, William L., '69  
10/28/05, Mountain Home, Ark.  
**HANSMANN**, Joseph D., M.S. '70  
11/16/05, Hecker, Ill.  
**SCHROLL**, George A., '70  
10/31/05, St. Louis, Mo.  
**WESTERN**, Kent L., '70  
06/04, Avondale, Ariz.  
**DAWES**, Thomas A., '71  
11/26/05, Spokane, Wash.  
**GERKEN**, Donald P., '72  
11/14/05, McKinney, Texas  
**CHANCEY**, Dennis R., '73  
11/28/05, Harrisburg, Ill.  
**FRIEMANN**, Dwight M., '73  
11/21/05, Belleville, Ill.  
**HILL**, Priscilla "Monti" (Miller) '73;  
M.S.Ed. '79; Ph.D. '86  
12/07/05, Benton, Ill.  
**LIGGETT**, Jack D., '74  
01/16/06, Des Plaines, Ill.  
**NIWINSKI**, Felix A., '74  
11/13/05, Wheaton, Ill.  
**DOOLEY**, Allen L., M.A. '75  
11/13/05, Tuttle, Okla.  
**SARELAS**, Rosemarie (Mondike), '75  
08/01/05, Oak Brook, Ill.  
**COLCLASURE** Jr., John A., '76  
11/24/05, Morgan, Ark.  
**RAY**, Jean (Meyer), M.S. '76  
12/11/05, Cambridge, Mass.

**RYBICKI**, Carolyn M., M.S.Ed. '77  
04/16/05, Belleville, Ill.  
**HURLSTONE**, Robert W., M.F.A. '78  
11/27/05, Perrysburg, Ohio  
**KOZIK**, Robert T., '78  
12/02/05, Belleville, Ill.  
**NITZ**, Theodore G., '78; '80  
11/26/05, St. Petersburg, Fla.  
**YORK**, William K., '78; '79; M.S. '80  
11/04/05, New Haven, Ill.  
**WINTERS**, Mark W., '79  
12/14/05, Jerseyville, Ill.  
**TERAN**, Georgia P., '82  
10/06/05, Raleigh, N.C.  
**ZABRAUSKAS**, David J., '82  
10/13/05, Fayetteville, Ga.  
**COOLEY**, Harold R., '84  
01/18/06, Cincinnati, Ohio  
**SNEED**, Donald G., Ph.D. '84  
12/27/05, Plantation, Fla.  
**FOSSIE**, Wesley T., ex '86  
10/27/05, Murphysboro, Ill.  
**HANCHAR**, Peter W., '86  
01/06/06, Mt. Prospect, Ill.  
**KOCH**, Rosalee M., M.S. '86  
11/01/05, Quincy, Ill.  
**PECINA**, Thomas L., '88  
03/25/05, Belleville, Ill.  
**FRIEMANN**, Virginia L., '89  
01/10/05, McAllen, Texas  
**LINDER**, Mark A., '95  
10/15/05, Peoria, Ill.  
**ELSON**, Benjamin R., '97  
12/27/05, Edwardsville, Ill.  
**MABORN**, Linda S., '98  
01/07/06, Cairo, Ill.  
**MAY**, Elijah E., '00  
10/30/05, Rockford, Ill.  
**WHELCHER**, Robert A., '01  
10/22/05, Bartlett, Ill.  
**WESTERMAN**, Erik P., ex '02  
12/25/05, Pinckneyville, Ill.  
**AVGERIN**, Nicholas C., Ph.D. '03  
12/04/05, Highland Park, Ill.  
**POLSTON**, Chelsea K., '03  
11/18/05, Grantsburg, Ill.  
**SNOW**, Twila G., '04  
11/18/05, Bonnie, Ill.

### Faculty & Staff

**ALEXANDER**, Mary G.  
Emerita Civil Service, Staff Nurse  
11/18/05, West Bend, Wis.  
**BARWICK**, Steven  
Emeritus Professor, School of Music  
01/24/06, Carbondale, Ill.  
**CARRUTHERS**, Walter R.  
Emeritus Civil Service, General Contractor  
12/24/05, Murphysboro, Ill.  
**COULSON**, Judith L., '64  
Emerita Civil Service, Library Tech Assistant,  
Morris Library  
12/01/05, Christopher, Ill.  
**GELSO**, Jack L.  
Emeritus Civil Service, Physical Plant  
01/11/06, West Frankfort, Ill.  
**GUTHRIE**, Robert V.  
Emeritus Professor, Psychology  
11/06/05, San Diego, Calif.  
**HARBERT**, Donald L.  
Emeritus Professor, Workforce Education  
11/21/05, Summerville, S.C.  
**HARRIS**, Robert S., '78  
Emeritus SIU Police Chief  
11/29/05, Murphysboro, Ill.  
**MAJERNIK**, Madonna, '59; M.S. '64  
Former Director, Child Development Lab  
01/28/06, Sumner, Ill.  
**MUELLER**, Robert E.  
Emeritus Professor, School of Music  
12/27/05, Carbondale, Ill.  
**REYNOLDS**, Ellen L.  
Emerita Civil Service, Food Service  
12/22/05, Marion, Ill.  
**RUSSELL**, Robert D.  
Emeritus Professor, Health Education  
12/24/05, Cobden, Ill.  
**SHOEMAKER**, Donald J.  
Emeritus Professor, Psychology  
Director, Psychological Services  
10/30/05, Hutchinson Island, Fla.  
**WHAM**, Marion "Billie" L., ex '48  
Emerita Civil Service, Records Officer, Office of  
Admissions and Records  
12/30/05, Carbondale, Ill.

## APRIL

- 1 **Saluki Baseball vs. Bradley**, home, 2 p.m.  
**Saluki Softball vs. Illinois State (DH)**, home, noon
- 2 **Saluki Baseball vs. Bradley**, home, 1 p.m.  
**Saluki Softball vs. Illinois State**, home, noon
- 5 Saluki Baseball at SE Missouri State, Cape Girardeau, Mo. 3 p.m.  
**Saluki Softball vs. Middle Tennessee State (DH), home, 4 p.m**
- 7 **SIU Official Class Ring Ceremony**, Student Center Ballrooms, 6 p.m.  
**Saluki Baseball vs. North Dakota State**, home, 3 p.m. CeCe Winans, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saluki Baseball vs. North Dakota State**, home, 2 p.m. Saluki Softball at Missouri State (DH) Springfield, Mo., noon
- 8 Super Student Honors Dinner, Student Center, International Lounge, 5 p.m.  
**Saluki Baseball vs. North Dakota State**, home, 1 p.m.
- 9 Saluki Softball at Missouri State, Springfield, Mo., noon
- 11 **Saluki Baseball vs. SE Missouri State**, home, 3 p.m. Mozart and The Stars of Altgeld, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 **Saluki Softball vs. Evansville (DH)**, home, 4 p.m.
- 14 **Saluki Baseball vs. Creighton**, home, 1 p.m.
- 15 **SIU Alumni Appreciation Baseball Game, Salukis vs. Creighton**, home, 2 p.m.  
**Saluki Softball vs. Indiana State**, home, noon and 2 p.m. SIU Day at the St. Louis Zoo
- 16 **Saluki Baseball vs. Creighton**, home, 1 p.m.  
**Saluki Softball vs. Indiana State**, home, noon
- 19 Saluki Baseball at Eastern Illinois, Charleston, 3 p.m. Saluki Softball at Evansville, Evansville, Ind., 5 p.m.
- 21 Saluki Baseball at Missouri State, Springfield, Mo., noon
- 22 Saluki Baseball at Missouri State, Springfield, Mo., 7 p.m.  
**SIU Alumni Appreciation Softball Game (DH), Salukis vs. Creighton**, home, noon

- 23 Saluki Baseball at Missouri State, Springfield, Mo., noon  
**Saluki Softball vs. Creighton**, home, noon  
Wicked in Chicago (SOLD OUT)
- 26 Saluki Baseball vs. Billikens (GMC Stadium), Sauget, Ill., 7 p.m., pre-game gathering 6 p.m.
- 28 Saluki Baseball at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 6:30 p.m.
- 29 Saluki Baseball at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 2 p.m. Saluki Softball at Bradley (DH), Peoria, Ill., noon  
Central Florida Alumni Picnic, St. Petersburg, Fla.
- 30 Saluki Baseball at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 1 p.m. Saluki Softball at Bradley, Peoria, Ill., noon

## MAY

- 3 Saluki Softball at Illinois (DH), Champaign, Ill., 4 p.m.
- 5 **Saluki Baseball vs. Indiana State**, home, 3 p.m. Saluki Softball at Wichita State, Wichita, Kan., noon
- 6 **Saluki Baseball vs. Indiana State**, home, 2 p.m. Saluki Softball at Wichita State (DH), Wichita, Kan., noon
- 7 **Saluki Baseball vs. Indiana State**, home, 1 p.m.
- 11-13 Saluki Softball at State Farm MVC Tournament, Omaha, Neb., TBA
- 12 **Saluki Baseball vs. Evansville, home, 3 p.m.**
- 13 **Saluki Baseball vs. Evansville, home, 2 p.m.**
- 14 **Saluki Baseball vs. Evansville, home, 1 p.m.**
- 18 Saluki Baseball at Illinois State, Normal, 6 p.m.
- 19 Saluki Baseball at Illinois State, Normal, 6 p.m.
- 20 Saluki Baseball at Illinois State, Normal, 2 p.m.
- 24-27 Saluki Baseball at ConAgra Foods/MVC Tournament, Wichita, Kan., TBA

## LOOKING AHEAD

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| July 29         | Detroit Picnic           |
| Aug. 11-20      | 2006 Illinois State Fair |
| Aug. 26-Sept. 4 | 2006 DuQuoin State Fair  |
| Oct. 7          | Homecoming               |

## Dates Announced For SIU Days At Wrigley Field And Busch Stadium

The 29th annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field is scheduled for Sunday, July 30. Game time for the Cubs-Cards game is 1:20 p.m. (Time is subject to change). Alumni members can also enjoy a pre-game gathering at the Cubby Bear Lounge, across the street from Wrigley Field. A buffet meal and beverages will be available to guests.

The 22nd annual SIU Day at Busch Stadium will be Saturday, Aug. 26, as the Cardinals welcome the Cubs in a 12:20 p.m. contest. A pre-game event is being finalized at this time. Due to the popularity of these two events, tickets are open to Alumni Association members only, and a maximum of four tickets may be purchased by each member for each event.

Absolutely no ticket orders will be accepted until May 1, and all orders must be made by calling 618-453-2408. No tickets will be sold online, and the cost of these events will be announced soon.



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

## 1930s

**J. Von Baker '36** will celebrate his 96th birthday in April and recalls that when he graduated in 1936 from Southern Illinois Teacher's College the enrollment



was only around 800 students. Baker retired from teaching history and government at Eldorado High School in 1972. He was introduced as the oldest alumni member present at the 2005 SIU Alumni Association's Homecoming Half Century dinner.

## 1940s

**Joseph Evers '48** is in his 61st year as a pastor in Quincy, Ill. He is president of Golden K Kiwanis and was named chaplain of the month at Blessing Hospital.

## 1950s

**Jon Poston '56** is head of Jon Poston & Associates, a public relations and video production company. He was formerly public information officer for the Arizona Corporation Commission and for 35 years ran television newsrooms in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, South Carolina and Arizona. He and his wife, Sharon, live in Cave Creek, Ariz.

## 1960s

**Frank Heiligenstein '63** is a retired law book publisher. He has served on the St. Clair County Board for 30 years and is currently president of the Illinois Association of County Board Members. Heiligenstein

is on the Commercial State Bank of Waterloo board of directors, is chairman of F.S.H. Water Officials Association, and is owner of the Illinois Codification Services. He and his wife, Georgia, live in Freeburg, Ill.

**James Petty '63** is dean of student affairs at The Art Institute of Atlanta and student affairs regional specialist with the Education Management Corporation.

**Art Peterson '67** was a featured speaker at Palwaukee Municipal Airport in Wheeling, Ill., when the U.S. Postal Service released a stamp honoring the "Black Cat," the last U.S. bomber shot down over Europe in World War II. His father died when the B-24 plane was shot down over Germany in 1945. Peterson is a staff writer for the Sun News in Waukegan, Ill.

**William Landwer '68** is founder and vice president of MKL Pre-Press Electronics in Schaumburg, Ill., and is active in the Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates Rotary Club. He and his wife, Mimi, live in Schaumburg. Their son, Air Force Capt. Andy Landwer, graduated from SIU in 2000.

## 1970s

**Jim Barber '72** has retired after 30 years at Ford Motor Co. He is currently an applications systems administrator at Henry Ford Community College. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Dearborn, Mich.

**Gary Delsohn '75** who covered California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for the Sacramento Bee newspaper, has joined the governor's staff as his chief speechwriter.

**Carl Flowers '75, M.S. '85, Rh.D. '93**, an associate professor in the Rehabilitation Institute at Southern Illinois University, will serve a one-year term as president-elect and a year as president in 2007 of the National Rehabilitation Association. At

## Taking His Show On The Road

by Greg Scott

A retired educator and administrator, Eric Frazier told Southern Alumni magazine (Dec. 2001) he had no idea where his interest in music would take him. Five years later, an avocation that began as a hobby is taking Frazier coast to coast.

Frazier has released his third CD title Find Yourself (Then Find Me) and is in the midst of producing a fourth CD due out in fall 2006. It will feature more of Frazier's jazz collections, in addition to selections for world-famous musicians.

"My title was listed in the top 10 of CDs played on jazz stations across the country. That was encouraging," says the 1971 Southern graduate. "It sells particularly well when I do shows."

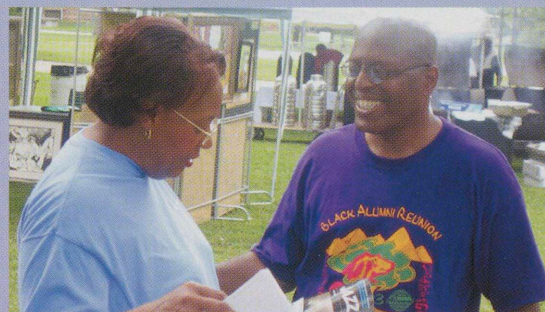
Frazier began touring after a performance during the biannual SIUC Black Alumni Group Reunion in July. His performance schedule has since taken him to Lunares in Los Angeles, Spagettini's in Seale Beach, Calif., Micheli's in Hollywood, Twin's Jazz Club in Washington, D.C., and Morseland Negro League in Chicago.

Although he primarily performs at major jazz clubs in his hometown New York, Frazier plans on making trips to the West Coast every six months.

"It's gone really well. Every place I've gone has been a full house," Frazier says. "People were purchasing the CDs and loved the music. My goal is to be a household name. I want to produce a quality product that people will enjoy playing over and over again."

The SIU Alumni Association Life Member says it was particularly inspirational to kick his tour off during the BAG Reunion. "My friends were there as well as University officials. It created good vibes as guests were meeting and greeting," he says. "The function of music is providing listeners with a positive frame of mind and reinforcing hope in their own endeavors. It brings people closer together. That is what I love about it."

Frazier also writes a monthly column for Jazz Improv Magazine, the No. 1 jazz magazine in New York. His column focuses on the city's jazz scene and also features his performance schedule. To purchase one of his CDs or for more information about his live appearances, log on to [www.ericfrazier.com](http://www.ericfrazier.com) or e-mail him at [ericconga@aol.com](mailto:ericconga@aol.com).



Eric Frazier visits with a fellow SIU graduate at the Black Alumni Group Reunion last summer.



the association's recent conference, Flowers received the Dr. Silvia Walker Multicultural Education Award, which recognizes teaching, publishing, research, mentoring and training activities that advance rehabilitation and multicultural agendas.

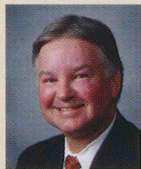
**Frank Taylor '76** of Johnson City, Ill., taught for five years after graduating from SIU before entering private industry. He now works for the U.S. government and says he still uses his SIU training to teach and accomplish his job assignments.

**Thomas Dermody '77** has been a police officer for the Matteson, Ill., Police Department for 25 years, where he works with his K9 partner, Lobo. He, his wife, Laura, and their children, Joey, 6, and Ryan, 2, live in New Lenox, Ill.

**Richard Dees '77**, a partner the Chicago law firm of McDermott Will & Emery, was recognized by Robb Robert

Worth magazine as one of the top 100 estate planning attorneys in the United States. He has been with the firm since 1980 after graduating magna cum laude from the University of Illinois College of Law.

**Brad Choate '79, M.S. '84** became vice president of university advancement at the University of South Carolina on March 1 after nearly 10 years as president and chief executive officer at the Minnesota Medical Foundation. Since Choate joined the



Minnesota Foundation in 1996, nearly \$800 million has been raised to support health-related research, education and service at the University of Minnesota.

**Andree Salomon McArthur '79** and her husband, John McArthur, who also attended Southern, own

McArthur Photography Inc. in Chicago. Their work appears in the Chicago Tribune and in advertising for clients that include McDonald's, Kraft Foods, Motorola, Kohl's and Lands End. One of the couple's two children plans to attend SIU this fall.

**Thimios Zaharopoulos '79 M.A. '81, Ph.D. '85** is dean of the college of liberal Arts and Sciences at Park University, Parkville, Mo. He and his wife, Julie Crain '83, M.A. '85, live in Shawnee, Kan.



## 1980s

**Mark McAllister '81** is president of 361 Marketing Solutions in Bloomington, Ill., where he and his wife, Nancy, make their home.

**Shelton Halterman '86** recently was promoted to managing director by RSM McGladrey Inc., and partner in McGladrey and Pullen LLP. He is located in the company's Deerfield, Ill., office.

**James Roberts J.D. '86** has been selected as associate judge of Illinois Fourth Judicial Circuit Court. Roberts served as Montgomery County State's Attorney in Hillsboro, Ill., the past five years. His assistant state's attorney, **Christopher Matoush J.D. '99** was appointed to succeed him as Montgomery County State's Attorney.

**Sharon Hull M.D. '87** is returning to the faculty at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine as an associate professor in medical humanities after earning a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was previously on the medical school's family and community medicine faculty as well as assistant dean of student affairs in Carbondale from 1996 to 2003.

**Beth Dedert Fox '88** is teaching kindergarten and first grade music in the South Orangetown Central School District in Rockland County, N.Y. She and her husband, Dennis, have been married 12 years and have two children, William, 8, and Abigail, 7. The family lives in Tappan, N.Y.

**Deborah Willis '88** has published a book, *A Life of Agony and Praise*, a personal story of her abuse as a child. She graduated from SIU as a ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate and, after serving eight years in the Army, earned a master's degree in marriage and family therapy and a graduate certificate of gerontology from Chapman University in Washington State. She works as a marriage and family therapist for the Mental Health Division at Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

**Fabian DeRozario '89** is a professional speaker and trainer in the areas of diversity, communications, customer service and leadership. He formerly served as director of U.S. University Relations for the Golden Key International Honor Society. DeRozario is a workshop presenter for Monster.com's diversity leadership program, a consultant with the Global Lead Management Co. based in Atlanta and founder and president of the Malaysian Association of Georgia. He and his wife, Jesslyna, live in Atlanta.

**Scott Salmon '89, M.A. '91** has been admitted as a partner of KPMG LLP, based in Washington, D.C. He has been with the firm since 1991 and is responsible for providing technical client services and technical support for operating office personnel. He is a CPA in the District of Columbia and Missouri and is chair of the state and local tax



## University Presidents Convene

The recent triennial meeting of the International Association of University Presidents included four who earned their Ph.D.s from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. From left are Thanu Kulachol Ph.D. '77, president of Bangkok University in Thailand; Sister Francesca Onley, Ph.D. '86, president of Holy Family University in Philadelphia; Eudora Pettigrew M.A. '64, Ph.D. '66, president emeritus of the State University of New York, Old Westbury; and Michael Adams Ph.D. '76, president of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J. Adams, Onley and Pettigrew serve on the Association's Executive Committee.



resource panel of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He serves on the board of advisors for the SIU School of Accountancy and chairs its funds committee. Salmon and his family live in Arlington, Va.

## 1990s

**Anne Koleson '90** is working for the medical director at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, Ill., as a physician liaison, managing the relationship between the physician practices and the hospital. Koleson writes that she appreciates reading each edition of Southern Alumni magazine.



U.S. Army Major **Arthur Fager '91** of Moline, Ill., is currently assigned to the Illinois Army National Guard's 2-123 Field Artillery Battalion in Milan. He recently returned from a one-year deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**Monique Stadler-Grizzell '91, M.S.'02** is a teacher in the Johnson City, Ill., Elementary School and author of a book, *Baby's*



*Buddy: On My Way to Reading*, that addresses the importance of literacy for ages infant to

3 years. She works with the Southern Region Early Childhood Programs, the Illinois State Board of Education and SIUC programs. She lives in West Frankfort, Ill.

**Kaliym Islam '92** is director of instructional technologies for the Depository Trust & Clearing Corp. He is a member of The American Society for Training and Development, the Project Management Institute, the International Society of Six

Sigma Professionals and is vice president of MetroSet, a New York metropolitan-area consortium dedicated to technology education. He writes for industry publications, contributes book chapters and speaks at conventions and on radio talk shows.

Navy Chief Warrant Officer **Kimberly Tolbert '92** was recently deployed in support of the global war on terrorism assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Nassau, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

**Kari Sanders '93** has been employed with the Bureau of Prisons for nearly nine years. She is the Asian American, Pacific Islander, Native American special emphasis program manager with the Affirmative Action Committee at the Marion Federal Penitentiary and lives in West Frankfort, Ill.

**Todd Hillman '94, M.A.'97** writes that fellow alum **Ray Mines '95** has made his debut in the movie  *Elizabethtown*, with a non-speaking role at the beginning of the film as one of the guys who opens a truck and has a facial reaction. Hillman notes that "this is how many of the great actors of our time started. Remember Tom Hanks in *Bosom Buddies* in the early 1980s?" According to Hillman, Mines has been in Hollywood since graduating from SIU.

**Catherine Wuest '94, M.A.'96** has been promoted to vice



president of commercial lending at Frontenac Bank's Earth City branch in the St. Louis

area. She has been with the bank since 2003 and will be responsible for increasing the bank's portfolio.

Navy Seaman **James Day '96** has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

### Michael Lindner '98

received top honors for Actor in a Principal Role-Musical at the November 2005 Jeff Awards ceremony in Chicago. Lindner starred in the show *Sweeney Todd*, which garnered four awards. The Jeff Awards was founded in 1968 to honor excellence in theatrical productions in the Chicago theater community.

**Tara Miller '98, M.S.'02** has been named director of Disability Support Services at Western Illinois University. She formerly worked in the offices of student disability services at SIU and at the University of Iowa.

**Lucas Gregoras '99** is working as an assistant shift change engineer at a power station on the Greek island of Cyprus. Gregoras writes, thanking "SIU for all the knowledge you have given me."

**Jennifer Stombaugh-Nguyen '99** will graduate May 10 with her Ph.D. in psychology from St. Louis University. She is the daughter of **Rex '99** and **Marilyn Strombaugh** of Du Quoin. The couple's other daughter, Megan Neely, is a fourth-year medical student at SIU and will also graduate May 10.

**Phillip Gibson '99** is serving as director of research and community outreach for the Environmental Leadership Center at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N.C. He and his wife, Julia, recently celebrated their third wedding anniversary. He has a 14-year-old stepson, Truman.

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**Miranda Faith Hill '01, M.S.'05** lives in Leesburg, Va.,



and works for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association in Frederick, Md. She is an aviation technical specialist

working in the Pilot Information Center. She writes, "I answer aviation technical questions via e-mail and phone, get to talk about aviation all day and get paid for it, and I love it!" Hill and **Patrick Skonie '05** will get married on June 11, 2006, at the Southern Illinois Airport, where they met. Hill was featured in the September 2001 issue of Southern Alumni after she was recognized as top female collegiate pilot in the country.

**Winston Calvert '02**, magna cum laude, has joined the St. Louis law firm of



Armstrong Teasdale as a member of its litigation department. He is a member of the

Missouri Bar, American Bar Association and Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. His SIU degree is in music performance, and he is a member of the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra Patrons Committee and served on the Financial Resources Committee of Southern at 150. Calvert and his wife, Amanda, live in St. Louis.

**Russ Eisenstein '02** is working as studio host on the New Orleans/Oklahoma City Hornets Radio Network, the largest radio network in the NBA with 25 stations in three states. While at SIU, Eisenstein worked on Saluki broadcasts with Mike Reis, then for stations in West Virginia and Bloomington-Normal, Ill. He works with fellow SIU classmate **Sean Kelley** who is the play-by-play voice of the Hornets.

**Morgan Marie Look '03** and **James Babb '03** were married Oct. 21, 2005 in Matteson, Ill. Look is marketing coordinator for Federal Signal Corps and Babb is a fire fighter/paramedic in Lincolnshire-Riverside, Ill. The couple, who met in their senior year, lives in Palos Hills, Ill.

# A Step Back In Time



1. Jill Baker
2. Marci Cinotto
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4. Diane Daly
5. Lyn Huey
6. Lori Swanson
7. Jim Quigg
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10. Steve Warnelis
11. Beth Cuddeback
12. David Jolly
13. Gina Heiligenstein
14. William Ruminski
15. Darren Pierson
16. Darci Allen
17. Kurt Stamp
18. Kheong Sen Lim

## 20 Years Ago...

Although the tradition of Southern's Obelisk yearbook was reinstated in 2004 after several years absence, the publication has a long legacy. Here the staff of the 1986 Obelisk is shown following the completion of the yearbook.



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## Rodgers Found New Lease On Life At SIU

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**2**005 Distinguished Alumni recipient Walt Rodgers says it took him years to realize what a good education he had received at Southern Illinois University. The veteran television journalist, who recently retired from CNN International, says part of the genius of the institution – and former President Delyte Morris – was the opportunity afforded to first generation college students.

“My mother worked her way through school during the Depression,” Rodgers notes. “I was the product of a broken home and could have gone either way. I came to Southern, found a new home and a new lease on life. Going to college allowed the next generation to stand on my shoulders and thrive academically. I truly believe my son went to Harvard *because* I went to SIU.”

Rodgers has great memories of the University – competing on a winning swim team, becoming lifelong friends with his professors and colleagues, and developing a strongbox full of recollections and memories. Thanks in part to those experiences – and countless more – the two-degree alum recently decided to become a life member of the SIU Alumni Association.

SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger says although Rodgers is one of the most respected and recognized broadcast journalists in the world, he has never forgotten his roots at Southern. “Walt continues to be a superb ambassador for the University, and his life membership in the Association is indicative of his ongoing commitment.”

For his loyalty and devotion to Southern, we salute Walt Rodgers and thank him for supporting his alma mater and the SIU Alumni Association.

*“Every time I return to Carbondale, I am reminded how unlike any other university Southern is – it’s an Ivy League education in a small town setting. SIU is a learning smorgasbord where you can gorge yourself intellectually.”*

**Walt Rodgers '62, M.A. '64**  
**Retired CNN Journalist**  
**Vienna, Va.**



SIU Alumni Association President Sheri Hunter presents Walt Rodgers with his SIU Alumni Achievement Award during Homecoming ceremonies last fall. The retired broadcast journalist was on campus for a week, spending time with students and former professors and mentors.



## Remembering President James Walker

Former Southern Illinois University President James Walker died Feb. 5 at his home in rural Carbondale after losing his battle with cancer. He was 64. He came to SIU in July 2000 from Middle Tennessee State University where he had served as president for 10 years.

SIU President Glenn Poshard, who replaced Walker in January, will remember some of the personal qualities Walker possessed which served the University system well through some challenging times.

"He was a caring and decent man who accomplished a great deal for Southern Illinois University through his positive outlook on life and his wonderful sense of humor," Poshard says. "President Walker will be remembered most as a man who provided stable and experienced leadership to the SIU system at a critical point in our history. He made Southern Illinois University a better place, and he will be truly missed."

Walker was the fifth president of Southern Illinois University System, a multi-campus university comprising two institutions, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale with a School of Medicine in Springfield, and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville with a Dental School at Alton. He had been on medical leave from SIU since Sept. 13, 2005.

While Walker had many interests in life, SIU trustee Samuel Goldman says it was clear where his love always resided.

"His love was higher education" Goldman says. "With every level that he went through he brought this passion, and anyone who came near him recognized the love he had for what he was doing. His legacy is the understanding of the power and strength of higher education."

Walker is survived by his wife, Gwen, and two daughters. Memorial contributions may be made to the SIU Cancer Institute Prostate Center, 747 North Ruthledge Street, Springfield, Ill. 62794; or to the James E. Walker Library, 1301 East Main Street, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37132.