

9-1-2006

## Southern Alumni

SIU Alumni Association

Follow this and additional works at: [https://opensiuc.lib.siu.edu/alumni\\_mag](https://opensiuc.lib.siu.edu/alumni_mag)

---

### Recommended Citation

, . "Southern Alumni." (Sep 2006).

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the SIU Alumni Association at OpenSIUC. It has been accepted for inclusion in SIU Alumni Magazine by an authorized administrator of OpenSIUC. For more information, please contact [opensiuc@lib.siu.edu](mailto:opensiuc@lib.siu.edu).

# SOUTHERN

SIU Alumni Association

# A L U M N I

## A HECK OF A YEAR

The Accolades Keep  
Flying In For Southern's  
Award-Winning  
Aviation Program

Inside: Southern Exposure, Making A Difference, Class Notes, and more...

---

# \$200,000 Corporate Gift Kick Starts Saluki Way Stadium Project

---

@ld National Bank Foundation scored an important touchdown recently at the Saluki Football season opener against Lock Haven.

The foundation's \$200,000 check, presented at halftime to University officials, represents the first major corporate gift received for the proposed new football stadium – part of a Saluki Way plan to establish a new campus core containing student services, academic and athletic facilities.

A letter notifying the University of its gift stated that “the Old National Foundation is proud to invest in an organization that clearly works to strengthen our community. We look forward to sharing in the success of those you serve.”

Nearly a year ago Chancellor Walter Wendler unveiled the ambitious Saluki Way plan that will unfold in stages over the course of 10 years and, in addition to the stadium and academic buildings, include renovation of the SIU Arena.

“I am pleased that Old National Bank has demonstrated the type of corporate leadership we hope will become common as we move forward with this important plan. I appreciate them stepping forth as leaders,” says Wendler. The Saluki Way plan was detailed in the December 2005 issue of *Southern Alumni*.

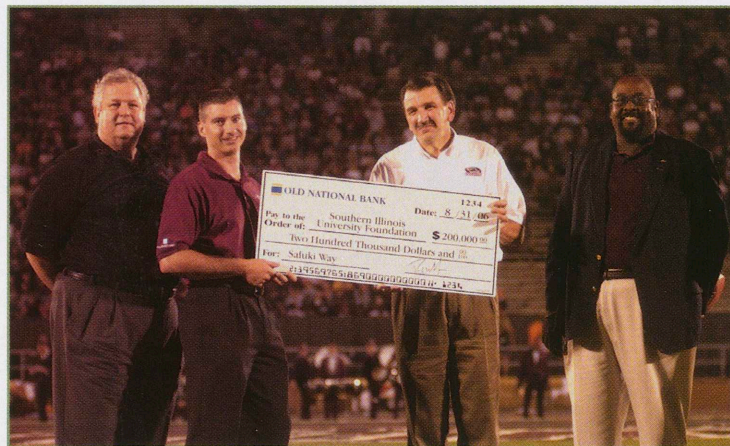
Plans call for the stadium to be built east of the SIU Arena, replacing the 68-year-old McAndrew Stadium. The new facility will seat 15,000 people.

Southern's new athletic director, Mario Moccia is pleased with the news. “We are unbelievably excited about the generous gift from Old National Bank. They have laid an impressive foundation from which we can build on and ultimately succeed in reaching our goal.”

Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement and SIU Foundation CEO Rickey McCurry explains that the Old National Foundation is committed to supporting programs and initiatives that strengthen communities. “This gift extends and strengthens the solid relationship we have enjoyed with Old National over the years,” he says. “The leadership demonstrated by this commitment is the kind of community leadership we have come to expect from Old National.”

The gift, according to SIU President Glenn Poshard, is a natural first step in turning dreams into reality.

“We are extremely grateful to Old National Bank for their interest in the future of SIU Athletics,” says Poshard. “With hope, their contribution will be the first of many from the banking community in southern Illinois.”



From left, Bob Jones- CEO of Old National Bank Corp., Jeff Speith-President of the Southern Illinois Region of Old National Bank, SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler, and Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry are all smiles at the check presentation on the field at McAndrew Stadium.

## STAFF

### Editor

Gene Green '75

### Art Director

Todd Freeman '89  
The Noteworthy Group, Inc.  
Carbondale, Illinois

### Graphic Designer

Greg Baker

### Photography

*The Daily Egyptian*  
*The Southern Illinoian*  
Athletic Media Services  
Media and Communication  
Resources

### Contributors

Jeannie Caldwell  
Tim Crosby '05  
Marianne Lawrence  
Sun Min  
Nicole Sack '04  
Greg Scott '91, M.S. '99  
Tina Shingleton  
Athletic Media Services  
Media and Communication  
Resources

### Volume 68, No. 3 September 2006

*Southern Alumni* (ISSN 1526-4238) is published quarterly by the SIU Alumni Association, Colyer Hall, SIU, Carbondale, IL 62901-6809 for members of the SIU Alumni Association.

Association membership dues, \$40 annually, include a magazine subscription. Periodicals postage paid at Carbondale, Ill., and at additional mailing offices.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: *Southern Alumni*, SIU Alumni Association, Colyer Hall, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901-6809.

## ON THE COVER

This trio in the Southern Illinois University Carbondale aviation program has reason to smile after another successful year of honors for their award-winning program. From left are National Intercollegiate Flying Association top female pilot Jennifer Byrne, Aviation Management and Flight Department Chair David NewMyer, and 2005 Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame inductee Charley Rodriguez.

# CONTENTS

## DEPARTMENTS

Enjoy Your Magazine . . . . .	2	Helping Others . . . . .	34
Thanks For Writing . . . . .	3	Calendar of Events . . . . .	35
More Value For You . . . . .	4	Association News . . . . .	36
Southern Exposure . . . . .	6	Scientific Salukis . . . . .	40
Alumni Making A Difference . . . . .	16	Salukis In The Arts . . . . .	42
Homecoming Schedule . . . . .	17	Southern Memories . . . . .	43
Black Alumni Group . . . . .	18	In Memoriam . . . . .	44
Saluki Family Association . . . . .	25	Class Notes . . . . .	45
Saluki Sports . . . . .	26	Step Back In Time . . . . .	48

## FEATURES

10

### A Heck Of A Year

With Southern Illinois University Carbondale again boasting the top female pilot in the nation, a student excelling at the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships, and the induction of a retired Southern professor and administrator into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame, it's obvious that the past year has been amazing for SIUC Aviation. These honors add to a four decade-long list of achievements by the program's students and faculty.



### Breaking New Ground

Nearing the 60th anniversary of the first international student attending Southern Illinois University, two international Salukis have been elected to serve in leadership roles for two prestigious campus organizations. Akeem Mustapha, a native of Nigeria, and Oksana Parylo of Ukraine, know they are breaking new ground, but neither is concerned about anything but doing a good job in their new responsibilities.

20

28

### You Can Go Home Again

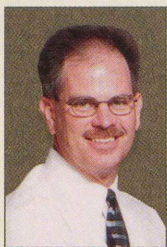
During more than three decades as a player and coach in the National Football League, Carl Mauck never quit caring about his beloved alma mater. A football star at Southern in the late 1960s, Mauck has returned in 2006 to volunteer his services as an assistant coach. "It's something I always dreamed of doing," he says. And when the Saluki Hall of Famer steps on the field for his first game at McAndrew Stadium in 38 years, he knows it will be something he will never forget.



### Studying The Recovery

It's been just over a year since Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast to become the costliest and most destructive storm to ever hit the United States. An anthropology professor and a student from Southern were in New Orleans recently to study the tenuous relationship between government agencies and displaced residents. "Recovery is slow, disorganized and filled with frustration for residents," Roberto Barrios says.

40



by Gene Green

One of the stories you will read in this issue of *Southern Alumni* is a piece by Greg Scott regarding two international students who are beginning leadership positions this Fall at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Considering his long association helping mentor student groups on this campus, it is only fitting that the article will serve as Scott's last official feature story for the magazine. After countless writing assignments, alumni events, and general goodwill for this department, he will soon move onward and upward at Southern.

Scott, 37, has accepted a position in Institutional Advancement as Director of Development Communication. Although he will still be housed in the same division as the SIU Alumni Association – and in fact be in the same building – it certainly won't be the same as having him across the hall from my office.

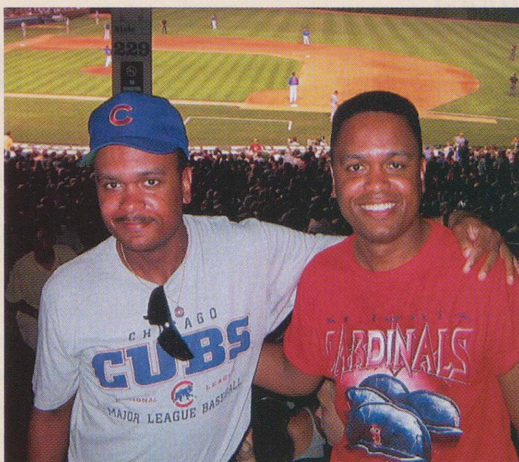
I've known Greg a long time. When I returned to the University in 1990 as assistant director in the SIU Sports Information Office, he was a student worker in the department. With fellow students Dan Wallenberg and Jeff Nuich in tow, he helped me and my family move into our home on a sweltering summer afternoon 16 years ago and we've been friends ever since. It was fun for me to be able to return the favor last year, when he purchased his first house.

I suspect if you conducted a straw poll in our office regarding who is the most popular staff member, Greg would either win the vote or be in strong contention for the title. Professional, personable, and loyal to a fault, he has cast quite a shadow while handling the Association's public relations efforts for the past 13 years. A big sports fan, he has taken the attributes of "team player" to heart. No job has ever been too large or too small for him to step in and lend support.

Growing up in a Du Quoin home full of Cub fans (father, Orlando, and twin brother, Robert, both follow the Northsiders), Greg somehow became one of the most die-hard Cardinal fans I've ever met. That alone probably cemented our working relationship almost two decades ago.

Since that time I've watched Greg grow professionally in every way, and this new challenge will only foster that development. While his job title changes, the two-degree alumnus' involvement with his alma mater remains. The SIU Alumni Association life member plans to still attend plenty of events and interact with alumni – and he'll no doubt continue to do it featuring his trademark smile.

Next time you see him, offer congratulations – he's earned that and more. Thanks Greg, for a job *very* well done.



Sporting his Cardinal red, Greg, and twin brother, Robert, take in some action at Wrigley Field.

SIU Alumni Association

(618) 453-2408 Fax: (618) 453-2586  
www.siualumni.com

**Board of Directors**

**President**

Sheri Hunter '76, M.S.'88, Marion, Ill.

**Immediate Past President**

Mimi (Rosenblum) Wallace '62, Beverly Hills, Calif.

**President-Elect**

Doris Rottschalk '69, Du Quoin, Ill.

**Vice President**

J.C. Garavalia '56, Carbondale, Ill.

**Vice President**

Ray Serati '59, Springfield, Ill.

**Treasurer**

Randy Ragan '67, M.S.'68, Springfield, Ill.

**Executive Committee At-Large**

Julius Johnson '57, Washington, D.C.

Howard Schlechte '58, Strasburg, Ill.

Howard Spiegel '75, Buffalo Grove, Ill.

**Executive Director**

Edward Buerger '70

**Members**

Arthur Aikman '65, Decatur, Ill.

Mattie Chamness '92, '98, Carbondale, Ill.

Steve Falat '87, Murphysboro, Ill.

Harry Fanning '83, Wright City, Mo.

Larry Fischer '68, Quincy, Ill.

Terry Gannon '68, St. Petersburg Beach, Fla.

Jim Greenwood '65, '68, Venice, Fla.

Jim Hayes '62, Harrisburg, Ill.

Cleveland Hammonds '58, St. Louis, Mo.

Christine Heins '76, J.D.'92, Murphysboro, Ill.

Dede Ittner '61, Carbondale, Ill.

Darla Karnes '86, Carbondale, Ill.

Lowell Keel '66, Tullahoma, Tenn.

Robert Kraatz '58, Calabasas, Calif.

Akeem Mustapha, student representative

Oksana Parylo, student representative

Jon Pressley, student representative

Dan O'Brien '91, Madison, Wis.

Mary Roe '65, '66, Pinckneyville, Ill.

Barry Smith '80, Paducah, Ky.

Sandra Smith '72, Chicago, Ill.

Leonard Surina '60, O'Fallon, Ill.

George Welborn '75, '77, Anna, Ill.

Wesley Wilkins '77, Cobden, Ill.

## Reader Wanted More Focus On The War Effort

I found your cover and feature article on Jackie Spinner, "The No Spin Zone," to be somewhat naive and without much substance. It *did* help to promote her book, *Tell Them I Didn't Cry*.

Living in the Washington, D.C., area for the past 28 years and involved with the readings of *The Washington Post*, I feel the newspaper does have a political agenda and uses staff writing to support it.

Whenever a news reporter is embedded in the company of our military, the military takes on added risk in protecting these young news reporters. This additional risk just adds to their wartime mission and puts them at additional peril.

Miss Spinner's article did not relate anything she learned regarding the war effort she was hired to cover. In fact, there was nothing relating to what she found as to the morale of the troops, the help they are providing to the people of Iraq, or the current progress of the United States' effort in turning over the protection of its citizens to its nationals. Our returning troops have a more insight as to what is happening in Iraq than what it seems Miss Spinner could share in your

magazine, and our troops are not "trained reporters."

**Ronald L. Baker, Colonel, USAF (Ret.) '64**  
**Life Member**  
**Springfield, Va.**

**Editor's Note:** *It was not our intent to have the Spinner feature revolve around the conflict in Iraq, but rather to show the road she has traveled from her student days at Southern to current employment as a bureau chief at one of the nation's largest newspapers. Her book provides intricate details on her assignment in Iraq.*

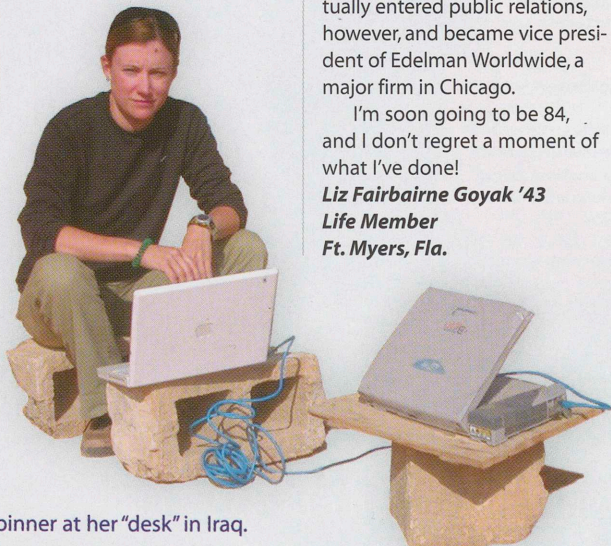
## 1942 Egyptian Editor Enjoyed Spinner Story

I was delighted to read that Jackie Spinner's career has taken her from *The Daily Egyptian* to service as a war correspondent. I'm a former *Egyptian* editor myself, having served in that role in 1942. I'm delighted that she is working for *The Washington Post*, which I feel is a wonderful paper. Its coverage of Watergate provided its legs, and the paper continued to grow through the legacy of publisher Katherine Graham.

After leaving Southern, I worked at *United Press* in Indianapolis and at the *Chicago Journal of Commerce*. As a woman working in journalism back in my day, I can assure Jackie that she didn't miss too much. There were no hard news assignments – just some feature stories and very low pay. I eventually entered public relations, however, and became vice president of Edelman Worldwide, a major firm in Chicago.

I'm soon going to be 84, and I don't regret a moment of what I've done!

**Liz Fairbairne Goyak '43**  
**Life Member**  
**Ft. Myers, Fla.**



Spinner at her "desk" in Iraq.

## Dear Readers...

Your 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:**

*Southern Alumni*, Colyer Hall, Mailcode 6809  
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. 62901

You can e-mail your letters to alumni@siu.edu. Letters are sometimes edited for length and style.

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.

## Spinner's Book Makes SIU Proud

Every week I visit our library to check out new books. One day I noticed a book called *Tell Them I Didn't Cry* by Jackie Spinner.

I was not familiar with the author, and since I had already read a number of books about Iraq, I decided Jackie's book would remain on my list of "unread books – that is until I read about her in the last issue of *Southern Alumni* magazine. The next day I visited the library and checked out her book.

Jackie's story would take me on an unexpected journey. I not only read about her experience as a *Washington Post* reporter in Iraq, but I could also see, hear, smell, breathe, and feel the everyday triumphs and tragedies of life in present-day Iraq.

As an editor of a national publication, I am aware that well-written, human interest, and captivating stories are few and far between. This book meets "all of the above" categories.

Thank you Jackie. SIU is proud of you.

**Steve Hancock '69**  
**Centennial, Colo.**

## Student Remembers Klingberg

After reading the recent article on Frank Klingberg, I decided to drop him a note. The message below is what I sent him:

*Dear Dr. Klingberg:*

*I read the article about you in the recent issue of Southern Alumni magazine, and that brought back some memories that I would like to share with you.*

*I was a student at SIU from 1945-49, and I remember taking at least two of your classes. Also I remember a club being formed, which you sponsored. I don't have a yearbook from that time, but it might have been called The Political Science Club, and I remember being an active member of the organization.*

*During the spring of 1949, myself and four other club members were chosen to attend a regional political science and government meeting at Ball State University. We had a University car signed out to us – complete with a gas card – and we were also provided some expense money for the trip. Since I was a graduate student, I was in charge of the contingent.*

*It was good to read about you and to hear of your active and productive life.*

**Frank Hamilton M.S. '49**  
**Flint, Mich.**

## Hampton Inn Offers SIU Alumni 10% Off Room Rate



The Hampton Inn is offering a 10 percent discount on standard rooms to members of the SIU Alumni Association at its Carbondale location.

Kevin Morrey, general manager, points out that the Inn is conveniently located on Illinois Route

13 near Reed Station Road, and is close to shopping at University Mall, other retail outlets, and numerous restaurants, some within walking distance.

Guests at the Inn can take advantage of a complimentary breakfast each morning, and an indoor swimming pool and exercise room. In addition there are free cookies at check-in.

## Tres Hombres Welcomes Fellow Alums With Discounts

Tres Hombres Mexican Restaurant and Bar, located on the square in downtown Carbondale, has been a gathering place for Southern's alums for nearly 25 years. Two of its three founders, Gary Robinson '79 and Burt Cannell '69, still run the popular meeting place.

# TRES HOMBRES

They welcome SIU Alumni Association members with discounts on lunch and dinner menus featuring a unique blend of Mexican and Southwestern flavors and their award-winning Margaritas.

For live entertainment there is jazz on Mondays and a variety of genres on Thursday nights. The restaurant is family friendly with a smoke-free dining room, children's menu and new outdoor patio.

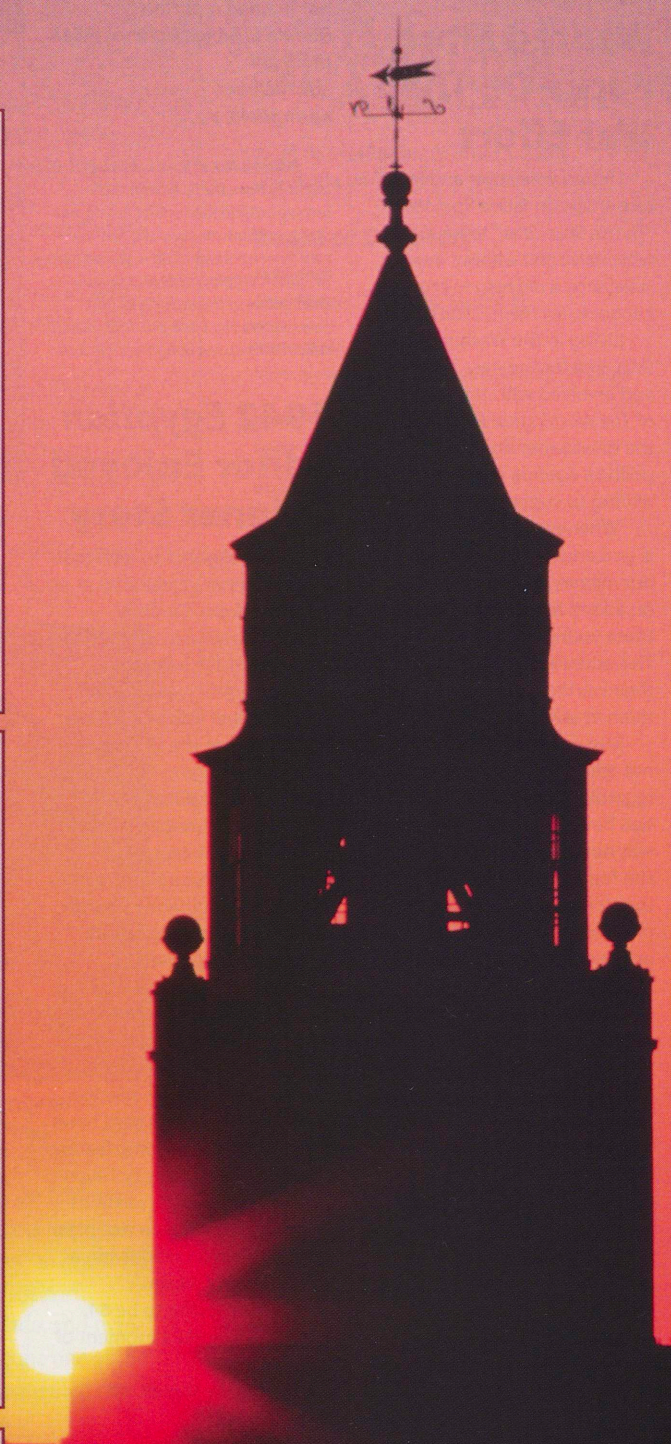
"When you visit Tres you'll meet a variety of people," says Robinson. "Our clientele is a melting pot of individuals, a diverse group of all races and ages from the community and University."

# The Southern

ILLINOISAN

[www.sialumni.com](http://www.sialumni.com)

Contact us online at [www.sialumni.com](http://www.sialumni.com) or call 618-453-2408.



# Check Out Our Benefit Program

As a special thanks, the following businesses offer SIU Alumni Association members discounts on products and/or services. Show your card to receive your savings!

Have questions? Please call us at 618-453-2408 or e-mail at [alumni@siu.edu](mailto:alumni@siu.edu).

## INTERNATIONAL

**Choice Hotels:** (at participating): Clarion Inn, Comfort Inn, Quality Inn, Friendship Inn, Econo Lodge, Rhodeway Inn, Sleep Inn (up to 20%)

**European Auto and Hotel** via destination Europe

**Sherwin – Williams Paints:** 20% on regular priced items, 5% on sale items, Call the Alumni Office for account number.

## NATIONWIDE

**Allied Van Lines/Federal Companies:** 63% off on interstate moves

**BeautifulDisplays.com:** 15% off list prices of trade show exhibits and graphics, call 800-697-4670

**Boyer's Coffee:** 10% off (call Alumni Association for account number)

**Car Rental:** Alamo, Avis, Budget, Hertz, and National

**CORD North American:** Up to 63% off on interstate moves

**DELL Computers:** 2-13% savings on DELL computers and products. (Call the SIU Alumni Association office for the promotional code.)

**Drury Hotels:** \$10 off double occupancy, 3rd and 4th persons stay free (ask for SIU Alumni member rate)

**Heartland Gifts:** 10% off a single gift per order

**KickBike America:** 10% off all online purchases for annual members; 20% for life members; 5% off purchase at Pheonix Cycles in Carbondale

**Mayberry Consulting:** 10% on grant writing/evaluation service, call 618-233-7455

**Pro Golf of Newnan, Georgia:** 10% on any purchase

**RE/MAX Realty – Dennis Sluga:** 20% off fees when buying or selling a house anywhere in the continental United States

**SIU Alumni Association Online Store:** 15% off merchandise (account number required)

**Ticketmaster:** Coming soon! Watch [sialumni.com](http://sialumni.com) for more information.

**Working Advantage:** Discounts on theme parks, sporting events, online shopping, ski tickets, gift certificates, and more. Please call the SIU Alumni Association office at 618-453-2408 for the promotional code.

## REGIONAL

**Holiday World & Splashin' Safari,** Santa Claus, Ind.

**Lake Rudolph Campground,** Santa Claus, Ind.

**Six Flags Amusement Park,** St. Louis Mo.

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

**A Petal Patch Florist:** Carbondale - 10% off

**Along's Italian Restaurant:** Carbondale/DuQuoin - Free dessert with purchase of an entree

**Applebee's:** Carbondale & Marion - Free soft drink with entrée

**Barton House Bed & Breakfast:** Carbondale - advanced registration required for 10% discount. Call 618-457-7717

**Big Boys Q'n Restaurant:** Carbondale - 10%

**Bike Surgeon:** Carbondale - 10% off new parts and accessories

**Carlson Wagonlit Travel Agency:** Herrin/ Marion, 5% off all preferred cruises & vacations

**Coleman-Rhodes Furniture:** West Frankfort - 15% off accessories

**Common Grounds Coffee Shop:** Carbondale - 10% off

**Days Inn:** Carbondale - 10% off

**Du Quoin Red Hawk Country Club:** \$25 for 18 holes with cart

**Enterprise Rent-a-Car:** Carbondale - 10%

**Fazolli's:** Carbondale - Free soft drink with entrée

**Fish Net Pet Shop:** Carbondale - 10% off

**Furniture King:** Carbondale - 15% off accessories

**Garfield's Restaurant:** Carbondale, University Mall - 20% off dinner only

**Gold's Gym:** Marion - \$109 enrollment fee waived

**Hampton Inn:** Carbondale - 10% off standard room rate

**Harbaugh's Restaurant:** Carbondale - buy one entree, second entree of equal or lesser value half price

**Houlihan's:** Carbondale - Free appetizer with purchase of 2 entrées (excludes sampler/combo)

**Huck's:** Carbondale - (S.51 location only) - 3¢ discount per gallon of gas

**Intimate Foundations:** Carbondale - 10% off Norvell custom fit bras and body shapers

**Italian Village:** Carbondale - 10% off your meal

**Marion Econolodge:** Marion - 15% off room rate

**Marion Ford Lincoln Mercury Hyundai:** Marion - 10% off auto parts and service (including Quicklane)

**Melange Coffee Shop:** Carbondale - 10%

**Merle Norman Cosmetics:** Carbondale - 10%

**Motel 6:** Carbondale - 20%

**Mugsy McGuire's Restaurant:** Carbondale - 10%

**Murdale True Value:** Carbondale - 20% off reg. paint, 5% sale paint

**Neon Internet, Inc.:** Carbondale - One month free service w/annual contract

**The Old Depot Restaurant:** Murphysboro - \$1 off dinner entrees, \$.50 off lunch entrees M-TH (not valid on specials)

**Papa Mike's:** Olney - 10% dine in only

**Ponderosa:** Carbondale - 10% off

**Quatro's Pizza:** Carbondale - free pitcher of soda with medium or large pizza

**Red Hawk Country Club:** DuQuoin - 18 holes of golf with cart \$25

**Reppert's Office Supplies-Furniture-Machines:** Anna - 10% off regular priced items

**Saluki Bookstore:** Carbondale - 20% for life members, 15% off for annual members on SIU apparel

**Saluki Central:** Carbondale - 15% off SIU apparel

**710 Bookstore:** Carbondale - Illinois Ave. location only, 20% for life members, 15% for annual members discount on SIU Imprinted items

**The Sports Performance Store:** Marion - 10% services, 10% equipment. Call 618-694-3455

**Super 8:** Carbondale - 15% off standard room rate

**Tres Hombres:** Carbondale - \$1 off dinner entrée; .50 off lunch entrée

**Universitees:** Carbondale - 20%

**Vogler Ford:** Carbondale - 10% off any car rental

**Walt's Pizza:** Marion - 10%

## OTHER

**Appraisal Matters:** Malibu, California - 10% off appraisal report

**Best Western River North Hotel:** Chicago, Lake Shore Drive - Sun-Thur. \$115 per night; Fri-Sat. \$125 per night.

**DPR Realty, LLC:** Glendale, Ariz. - discounted real estate listing - call 866-496-8377 for list of services

**Keller Williams Realty:** Austin, Tex. - ask for Steve or Judy Scott

**Mehta Motors:** Elmhurst, Ill. - 10% off oil change and safety check

**Myers O'Donnell Banners and Signs:** Serious Saluki discounts for alumni events and SIU sports outings

## CAMPUS

**McLeod Theater:** Communications Building - 20% adult/senior citizen tickets

**Morris Library privileges** - visit [sialumni.com](http://sialumni.com) for details

**Old Main Restaurant:** Student Center - 10%

**Shryock Auditorium:** \$3 off Celebrity Series tickets

**Student Center:** *Bowling & Billiards:* members receive SIU student rates; *Craft Shop:* 10% off Saluki merchandise

**Touch of Nature:** 20% off lodging, 15% off programs

**University Bookstore:** Student Center - \$20 off textbooks when \$300 or more is purchased; 20% off SIU apparel

**University Press Publications:** 20%

This list is subject to change.

Present your membership card to receive your discount.

## Thank You For Your Consideration!

As a member, you'll receive:

- The *Southern Alumni* magazine quarterly
- *Saluki Pride* newsletter twice yearly
- Access to member-only areas of Online Community
- 15% discount at the SIU Alumni Online Store
- Opportunity to attend events at member rates

## New SIU Alumni Association Life Members

Between 5/13/06 and 8/11/06

Dr. Susan E. Adams  
Mr. William A. Aikman  
Vicki L. Beadle  
Mrs. Lisa M. Bingley  
Dr. Jo Ann Boydston  
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald P. Brotonel  
Mrs. Marcia R. Butler  
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Cox  
Mr. Michael S. Dean  
Mrs. Linda S. Dick  
Dr. William Dickinson  
Mr. Michael J. Dionne  
Mrs. Jan S. Eigenrauch  
Mr. Richard F. Engstrom  
Mr. George A. Evanoff  
Mr. Tyson C. and  
Ms. Ashley R. Funk  
Mr. Samuel Graves  
Mr. Matthew L. Guzman  
Mrs. Margaret Hollis Handy  
Mr. Thomas L. Hanson  
Mr. Jack R. and  
Mrs. Elizabeth B. Heller  
Mrs. Norma J. Helton  
Mrs. Vicki A. Hicks  
Mr. Brad Kaminsky  
Mr. Colin T. Low  
Mr. Jeffrey J. Marshall  
Ms. Shauna L. Nicolay  
Ms. Julie A. Odonnell  
Mr. Isaac L. Robison Jr.  
Ms. Amy S. Rogier  
Mr. Jerald W. Rushing  
Mr. Lawrence E. Schott  
Mr. and Mrs. Jun S. Seo  
Prof. James Franklin Sharp  
Mr. Eric W. Spencer  
Mrs. Keri M. Staley  
Mr. Troy B. Steckenrider II  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Stokes  
Mr. James E. and  
Mrs. Mary J. Taylor  
Mr. Michael and  
Mrs. Margaret E. Wadiak  
Mr. and Mrs. George W.  
Warren Sr.  
Ms. Lynn M. Wiechert  
Mr. Brian M. Wysocki and  
Ms. Heather Johnson



## Issues In Higher Education Gives Southern High Marks

**S**outhern Illinois University Carbondale ranks second nationally – up two spots compared to a year ago – in the number of bachelor’s degrees awarded to African American education majors.

*Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* identified the top 100 minority degree producers among undergraduate institutions of higher education in its June 1 edition. The survey also ranks Southern sixth in the number of bachelor’s degrees in education awarded to all minority groups. The University ranked 10th last year.

The magazine’s “Top 100” is the only national analysis to use the most recent data available from the U.S. Department of Education, which reflects the 2004-05 academic year. This is the 15th consecutive year that *Diverse* (formerly *Black Issues in Higher Education*) produced the rankings.

“Our rankings reflect the value we place on inclusiveness,” Chancellor Walter

Wendler says. “That commitment is a core value of our strategic plan, Southern at 150: Building Excellence Through Commitment, and also is demonstrated through our Reflective, Responsive Initiative. Enhancing diversity among our faculty, staff and students is a critical part of our obligation to society.”

Seymour Bryson, associate chancellor for diversity, says that after attending several recent national conferences, he believes SIUC’s work on diversity initia-



**Southern**  
Illinois University  
Carbondale

tives is 15 years ahead of most institutions of similar size.

Other highlights from the magazine:

- Southern ranks 24th among traditionally white institutions and 44th when statistics from historically black and traditionally white schools are combined in the total number of bachelor degrees awarded to African Americans.
- The University ranks 26th in the number of bachelor’s degrees in education awarded to Hispanic Americans.
- It also ranks 26th – compared to last year’s ranking of 47th – in the number of bachelor’s degrees in education awarded to Native Americans.
- The University ranks 33rd in the number of bachelor’s degrees in health professions awarded to African Americans.
- SIUC ranks 40th for the number of bachelor’s degrees in education awarded to Asian Americans.

## Alumnus Named ‘Publisher Of The Year’

**A** top newspaper industry journal has named a Southern Illinois University Carbondale alumnus as its “Publisher of the Year.”

*Editor & Publisher*, the country’s longest-running journal covering the newspaper industry, recently selected Doug Ray, president and chief executive officer of the *Daily Herald* in Arlington Heights, for the annual honor. *The Daily Herald* covers parts of five counties to the northwest of Chicago, including almost 100 individual communities, and is the state’s third largest with a circulation of about 150,000.

Ray, who worked at the *Daily Egyptian* student newspaper during his time at Southern, graduated with a bachelor’s degree in journalism in 1969. He says the University’s journalism program attracted him to SIU, but he found even more reasons to attend after arriving.

“When I attended SIU, it was because of the journalism school, which at the time was recognized as one of the better j-schools in the country. There also was a caring guidance office, helping students like me sort through the many choices in the department,” Ray recalls. “In large part, the University was for me what it is to so many young people today: It provided access and opportunity to attend a major university and to experience all that goes along with that.”

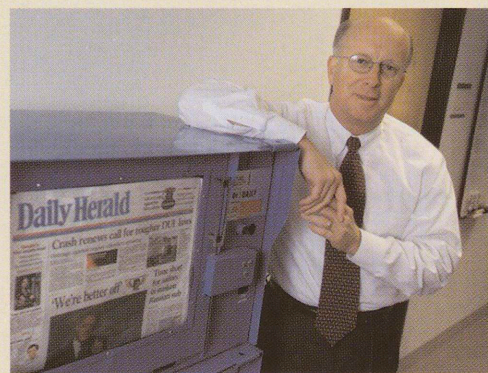
In honoring Ray, *Editor & Publisher* credits him with leading the *Daily Herald* as it increased its circulation and advertising during his four years as CEO. It also notes his leadership of the paper in 2000-2002 as it weathered a sharp downturn in advertising throughout the newspaper industry without cutting employees. Ray also oversaw the

purchase of *Reflejos*, a twice-monthly Spanish and English-language publication that the company redesigned and changed to a weekly publication with more emphasis on Spanish.

Southern has honored

Ray in the past. In 2000, the University presented him with the Obelisk Award for arts and communication. He was also the School of Journalism’s Alumnus of the Year in 1990 and has served on the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts Advisory Board of Directors.

“I was among the group of journalism students who attended classes inside barracks-type buildings and thought nothing of it. It is quite a contrast to the magnificent journalism campus that exists today,” he says.



Alumnus Doug Ray is shown on the job in Arlington Heights.

## President Presents Carl Anderson With Volunteer Service Award

**E**arlier this year President George W. Bush helped celebrate African American History Month by recognizing five individuals with his Volunteer Service Award. The award is the highest level of commendation a president can give in recognition of those who have contributed their time and their talent and their energy to helping others.

One of those honored was Southern alumnus Carl Anderson '56, M.S. '58. The SIU Alumni Association Life Member is a volunteer with the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity's Alumni Chapter in Washington, D.C. Twenty-two years ago he helped create the Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund, a scholarship program for deserving seniors attending public high schools in the District of Columbia.

Anderson served for ten years as president of the endowment fund, which has awarded \$540,000 in scholarships to more than 300 promising students. Funding for the scholarships is generated, in part, from the annual Celebrity Auction and Soul Food Feast, an event that he has been chairman of for 22 years.

"We honor your service," Bush

told the recipients. "We appreciate what you have done to lift the spirit of the country and thank you for loving a neighbor just like you would like to be loved yourself. I join all Americans in congratulating you and wishing you continued success."

Anderson has been also honored by his alma mater, including being presented the SIU Alumni Achievement Award. The long time educator and resident of Washington, D.C., retired in 2001 from Howard University, where he with vice president of student affairs.

Through the years, Anderson has impacted many individuals at Southern, none more than former classmate, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity brother, and former SIU Alumni Association President Rick Reynolds '56, M.A. '57. In a story in the September 2001 edition of *Southern Alumni* magazine, Reynolds summed up his feelings about his old friend:

"Carl led us to greatness," said Reynolds. "He got the attention early on from faculty and staff because of his leadership abilities and sound academics. He was our leader, our inspiration."



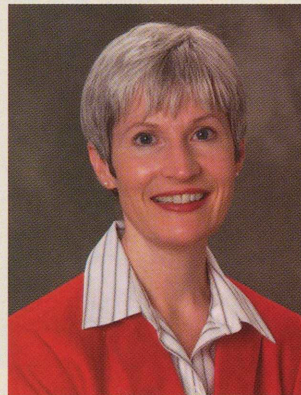
White House photo by Paul Morse

Anderson is congratulated by President Bush at a ceremony held earlier this year at The White House.

## On The Side

### Coppi Named Interim Director Of Inter. Programs And Services

**C**arla Coppi, associate director of International Programs and Services at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is now serving as interim director of the department. The SIU Alumni Association member replaces Jared Dorn, who left Southern to become vice president of the International College of Bangkok University in Thailand.



"I am quite proud to carry on the vision of my mentor, Dr. Dorn," says Coppi, whose association with the University spans more than two decades.

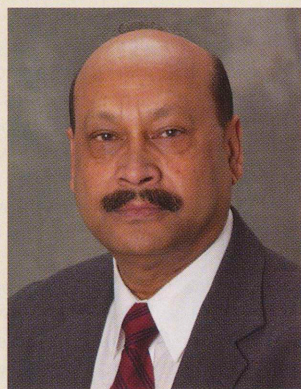
"I have worked at International Programs and Services since 1983, in a variety of different positions," she says. "I joined IPS assuming that I would be working here for a very short period of time – an extra help position that was not expected to last more than five months."

Five months led to 23 years, and the variety of positions have included foreign student adviser, assistant director, and since 1996, associate director. Coppi earned bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Southern in 1982 and 1986, respectively.

### Miah Named School Of Social Work Director

**M**izanur Miah, who has overseen Southern's School of Social Work since 2002, recently became its official director.

"As the University tries to gain national recognition, it is important to appoint leaders who are nationally and even internationally known," notes Patricia Elmore, interim dean of the College of



Education and Human Services, which houses the school. "Dr. Miah is a leader among leaders: an excellent scholar; a member of the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education; an excellent fund-raiser who has brought a \$5.8 million annual grant from the state's Department of Children and Family Services into the University; and an administrator who works extremely well with all his colleagues."

Miah joined the SIUC faculty in 1985 as a lecturer after earning his doctorate there. He previously led the School of Social Work as interim director from 1992 to 1994. During his second stint in the director's chair, he saw the school through re-accreditation, a credential it received in 2004.

He says the school has achieved much in the last few years, but those achievements also bring new challenges. "Our enrollment is steadily going up, which means we need more qualified faculty to teach them. We also want to stabilize enrollments at a level where we can maintain the faculty-student ratio and the quality that gave us the reputation we enjoy."

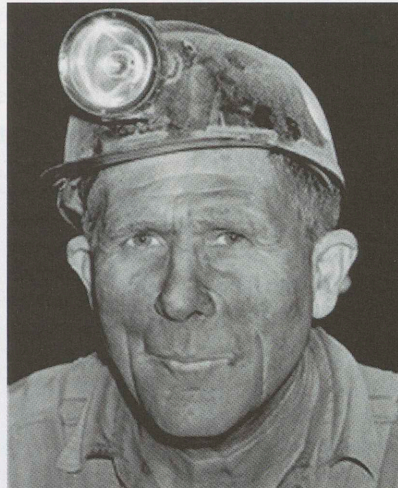
## Doc Horrell Photos Now On The Internet

The late C. William "Doc" Horrell made a name by chronicling the mining industry in southern Illinois with his striking black and white photography. Southern Illinois University Carbondale is making a variety of Horrell's work available on the Internet.

Three SIUC entities – Morris Library, the Coal Research Center, and the Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory – teamed up for the online exhibit, which is at

<http://mccoy.lib.siu.edu/~horrell/>.

The exhibit, which will remain in service for the foreseeable future, showcases 50 photographs that chronicle the people, places and machines that made the mining industry king in southern Illinois 40 years ago. The library's Special Collections Research Center intends to add many more photos to the online exhibit in the future.



One of Horrell's many coal miner portraits.

Horrell took more than 1,000 photos of both surface and underground mining operations during the 1960s. The photos depict many facets of mining, from tightly cropped portraits of miners to soaring

landscapes showing the structures and machinery that toiled to bring the valuable black substance to the surface.

Organizers invite visitors to the Web site to leave comments about the photos as well.

A southern Illinois native, Horrell joined Southern in 1949, leading the University's photographic services division until 1958. He was a leader in forming the Department of Cinema and Photography and taught there until retiring in 1983. SIU Press published a book of Horrell's photography titled, *Land Between the Rivers: The Southern Illinois Country* in 1973. He died in 1989.

John Richardson, professor emeritus of botany, scientific photographer and former Horrell student, collaborated on the project.

"Doc was a great guy and performed an invaluable service to the region in photographing the people and places of the vanishing coal mining business in southern Illinois," Richardson says. ■

### Student Earns Fellowship To Study New England History And Culture

A history student at Southern Illinois University Carbondale received a rare behind-the-scenes view of a museum while taking part in a thorough investigation of early New England history and culture. Allison Balch participated in the Historic Deerfield Summer Fellowship program in Deerfield, Mass. She was one of seven students selected nationally for the prestigious seminar, which included a \$7,500 fellowship to pay for tuition, books, housing, and meals.

The senior took advantage of the all-expense paid nine-week workshop in historic Deerfield, which is a living museum of a dozen 18th- and 19th-century homes and their artifacts. The summer program offered fellows an extensive examination of early American history, architecture, material culture and museum interpretation and operations.

"It has been a dream come true," Balch says. "It's really wonderful. I've learned so much, and it's fascinating to see and study buildings more than 400 years old."

Students participate in classroom seminars, walking tours and activities in the museum houses. They also take field trips to museums off-campus. Balch and her group recently visited a Native American museum in Connecticut and Strawberry Banke Museum in New Hampshire's oldest seacoast neighborhood.

Balch plans to pursue a graduate degree in history, focusing on early American studies. In the meantime, she is enjoying her college experience. "The history program at Southern is great, and this summer program will only enhance my educational experiences back home." ■



Doc Horrell stands on location at a southern Illinois mine during one of his many photography excursions.

## Southern Moves Up In *U.S. News & World Report* Ranking

**S**outhern Illinois University Carbondale moved up a notch in *U.S. News & World Report* magazine's annual ranking of American colleges and universities.

The University moved into the third tier, up from the fourth, in the national universities category.

Joining Southern in that tier were fellow state schools University of Illinois Chicago and Illinois State University. The report also placed peer institutions Oklahoma State University, Texas Tech and West Virginia University in that tier, as well as aspirational peer Louisiana State University.

The institution compared favorably with other state schools, its peers and aspirational peers nationwide. SIUC's peer institutions — those comparable to the University at this time — are Auburn University, Iowa State University, Kansas State University, Ohio University, Oklahoma State University, Texas Tech, Washington State University and West Virginia University.

Aspirational peers — those SIUC is striving to emulate — are Louisiana State University, University of Colorado Boulder, University of Kentucky and University of Missouri Columbia.

The ratings are based on quantitative measures experts say reliably indicate the quality of academics at institutions. Those measurements include peer assessments, freshman retention levels, class size, number of full-time faculty and average

alumni giving rate, among others.



SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler says the rankings provide an important perspective on the work of the University.

"We appreciate the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings because they give us a clear, unvarnished opinion from outside our University, about key factors of comparison such as how we are perceived by other universities, the quality of our faculty, the size of our classes, the commitment of our alumni and other key indicators. These are important.

"Still, we need to be careful about putting too much stock in the *U.S. News & World Report* instrument because the value of the University comes in part from the programs we offer here," Wendler notes. "Our location and the importance of the University to this region make it a special place to go to school. So these important things *U.S. News* does not consider."

## SIUC Sailing Club Celebrates 40 Years

**W**hile Captain Jack Sparrow has captured the imagination of millions, there are plenty of Southern alumni who also harbor a little inner pirate — and during Homecoming weekend, they are invited back to Carbondale to celebrate and reminisce.

The Southern Illinois Collegiate Sailing Club began in 1966, owing to an ambitious engineering student — Dick Roush — who became the first Commodore. For more than 40 years, the club has seen a good deal of smooth sailing: from competing intercollegiately in the 80s and 90s, to chartering group sails in Florida and the Bahamas. Locally, the club maintains a fleet at Playport Marina on Crab Orchard Lake, and members regularly participate in summer crewing and special regattas at Carlyle Lake as well.

Some Sailing Club alums still live nearby and are members of the Crab Orchard Lake Sailing Association. Other sailors have been scattered by the winds, but report back as to their whereabouts.

During Labor Day weekend in 2001, Sailing Club alumni reunions began, with former members and then-current members simply bumping into each other out at Playport. Since that time, the annual reunions are looked forward to by many as a time to get together with old friends and also spend time with new ones who share a passion for sailing.

Plans for this year's reunion — celebrating the Club's 40th year — include having a float in the Homecoming parade, an alumni regatta, and also a group outing to Blue Sky Vineyard. So sailors, mark your calendars for October 6-8th! For more information, please visit the Sailing Club website [www.siusailing.org](http://www.siusailing.org), or contact Sara Bean at 618-565-2031.

The Saluki Dawg Fans (below) were again hot items to help keep alumni cool at the state fairs in Springfield and Du Quoin this summer. Look for photos from those two events in the December issue of *Southern Alumni* magazine.

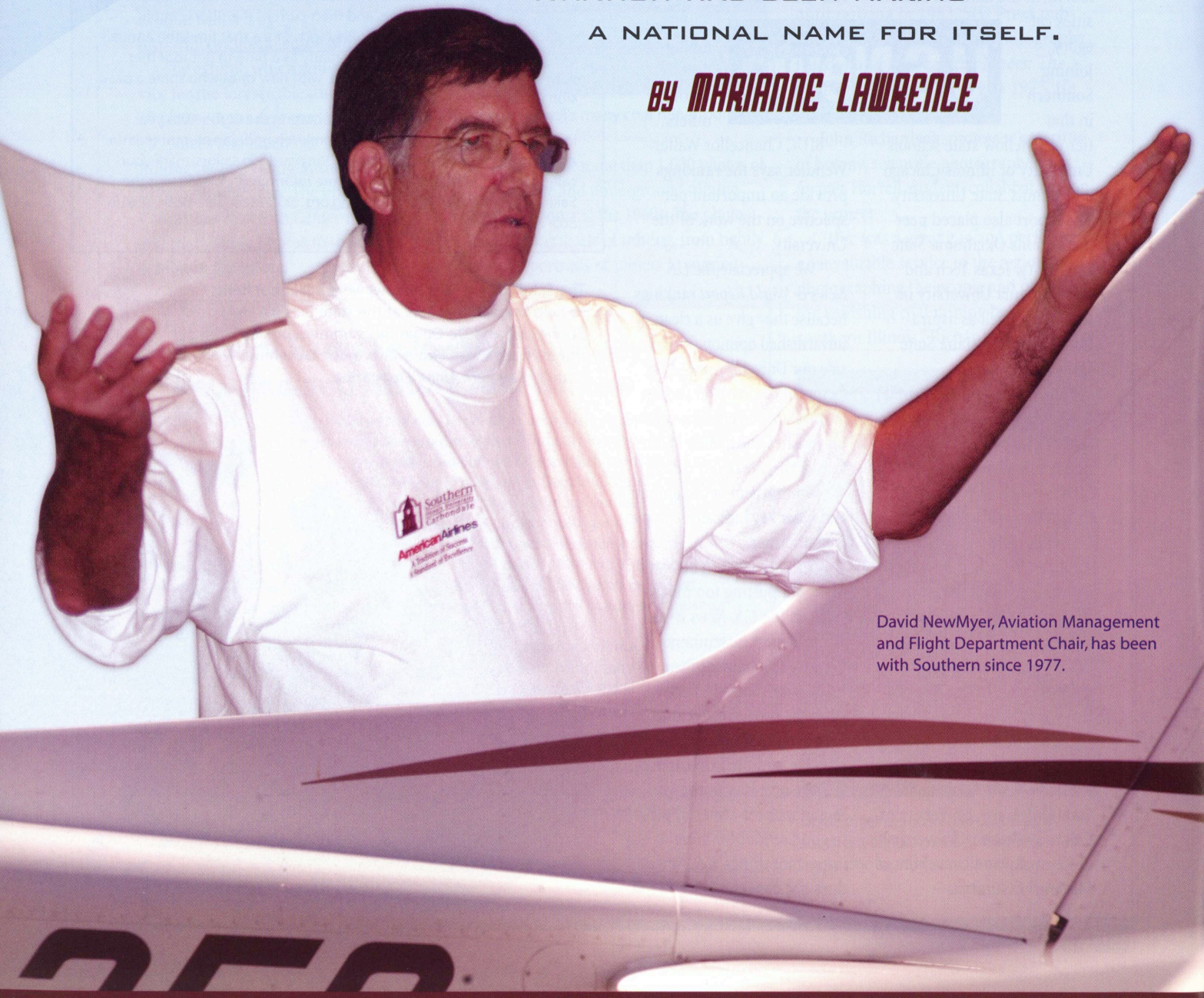


SALUKI AVIATORS

# FLYING HIGH

SINCE 1960,  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
AVIATION HAS BEEN MAKING  
A NATIONAL NAME FOR ITSELF.

*BY MARIANNE LAWRENCE*



David NewMyer, Aviation Management and Flight Department Chair, has been with Southern since 1977.

**T**he aviation programs at Southern Illinois University Carbondale have had a *very* good year.

For the second year in a row, Jennifer Byrne was named top female pilot in the nation at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's annual competition. Last fall Jason Dusel won top prize in the sportsman category at the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships. And then the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame added retired professor and administrator Ronald Kelly to its ranks and awarded the Rotor & Wing Association of America student group its "2006 Spirit of Flight Award."

These honors join a long list of achievements by Southern's aviation students and faculty for more than four decades.

### **HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED**

Aviation Management and Flight Department Chair David NewMyer Ph.D. '87 couldn't be more proud of his program. "We have had a good year with all the honors, but in addition we were able to hand out \$35,000 in scholarships and recently finalized an internship agreement with AirTran Airways that will provide experience and career opportunities for SIUC students. It's a great thing to help them that way."



Bryan Wright, left, a visiting assistant instructor in SIUC's Aviation Management and Flight Program, performs pre-flight checks with Career Day high school students Steve Pellegrino, North Providence, R.I., and Yarisma Mendoza, Chicago.



Colin Milligan poses with some high school students who recently visited the Southern Illinois Airport. Milligan, who graduated in May from both the Aviation Flight and Management programs, is working for Citation Shares, a fractional ownership company that provides aircraft services to its owner-clients.

John Cotter '76, M.S. '88, interim chair of the aviation technologies department, shares NewMyer's pride in the program's accomplishments. He points out that graduates are true aviators – not just pilots or mechanics – and are prepared to enter any number of occupations in the industry.

Cotter recently put together a list of jobs held by graduates of the aviation technologies program – jobs that range from major airline captains to logistics engineers, and from quality assurance to airport operations. "It just shows that our alumni are involved in all aspects of the aviation discipline."

Southern's nationally known aviation programs are comprehensive, offering bachelor's degrees in aviation flight, management and technologies and a master's

degree in public administration in aviation, with more than 60 aircraft devoted to flight training and maintenance programs.

The aviation curriculum at Southern began to grow in 1960 with course offerings in flight. The aviation technologies program was founded in 1965, becoming the first to offer a formal degree and the graduate program began in 1990.

In addition, five locations across the country offer an SIUC bachelor of science degree in aviation management. Off-campus locations in California are at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut and at the Naval Air Station in North Island (along with a joint agreement with Palomar Community College). Other locations are at Marine Corps Air Stations in Yuma, Ariz., and at Cherry Point and

New River in North Carolina.

According to Judy Rawls Ph.D. '03, director of off-campus academic programs, there are currently around 150 students enrolled in the aviation program. "Our graduates are flying with commercial airlines all over the country and they stay in touch with us as alums." She adds that members of Southern's aviation faculty teach courses at the locations at least once a semester.

NewMyer, who was program coordinator for the program in Yuma, Ariz., for two years before coming to the University in 1979, calls aviation study an emerging field, explaining that most aviation programs offered across the nation were started after 1950.

He admits there are some aspects of the rapidly growing field that are still new to him. "A lot has to do with the interface of computers and data management, the Web, and marketing."

New classes like aviation security management and regulations and aircraft product support have emerged in the curriculum, offering students an even wider range of possibilities for jobs.

"About 75 percent of students in aviation management may go on to fly, but we want them to realize there are probably more opportunities for jobs in non-flight careers," says NewMyer. One example is the wave of jobs related to product support for the maintenance of older aircraft. "This area is becoming more and more important to the larger manufacturers of airplanes," he explains.

### VITAL STUDENT GROUPS

Seven student groups supplement the aviation programs as they market, recruit, establish relationships with the local community, provide professional development, and stay in touch with the industry. Not long ago NewMyer and Cotter began holding a monthly meeting with top officers of the different groups so they can stay up to date with myriad events on their calendars. "Our student groups are *a lot* to keep up with, so these meetings help us do that," says NewMyer.

The Aviation Ambassadors take on major responsibilities for managing tour groups and prospective students that come to campus. Chris James, a senior and president of the group, calls the ambassadors the front face for the aviation program.

“We give prospective students and their families tours of the airport and campus and also operate displays while attending major air shows in Oshkosh, Wis., and Des Moines, Iowa,” says James. “We can usually get the word out at these shows that are filled with aviation enthusiasts. I am really happy here and I enjoy sharing that with others.”

Last October, 108 high school students, along with chaperones, teachers and a few parents, made up a full flight from Chicago’s O’Hare Field to Carbondale for the American Airline Aviation Career Day. Ambassadors, after planning the schedule for the day, were kept busy shepherding the students to various seminars and giving them tours of the airport.

The flight crew, all Southern alumni, volunteered their time to participate in daylong seminars for the students.

Capt. Steve Brainerd ’83, who piloted the group to Carbondale, says he’s not surprised that all the crew that day were alumni. “In fact, we could probably fill a couple of airplanes with all the alumni we have at American.”

Brainerd stresses the importance of aviation training programs like Southern’s in providing the best people to work in the aviation industry. “SIU has a great program, and it’s getting better. I’m proud to be part of that.”

The Aviation Management Society meets every week and provides professional development activities for its members, according to NewMyer. In 2003, the group traveled to Kitty Hawk for the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brother’s flight and this year their annual fall banquet will feature Phil Boyer, a well-known lobbyist for general aviation small aircraft owners. “As president of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, he is probably the biggest name we’ve had,” says NewMyer. “There will be more community interest in this speaker because of the nearly 70 area aircraft owners who base their planes here.”

The Flying Salukis, Southern’s pre-

cision flying team, has qualified in regional competition for the past 37 years to represent the University at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association’s annual competition. Six of the last 12 years they were regional champions and their members have produced several top student pilots in the nation.

Rotor & Wing Association of America (RWAA), known for their expertise in managing air shows, and repeatedly winning national aerobatics competitions, are also active in working

## THE SALUKI LINEUP

Driving north from Carbondale to Chicago, one could stop in at several airports along the way and find a Saluki, says David NewMyer, chair and professor of the Aviation Management and Flight Department in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

The alumni, from south to north, are:

- *Doug Kimmel* '92, Airport Manager, Williamson County Regional Airport
- *Andrew Fearn* '90, Airport Manager, Mattoon-Coles County Airport
- *Gene Marcinkowski* '94, Airport Director, Decatur Airport
- *Bob Gagnon* '86, Airport Manager, Danville-Vermillion County Airport
- *Jason Licon* '00, Airport Manager, Kankakee Airport
- *Erin O'Donnell* '91, Deputy Commissioner of Aviation, Chicago Midway Airport
- *Thomas Stastny* '92, Airport Manager, Operations, Chicago Midway Airport

According to NewMyer, all except Erin, who is a graduate of the College of Business, are aviation management alumni. He adds that the list does not account for alumni who work at other airports throughout the state such as Springfield Capital Airport, Chicago O’Hare, and others.



Retired Professor Ronald Kelly, left, spent a few minutes with a former student, Capt. Steve Brainerd, who piloted an American Airlines plane full of prospective students from the Chicago area to Carbondale for Career Day activities. Kelly was inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame this year.





Students and faculty of the SIUC aviation programs, visiting high school students, their chaperones and teachers pose with crew members of the American Airlines plane, who are all Southern alums, before leaving to return to Chicago after the annual Career Day last fall.

with young people at their popular Aviation Adventure Camps (see article on Charley Rodriguez).

The Global Aviation Organization, formerly called the Black Aviation Association and Minority in Aviation Council, changed its name last year to better reflect its mission statement to provide professional development and aviation to a wider membership. Last year Ran Ackerman '96 returned for the group's April luncheon to talk to about his marketing job with El Al Airlines in Israel.

Alpha Eta Rho, the national aviation fraternity, sponsors a spring aviation banquet and provides other professional development activities.

Sabrina Weber, president of Women in Aviation, was a Palatine High School student when she got hooked on Southern's aviation program. First she attended a United Airlines Career Day and a year later participated in the weeklong Summer Wings Camp. She is just completing work on her associate degree and says she is here to stay."

She still remembers some first impressions. "When I returned to cam-

pus for just the second time to attend Summer Wings, I was amazed that Dr. NewMyer remembered me. He even said, 'Hi, Sabrina' when he saw me!"

Close to becoming a certified flight instructor, Weber plans to stay, teach and continue her education here. She spread her enthusiasm for aviation into the local community last spring, participating in an after-school program designed to expose middle school-aged students to aviation in a program called "Let's Wing It."

A successful grant allowed the project, headed by associate professor Lorelei Ruiz, to purchase laptop computers and flight simulation software. Students attended classes during the five-month program that culminated with a celebration that included an aviation spelling bee, paper airplane contests and other activities. Ruiz is already looking forward to another successful grant to repeat the program next spring.

### **SUMMER WINGS ATTRACTS STUDENTS**

The Summer Wings Camp that attracted Weber to Southern is a concentrated weeklong program designed to give a small group of students a realistic

look at aviation as a pilot.

Students come from all over the U.S. to learn aviation flight history, aerodynamics, aircraft performance, weight and balance, aviation weather, preflight inspections and radio procedures, similar to what SIUC students study. Ground school classes and flight in the University's training devices and aircraft are all part of the week's activities.

"We usually get anywhere from five to 14 campers," explains NewMyer, emphasizing that these are serious students who pay for the instruction, which includes flight time, and room and board in the University dorms. It is also a successful marketing and recruitment tool, "Since 2002 we have recruited six of the students who have attended the camps." He also points out that out of the 108 students – freshmen through seniors – who flew in for career day this year, about 15 can be expected to enroll in his program during the next couple of years.


"They have choices in aviation like Purdue, the University of Illinois, Western Michigan and Ohio State, Parks College, and St. Louis University to

name a few, but with programs like this we can work really hard to get people to come down and take a look at us – and the free airplane ride doesn't hurt," smiles NewMyer.

Weber and Byrne, both Chicago-area

residents, were two who took a look at Southern and were immediately attracted to the friendliness in Carbondale. Byrne, who won best female pilot as a freshman and again her sophomore year, also points out

that at schools like Western Michigan, she would not have even been able to fly until her junior year.

"SIU was friendly and provided me with immediate opportunities. Plus, I feel like I'm at home here." 

## A PASSION FOR FLYING

When Charley Rodriguez was young, he remembers an encyclopedia salesman coming to the door of his family's Murphysboro home. "My parents bought a set, and I decided I was going to read those books and become smart. Well, I got into the letter 'A' and never got past airplanes," he laughs.

The four-degree Southern alumnus and professor for the past 30 years still has the encyclopedias in his office at the Southern Illinois Airport and is just as enthused today about airplanes as he was the day he discovered the word.

In the mid-1970s, Rodriguez was working hard to get an education. In addition to his job with a small commuter airline in nearby Marion, he repaired motorcycles and held other odd jobs to pay for his tuition. He recalls the day Tony DaRosa, then head of the aviation program, called him into his office to offer him a teaching job. "I thought I'd done something wrong," Rodriguez says, recalling the summons to DaRosa's office.

He didn't have to think long about the offer, and at the tender age of 21 he found himself a member of the University's faculty. Rodriguez likes to point out that he began teaching before he actually got his degree and is still teaching some of those same courses today in the aviation technologies program.

His first degree in 1977 was an associate degree in aviation

maintenance technology, and his bachelor's in advanced technical studies was completed in 1978. A master's in educational administration in 1987 was followed by a doctorate in vocational education studies in 1997.

In 2004, Rodriguez was inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame for his creative work teaching aviation science to students of all ages. This year the student group he helped found entered the Hall of Fame by winning the Spirit of Flight Award.

The Rotor and Wing Association of America (RWAA), originally called the Helicopter Club, was founded at SIU in 1982 by Rodriguez and the students from aviation technologies. The Spirit of Flight Award honors the group for its significant contributions to the field of aviation over an extended period of time.

After hosting a succession of successful fly-ins, the RWAA organized and produced a local air show that continued as an annual event for eight years. As their reputation grew, the group was asked to produce and direct air shows and fly-ins around the state. "The students are the ones to take care of *all* the behind-the-scenes details" says Rodriguez. "It is unusual for students to take on this level of responsibility."

He also proudly points out that RWAA members belong to the SIU Aerobatic Team and have won the International



Rodriguez works closely on a project with a group of Southern students.

Aerobatic Club Collegiate Championship four out of the five years they have entered the competition.

In addition to teaching duties, accompanying his students to competitions, fly-ins, and local airports where they conduct plane washings and routine maintenance work, visiting local schools and myriad other aviation activities, Rodriguez has another "job."

During the men's basketball season he finds time to operate the remote controls that fly the popular prize-dropping blimp around the SIU Arena for the home games. He explains that flying the blimp can be a bit tricky, depending on other electronic signals in the building. "There can be interference when there is national television coverage of the game, or our controls can sometimes be thrown off by something like a cell phone or the scoreboard."

However, closest to his heart is the work Rodriguez and the RWAA students do with young people. Educational aviation camps for a variety of youth groups, and airplane rides as part of the Experiential Aircraft Association's Young Eagles program are scheduled

on a regular basis. Also, since 1988, the RWAA has constructed airplane-shaped elementary school desks that they distribute to schools throughout the state to be used by teachers to motivate students.

"We auctioned off one of the desks during this year's Hall of Fame ceremony and it got \$970," exclaims Rodriguez, who continues to visit area classrooms helping students build paper rockets and using math, science, and physics to teach them about the exciting world of flight.

Mona Marcec '65, M.S. '78, retired Carbondale school teacher and Illinois finalist for the teachers in space program, recalls working with him in presenting aviation space education workshops for 5th-, 6th- and 7th-graders at the Southern Illinois Airport. "He is just simply passionate about what he does," says Marcec.

It is a passion Rodriguez has had for a long time, and he shows no signs of losing it. "I still love seeing people's faces light up when they get to fly in an airplane for the first time – especially children."

–Marianne Lawrence

# Wings Of Charity Taking Youngsters To Higher Levels

by Nicole Sack

**T**urns out, reaching for the stars can be a lot easier when you have the discipline to fly. That might be the reason why so many volunteers donate time and money to keep Southern Illinois Wings of Charity flying high.

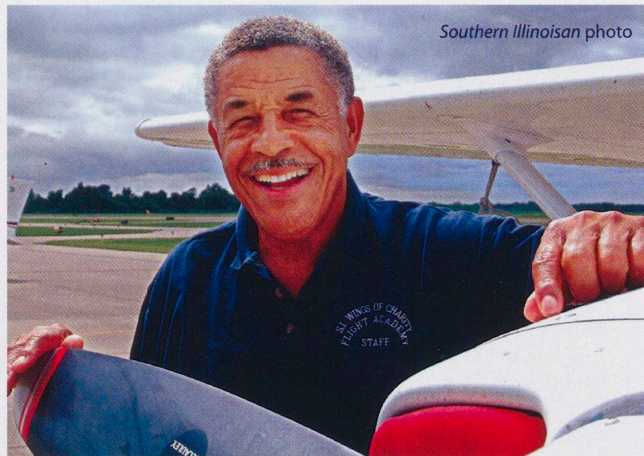
Each summer Southern Illinois Wings of Charity pays for 24 youngsters – ages 13 to 17 – to get their first exposure to aviation.

“We’re not trying to make pilots out of every one of them, but we want to show them that they can achieve,” says Capt. Bill Norwood ’59, who is one of the many experienced volunteers who assist with the annual camp. “We teach them they can go into an area that is foreign and that they can conquer those challenges. They can take those lessons to other parts of their lives.”

Norwood, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, knows something about conquering obstacles, whether it was quarterbacking his way into the Saluki Hall of Fame, becoming the first African-American pilot for United Airlines, or serving on the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees.

The Summer Flight Academy is free to the students who, during the five-day course, learn the theory of flight, how to build rockets, navigational skills, and practicing in a simulator. All this leads up to the high point of camp: flying. This is an extra bonus for these youth. Many of them are not old enough to drive a car, yet they are piloting an aircraft.

“It’s amazing how well they do just after three days,” Norwood says. “For many of the kids, this camp allows them



Bill Norwood is deeply involved in the Illinois Wings of Charity Summer Flight Academy, a five-day camp that offers kids their first experience with aviation.

their first experience being up close to a plane. They really take it seriously, and they do a great job.”

This summer marked 93 students who completed the camp.

There are three phases of the Summer Aviation Program, the first being the introductory five-day camp which is open to 24 participants and is free. The second phase is the solo program, which allows students to have up to 18 hours of flying time – some of it by themselves. To “solo” requires three years in the program, and the cost to the student for the solo program is \$300.

Norwood took his first solo flight at the Southern Illinois Airport – the same place where a new generation of future pilots take off.

“You never forget the first time you soloed a plane,” he says with a smile while pointing out to the runway. “You might forget some things, but not the first time flying a plane.”

The third and final phase of the summer program is the licensing phase, for which the students are charged \$500 for instruction and flight time – a fraction of the \$5,000 typically charged to inde-

pendently get licensed as a pilot.

“With fuel costs going up, it is an expensive program,” Norwood explains. To supplement expenses, the S.I. Wings of Charity depends on monetary and time contributions from several agencies.

One such agency is the Organization of Black Airline Pilots, which sponsors 18 similar youth flight programs around the country, mostly based near major cities. Norwood, a Centralia native, says the

Southern Illinois program is unique in the sense that it taps into a rural population and those in small communities that lack such opportunities.

The Summer Flight Academy, which is held each July, always aims to select a diverse group of youngsters, evenly split between boys and girls. Courses are taught by airline captains Norwood, Dave Harris, Calvin Allen, Al Englehardt, and Chuck Rich, and Southern aviation teacher Charley Rodriguez. The program was created by Ken Robinson of Carbondale.

“The first thing people can do to help the program is to encourage youngsters to come to the flight academy,” Norwood says. “It’s a great opportunity. We push them hard, but we’ve never had a dropout. We are confident that we will turn them on to aviation and then they will surprise themselves.”

For more information on Wings of Charity, contact Norwood at 618-351-0315. ■

*Nicole Sack is a reporter for The Southern Illinoian and a 2004 graduate of the Southern Illinois University Carbondale.*

# Homecoming 2006

## 'Sacks, Dawgs, Rock n' Roll'

### Tuesday, October 3

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

### Wednesday, October 4

- 7:30 p.m. Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," *McLeod Theatre*. \$15 adult, \$12 senior, \$6 student. 20% discount with Alumni Association membership card.

### Thursday, October 5

- 6:30 p.m. SIU Alumni Association Executive Committee Meeting, *Student Center, Wabash Room.*
- 7:00p.m. SPC Film, "Superman Returns" *Student Center Auditorium*, \$3 and \$4 admission.
- 7:30 p.m. Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," *McLeod Theatre*. \$15 adult, \$12 senior, \$6 student. 20% discount with Alumni Association membership card.

### Friday, October 6

- 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Dental Hygiene Professional Seminar, Methamphetamine Awareness in the Heartland, *Student Center Auditorium.*
- 8 a.m. - Noon SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting, *Student Center, Ballroom A.*
- 8 a.m. - Noon SIU Foundation committee meetings, *Student Center, various rooms.*
- 10 - 11:30a.m. Class of 1956 Registration, *Student Center, Old Main Lounge.*
- Noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch - SIU Alumni Association, SIU Foundation, Half Century Club, *Student Center Ballroom D*
- 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Class of 1956 - Guided Tour of Campus and Carbondale, *meet at front of Student Center*
- 1:30 p.m. SIU Foundation Board meeting, *Student Center, Ballroom A.*
- 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Distinguished Alumni Recognition and Reception, EVERYONE WELCOME. *SIU Recreation Center, Alumni Lounge.*
- 5:30 p.m. Half-Century Club/Class of 1956 Reception, *Student Center, John Corker Lounge.*
- 6:15 p.m. Half-Century Club Dinner, *Student Center, Ballroom D.*

- 7 & 9:30 p.m. SPC Film, *Student Center Auditorium*, \$3 and \$4 admission.
- 7 p.m. Volleyball - SIU vs. Missouri State, *Davies Gym*
- 7:30 p.m. Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," *McLeod Theatre*. \$15 adult, \$12 senior, \$6 student. 20% discount with Alumni Association membership card.
- Evening Alumni Band Group. Marching Saluki Alumni invited to attend a reception in the *Cambria Room, 1st Floor, Student Center.*

### Saturday, October 7

- 9:30 - 11a.m. Homecoming Parade, *Downtown Carbondale.*
- 11a.m. - 1p.m. **Alumni Tailgate**, *SIU Alumni Association Tent, lawn east of McAndrew Stadium.* EVERYONE INVITED. REGISTER AT THE TENT TO ENJOY A COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH PROVIDED BY THE SIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND SIU COLLEGES.
- 11:30 a.m. All college deans and dignitaries should report to the stage under the alumni tent.
- Noon Geology Alumni Tailgating Party hosted by Geology Club.
- 1:30 p.m. Saluki Football Game vs. Western Illinois Leathernecks, *McAndrew Stadium.* GO DAWGS! Tickets \$15 and can be purchased by calling 866-646-8849 or visiting the ticket window at Lingle Hall.
- 2 p.m. Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," *McLeod Theatre* \$15 adult, \$12 senior, \$6 student. 20% discount with Alumni Association membership card.
- 7 & 9:30 p.m. SPC Film, *Student Center Auditorium*, \$3 and \$4 admission.
- 7 p.m. 35th Annual Miss Ebonese Pageant, *Shryock Auditorium.* To charge by phone call (618) 453-3493. Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha.
- 7 p.m. Volleyball - SIU vs. Wichita State, *Davies Gym.* **Alumni Member Appreciation Night.** FREE ADMISSION BY SHOWING YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP CARD.
- 7:30 p.m. Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," *McLeod Theatre*, \$15 adult, \$12 senior, \$6 student. 20% discount with Alumni Association membership card.

All Day Cross Country - SIU Invitational.

### Sunday, October 8

- Noon - 5:30 p.m. Department of Geology Annual Fall Picnic, Lake Murphysboro State Park, in the concession area shelter. All Alumni invited.
- 2 p.m. Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," *McLeod Theatre* \$15 adult, \$12 senior, \$6 student. 20% discount with Alumni Association membership card.

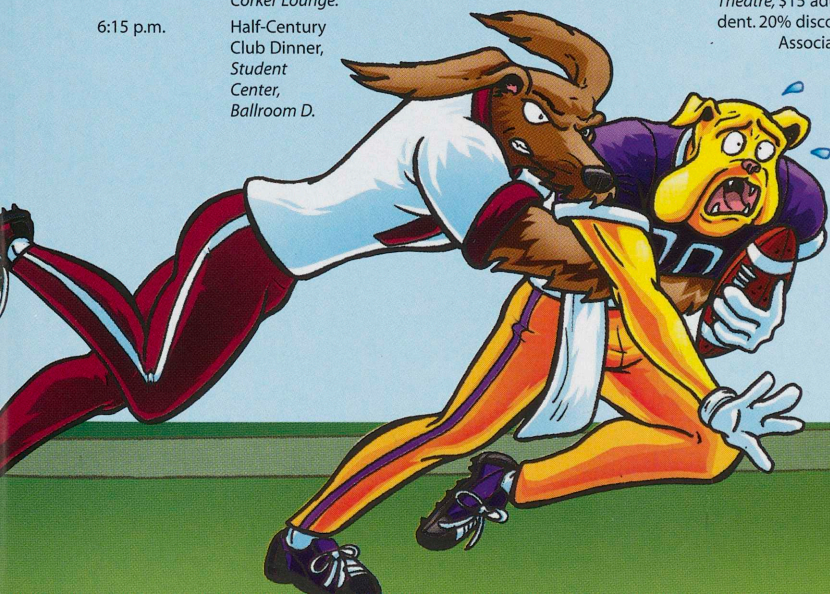
## Special Opportunities

**University Bookstore** - Hours are Friday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Discounts on SIU apparel with your Alumni Association membership card.

**Student Recreation Center** - Alumni Special! FREE use of facilities (\$2 fully refundable deposit required.) Friday, 5:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Free boat rental at Campus Boat Dock. For more information: 536-5531.

**Student Center Bowling and Billiards** - Alumni Specials! - Bowling for \$1.75 per game, \$1.00 shoe rental and \$2.75 per hour billiards games Thursday, 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 12:30 a.m., and Sunday, 12 noon - 11 p.m. For more information: 453-2803.

**University Museum** - The following exhibits are open Friday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Then and Now: Art by Michael Onken, Professor Emeritus of Art. Hand Tufted Coverlets, curated by Sandra Mahs and Herb Meyer. The Eye of the Beholder, curated by Bob DeHoet. [www.museum.siu.edu/current.html](http://www.museum.siu.edu/current.html)



Visit The  
SIU Alumni  
Association  
Tent Prior To  
The Football  
Game!



Georgia Brown



## BAG Event Raises Funds For Reunion

The Black Alumni Group recently hosted “A Soulful Saluki Sunday Soirée” in Country Club Hills, Ill. The event served as a fund raiser to help the organization prepare for BAG’s next reunion. The endeavor was a huge success, says BAG President Susan Smith Ross ’80.

“We had approximately 150 guests, and our initial goal was 100 in attendance to raise around \$1,000. Instead we raised approximately \$1,500 for the next event.”

Ross says she appreciated the support shown by Southern’s Associate Chancellor for Diversity Seymour Bryson, who was in attendance, as well as the SIU Alumni Association, which provided banners, posters, and some door prizes for the event.

The Black Alumni Group was established in 1988 as an official SIU Alumni Association affiliate. BAG’s 10th Biennial Reunion is set for July 12-15, 2007, in Carbondale.



**NEW!!!**

**SCHOOL OF LAW  
Merchandise Now Available !!!**

# **TAILGATE PACKAGE!!!**



## **Kit 1.**

- 1 Rolling Cooler
- 1 Blanket
- 4 Bottle Huggers

**Retail Price-\$75.90**

**Sale Price-\$64.50**

## **Kit 2.**

- 1 Rolling Cooler
- 1 Blanket
- 4 Bottle Huggers
- 2 Chairs

**Retail Price-\$110.80**

**Sale Price-\$94.20**

*Not A Member?*

**JOIN NOW**

[www.siu alumni.com](http://www.siu alumni.com)

**Alumni Members Enjoy A 15% Discount**

**Purchase The Latest In SIU Apparel & Accessories Today!**



# BREAKING NEW GROUND

**P**erhaps it is appropriate that near the 60th anniversary of the first international student attending Southern Illinois University, two international students have been elected to serve in leadership roles for two prestigious campus organizations.

Akeem Mustapha, a native of Nigeria, and Oksana Parylo of Ukraine, are breaking new ground.

Mustapha is the first international student elected as Undergraduate Student Body President. A senior majoring in biological science, he is striving to enhance the awareness of an organization that represents his peers.

Parylo's tenure as president of the Student Alumni Council, a chapter of the SIU Alumni Association, is also a historical event. A graduate student on track to receive her master's in May, Parylo is the first international student to lead an organization which has existed for nearly three decades.

Mustapha and Parylo laud Southern for its history of welcoming students from far-away lands. Their experiences on campus and rise to key leadership roles are depicted in the following stories.

Student leaders Akeem Mustapha and Oksana Parylo pose in front of the Delyte Morris statue on campus.



Photo courtesy of *The Daily Egyptian*

Akeem Mustapha, seated alongside former USG President Nate Brown, receives congratulatory handshakes all around from student senators.

## USG PRESIDENT STRIVES FOR STUDENT UNITY

BY GREG SCOTT

Opinions of Undergraduate Student Government on campus can vary. A student's perception can depend on whether or not they feel their interests are being supported financially. Others appear to be indifferent as exhibited by low student turnouts during elections.

Akeem Mustapha is trying to change all that.

And during the 60th anniversary of the first international student attending SIU, Mustapha becomes the first to serve as student body president. He became aware of this upon his election last spring, but doesn't dwell on the feat.

"I am a *student* leader, period. I don't want to be seen as an international student only," he says. "My goal is to work with everybody to accomplish initiatives in support of student life on campus. We aspire to continue enhancing this environment for undergraduates to study and participate in extracurricular activity.

"I want others to perceive me as a student leader striving to do the best possible to represent SIU students."

In the midst of his tenure as USG President, his primary goal is to enhance the organization's awareness on campus. "We intend to bridge the gap between students and the University. USG isn't



just about allocating funds to registered student organizations," he says. "Student perception of USG can rely on whether or not they receive RSO funding – I want to erase that stigma."

The senior from Nigeria plans a hands-on approach to accomplish this feat. Mustapha's organization will focus on enhancing communication between the student's governing body and various student organizations on campus.

For instance, it won't be unusual to see Mustapha or one of his staff members attending RSO meetings throughout the year.

"I have an outstanding staff, and we trust each other. It's not just me. Our vice president (Paul Ogwal), chief of staff (Jimmy Toriola), executive assistant (Whitney Weller), and I are all committed to enhancing student life and sacrificing time to accomplish our initiatives," he explains. "We plan to communicate with RSO leaders and investigate avenues through which USG can support their programs and activities.

"This hasn't been done as much in the past. It should go a long way in improving our relationship with the student body.

Mustapha has made an impression on campus leaders. Carla Coppi, interim director for international programs and services at Southern, says: "He is an extremely articulate young man who addresses his USG colleagues, as well as University officials, with an air of formality and elegance not often seen at SIUC. We will witness an entirely new style of leadership throughout the coming year."

For Mustapha, a biological science major scheduled to graduate next May, serving in a leadership position is nothing new. He formerly was vice president of Circle K International, a subsidiary of Kiwanis International, and is the former assistant secretary of African Student Council. He has also been Vice President of the Aids Awareness Organization and is a member of Rotaract Club.

Southern's USG President applauds his parents for their influence and sup-

port. His father is a gynecologist in the Middle East, and his mother is a retired teacher. Mustapha's sister lives in Nigeria.

Mustapha was intrigued by Southern after being introduced to the University by his father's business colleague.

"He advised me that SIU was a great school," Mustapha says. "In addition to attaining a quality education, I wanted a change of environment." He says Carbondale's welcoming atmosphere sold him on attending Southern.

"I knew the University and Carbondale communities had a history of welcoming international students. The University coordinates activities and events catering to the international population as well," he says. "I have enjoyed getting to know people from other countries and cultures.

"SIU is a comfortable environment to study in, and I'm pleased to be a part of it."

Mustapha says there were few adjustments upon arriving in the States. He mentions the time difference of six hours as an initial obstacle.

"Nigeria is six hours ahead and I realized that I had to get up earlier here," he says. "Otherwise, the society is pretty fast-paced; you go to work and class on time. It was a bit of a challenge, but I like challenges. Also, my friends who were already studying in the States helped prepare me."

Mustapha says he ran for USG president to become an agent of change. In particular, he is striving to have more influence in student life and plans to create solid rapport with University administration.

"We have to understand the role of our administration; we are student leaders," he says. "USG also aspires for the administration to acknowledge our efforts to represent students. Hopefully, our campus leaders will have a positive perceptiveness of students on this campus."

The student body president's primary goal is educating his fellow students about USG.

In addition to becoming more visible to campus leaders, Mustapha plans to address issues impacting the student body as a whole, such as campus safety. Two close friends had their homes burglarized a year ago. He has already met with SIUC Director of Public Safety Todd Sigler.

"Some of the problem stems from a lack of communication. Students don't always report these things."

Mustapha says extracurricular activities and work opportunities have enhanced his experience at Southern. He is completing an internship with the Illinois Fisheries Aquaculture Center this semester. The biological science major studied fish genetics and worked with DNA samples under the guidance of Edward Heist, a professor in the University's zoology department.

"That was a wonderful experience. I learned a lot from Dr. Heist," he says. "He was understanding and patient with me. It allowed me to practice theories I learned in class.

"A student should attain experience in all facets of life. Whether you become a student leader, participate in an RSO, or complete an internship, I have learned that it makes you a well-rounded person. It's a great confidence booster knowing that you have accepted a challenge; which is good for anyone."

Mustapha is a self-described sociable person who enjoys hanging out with friends and watching shows in his spare time. He hasn't decided on his plans after graduation, as his primary focus is on the current academic year and establishing a long-term positive impression of USG.

As president of USG, he will also serve on the SIU Alumni Association's national board of directors and on several campus committees. He welcomes the challenge and opportunities to educate fellow students.

"The name of my campaign party was Students United Party. If we as students work as one single unit and establish a solid relationship with our administration, there are no limitations to what we can achieve on campus." ■



Oksana Parylo studied at the National University of Ostroh Academy in Ukraine before arriving in the United States.

## A LEADER EMERGES

BY GREG SCOTT

**L**ike Akeem Mustapha, fellow student Oksana Parylo is breaking new ground. The Ukraine native is the first international student to be elected as president of Student Alumni Council (SAC), a chapter of the SIU Alumni Association.

However, Parylo's election came as a bit of a surprise. A second-year graduate student, the curriculum and instruction major wasn't the most vocal member of the organization. Her quiet demeanor didn't appear to translate into a leadership role.

"Oksana came out of nowhere during the election of officers. She had only been in SAC for a year," says Tuesday Ashner, the organization's advisor for eight years. "Oksana was active in various activities, but she was quietly participating. I would venture to say that some members didn't even know her name – that is how quiet she was."

But a leader was emerging. Parylo received SAC's *New Member of the Year Award* at the organization's year-end banquet last

spring. And during the SAC's election process, she made a statement by expressing her desire to lead the organization.

"We were shocked when Oksana decided to run for president. I typically have an idea of who is going to run – this *was* a surprise," Ashner says. "But when she gave her campaign speech, everyone was speechless. There is clearly a strong leader behind that quiet demeanor."

"You could feel it in the room. Oksana *immediately* won everyone over. And she had some tough competition in the election."

Even Parylo describes the events leading up to her decision as interesting. She was inspired by her first year in SAC and wanted to become more involved. However, when she was initially nominated for the secretarial and social chair positions she declined.

"There was some hesitation on my part. As an international student, I thought there may be communication problems at times," she says.



Parylo receives the Student Alumni Council New Member of the Year Award from former SAC President Anna Gorges.

However, Parylo went home and reflected on her decision. She remembered serving in similar leadership positions in her homeland.

Parylo attained her bachelor's and a specialist degree, the equivalent of a master's in the States, at the National University of Ostroh Academy in Ukraine. She assumed leadership responsibilities at the Cultural Center of Students and also spearheaded the Foreign Language Speaking Club for a year. In addition, Parylo led and monitored a group of young tutors in a summer camp at Dubno Teachers' Training College in Ukraine for three years.

Being a leader wasn't anything new for the Ukraine native.

"This is a different University, country, and culture. But leadership skills can be utilized anywhere," she says. "I thought it might be nice to try it here in the United

States. I didn't think about running for president until the last minute. However, it wasn't a spontaneous decision."

The following day, Parylo met several SAC members for lunch. They encouraged her to run for the presidency and offered their support.

"When I heard other members express confidence in me, it helped me make the decision to run."

Carla Coppi, interim director of International Programs and Services at Southern, says Parylo has become an asset to SAC in short order.

"Oksana had only been in the U.S. for a few weeks before joining Student Alumni Council," Coppi says. "As Oksana leads the organization this fall, she personifies the professional and personal development the Council encourages."

Parylo is leading SAC in its 29th year of existence. She has also participated in

the Latin American Student Association on campus. However, she quickly became aware of SAC through two friends, Georgeta and Flaviu Hodis (featured on the back cover), who initially recruited her into the organization.

The Romania natives sold Parylo on SAC. She also heard the couple and other SAC members speak highly of the organization during the International Student Orientation programs. Parylo was also pleased with the group's diversity.

SAC's membership represents students from Ukraine, India, Ireland, Romania, and Sri Lanka. The group has also had members from Vietnam, Pakistan, Germany, Ireland, Spain, and Thailand.

International students make up 20 percent of the organization's composition. SAC received the "top honor" for the SIU Spirit of Diversity Award in 2004. The award was presented at the SIU Leadership Award Ceremony.

"I was comfortable right away because the members made me feel welcome. It was a great atmosphere," Parylo says. "There were events for me to participate in right away. This allowed me the opportunity to meet people, and I was immediately comfortable talking and sharing with them.

"In particular, I enjoyed working with everyone on our Homecoming float. A lot of time and effort made that happen. At this point, I decided to continue my involvement in various activities throughout the year."

Parylo came to Southern as a Fulbright Scholar, which is a government-funded exchange program that encourages international education. After being selected, she had her choice of four universities in the States – Ball State, Fresno State, Texas, and Southern.

She chose Carbondale on the recommendation of two professors in Ukraine. Her mentors had attended Chicago State and Illinois State and were familiar with Southern.

"They spoke highly of SIU and said the area and temperature were similar to

continued on page 41



## Week Of Welcome For New Students

Last month's Week of Welcome was full of activities across campus planned especially for new Southern Illinois University students and their families, coordinated by the Student Programming Council and Saluki Family Association.

Excited freshmen and transfer students were given a hand with move-in day chores by University faculty, staff, students, and members of the Carbondale community.

New students were also treated to Dippin' Dots Ice Cream, cookies, chair massages and giveaways courtesy of the SIU Alumni Association during its "Saluki Oasis" event held in the Student Center, while Chancellor Walter Wendler, The Marching Salukis, cheerleaders, shakers and mascots later greeted a large crowd at the SIU Arena.

"Meet Me on Main Street," held at the Town Square, featured a scavenger hunt and pizza taste off, as these and other events helped usher in new students to the Southern campus, while providing some help and fun during this hectic period.

Many appreciated the effort, as the *Southern Illinoisian* noted in its Aug. 19 edition:

SIUC has been organizing move-in day for several years. The process is down to a science, and the help, as Naperville resident Kathy Havel noted, was much appreciated.

"This is so neat, this whole set up," Havel said in the midst of moving her niece's boxed items into her room on the 15th floor of Schneider. "I'm shocked. We had no idea we were going to have such organization and help."

dippin' dots Ice Cream of the Future

Week of Welcome

Welcome New Students

# Young Salukis Battle For Fourth Straight Football Title

After losing 23 seniors from last year's 9-4/5-2 Gateway Co-Champions, the Salukis bring plenty of new faces into the 2006 conference football season. While quality talent remains, head coach *Jerry Kill* realizes his squad will have to prove themselves all over again in a talent-laden league.

"The Gateway may be as strong this year as it ever has been," Kill says. "We could be as good as we were last season and actually have a much bigger battle on our hands, as two or three league opponents in particular have huge numbers back. Winning a fourth straight title is our goal, but that certainly will be a challenge.

"We have plenty of young men this year who have never played a single game at this level – that takes time to feel comfortable if you are in their shoes. I have every confidence, however, that they will be competitive and the upperclassmen will take charge. The older ones remember what it was like to go 4-8 in 2002, and they don't want to go back."

Northern Iowa, after sharing the crown with SIU and Youngstown State and then reaching the I-AA title game in 2005, is this year's pre-season favorite. The Panthers took 22 of 32 first-place votes and enter the league season looking for back-to-back Gateway titles for the first time since 1996. Also picked ahead of the Dawgs were Youngstown State and Illinois State. Rounding out the poll were Western Kentucky, Western Illinois, Missouri State and Indiana State.

The poll no doubt reflects Southern returning only two starters on defense, while on the other side of the ball, the Salukis must replace record-setting quarterback *Joel Sambursky*. Both areas concern – and excite – Kill.

"Defensively I believe we will be better at the corners, have a good pass rush, and be quicker," he says. "As far as the quarterback situation is concerned, *Nick Hill* and *Jon Cairns* have the ability to step in and do a great job. Joel was certainly pretty special, but we feel we have talent in that position to compete well in the league."

Senior running back *Arkee Whitlock* highlights a group of six Salukis who garnered pre-season all-conference honors. Whitlock, one of the top running backs in I-AA football, was both a First-Team All-American and all-Gateway performer in 2005.

Seniors *J.T. Wise* (FB), *Will Justice* (OL), *Lorenzo Wims* (DL) and *Braden Jones* (TE, honorable mention), along

with junior *Craig Turner* (RS), join Whitlock on the pre-season team.

Southern, which opens Gateway Conference play on Sept. 30 hosting Indiana State, plays four league games at McAndrew Stadium this season. (Check Calendar of Events on page 35 for more dates). The program has already sold more than 2,100 season tickets, which is an all-time high for Saluki Football.

When Kill took over the program in 2001, season ticket sales were slightly more than 500, meaning sales have quadrupled during his five seasons at the helm.

"I always believed that if we put a good product on the field, the people of southern Illinois would support us," he notes. "Our fans have never let us down." ■



Senior Arkee Whitlock is once again expected to be one of the top running backs in the nation.

## Volleyball Tabbed 6th In MVC Poll

After a seventh-place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference a year ago, the Saluki volleyball team is looking forward to the 2006 league season and the depth the incoming class brings under second-year head coach *Brenda Winkeler*.

The Salukis are picked sixth in the MVC preseason poll, two spots up from a year ago and one place above last season's finish. They return first-team all-conference selection *Johannah Yutzy*. The senior also made the 2006 pre-season team after hitting .365 as a junior, second in school history.

The incoming crop of freshmen and transfers give the volleyball coaching staff some depth – something that was missing a year ago.

Winkeler's squad opened Missouri Valley Conference action in mid-September. She knows the Salukis must improve defensively if they are to climb up the standings. "Last year we were seventh in the Valley in digs-per-game," she says. "We need to improve on defense and ball control – that will help the rest of our game."

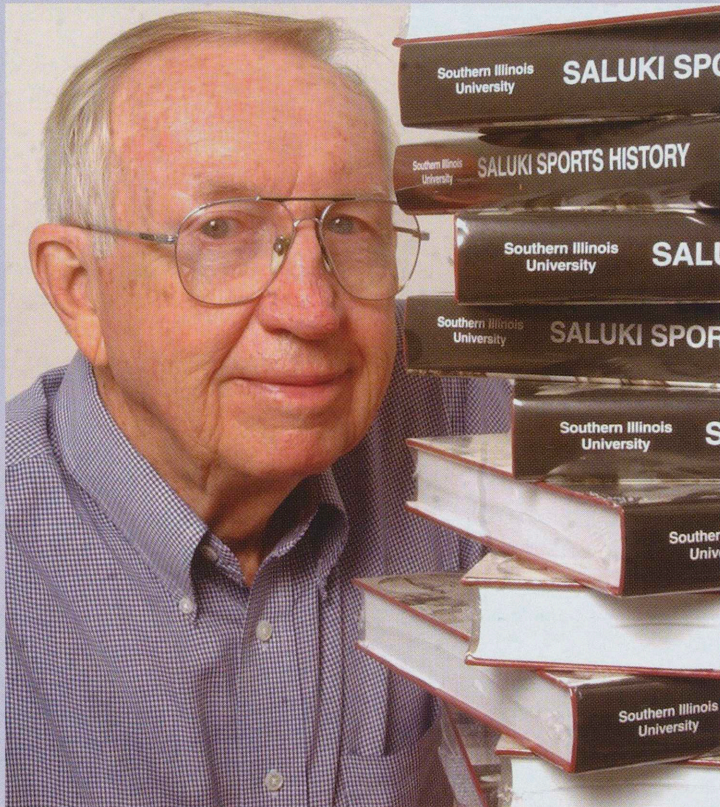
One thing she wants to maintain is the team's commitment to academics. Southern's volleyball team was awarded the American Volleyball Coaches Association GamePlan/Team Academic Award for the 2005-06 school year. The 13-member squad carried a 3.34 team GPA and was one of 54 Division I women's programs to receive the honor.

For the 2006 Saluki volleyball schedule, go to:

<http://siuslukis.cstv.com/sports/w-volley/sched/silu-w-volley-sched.html>. ■

## 'Saluki Sports History' Sales To Help Fund Alumni Scholarships

Copies of Fred Huff's book, "*Saluki Sports History ... 100 Years of Facts and Highlights*," are still available, and alumni who purchase the book will support scholarship opportunities offered by the SIU Alumni Association. In addition to proceeds that Huff is allocating to Saluki Athletics, \$10 from each sale is now dedicated to alumni scholarships.



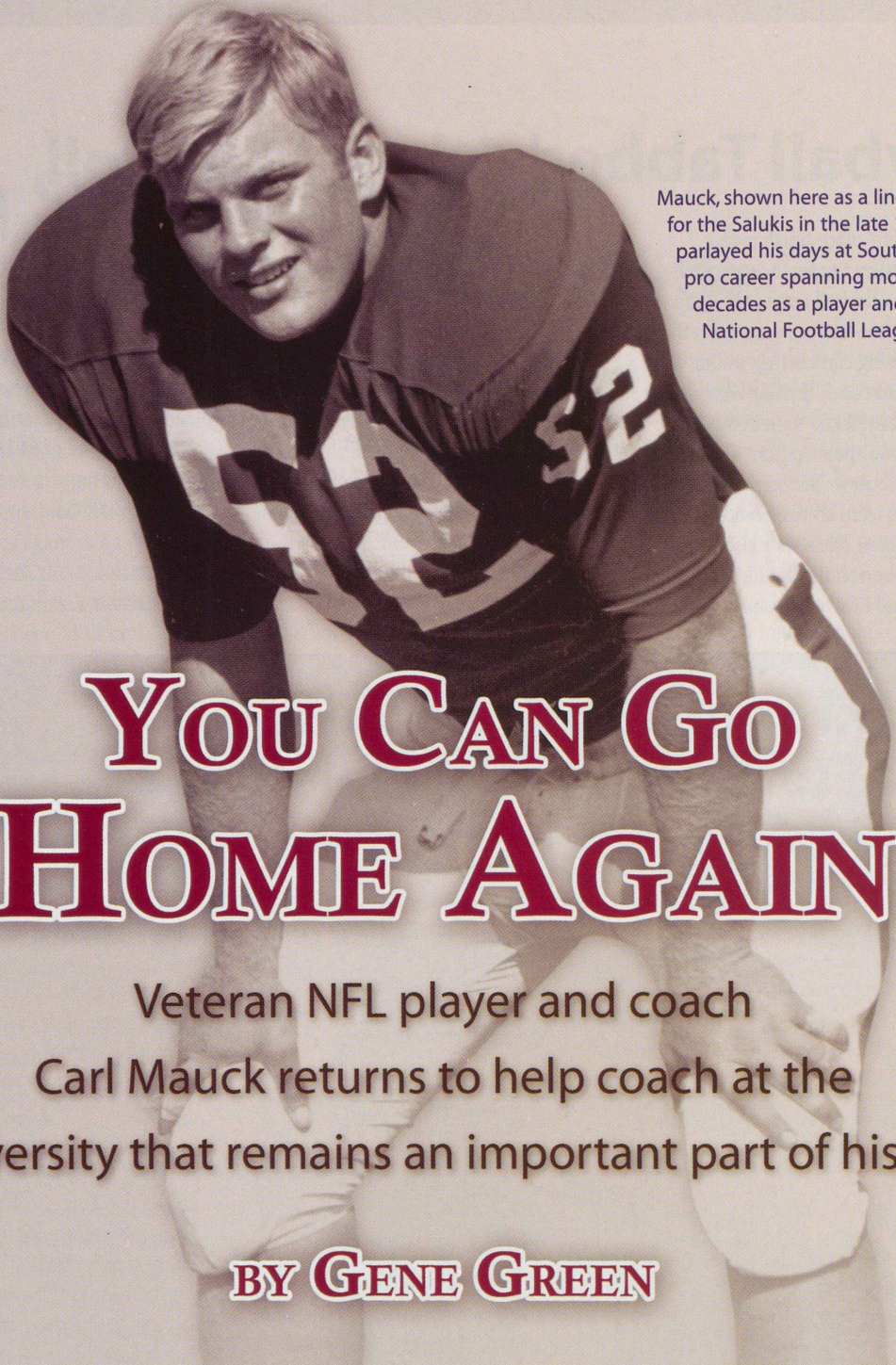
Fred Huff

The popular book, which was released last year, has now been updated to include 2005-06 information – even the recent hiring of Mario Moccia as Saluki Athletics Director.

"We appreciate Fred stepping forward to help fund scholarships," says SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger. "Fred is a life member of the Association who has long supported our efforts. This is simply another way he continues to show his loyalty to Southern."

"*Saluki Sports History ... 100 Years of Facts and Highlights*" makes a great Christmas gift for any sports fan. It may be purchased by writing to Saluki Publications, P.O. Box 504, Du Quoin, IL 62832, or by calling the SIU Alumni Association at 618-453-2408.

Cost for Illinois residents is \$37, which includes \$2.15 tax and \$5 for postage and handling. Out of state residents should send \$35 to cover shipping and handling. Make all checks payable to Saluki Publications Inc. ■



Mauck, shown here as a linebacker for the Salukis in the late 1960s, has parlayed his days at Southern into a pro career spanning more than three decades as a player and coach in the National Football League.

# YOU CAN GO HOME AGAIN

Veteran NFL player and coach  
Carl Mauck returns to help coach at the  
University that remains an important part of his life.

BY GENE GREEN

**T**he 2006 Saluki Football season was still two weeks away, but SIU's newest assistant coach was growing restless for the kickoff. It wasn't that being on the sidelines at McAndrew Stadium would be anything new for him, but 38 years *had* passed since he last experienced the feeling.

After more than three decades in the National Football League – including 13 as a player and 20 as a coach – Carl Mauck was finally home again.

“Every day I walk around this campus I see someone who reminds me of why I’m here,” the 1968 Southern grad says. “I saw a professor the other day who stopped to tell me he was at the School of Business when I was a student. Former teammates are still in the area, and it has been great to see them again. To say the least, it has *already* been pretty special.”

And Mauck senses the best is yet to come.

## THE ROAD BACK HOME

From 1969-81, Mauck played in 166 career regular-season NFL games as an offensive lineman, including 156 straight. The former Saluki star played in eight career playoff contests, including back-to-back AFC Championship Games for Houston in 1978 and 1979. Following his playing career, he began coaching for the New Orleans Saints and followed that with stints with the Kansas City Chiefs, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, San Diego Chargers, Arizona Cardinals, Buffalo Bills, and the Detroit Lions.

Mauck enjoyed great success in San Diego, as the Chargers appeared in the playoffs in three of the four seasons he coached there and reached Super Bowl XXIX in 1994. In addition to coaching in San Diego, he also played for the team from 1971-74.

The McLeansboro, Ill., native returned to the Chargers for a second run in 2005, but was dismissed from the second year of his contract when the organization reshuffled its coaching staff. With San Diego obligated to pay him this season, he

knew the timing was right to do something he had dreamed of for many years.

"This school is important to me, and I had often thought if I could help out by volunteering my time, then it was something I should do," Mauck says. "Plus I have parents in a nursing home in Carlyle and a father-in-law in poor health in McLeansboro – I can check on them more often now. It all just made sense. If the coaching staff wanted my help, I was ready to jump in and give them all I've got."

For Saluki Head Coach Jerry Kill, it was an offer he couldn't refuse.

## WELCOME TO CAMP KILL

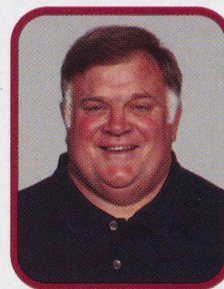
When Mauck told Kill that he was offering his services this season, the Saluki field general was excited about the suggestion. Soon proper paperwork and procedures were in place for him to coach Southern's tight ends and assist with the offensive line.

"Carl and I had already developed a special bond," Kill says. "He just cares *so much* about the program, and it was

really special for a guy like him to tell me he wanted to help in this manner. I knew his broad range of knowledge would be tremendous, and coming from the NFL I figured it would give him instant credibility with our players."

Kill quickly saw he was right.

"This guy is a player's coach," he



## THE MAUCK FILE

- Name:** Carl Mauck  
**Born:** 7-7-1949 in McLeansboro, Ill.  
**High School:** Township (McLeansboro)  
**College:** Southern Illinois University (1966-68)  
**Drafted:** NFL 13th Round Pick in 1969 by the Baltimore Colts  
**Family:** He and his wife, Vicki, have four children, Tim, Chrissy, Teresa, and Cathy. (Chrissy has worked with four NFL teams and currently manages the San Francisco 49ers Web site.)
- As a player:** 1969 Baltimore Colts  
 1970 Miami Dolphins  
 1971-74 San Diego Chargers  
 1975-81 Houston Oilers
- As a coach:** 1982-85 - Offensive Line, New Orleans Saints  
 1986-88 - Offensive Line, Kansas City Chiefs  
 1991 - Offensive Line, Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
 1992-95 - Offensive Line, San Diego Chargers  
 1996-97 - Offensive Line, Arizona Cardinals  
 1998-2000 - Offensive Line, Buffalo Bills  
 2001-03 - Offensive Line, Detroit Lions  
 2005 - Offensive Line, San Diego Chargers  
 2006 - Tight Ends, Southern Illinois University



Guard Jimmy Wegerer comes off the practice field under Mauck's watchful eyes. The Saluki Hall of Famer is working with tight ends and the offensive line this season.



stresses. "They love him to death. I don't even know exactly how to describe it – he's just got it! Carl may look rough and gruff, but he is actually a caring person

and a tremendous communicator. He is a hands-on coach who brings *so much* to the team.

"When you have done things college

players only dream about, they have a tendency to listen. And it also doesn't hurt," Kill adds with a grin, "when the guy doing the talking is 6-4 and a giant of a man.

"Having Carl on the staff has been *nothing* but a win-win situation for us."

For Mauck, being a part of the SIU program again is invigorating. He especially admires the remarkable turnaround that Kill and his coaching staff have orchestrated during the past few years.

"I knew Jerry had done a great job here, but after being around him for several months, it's even more incredible," Mauck says. "To see what he has done on a shoestring budget is amazing, and it occurs because of the kind of person he is.

"He cares about the players, makes them go to class and makes them do the right thing. He loves them when they need loving and he kicks them in the ass when that is called for. Bottom line is he is a father figure to many of these guys and they know he really cares. He's not fake – kids see through that act real quick."

Having Mauck on the sidelines has already paid major dividends for many Salukis.

Tight end Adam Bunting feels the team "wouldn't be where we are now without him. He has taught me many things and has shown me how to play harder each play. Coach has certainly brought a great deal to the offensive side of the ball and has impressed all of us with how much he cares about the players."

Senior center Will Justice agrees and is trying to absorb all the knowledge he can from this career NFL veteran. "Coach Mauck has made a major impact on me already," Justice says. "He knows so much about the game. I've never been around anyone quite like him – I really do think he is a football genius."

Billy Patrick '74, who played alongside Mauck on defense at SIU for two seasons, knows what his old friend and teammate can bring to the 2006 Salukis.

"Carl will be good for the kids, and I

## THE DAY THE DAWGS KILLED GOLIATH

It was 1967, and Carl Mauck's junior season at SIU would help launch a rebuilding effort for the football program.

Following two coaching changes in two years, Dick Towers was elevated to head coach and began to provide some stability and leadership. His first season, although producing a modest 3-7 record, was *not* without its highlights. Southern's 16-13 homecoming win over Tulsa that year is still considered to be the greatest upset in Saluki football history.

"Football was Division I back then." Mauck recalls. "Tulsa was coming in for our homecoming game ranked fifth in the country. To show you what we were facing, we had lost at home to North Texas State 37-0 the previous week – a good team featuring Mean Joe Greene – and Tulsa had crushed *them* earlier in the season."

To say the least, at 1-5, The Salukis were major underdogs. Trailing only Tennessee, Alabama, Auburn, and Houston in the national rankings, Tulsa roared into McAndrew Stadium confident of a win. Evidently, over-confident.

"It's hard to explain, but we were just glued in that day," Mauck, a linebacker at the time, remembers. "We had more than 15,000 fans jammed into the stadium and they were really into it – that helped a great deal."

When Southern fell behind 13-0, an upset seemed at best a remote possibility. But when the Dawgs finally got on the scoreboard via a Ralph Gallaway field goal, SIU's fortunes began to turn. Following one of Johnny Quillen's three interceptions, the Salukis scored its lone touchdown on a

leading the nation in scoring at the time – out of the end zone the rest of the game.

The Maroon and White somehow did just that in an ending reminiscence of the St. Louis Rams heroics at the end of Super Bowl XXXIV. In that victory over the Tennessee Titans, Mike Jones tackled

receiver Kevin Dyson at the one-yard line as time expired to preserve the win.

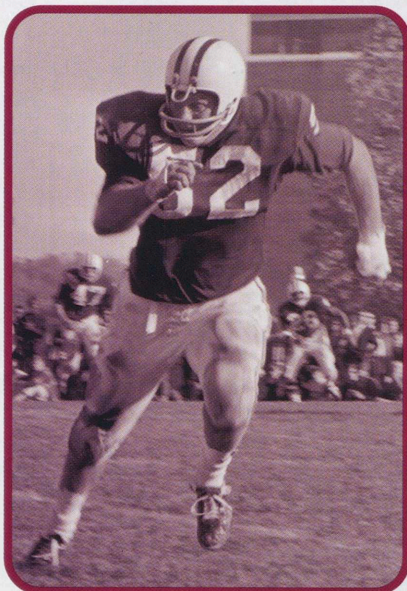
In the Tulsa-SIU thriller, it was Mauck who made the late key tackle.

"Tulsa was moving it pretty well at the end of the game, and made it into the red zone," he recalls. "Instead of trying a field goal, they went for it on fourth down and I made a tackle that stopped the guy less than a yard from the first down. As I glanced over and saw that he was short of the marker, I knew it was all over."

Lon Eubank's story in the *Southern Illinoisan* explained the homecom-

ing miracle in this way: "*A Little Leaguer struck out Carl Yastrzemski, Jackie Gleason beat Jim Ryun in the mile, and Slippery Rock hung one on the Green Bay Packers. Anything's possible. Southern Illinois proved it.*"

"It remains one of the most memorable days in SIU football history," Mauck now says almost four decades later, "and I'm real proud to have been a part of it."

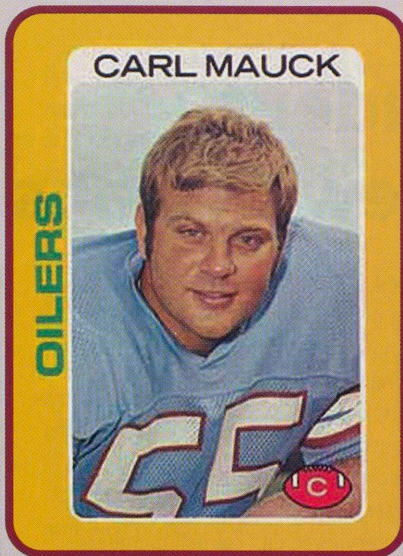


Mauck slices across the field to make a tackle from his linebacker position.

seven-yard run by Charles Pemberton. Another Gallaway field goal followed to knot the score at 13-13.

Gallaway put the Dawgs on top 16-13 with a 41-yard kick midway through the third quarter, and now it was up to the Saluki defense to keep the Hurricanes – a squad that was

–Gene Green



Mauck enjoyed great success with the Houston Oilers, helping lead them to back-to-back AFC Championship Games in 1978 and 1979.

think being around them will be good for him as well," Patrick says. "This guy is *really* bright – some might say a genius – and was one of the best students the SIU School of Business had during that era. When you translate that IQ into all his years in football, he has to bring a lot to the table when it comes to Xs and Os."

And Southern's players need not wonder what Mauck thinks about working with college players after decades of interaction with professionals. He loves it!

"Hey – I don't think there is any difference," he says. "They have the same dreams, hopes and fears that the pros have. The only thing is the pros have a pocketful of money – but most have no idea what do with it. Southern's players are like the pros I've been coaching. They are just a few years younger."

According to Patrick, Mauck's return to Southern should be a great fit for all involved.

"The bottom line is he is a good guy who is a down to earth Saluki," he says. "This is a pretty exciting situation."

## RETURN TO THE MAC

When Mauck sees the rusting hulk that is now McAndrew Stadium, he

recalls broken promises from years ago.

"When I came to school here in 1965, they told me we would have a new stadium to play in by the time I was a senior," he recalls. "They *wanted* one then – they *need* one now. The thing is literally about to fall apart."

While optimistic about the Saluki Way plans, Mauck says he will truly believe the stadium is a reality when he sees a shovel in the dirt.

"I wrote SIU President Glenn Poshard a note recently telling him how important I thought it was to make sure the stadium gets built. He wrote me back and assured me that it was going to happen. He also reminded me," Mauck says with a grin, "that as a student in Doc Spackman's class, he used to tape my ankles."

"That's what great about having a man like Dr. Poshard leading SIU. He has a history with the University, is from the area, and he cares. Simply put, he is one of us."

And Poshard and thousands of others will no doubt be on hand when Mauck takes the long walk from the football locker room in Lingle Hall to the football field at McAndrew for the season opener.

"When I walk up that hill with the team, through the tailgate area, hear the band playing the school fight song, and realize we'll soon be standing on that field for real, it will be an emotional moment," Mauck says.

And that's just fine for the Saluki Hall of Famer.

"Because of all I've been through since I played here, I suspect plenty will be going through my mind when I walk on that field. And I'll probably have tears in my eyes."

## HE WAS BUM'S KIND OF PLAYER

In more than three decades in the National Football League, Carl Mauck has played for and coached with some of the greatest names in the game.

The talented offensive lineman played for legends like Don Shula and Sid Gilman, as well as several other outstanding coaches. While Mauck knows he took a little bit from every coach he encountered, he especially tapped into the style of a colorful character from Texas.

A special bond remains between Mauck and former Houston Oiler Head Coach Bum Phillips.

"He was just a different kind of guy," Mauck says with a wide grin. "Bum was a World War II veteran who was at Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima. Out of a company of 144, there were two men left on the beach – and he was one of them. Anything after that was not difficult."

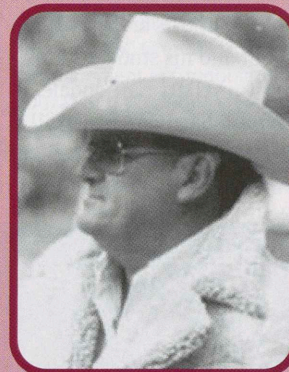
Mauck says Phillips' outlook on life was different than most. He wanted players who would discipline themselves, and the Oilers had a few men like the former Saluki who were more than ready to help.

"If someone screwed up, we had some cats on those teams

who could take care of it," Mauck says with a smile. "Bum always took the heat for a loss,

standing up in front of the team and telling us that *he* didn't do his job that week to get us ready to play. There was no way you would let that guy down the next week."

Phillips, who turns 83 in September, often told those around him that Mauck was his kind of player. Houston-



Bum Phillips, who had the former Saluki star as both a player and an assistant coach, calls Mauck "the best natural leader I've been around."

profotball.com, a site dedicated to the gridiron history of the city, describes the relationship this way:

*Nobody personified the spirit of head coach Bum Phillips on the field like his center, Carl Mauck. Like his boss, Mauck was funny and opinionated. He also could say what needed to be said to fire up his teammates or loosen them up with a quick quip. And, like Bum, Mauck was someone who didn't have things handed to him. He came from modest beginnings and gained fame through hard work and guts.*

"He's the best natural leader I've been around," said Phillips on another occasion. "Anyone who doesn't think football is life and death better go check with Carl – you step on the field, you're invading *his* territory."

## Southern Professor And Student Assist Recovery Efforts In New Orleans

by Sun Min

**H**urricane Katrina was the costliest and most destructive storm to hit the United States. Nearly a year later, the struggles of Gulf Coast residents continue, and among the many people assisting in recovery efforts are an anthropology professor and his student from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Roberto Barrios is a new SIUC faculty member whose work focuses on the aftermath of disasters such as hurri-

canes. This summer he lived in a Federal Emergency Management Agency trailer in the Versailles neighborhood on the east side of New Orleans, which is a largely Vietnamese community. He recorded the sociopolitical relations between government agencies and displaced residents.

“I am interested in the policies being devised for recovery efforts and the impact on the people it supposedly speaks for,” Barrios says. “The premise I’m working on is that when a policy is

created, it inevitably has to assume things about people and societies. My research has shown those assumptions are often incorrect, and that causes social crises.”

Eric Dangoy, an Southern graduate student in anthropology, joined Barrios for two weeks in June. He attended protests staged by community residents and interviewed city council members working on the reconstruction process.

“It was a great opportunity to see the city of New Orleans and to see the effects of the disaster and reconstruction efforts



Roberto Barrios takes a break in front of the Federal Emergency Management Agency trailer where he lived on the east side of New Orleans.

firsthand,” says Dangoy, a native of Chicago Heights. He says he came away from the project with a greater sense of self and a tremendous amount of respect for his professor. “I better learned the methods of field work. I learned about the advantages and the frustrations of making your way into a community in order to do effective research.”

Barrios stayed in New Orleans until the end of July and then presented a paper on his findings. Basically he found his discoveries disheartening.

“Recovery is slow, disorganized and filled with frustration for residents,” he notes. “Families and business owners are going about reconstruction on their own, and the local governments are tying their own hands around their bureaucratic policies.”

Barrios has devoted his career to studying the post-disaster challenges facing affected communities. He received a Fulbright Fellowship in 2000 to report on the nutritional status of children in Honduras after Hurricane Mitch devastated the region.

The professor says he has a passion for the work.

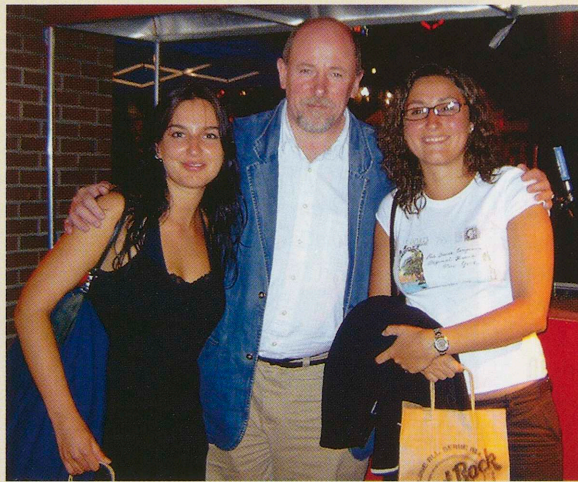
“I was born in Guatemala, and when I was 13 years old, my family was displaced when we immigrated to this country. Now I am interested in the issues of forced migration, displacement and re-settlement. The answer is to give neighborhood associations veto power over policies made by larger government agencies.”

Barrios hopes his work helps government agencies better respond to disasters. ■

## Southern Hurricane Refugee Students Return To France

It has been more than a year since Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast. For two recent business students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the anniversary held a special meaning.

Marion Duzac of Marseille, France, and Aurelie Ghignone of Lyon, France, came to Southern in the aftermath of Katrina, thanks to an initiative by Chancellor Walter Wendler. He opened the



University’s doors to undergraduate and graduate students attending Gulf Coast universities disrupted by Hurricane Katrina. Duzac and Ghignone were among many students who enrolled at SIUC days after escaping the storm.

As a part of an exchange program through ESC Grenoble Ecole de Management in Grenoble, France, Duzac and Ghignone were graduate students in business at the University of New Orleans.

“We arrived there on August 18, 2005,” says Duzac. “About 10 days after our arrival, Hurricane Katrina came. Fortunately, we evacuated the city two days before the hurricane struck New Orleans.” The Red Cross sent them to a shelter in Pine Bluff, Ark., and that is where Terry Clark, chair of the marketing department at Southern’s College of Business and Administration, tracked them down.

For many years, the College of Business has been participating in an exchange program with Grenoble. Every summer, MBA students from Grenoble come to Carbondale to take courses and business students take part in a similar program at the Grenoble campus in France. As soon as Wendler heard that Grenoble students were stranded in Arkansas, he asked Clark to visit the shelter.

“It sounded like a great adventure to me, so I agreed to drive down, find them, and bring them back,” says Clark. “The Chancellor told me to ‘rent a van, rent a bus, bring as many as you can – we just want to help.’”

Clark offered to take back other foreign students, but the rest “were reluctant to make any commitment, or to move from where they were until they spoke with advisors at their home universities,” he recalls. “Just a few days later, many universities were in Pine Bluff competing to help the international students, but SIU was the first on the scene!”

When Clark and his guests arrived in Carbondale, University Housing had an apartment ready for the French students. In addition, the University expedited the admissions process – including waiving application and late registration fees – and charged the in-state tuition rate for students displaced by the hurricane.

Recently, as they prepared to return to their homeland, Duzac and Ghignone reflected on the unexpected adventure.

“This year has been really amazing!” says Duzac. “We really appreciate the kindness of everybody, especially when we arrived from New Orleans. Everybody has always been really nice to us, and we are glad that SIU accepted us as students. We did not want to go back to France after only 10 days in the U.S. and give up the idea of getting our MBA in the states. Without the help of all the SIU staff, that probably would have happened.”

It is also an experience Clark will never forget. “Being involved in the rescue was pretty thrilling for me. I was immensely proud that my University was on the scene so early, extending its hand, opening its doors. I was impressed with Chancellor Wendler’s initiative and leadership in the effort.” ■

University’s doors to undergraduate and graduate students attending Gulf Coast universities disrupted by Hurricane Katrina. Duzac and Ghignone were among many students who enrolled at SIUC days after escaping the storm.

As a part of an exchange program through ESC Grenoble Ecole de Management in Grenoble, France, Duzac and Ghignone were graduate students in business at the University of New Orleans.

“We arrived there on August 18, 2005,” says Duzac. “About 10 days after our arrival, Hurricane Katrina came. Fortunately, we evacuated the city two days before the hurricane struck New Orleans.” The Red Cross sent them to a shelter in Pine Bluff, Ark., and that is where Terry Clark, chair of the marketing department at Southern’s College of Business and Administration, tracked them down.

For many years, the College of Business has been participating in an exchange program with Grenoble. Every summer, MBA students from

Grenoble come to Carbondale to take courses and business students take part in a similar program at the Grenoble campus in France. As soon as Wendler heard that Grenoble students were stranded in Arkansas, he asked Clark to visit the shelter.

“It sounded like a great adventure to me, so I agreed to drive down, find them, and bring them back,” says Clark. “The Chancellor told me to ‘rent a van, rent a bus, bring as many as you can – we just want to help.’”

Clark offered to take back other foreign students, but the rest “were reluctant to make any commitment, or to move from where they were until they spoke with advisors at their home universities,” he recalls. “Just a few days later, many universities were in Pine Bluff competing to help the international students, but SIU was the first on the scene!”

When Clark and his guests arrived in Carbondale, University Housing had an apartment ready for the French students. In addition, the University expedited the admissions process – including waiving application and late registration fees – and charged the in-state tuition rate for students displaced by the hurricane.

Recently, as they prepared to return to their homeland, Duzac and Ghignone reflected on the unexpected adventure.

“This year has been really amazing!” says Duzac. “We really appreciate the kindness of everybody, especially when we arrived from New Orleans. Everybody has always been really nice to us, and we are glad that SIU accepted us as students. We did not want to go back to France after only 10 days in the U.S. and give up the idea of getting our MBA in the states. Without the help of all the SIU staff, that probably would have happened.”

It is also an experience Clark will never forget. “Being involved in the rescue was pretty thrilling for me. I was immensely proud that my University was on the scene so early, extending its hand, opening its doors. I was impressed with Chancellor Wendler’s initiative and leadership in the effort.” ■

## A Saluki Volunteer For Denver

by Greg Scott

When Holly Kylberg decided to devote her professional career to becoming a champion for various causes in the Denver community, it caught a significant person in her life by surprise.

Kylberg's mother *never* saw her daughter's life taking this turn.

"My mother is shocked at my community involvement. I was always shy, quiet, and awkward as a child," the Southern alumna says. "My brother still has a photo of me from those awkward years. But SIU was a turning point for me. It was a challenge initially, but I met some people and started crawling out of my shell a bit."

Influenced by her brother who had also graduated from the University, the Rockford, Ill., native attended Southern and majored in journalism with a specialization in advertising. She left Carbondale in 1990 to accept a position with an advertising agency in Denver, but says the job didn't live up to her expectations and she started investigating other ventures.

"My mother-in-law has always been involved in the community and started trying to steer me into it," she says. "I began serving on various nonprofit boards and volunteering for event-coordinating committees. The more I got involved, the more I enjoyed it. I just decided to make a job out of my volunteer work: That *is* my job."

Now that self-described shy and awkward youngster from Rockford devotes her life to serving various causes in the Denver metropolitan area. She has served on nonprofit boards for Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital, Denver Film Society, Planned



Southern alumna Holly Kylberg, and her husband Richard, spend countless hours spearheading fundraising efforts in Denver.

Parenthood and the Denver Zoo. She also chairs between 5 and 7 events per year for various nonprofit causes.

Kylberg's initial volunteer effort occurred at the Denver Zoo. In 1999 she chaired the "Do at the Zoo," the Denver Zoo's annual summer fund-raising party. Event attendance spiked by 33 percent and revenue increased by \$100,000 above the previous year.

Once Kylberg spearheaded her first successful major fund-raiser, she was

addicted by the challenge and began seeking involvement in additional community programs. She helped establish the Wild Things Society, a zoo membership for young professionals.

In 2000, she created and co-chaired the "Zip A De Do," a fund-raiser planned by and for kids. The event won the I.C.O.N. Award for best nonprofit social event in Denver. This fund-raiser is planned for kids and teaches them the importance of serving others; it raises

funds to benefit the zoo's children education program. In "Zip A De Do's" first year, 700 people attended the event; between 1,500 and 1,800 kids and adults are expected to attend this year's party.

Several fun activities are coordinated for kids participating in the program. A *Rocky Mountain News* account of the event stated that in addition to the permanent animal exhibits, performances by Britney "Deers," Christina "Alligator," the Backstreet "Bears," and the Bare Naked "Monkeys" were featured.

"It is something I have a passion for – creating events and developing ways to attract younger audiences and volunteers," Kylberg says. "The Denver Zoo personnel were so happy with my level of enthusiasm that they asked me to chair the event in its second year."

Kylberg serves the Denver community in various forms. She is often joined by her husband, Rich, an entrepreneur and Stanford graduate, volunteering and

serving for programs that could feature anything from coordinating fashion shows and silent auctions, to hosting cultural dinners and supporting children's charities.

In 2004, Kylberg was co-chair of a Mask Project opening-night gala, which featured more than 600 clay masks, hand-painted by local and national celebrities, on display in a local shopping center exhibit. A live auction for the masks was conducted at the biennial event, and \$100,000 was raised to benefit the Hospice of Metro Denver, which provides care and support for terminally ill people and their families.

Kylberg has become a well-known figure in Denver, often featured in society pages and lauded for her volunteerism. The following is an excerpt from *Westword* magazine, which selected her as the city's Best Socialite: "If anyone in Denver has had their picture in the paper more than John Elway, that person

has to be Holly Kylberg. It's not just because she has a pretty face, but because of her enormous heart. By all accounts, Holly's huge heart is the direct result of her life's goal to make the world a better place for all to thrive."

Kylberg says reading publications and keeping herself updated on trends is an important facet of her duties, in addition to the social scene. "I'm out five to six times a week either hosting an event or socializing with friends," she says. "I'm always in the process of promoting my next event and trying to raise money for my cause. My friends have gotten pretty used to me having my hand out!"

And as long as the community benefits from her efforts, this SIU product is happy to help.

"I enjoy nonprofit work and striving to make a difference in the community,"

Kylberg says. "Hopefully such involvement makes the city a better place to live." ■

## Alumni Calendar Of Events

### OCTOBER

- 3 *Tiempo Libre*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 **SIU Alumni Homecoming Celebration**, pregame tailgate east of McAndrew Stadium, **Salukis vs. Western Illinois**, 1:30 p.m.  
**Alumni Member Appreciation Volleyball vs. Wichita State**, 7 p.m. (Must show SIU Alumni Association Membership Card for free admittance.)
- 13 *Simply Sinatra: A Salute to Ol' Blue Eyes*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Saluki Football at Illinois State, 2:30 p.m. Pre-game tailgate, noon-2:15 p.m. (Redbird Tent Zone, north of Hancock Stadium). Please call (618) 453-2408 for reservation.
- 20 *Camelot*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 **SIU Alumni Member Appreciation Day: Salukis vs. Western Kentucky**, 6 p.m. Pregame tailgate on Saluki Row at 3 p.m. Association members receive two free tickets per household to game.

- 22 Williamson County Scholarship Banquet, Kokopelli Golf Club Restaurant, Marion, Ill.
- 27&28 *Hansel and Gretel*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Saluki Football at Missouri State, 1:30 p.m.
- 31 *Halloween Pops*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Saluki Football at Youngtown State, noon
- 5 Jackson County Awards Banquet
- 10 *Circus Nexus: Rites and Rituals*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Saluki Football vs. Northern Iowa, 3 p.m. Pre-game tailgate on Saluki Row at noon
- 18 Saluki Football vs. Southern Utah, 3 p.m. Pre-game tailgate on Saluki Row at noon

### DECEMBER

- 1 *A Dixieland Christmas: Starring the Dukes of Dixieland*, **SIU Alumni Member Night at Shryock**. Details coming.

## Poshard Welcomes Alumni In Springfield

SIU President Glenn Poshard greeted 196 alumni and friends at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum on July 13 in Springfield. The SIU Alumni Association organized the function.

Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and enjoyed a rousing address from President Poshard. Following the program, guests toured the museum and enjoyed several exhibits and theaters.

University officials in attendance included SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler, Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry, Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate School Dean John Koropchak, Dean of the School of Medicine Kevin Dorsey, University Legal Counsel Jerry Blakemore, and School of Medicine Development Officer June Lang.



From left SIU Alumni Association board members Doris Rottschalk, Sheri Hunter, Glenn Poshard, Ray Serati, and Randy Ragan pose at one of the museum exhibits.



Gene Callahan visits with Bill and Dede Ittner.

Representing the SIU Alumni Association were President Sheri Hunter, national board members Larry Fisher, Dede Ittner, Lowell Keel, Robert Kraatz, Dan O'Brien, Randy Ragan, Doris Rottschalk, Ray Serati, Barry Smith, and Howard Spiegel, Executive Director Ed Buerger, and directors Gene Green, Greg Scott, and Argus Tong.



Jerry Blakemore, SIUC General Counsel, and Ken Buzbee share a laugh.

## Under The Stars At The MUNY

Sixty-four alumni and friends attended the second annual Under the Stars at the MUNY in July, organized by the St. Louis Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association.

Guests were treated to a backstage tour of the MUNY, the nation's largest and oldest outdoor theater, and a buffet dinner at the Culver Pavilion. In spite of humid weather conditions, attendees enjoyed a performance of *Wizard of Oz*.



Tiffany Green, Jeff Jewett, and Argus Tong at The MUNY.

Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry was among the

University officials in attendance. Representing the Association were national board members Robert Kraatz and Ray Serati, directors Tim Marlo and Argus Tong, and staff members Jeannie Caldwell and Nadine Lucas.

Loren King, Jeff Jewett, and Tiffany Green, members of the chapter's executive committee, assisted with the event.



SIU alumni enjoy a festive evening at The MUNY in St. Louis.

## Central Florida Chapter Hosts Two Alumni Events

The Central Florida Alumni Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted two events during the summer months.

Twenty-five alumni, guests, and friends enjoyed the chapter's fifth annual picnic in May. The group gathered at the Ft. DeSoto Park in St. Petersburg. Chapter leaders Terry and Carol Gannon, and Jim and Martha Greenwood organized the program.

In July, 30 Central Florida Salukis attended a gathering in a corporate suite and watched a Tampa Threshers baseball game. Southern alumnus and chapter committee member Clement Vied coordinated the gathering.



A large group of Dawgs enjoy themselves at an alumni event held in St. Petersburg. This active group continues to meet on a regular basis and have more fun activities planned for this Fall, including an event planned around the Old Spice Basketball Classic in November.

## Jackson County Social

The Jackson County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 30 alumni and friends during a reception in July at the Newell House in Carbondale. Attendees enjoyed an evening of hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Kitty Mabus, chapter president,



Marilynn Daniel and Susan Drone Prickett are in a festive mood at the Newell House.

Dede Ittner, national board member, Executive Director Ed Buerger, and directors Argus Tong and Greg Scott.

provided an update on the scholarship funds generated in support of seven incoming students.

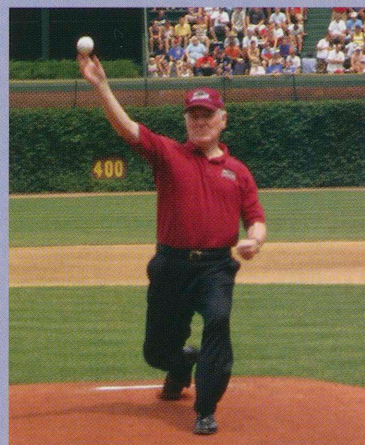
In attendance from the University was Associate Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Jeff Lorber. Representing the SIU Alumni Association were

## SIU Day At Wrigley Field

The 29th annual SIU Night at Wrigley Field was another sold-out event with more than 1,000 alumni and friends in attendance. The attendees enjoyed a pre-game gathering at the Cubby Bear hosted by SIU alumnus George Loukas '73. The crowd enjoyed beverages and food prepared by Loukas' staff and mingled in the patio area.



St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Cubs fans come together for a good time at the Cubby Bear Lounge.



SIU President Glenn Poshard threw a perfect strike during the ceremonial first pitch.

SIU President Glenn Poshard, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, threw out the ceremonial first pitch. University administrators in attendance included Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry, Associate Vice Chancellor Jeff Lorber, SIU Foundation Managing Director Bryan Vagner, and SIU Foundation Director for Central Fund Tanna Morgan.

Representing the Alumni Association were national board members Dan O'Brien, Steve Falat, Randy Ragan, Sandra Smith, Howard Spiegel, and Wes Wilkins, Executive Director Ed Buerger, and directors Gene Green, Greg Scott, Michelle Suarez, and Argus Tong.

SIU alumni members interested in purchasing tickets to the 30th Annual SIU Day at Wrigley should check our Web site and *Southern Alumni* magazine next spring for details. For more photos of this year's event, go to [sualumni.com](http://sualumni.com).



From left, Jenene Ebstein, Mike Ebstein, Cubby Bear owner George Loukas and Ed Buerger enjoy the pre-game party.



## St. Louis Events Planned

The executive committee of the St. Louis Alumni Chapter met on July 14 to coordinate activities for metro-east area alumni and friends. Some of the upcoming activities include 3rd Thursday socials, a Christmas holiday performing arts event, trivia night, the MUNY, and a possible bus trip to the SIU arena for the Saluki basketball game against St. Louis University.

One upcoming event is a wine-tasting trip to St. Genevieve, Mo. Details are still being planned. For more information, please contact Chapter President Loren King '00 at or Treasurer Tiffany Green '01 at [sialum06@yahoo.com](mailto:sialum06@yahoo.com).

## Southern Illinois Chapters Schedule Honors Banquets

The Jackson County and Williamson County Chapters of the SIU Alumni Association are planning their yearly honors banquets.

Jackson County's Scholarship Awards Banquet will take place on Nov. 5 at the SIU Student Center Old Main Restaurant. The banquet will honor the chapter's 2006-07 scholarship winners and the 2006 Service to Southern Illinois Award Recipient.

The Williamson County Chapter Williamson County Scholarship Awards Banquet will be held Oct. 22 at the Kokopelli Golf Club. Scholarship recipients will be recognized. Lee Crisp '92, president and COO of Pepsi MidAmerica and a College of Business Administration graduate, will be the featured guest speaker.

## Attention Nashville And Phoenix Area Alumni

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

There are approximately 2,800 alumni and 1,000 alumni in the greater Phoenix and Nashville area, respectively. The Phoenix Alumni Club is currently led by Dave Barger '91 and '93, [davidebarger@cox.net](mailto:davidebarger@cox.net), for the Phoenix Club. Efforts in Nashville are being coordinated by Robert Rickman '74, [rpwx@highstream.net](mailto:rpwx@highstream.net). To be involved or to be notified of the club activities, please contact the club representatives or Argus Tong, director of Chapter Development, at (618) 453-2408 or via e-mail at [argus@siu.edu](mailto:argus@siu.edu).

## Old Spice Classic Basketball Tournament Set In Orlando

The Central Florida Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association is hosting pre-game receptions prior to Saluki games in the inaugural Old Spice Classic Tournament, Nov. 23-26. Games will be played at the Milk House in Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla.

Saluki fans interested in tournament packages including lodging arrangements, should visit Anthony Travel's website, the designated official travel planner, at <http://www.anthony-travel.com/oldspiceclassic06.cfm>. Tournament tickets only can be ordered via Ticketmaster beginning on September 15.

Other teams joining Southern in the Classic are Arkansas, Marist, Minnesota, Montana, Virginia Tech, Western Michigan, and West Virginia.



An evening at the ballpark was capped off by a thrilling fireworks show.

## SIU Family Day At U.S. Cellular Field

More than 400 alumni and friends attended the 5th Annual SIU Saluki Family Day at the U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago. This event continues to grow in popularity as alumni visited with fellow Salukis and enjoyed a tailgate prior to watching the defending World Series Champion Chicago White Sox defeat the Texas Rangers.

The tailgate featured a silent auction and the opportunity to interact with Saluki dogs. An afternoon of food, fun and baseball was coordinated by a committee of Chicago-area alumni.



Jeff Lorber and Guy Tawzer were among those at U.S. Cellular Field.



Volunteers Keith Timmons and Denise Vaughn enjoy the action in Chicago.

For more information regarding SIU social events, please contact Chapter President and Board member Terry Gannon at [tgannon@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:tgannon@tampabay.rr.com), or the SIU Alumni Association at (618) 453-2408.

## Chicagoland Golf Scramble

The 17th annual Chicagoland Golf Scramble was held in July at the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling. SIU Athletics and the Chicagoland Golf Committee co-sponsored the function, which has generated \$250,000 in support of the University since 1989.

After 18 holes of golf, participants enjoyed dinner, a silent auction, and raffle prizes. SIU President Glenn Poshard, SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler, and new Athletics Director Mario Moccia addressed attendees during dinner.

## Pre-game Tailgate Scheduled For Saluki Game In Normal

The SIU Alumni Association is hosting a tailgate prior to Southern's football game against Illinois State on Oct. 14 in Bloomington. All SIU alumni, students, fans, and friends are invited to attend.

The tailgate begins at noon with game following at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please contact the SIU Alumni Association at (618) 453-2408.

## SIU Day At Coors Field In Denver

Thirty-four alumni and friends of SIU gathered at Coors Field in Denver for a picnic prior to a Chicago Cubs-Colorado Rockies baseball game in August.

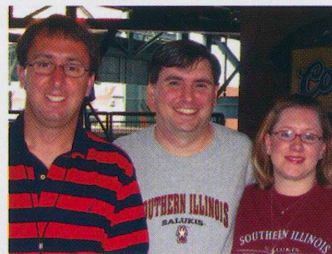
After a pre-game meal, the group witnessed a good battle between the two teams. The Cubs rallied to defeat Colorado 8-7 on a beautiful day in the mountains. Southern alumnus Mark



Beautiful Coors Field in Denver once again played host to a joyful group of Salukis.

Szczesny coordinates activities for Colorado-area alumni and can be reached at [siu96@comcast.net](mailto:siu96@comcast.net).

The tailgate begins at noon with game following at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please contact the SIU Alumni Association at 618-453-2408.



Dave Willi reminisces with Southern classmate Brent Buzbee and his wife, Stacey.

## SIU Alumni Picnic In Detroit

The Greater Michigan Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 61 alumni and friends during a picnic at the Kensington Metro Park on a breezy sunny day. A fun-packed day featured lunch, volleyball, bocce ball, and a raffle.

Also, SIU alumni Rich Pershall and Marita Smith contributed an annual SIU Alumni Association membership each to Caliph Wyatt and Jennifer Arteaga. University officials attending were Dean of the College of Applied Science and Arts Paul Sarvela, Automotive Technology Chair Jack Greer, and Automotive Technology Associate Professor Mike Behrmann.

Also in attendance were College of Applied Science and Arts Development Officer Michael Ellis, SIU Foundation Planned Giving Director Yvonne Spencer, and SIU Alumni Association Director Argus Tong.



Alumni and friends join SIU officials annually for a fun-packed day of activities during the alumni picnic in Detroit.

# NSF Grant Helping Southern Scientist Explore Advances In Electronics

by Tim Crosby

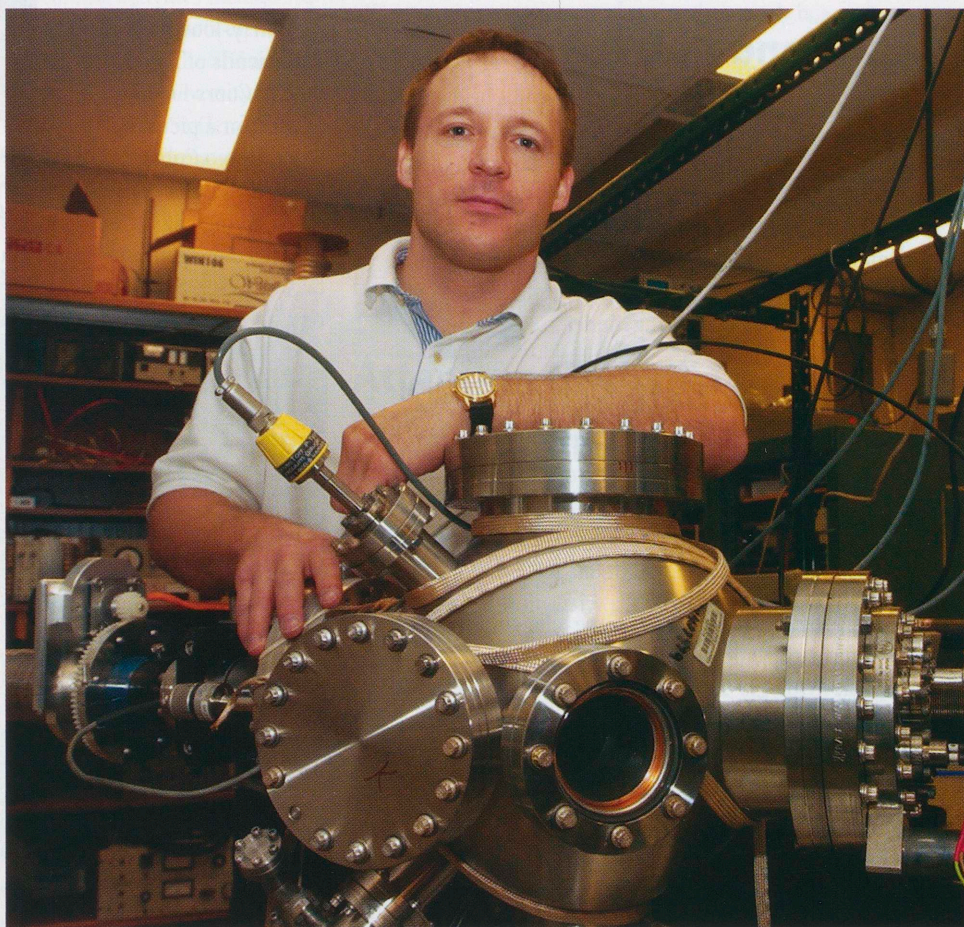
Imagine a computer that doesn't need to "boot up" when you turn it on. It's ready to use as soon as you flip the switch and has a memory system that doesn't require a constant source of power and would remain intact even if you turn it off without saving your work.

A scientist in Southern Illinois University Carbondale's College of Science is working on materials that could make that and many other new advances in electronics possible.

Shane Stadler, an assistant professor of physics, recently received a \$480,000 CAREER grant from the National Science Foundation to study ways to "grow" the materials that would make this possible. Known as "half-metallic alloys," such substances could open a new field of study and product design based on a concept known as "spintronics."

Stadler's research focuses on ways to exploit and harness this inherent subatomic difference.

Where a normal electrical conductor, such as a copper wire, allows the flow of both kinds of electrons, the half-metallic material Stadler is working on essentially filters the current so that only one kind – either up or down spin – flows. Such a material could lead to the development of a spin-polarized magnetic transistor, which would control the "filtered" current.



Shane Stadler, assistant professor in the Department of Physics at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, demonstrates a vacuum chamber in a laboratory.

Developers could put such transistors to use in a host of new products,

*"This could revolutionize the field of electronics as we know it today."*

including a magnetic random access memory that is more stable than those currently used in computers and does

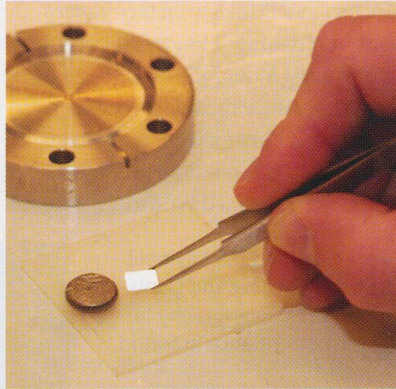
not require a boot-up. It also could make possible a new generation of sensors and theoretically would require less electricity to operate, making it ideal for use in space, where energy consumption is an issue.

"The development of a near perfect half-metallic material would spark the development of electronic devices and components that exploit the spin property of the electron," says Stadler, a 37-year-old Wisconsin native who arrived at Southern in 2001 after doing post-doctoral research on magnetized materials

at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory. "This could revolutionize the field of electronics as we know it today."

A main thrust of Stadler's work involves finding the best method of "growing" high quality half-metallic, ultra-thin alloy films that filter electrons most efficiently. His work, which is taking shape in one of the many laboratories at Southern's Neckers Building, takes place in an envelope of extremes, including ultra-high vacuums, powerful lasers, and alloys of precise composition and structure.

Some of Stadler's work will revolve around finding the best recipe by experimenting with variables such as applying a magnetic field and changing the temperature. "I've got a lot of work cut out for me," he notes.



A pair of tweezers is used to hold a cobalt-magnesium-silicon film created by firing an ultraviolet pulse laser into a target alloy.

Stadler's five-year grant is part of the foundation's Faculty Early Career

Development Program aimed at supporting the early research and education activities of teachers who effectively integrate research and education within the context of their organization's mission.

Along with equipment upgrades, the grant also will pay for nine graduate students who will be among the first to receive doctoral degrees in applied physics from the University and will also pay for a new, innovative undergraduate course on magnetism and research methods.

Stadler says the future of such technology not only rests with conducting the pure science such as his own research, but recruiting and training many young scientists to explore the field. ■

## A LEADER EMERGES

*continued from page 24*

what I experienced in Ukraine," Parylo says. "In my previous travels, I had problems adjusting to the temperature. But in Carbondale, I felt right at home."

Parylo says her adjustment to the States was a smooth process.

"This isn't my first international experience; I've been to Canada as well. The academic side was an easy transition because the faculty and staff are really accommodating here," she says. "The only change is that I don't have to work here because I'm in a government-funded program. Now I have all of this free time to get involved in campus activities. That is one of the reasons I wanted to get even more active in Student Alumni Council."

Parylo has outlined goals for SAC during her presidency. Her aspirations include increasing the organization's

membership rolls. She says students can become more aware of SAC through its various programs and activities. Enhancing SAC's Web site will also play a role in increasing the group's visibility, Parylo says. She hopes to unveil the site's improved look during fall semester.

SAC will continue to build on traditions it has established. Parylo is particularly proud of SAC's efforts in creating the Homecoming float and wants to make an even greater impression this year. "SAC has a role in the community in addition to serving the University and Alumni Association."

Scheduled to graduate with a master's degree in May, she relishes her time spent at the University. "My professors have really helped shape my academic goals and how I want to go about being successful," she says.

She says a strong support system is in place for international students.

"Before coming to Southern, I attended an international orientation program in South Carolina. Through this program, I'm in touch with international students all over the world. A lot of them say it's difficult for them to get support at their universities," she says.

"That has never been a problem for me. The International Student and Scholar Center here on campus is very accommodating. They always assist you in a timely fashion. The general atmosphere here is one in which people are willing to be helpful – it's a welcoming environment."

And Parylo plans to do the same for SAC.

"I am striving to uphold the standards that have been established before me." 🏆

# Veteran Dance Choreographer Takes To The Ice For 2006 Olympics

**P**atti Wilcox '78, M.S. '80 watched the 2006 Olympic ice dance events last February from her home in New York with more than a passing interest.

While the judges in Torino, Italy, monitored the technical aspects of the skaters' performances, Wilcox was paying close attention to details of the choreography she had helped design for two of the competing teams.

Both teams did well, and Wilcox enjoyed knowing she had been a part of their successful performances, especially the U.S. competitors Melissa Gregory and Denis Petukhov, who finished 14th in their first Olympic appearance with an interpretation of the music from *Romeo and Juliet*. However, the other more experienced Ukrainian team of Yelana Grushina and Ruslan Goncharenko captured the bronze medal.

A veteran dancer, choreographer and teacher, Wilcox became involved in the world of figure skating about four years ago when she met the wife of 1992 Olympic gold medalist Viktor Petrenko at a jazz dance class she was teaching. "Nina thought I could help her husband with some of his choreography. She was very shy about asking," recalls Wilcox.

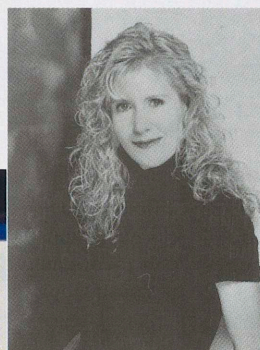
Always ready for the next challenge, she agreed to work with Petrenko, who is performing in his 19th year with the national touring company Champions on Ice. In the process she met others who were interested in her help and she now works with skaters in three different ice rinks in the New York City area.

It was a smooth transition from the dance stage to the ice surface for Wilcox.

She particularly enjoyed working with Gregory and Petukhov on their *Romeo and Juliet* routine. "I love to explore storytelling using music," she says.

Her ideas for the skaters occasionally needed an adjustment to accommodate what they could physically accomplish on the ice, explained Wilcox. "I'd suggest

**Patti Wilcox (insert) helped U.S. Olympic Pairs Skaters Melissa Gregory and Denis Petukhov develop the choreography for their first Olympic performance in Torino, Italy, last February.**



While developing the figure skating team's program Wilcox explains, "I might spend a week with them in the ballet studio where I am more comfortable, and then we go to the ice, where they are more comfortable. It all works out."

The Carbondale native has lived and worked in New York since getting her SIU master's degree in 1980. She danced nationally in productions of *West Side Story*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, and *Damn Yankees* before moving into directing, choreography,

and teaching.

Wilcox has taught at the Steps on Broadway dance school in New York for 25 years and is involved in choreographing and directing touring shows like *A Little Night Music*, *Hair Spray*, *Aida*, Noel Coward's *Marvelous Party*, and *Suessical* to name a few.

It's no surprise that Wilcox and her husband, stage and television actor John Schiappa, have two young sons whose

creative talents have already emerged. Twelve-year-old Jake plays bass and also loves baseball. Shaw, 10, studies classical ballet and will be one of 25 boys to attend the renowned Alvin Ailey Dance School this fall. "We'll support them in whatever they want to do - whether it's baseball or ballet," says Wilcox.

Although unable to attend the 2006 Olympics, Wilcox says if she continues working with the skaters, she won't miss the next one. ■

a move to them and they would say, "Wait, our skates don't go that way." Her biggest challenge was complying with the numerous rules Olympic and World competitors must follow.

"There are so many rules for competitions that govern the lifts and a skater's contact with their partner," says Wilcox, explaining that she would periodically need to consult with the skaters' coach. "There's a lot more freedom in numbers skated in the professional touring shows," she adds.

## Memories From SIU Have Lasted A Lifetime

by Jim Hurst '56, M.S. '60  
SIU Alumni Association Life Member

I enrolled at Southern for the fall quarter of 1950 as a history major in the College of Education. The Korean War was on everyone's mind, and the winter of 1950-51 was a desperate time for our troops.

Large numbers of men were dropping out of school to join the Air Force or Navy, hoping to avoid being drafted into the Army. Southern decided to extend credit to those who were in good standing in their courses if they decided to join the military. Toward the end of the spring quarter I received my orders to report to Great Lakes Navy Training Center to begin a two-year active duty assignment. I was soon followed by my roommates, Cliff Kantor and Ken Batchelder, both members of the class of '56.

I returned to Southern two years later. The special contribution Southern made to my life was that it provided me the opportunity for a college education at a reasonable cost and in a student-friendly environment. With the GI Bill and a job as janitor in Altgeld, the old science building, my transition from wartime military service to civilian student was eased considerably.

Both Southern's faculty and class enrollments were positive



Jim Hurst and his wife, Annabelle, enjoy gardening at their home in Mesilla, New Mexico. The couple met while students at Southern and have been married 52 years.

influences. I was spared the auditorium-sized classes of the later 1960s and subsequent decades in higher education. Classes rarely exceeded 25, and most were smaller with upper-division classes numbering around 15.

I got to know my professors and they got to know me. In the history department, professors Pitkin, Briggs, Cherry, Ammon, and Caldwell were excellent teachers and mentors. In the speech department (my minor), the most memorable professors were Paul Hunsinger, Cameron Garbutt (whose name was the subject of a popular pun), and William Buys. I could not have asked for better guides in my undergraduate studies.

During graduate school I taught at Hurst-Bush Community High School in Hurst, Ill., earning my M.S. in history and education in 1960. After graduation I accepted a position teaching world history at Joliet Township High School in Joliet, Ill., and three years later I accepted a job at Joliet Junior College (JJC) teaching freshman Western Civilization. Later I taught courses in Modern Britain and Modern Europe.

During a sabbatical year in 1968-69 I continued graduate studies at Northern Illinois University and following two summers' research in Ireland was awarded the Certificate of Advanced Studies (History) in 1972. I returned to JJC and remained there until taking early retirement in 1991. My teaching career spanned 35 years.

In 2000, following two and a half years of research, my book, *The Villista Prisoners of 1916-17*, was published, and in 2001 it was awarded the Southwest Book Award for literacy excellence and enrichment of the cultural heritage of the Southwest.

The book tells the story of the followers of Pancho Villa who were captured during Villa's raid on the small New Mexico border town of Columbus in 1916 and of those Villistas who were captured by the Punitive Expedition during its sojourn into Mexico in 1916-17. For the past three years I have been working on a narrative history of Gen. John J. Pershing's Punitive Expedition into Mexico in pursuit of the bandits who attacked Columbus.

My memories of SIU are many and varied, but my fondest is meeting Annabelle Schroedel x54, my wife of 52 years. The birth of our daughter, Paula, in 1956 is another fond memory.

Paula entered Southern in 1973 as a President's Scholar. She is x74 and is now business area manager for IBM Global Services, with offices in Greenville, S.C. Our son, Jonathan, was born in 1962 and is a graduate of Vanderbilt University ('84) and of the SIU School of Law, 1988. He is in private practice in Jacksonville, Ill.

The friendships I made in Theta Xi Fraternity have provided me with many warm (and humorous) recollections. The region itself, its beauty and its people, are all fondly remembered. ■

## Alumni Deaths

Fall 2006

**WISE**, Freda L., '24  
06/08/06, Harrisburg, Ill.

**HAYS**, Lena B., ex '26  
05/15/06, Salem, Ill.

**RICHARDSON**, Pauline (Johnson), '27  
06/11/06, Carmi, Ill.

**BROWN**, Jane (Clark), ex '29  
06/11/06, Anna, Ill.

**PURTILL**, Jane F., '31; '36  
05/22/06, Henderson, Nev.

**LUNGWITZ**, Clara B., '32  
07/05/06, Venice, Fla.

**McCALL**, Ruby (Etherton), '32; '57  
06/25/06, Carbondale, Ill

**DEHN**, Lucille S., '33  
07/17/06, Belleville, Ill.

**GRAVES**, Frieda M., '33  
07/20/06, Santa Rosa, Calif.

**LAY**, Evagene B., '34, '48  
07/23/06, Cartersville, Ill.

**DINTELMANN**, Beulah (Cox), '35  
05/28/06, Houston, Texas

**WOPAT**, Sue (Wilhelm), '35  
07/16/06, Edwardsville, Ill.

**PATTON**, Opal (Coleman), ex '36  
05/27/06, Savannah, Ga.

**BRAULT**, Elaine P., '42  
06/13/06, Homewood, Ill.

**HOLLIDAY**, Walter "Hap" K., '42  
07/11/06, Ramsey, Ill.

**WRIGHT**, Catherine (Stanard), '42  
06/04/06, Yorkville, Ill.

**CHAPMAN**, Pauline N., ex '43  
07/03/06, Irvington, Ill.

**HUNTER**, John R., ex '44  
06/24/06, Alton, Ill.

**ROBISON**, Floyd H., ex '44  
05/19/06, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

**WILLIAMS**, Bernard M., '44  
05/13/06, Hannibal, Mo.

**HARRISS**, Charles W., ex '45  
07/12/06, Swansea, Ill.

**KNOBLES**, Mary W., '45  
07/09/06, Houston, Texas

**SLIVA**, Bethel M., '45  
06/11/06, Maryville, Ill.

**GIVEN**, Virginia, ex '46  
06/04/06, Carbondale, Ill.

**SCHUMAIER**, C. Peter, '48  
07/27/06, Alexandria, Vir.

**BECKER**, Leona C., '50; M.S.Ed. '69  
05/20/06, Mt. Vernon, Ind.

**GARRISON**, Dwight J., ex '50  
05/15/06, Portland, Ore.

**LAU**, Joan H., ex '50  
06/10/06, Centralia, Ill.

**NEUNABER**, Alvin H., ex '50  
06/14/06, Perry Hall, Md.

**BUTLER**, Gilbert L., '51  
04/23/06, Roswell, Ga.

**DAVIS**, Russell W., ex '51  
08/05/06, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

**FOX**, Lois F., ex '51  
05/14/06, Evansville, Ind.

**VOGLER**, Richard S., '51; M.S. '64  
08/01/06, Knoxville, Tenn.

**BERRIER**, Mary (Butcher), '54  
05/22/06, San Marcos, Calif.

**SMITH**, Lewis H., ex '54  
07/08/06, Charleston, Ill.

**BOOS**, Juanita B., '55  
06/03/06, Bellevue, Wash.

**DAVISON**, Phillip T., ex '55  
07/24/06, Mesa, Ariz.

**STEELE**, Betty (Cunningham), '55  
06/26/06, Hanford, Calif.

**WHITE**, Betty W., '55  
07/17/06, Hutchinson, Kan.

**DILLON**, Jack R., '56, M.S.Ed. '60  
05/01/06, Centralia, Ill.

**EASTWOOD**, Freddie R., '56  
07/16/06, Grand Rivers, Ky.

**POTEPAN**, Ted J., '56  
07/26/06, West Frankfort, Ill.

**STANLEY**, William D., '56  
10/04/05, Nashville, Tenn.

**DONNA**, Tony L., ex '57  
05/30/06, Black River Falls, Wis.

**PURDY**, Paul L., '57  
06/25/06, Petersburg, Ill.

**GIBBONS**, Paul F., '58  
06/20/06, Muscoda, Wis.

**VANSYOC**, Richard W., '58  
05/14/06, Florence, Colo.

**YOUNG**, John H., '58  
06/27/06, Greenville, Ill.

**MUCCI**, Ferdinand R., M.M.Ed '59  
07/21/06, White Hall, Ill.

**RUSHER**, Linda L., '60  
06/25/06, Benton, Ill.

**HASSINGER**, James E., '61  
07/30/06, Norman, Okla.

**DEMIJAN**, Anthony J., ex '62  
07/18/06, Centralia, Ill.

**RICH**, Barbara M., '62, M.S. '67  
05/17/06, Carbondale, Ill.

**SMITH**, Mary Ann., '62  
07/08/06, Nashville, Ill.

**BORGSMILLER**, Frank E., '64  
07/16/06, Murphysboro, Ill.

**RICHARDSON**, Jack J., Ph.D. '64  
05/28/06, Mattoon, Ill.

**JENKINS**, Robert R., '65  
06/24/06, Highland, Ill

**SHOTTON**, Fern M., '66  
07/24/06, Marion, Ill.

**SNYDER**, William J., '66  
05/12/06, Olney, Ill.

**GRAHAM**, Richard W., '67  
05/22/06, Lick Creek, Ill.

**VanALST**, John A., '68  
07/06/06, Effingham, Ill.

**COLYER**, Evelyn (Camp), '69  
07/03/06, Columbia, Ill.

**FISHER**, Russell D., '69  
06/22/06, Marion, Ill.

**HAMILTON**, Evadean R., '69; M.S.Ed. '74,  
05/21/06, Harrisburg, Ill.

**MILLIKIN**, Donald D., '69  
04/23/06, East Peoria, Ill.

**MOELLER**, Ruth (Davis), M.S. '69  
05/06/06, Sparta, Ill.

**RUBUSH**, James A., '69  
07/08/06, Martinsville, Ind.

**YAZELL Jr.**, Fred W., '69  
05/13/06, Springfield, Ill.

**CHEAK**, T. Michael., '70; M.S.Ed. '72  
07/31/06, St. Louis, Mo.

**MORRIS**, Richard L., '70  
05/21/06, Peoria, Ill.

**WARNER**, Normagene (McDaniel), '70  
07/19/06, Carbondale, Ill.

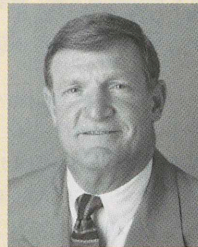
**WELLS**, Jerald L., '70  
05/22/06, Annapolis, Ill.

**LOCKHART**, Joann L., '71  
05/12/06, Du Bois, Ill.

**McMAHAN**, Gale A., '71; M.S.Ed. '74;  
Ph.D. '94,  
06/07/06, Anna, Ill.

**SCHENCK**, David F., '71  
05/21/06, Normal, Ill.

## John Moody, President Emeritus Of SIU Foundation



John Moody, President Emeritus of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors, recently died at age 64, in Indianapolis, Ind.

Moody graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1966 and was a longtime executive with Elanco/Lilly and DowElanco. He served the SIU Foundation with distinction for many years and endowed the John E. Moody Heritage Scholarship at his alma mater.

**WENGROW**, Robert A., '71  
04/28/06, Rockford, Ill.

**LAGASCA**, Wanda (Bryant), ex '72  
07/24/06, Green Valley, Ariz.

**ACCOLA**, John L., '73  
06/25/06, Sedalia, Colo.

**CASPERS**, Earl M., Ph.D. '73  
05/13/06, Fayetteville, Ark.

**SWINSON**, Douglas L., '73  
01/24/06, Oregon, Ill.

**DEFFLEY**, Matthew B., ex '74  
08/06/06, Bloomingdale, Ga.

**WESSELN**, Nancy P., '74  
07/31/06, Pinckneyville, Ill.

**EVERS**, Anna L., M.S. '75  
05/17/06, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

**PASS**, Michael A., '75; M.S.Ed. '87  
06/15/06, Herrin, Ill.

**HATCHER**, David P., '78  
07/24/06, Swansea, Ill.

**HENNESSY**, Rosalie A., '79  
08/06/06, Paducah, Ky.

**RIDDLE**, Helen (Seymour), '80  
06/05/06, Herrin, Ill.

**HEFFINGTON**, Mark W., '84  
03/23/06, Derby, Kan.

**KNOWLTON**, Michael M., '85  
06/22/06, Coshocton, Ohio

**LOVEALL**, Lawrence L., Ph.D. '85  
07/15/06, Newburgh, Ind.

**PRESTON**, Robert D., '87  
05/24/06, Glendora, Calif.

**HESS**, Lisa G., '88  
07/08/06, Cobden, Ill.

**JUSTICE**, Richard L., '89  
05/21/06, Hamburg, Ark.

**COFFIN**, Karen (Donovan), '91  
07/04/06, Maryville, Ill.

**SMITH**, Richard D., '92; M.S.Ed. '95  
06/20/06, Johnston City, Ill.

**SWAN**, Dale E., '92  
06/25/06, Sandoval, Ill.

**TING**, Jeremy Tien Chuon, '92  
06/07/06, Carbondale, Ill.

**GRAHAM**, Randal M., '93  
05/20/06, Marseilles, Ill.

**MILLS**, Sean E., '93  
07/02/06, Olathe, Kan.

**TOSTI**, Raymond, '93  
05/23/06, Clearwater, Fla.

**MORRIS**, Larry J., '94  
07/23/06, Cairo, Ill.

**SCHULTE**, Chad A., '95  
07/01/06, Aviston, Ill.

**HILLER**, Kevin M., '96  
06/15/06, Pinckneyville, Ill.

**RODGERS**, Jacqueline A., '96  
07/06/06, Augusta, Ga.

**BRUENS**, Michael W., M.S.Ed. '99  
06/08/06, Aurora, Ill.

**GERVAL**, Brian J., '00  
02/05/06, San Antonio, Texas

**DEAN**, Michael J., '04; M.A. '05  
07/22/06, Johnston City, Ill.

## Faculty & Staff

**BURKITT**, Fred M.  
Emeritus Civil Service, Physical Plant  
07/03/06, West Frankfort, Ill.

**COVINGTON**, Elbert E.  
Emeritus Civil Service, Custodian  
08/04/06, De Soto, Ill.

**DALTON**, Billy R.  
Emeritus Civil Service, Travel Service  
06/09/06, Anna, Ill.

**DANBURY**, Russell E.  
Emeritus Civil Service, Inventory Control  
07/03/06, Du Quoin, Ill.

**DYER**, William G.  
Emeritus, Assoc. Dean, College of Science  
06/18/06, Carbondale, Ill.

**EDELMAN**, Milton T.  
Emeritus, Professor, Economics  
08/03/06, Carbondale, Ill.

**FLUEGEL**, Janice R.  
Civil Service, Secretary, Printing Dept.  
07/01/06, Murphysboro, Ill.

**HAGLER**, Carl I.  
Emeritus Civil Service, Painter  
07/28/06, Carbondale, Ill.

**HITE**, Loma (Duncan)  
Emerita Civil Service, Asst. Manager, SIU  
Bookstore,  
05/26/06, Royalton, Ill.

**HUCK**, John F.  
Emeritus, Assoc. Professor, Dept. of  
Workforce Education & Development  
06/25/06, Carbondale, Ill.

**LOVIN**, LaVerne A.  
Emerita Civil Service, Secretary Printing  
Plant, 06/26/06, Carbondale, Ill.

**MILLER**, Bettye June (Swindell)  
Emerita, Account Technician  
07/08/06, Carbondale, Ill.

**MORGAN**, Frederic L.  
Emeritus, Chair, Allied Health Division  
School of Technical Careers  
06/08/06, Goreville, Ill.

Alumni listed in maroon are SIU Alumni Association members.

## 1950s

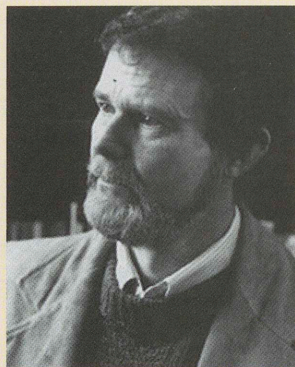
**Patricia Paynter '56** is recipient of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's 2006 Personal Achievement Award for Indiana. She was honored for her accomplishments and community service as a person with a neuromuscular disease. Paynter is a retired caseworker for the Illinois Department of Human Services. Although she has problems with her hands and feet, she still volunteers at a local school and visits the elderly. A church organist and pianist for 63 years, she still plays by rewriting the music so it only involves using eight or nine fingers. Paynter makes her home in Carmi, Ill.

## 1960s

**Peter Doran M.A. '60, Ph.D. '66** received an honorary doctorate from the University of Maine at Farmington, where he has taught since 1971. A leader in community and school health education throughout the state of Maine, Doran retired in 1997 but continues to be active in state initiatives and is a visiting scholar in Occupational and Environmental Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. He and his wife, Lois, live in Belgrade, Maine.

**Alfred Lorenz M.A. '65, Ph.D. '68**, the A. Lewis Read Distinguished Professor in Communications at Loyola University New Orleans, will serve as interim dean of the newly established College of Social Studies. Lorenz has been a faculty member in the Department of Communications since 1981 and previously served as its chair.

**Joseph Robinette M.A. '66, Ph.D. '72** received the



Children's Theatre Foundation of America Medallion in June. A widely published playwright for children and youth, Robinette was honored for his career achievement with several dozen stage works to his credit. He lectures, counsels writers, and participates in theater symposia and conferences throughout the country.

## 1970s

**Sylvia Green Robinson '70** has opened an online storefront, [www.lulu.com/SR91402](http://www.lulu.com/SR91402). The site includes pieces done by Robinson, including poetry, plays, and music. She lives in Northridge, Calif.

**Dale Besterfield Ph.D. '71** was awarded the 2006 E.L. Grant Medal from the American Society for Quality (ASQ). The award is given for outstanding leadership and presentation of a meritorious educational program in quality control. An



emeritus professor in the SIU College of Engineering, Besterfield's book, *Quality Control*, is in its 7<sup>th</sup> edition. He has presented numerous papers and talks during his more than 30 years in the field

of quality. He lives in Fairview Heights, Ill.

**Glen Bower '71** was appointed U.S. Immigration Judge. He is one of more than 200 judges located in courts around the nation and presiding over approximately 250,000 proceedings yearly. Bower has a long record of public service that includes serving as director of the Illinois Department of Revenue and chairman of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, which is a presidential appointment.

**Barry Birnbaum '74** has written his fourth book titled *Foundations of Special Education Leadership: Administration, Assessment, Placement, and the Law*, which has been published by the Edwin Mellen Press. In addition, he has contributed to *Workplace Mobbing in Academe and Remedy and Prevention of Mobbing in Higher Education*, written by Kenneth Westhues. Birnbaum is associate professor in the department of special education at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago.

**Marcella (Marcy) Vancil '74** was named Illinois History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and Preserve America. Vancil teaches at Flossie Wiley Elementary School in Urbana, Ill. She will receive a \$1,000 honorarium and will vie for the National History Teacher of the Year Award. In addition, her school will receive a core archive of history books and materials from the institute. A teacher for 32 years, Vancil was named to the 2005 All-USA Teacher Team by *USA Today*.

**Virginia Davis '76** is administrative director for continuing education and customized training and sponsored project activity at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minn. She formerly worked for Quantum Models Inc., and for the state of Minnesota.

**Gary Rogers '76** is marking his 30-year service anniversary at Hanson Professional Services



Inc., Springfield, Ill. A professional land surveyor, Rogers became a partner in the firm in 1999 and has provided surveying/project management services for numerous projects in Illinois. He is a member of the Illinois Professional Land Surveyors, Illinois Mapping Advisory Committee, and Illinois Geographic Information System Association.

**C. Renee Romano '77, M.S. '79** is new vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She was formerly vice president for educational



and student services at the University of Northern Iowa. She began her career in student affairs at the University of New Hampshire, moving to the University of Northern Iowa in 1988.

**Gary Norris Gray '78** has written a book called *The Grayline*, which was published in August. Gray lives in El Cerrito, Calif.



## SIUC Grads Teach After Military Careers

Four Southern Illinois University Carbondale graduates were chosen as finalists in the 2006 Teacher of the Year recognition program by the California Troops to Teachers program.

Of the four finalists William Jay '81 was named Elementary School Teacher of the Year. After serving 20 years in the Navy, he used the Troops to Teachers Program to transition from his military career to teaching in the Henry Clay Elementary School in the San Diego Unified School District.

The Troops to Teachers program places military retirees in classrooms providing more men and minorities with experience to teach in economically disadvantaged urban and rural schools. The program is funded by the California Department of Education and provides counseling, financial and placement assistance to retired members of the military.

Other finalists are James Moitoso '79 who teaches in the Victor Valley High School; Randall Rice '81, teaching at Anna Kirchgater Elementary School in Elk Grove; and Robert Huish '85, a teacher in the James L. Day Middle School in Temecula Valley.

**Kurt Mische '78** is development director for public television station KLVX-TV Channel 10 in Las Vegas. He was recently appointed to the PBS Development Advisory Committee which is comprised of PBS fund-raising professionals from various markets and stations across the country. Mische and his staff have earned 14 fund-raising awards from PBS during a 10-year period.

**Wendy Little '79, M.S. '81** has been named vice president and chief financial officer of



MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill. She formerly worked for the Illinois Beef Council, Health Care Service Corporation for 20 years, and most recently for Cineco Video, Film and HDTV Productions in Springfield. She lives in Farmington, Ill., with her husband and two daughters.

**John Michalesko '79** is the new fire chief of the Carbondale Fire Department. A 26-year veteran, he joined the department in 1980. Since 1998 he has been assistant fire chief and shift commander. Michalesko is a sworn police officer, works as an arson investigator and is a certified canine handler. He, his wife, Debbie, and son make their home in Carbondale.

**Donald Morris Ph.D. '79** has written a book titled *Opportunity: Optimizing Life's Chances*, which was published by Prometheus Books in 2000.

He makes his home in Los Alamos, N.M.

## 1980s

**Paul Esselman '89** has joined Cejka Search, a health care executive and physician search firm. As executive search



consultant, Esselman will manage all aspects of the search process, including candidate recruitment, interviewing, and negotiations.

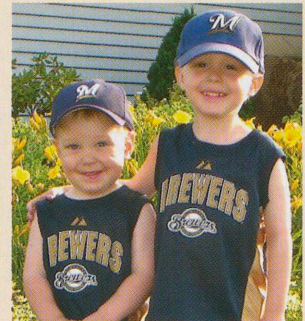
## 1990s

**Stephen H. Flesch '91** is controller of PDI Global Inc., a Chicago-based marketing firm that specializes in printed and electronic media marketing.

**Willie Hey Ph.D. '91**, health education professor in the department of health, physical education and recreation at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Ala., was recognized as Health Education Professional of the Year for Colleges and Universities by the American Association of Health Education. The national award is presented annually to recognize individuals who have made substantial contributions to the field of health education.

Although she grew up a Cubs fan, **Katie (Ahrens) Smith '94** notes her children have other allegiances. Now the associate director of Athletic Compliance at the University of Wisconsin, she and her husband, Chris, are raising Milwaukee Brewer fans. Sons Quin (4) and Cody (2) proudly

display their Brewer colors before attending a baseball game. Smith worked in the Saluki Sports Information office while a student at Southern,



and was a member of the Northern Illinois University compliance office before moving on to Madison. Although she now works with Badgers, she says her heart will always remain with the Rich Herrin-Era Basketball Salukis.

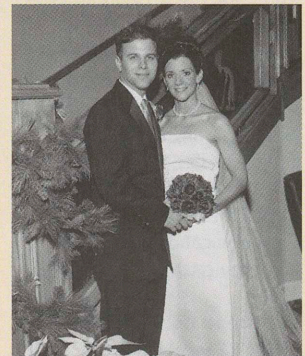
**Chris Gerrib M.A. '95** has written a novel, *The Mars Run*, which is now available at Amazon.com and Lulu.com. Gerrib is senior vice president



of technology at the Republic Bank of Chicago. He lives in the

Chicago suburb of Villa Park and is active in the Darien Rotary Club. For more information, visit his Web site, [www.pri-vatemarsrocket.net](http://www.pri-vatemarsrocket.net).

**Sarah Ochs M.S. '95, Ph.D. '05** and **Jason Bond** were married in December of 2005. Sarah is division chair of



applied science and technology at Rend Lake College and Jason is assistant professor of plant and soil science in the SIU College of Agricultural Science. The Bonds make their home in Marion, Ill.

**Angie Robinson M.A. '95** will head a new Gershman Mortgage office in Marion, Ill., that will serve Carbondale and surrounding southern Illinois areas. Robinson, vice president and branch manager, has been with Gershman for eight years and lives in Vergennes, Ill.

**Li Wang M.S. '97** is an associate structural engineer with Burns & McDonnell, an international engineering and design



firm with offices in the St. Louis area. He has more than 24 years of engi-

neering experience in both the United States and China and has authored numerous technical articles on engineering topics. He lives in Chesterfield, Mo.

**Sharon Beasley Ph.D. '98** has joined McKendree College in Lebanon, Ill., as an associate professor of nursing and chair of the college's nursing division.

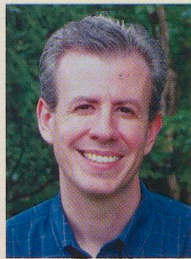


She formerly was with Rend Lake College,

University of Phoenix Online and St. Mary's/Good Samaritan in Centralia, Ill. She and her husband, Randall, have two sons and a daughter.

## 2000s

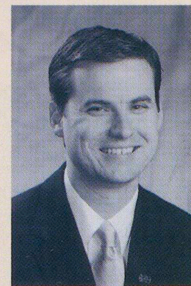
**Jim Cook Ph.D. '03** has joined the McKendree College faculty as assistant professor of psychology and director of



the master's program in professional counseling. Prior to joining

the Lebanon, Ill., college, Cook was affiliated with Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo., and Saint Louis University. He lives in Fenton, Mo.

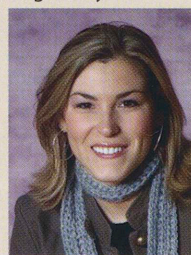
**Jayson Meyer M.P.A.D. '03** has been promoted to assistant director of alumni relations by the MU Alumni Association. He is responsible for alumni chap-



ter management/coordination, the alumni scholarship pro-

gram, and MU Founder's Celebration. He has been with the University of Missouri in Columbia since 2004.

**Leanne Milner '03** is a cast assistant for a motion picture now in production in Los Angeles by a subsidiary of



University Studios. The film, *Balls of Fury*, due to be released

next year, stars Dan Fogler, George Lopez, Maggie Q, and Christopher Walken. Milner will work as an assistant to Maggie Q.

**Carolyn Cope Ph.D. '05** has been granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor of theater at Augusta State University in Augusta, Ga.

## Life Member Earns Top Teaching Honor

**J**oey Helleny, a lecturer in radio-television at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, recently won the University's top teaching honor for faculty members not in tenure-track positions. He received \$3,000 through SIUC's "Excellence Through Commitment Awards Program," set up by Chancellor Walter Wendler to reward ongoing contributions by tenured and term faculty, staff and graduate assistants throughout the University.

A longtime media figure in the region, Helleny has worked as an anchor and reporter for area radio stations, as a reporter for the *Southern Illinoisan* and now-defunct *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* newspapers and as media director for the Du Quoin State Fair. He began lecturing part time at SIUC in 1999, adding a two-year stint as director of the University's radio reading service for the blind and visually impaired in 2001 before joining the faculty full time in 2003.



Joey Helleny

The SIU Alumni Association Life Member teaches courses in radio and television news, broadcast news writing and broadcast performance. He also supervises *The River Region Evening Edition*, the University's award-winning, student-produced television newscast.

Helleny says he believes people learn from the interactions between their old knowl-

edge and beliefs and new ideas and circumstances. "I consider myself a guide more than a lecturer, he says. "I want my students to be able to think for themselves instead of being told what to do and when to do it."

That teaching style proved highly successful for AnneMarie Crumby, a 2005 graduate now working as a producer for WJTV in Jackson, Miss.

"I am the youngest producer my station ever hired and currently the youngest full-time staff member in the newsroom - on several occasions management has told me I am one of the top writers and producers on staff," she explains. "He challenged me to think outside the box and be creative with my storytelling. He pushed me both as a journalist and a person to realize I could do things that I hadn't even thought about.

Erin Gibson, now a graduate student in Evansville, Ind., agrees.

"On many occasions, I watched Helleny work individually with students who were writing or editing in the newsroom. When they asked him for guidance, he never handed them a solution. Instead, he challenged them to use the knowledge and skills from their training to arrive at the answer on their own."

Helleny is a two-degree graduate of Southern, earning his bachelor's in 1979 and a master's in 2004.

# A Step Back In Time

**Southern**

ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

A L U M N U S

OCTOBER, 1955



## 51 Years Ago...

The October 1955 edition of *Southern Alumnus* featured a cover marking the University's new record enrollment of 5,500 students. The article inside, "Southern's Having Growing Pains," noted that the "large jump in enrollment has severely taxed University and Carbondale facilities, but the situation seems to be well in hand for the present." During that time most students were not housed on campus, with 1,961 students living in private homes and 1,375 considered commuters.

---

## *Busy Alum Enjoys Association Membership*

---

*I*t is possible that Alma Lee Hicks is busier in retirement than she was during her 33 years of teaching. "I enjoy keeping busy," says the energetic Murphysboro resident and two-degree alumna of Southern Illinois University.

She affectionately recalls her college days on campus in the 1950s and 1960s. "Besides a good education and receiving two degrees, SIU enriched my life by exposing me to great teachers, different and rewarding experiences and providing me with opportunities where I could learn and grow."

Hicks will be looking back at those days with classmates as they join the Half Century Club at 2006 Homecoming festivities Oct. 7. "Some of my best memories are meeting friends at the Old Main fountain, listening to Dick Gregory tell funny stories at the Student Union Barracks, and going to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Morris for hot chocolate and cookies at Christmas."

A life member of the SIU Alumni Association, Hicks taught consumer and family science – "or what was then called home economics" – at both Eldorado and Murphysboro high schools.

Her career was highlighted with honors that included the Outstanding Illinois Vocational Teacher of the Year award, the Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Diana Award for community service and contribution to the education of youth, and the Business and Professional Women's Outstanding Woman award.

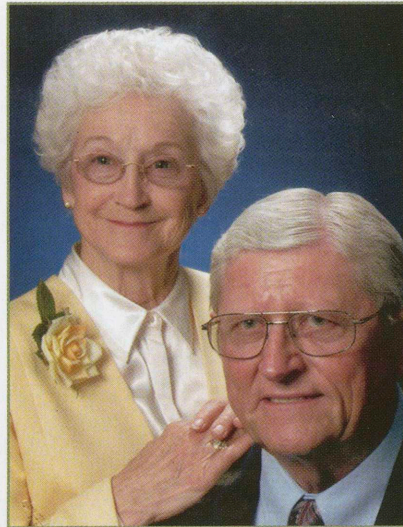
She is currently president of the Jackson County Retired Teachers Association and serves on the board of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association. In addition, she is food coordinator for the Murphysboro schools, planning menus and doing occasional training in nutrition. "It's just part time," she explains, "but it's a little more right now with back to school preparation."

Hicks and her husband, Herb, are season ticket holders for Saluki football and basketball and she is looking forward to the coming seasons. Her busy life also includes time with children and grandchildren. Her daughter, Vicki, a 1976 graduate and life member of the Association, has followed in her mother's footsteps, teaching consumer and life sciences at Murphysboro High School.

Hicks also makes time to volunteer in her church and community and plan an annual dinner that raises money for the General John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro.

For her loyalty to Southern and her commitment to education and her community, the SIU Alumni Association proudly salutes Alma Lee Hicks as she soon celebrates her 50th Class Reunion at Southern.

*"I enjoy the benefits of being a life member – the football tailgates and other member discounts – but when you belong to something, it's important to support it. I like to support Southern Illinois University. It's something I need to do."*



Alma Lee and Herb Hicks

**Alma Lee Hicks '56, M.S.'65**  
**Retired Teacher, Community Volunteer**  
**Life Member of the SIU Alumni Association**

# You Have To Be A Saluki To Wear This!

*Southern Illinois University and the Southern Illinois University Alumni Association are honored to present the only class ring recognized by the University... "The Official SIU Class Ring." There is now only one official ring design and it will never change.*

## Show Your Southern Pride.

It will be a symbolic bond between past, present, and future graduates as it was designed by students past and present. Alumni and students are invited to demonstrate their pride by wearing this personalized, beautifully-crafted and lasting symbol of your SIU experience.

Order at [sialumni.com](http://sialumni.com)



Romania natives Georgeta and Flaviu Hodis were presented with SIU Class Rings last spring for their countless hours of service to the Student Alumni Council.

  
**SIU Alumni Association**  
<http://www.sialumni.com>

  
**Southern Illinois University Carbondale**