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Forging Our Future

Glenn Poshard
Inaugurated As Seventh President Of Southern Illinois University
SIU Alumni Scholarship Endowment
To Support Franklin County Students

Two Southern Illinois University Carbondale alumni are establishing a $100,000 scholarship endowment with the SIU Foundation to support the academic goals of high-achieving, low-income students from Benton Consolidated High School and Rend Lake College in Illinois.

Keith and Carol Sanders announced plans for the scholarship during a Homecoming luncheon hosted by the SIU Alumni Association and SIU Foundation Board of Directors in the SIU Student Center. The Alumni Association will administer the scholarship selection process.

The Keith and Carol Sanders Alumni Scholarship will be awarded annually to an incoming University student. Eligible applicants must obtain a diploma from Benton Consolidated High School in Benton or be a Franklin County student graduating from Rend Lake Community College in Ina.

Recipients must be graduating either in the spring or summer of the year in which the scholarship is awarded and be admitted to SIUC for the semester immediately following the granting of the scholarship.

Candidates must rank in the top 40 percent of their class academically and rank in the lower 40 percent of the income level. Additional requirements include submitting three recommendations from authoritative leaders at either Benton Consolidated High School or Rend Lake College. Preference will be given to applicants who are from an alumni family. An alumni family is defined as one in which the candidate has a close relative — mother, father, sister, brother, or spouse — who graduated from SIUC and is a member of the SIU Alumni Association.

"High achieving, low-income students are increasingly being priced out of the higher education market. Carol and I want to do what we can in a small way to ameliorate this problem," says Sanders, a member of the SIU Board of Trustees.

"As state funding declines, alumni are being asked to contribute more and more to the University. To say thank you for past and future gifts, students from alumni families will be given preference for this award."

Keith and Carol Sanders are both SIUC graduates who have devoted their professional careers to education. A Benton native, Keith has served as a faculty member at George Washington and SIUC, and was appointed as Dean of the College of Communication and Fine Arts at Southern in 1983. He joined the University of Wisconsin system in 1989, initially serving as Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, and, later, as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the entire Wisconsin system.

Sanders returned to Illinois in 1998 and became Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. He retired from the IBHE in 2002 and now serves on the SIU Board of Trustees. Sanders is also a past President of the SIU Alumni Association, and a recipient of an Alumni Achievement Award.

Carol, who received an elementary education degree from Southern in 1961, was a public school teacher for 21 years before retiring in 1989. She began her teaching career at Giant City Grade School and also taught at school systems in Murphysboro, Alexandria, Va., and suburban Pittsburgh. She is a native of Decatur, Ill.

They have been married for 45 years and are life members of the SIU Alumni Association. Their son, Mark, is a prosecuting attorney in Milwaukee, Wis.
The Inauguration Of Glenn Poshard

When Dr. Glenn W. Poshard was recently inaugurated as the seventh president of Southern Illinois University, the privately funded event served as the first of its kind since Delyte Morris was inaugurated in 1949. Embracing the legacy of Morris, he spelled out some of the hopes and dreams he has for his alma mater in the years ahead.

Southern’s Long Greek History

Often misunderstood and stereotyped, Greek-letter organizations have a deep and rich history at universities and colleges throughout the United States — including Southern Illinois University. We take a look at the long history of the Greek system at Southern, which began on this campus more than eight decades ago.

No Time To Stand Still

Mario Moccia, who replaced former athletic director Paul Kowalczyk on Aug. 1, has hit the ground running in his new position. Since his first day on the job, the former University of Missouri senior associate athletic director has made it his mission to meet as many people, speak to as many groups, and interact with as many alumni and friends as a given day will allow.

Service With A Smile

When Nadine Lucas retires Jan. 1 as the SIU Alumni Association’s corporate secretary, it will mark the end of a 35 year career with the organization. SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger knows it will be a challenge to replace her. “To have success and growth like we have had, you need continuity, focused on a desire to serve. Nadine has always provided that,” he says. “She has always been the glue.”
In this issue of *Southern Alumni*, we are proud to feature the historic inauguration of Dr. Glenn Poshard as the seventh president of Southern Illinois University. The theme for the event was “Honoring Our Past... Forging Our Future,” an appropriate premise indeed.

Poshard, a three-degree alumnus of this University, has long embraced the proud legacy of former SIU President Delyte Morris. While some have distanced themselves from the accomplishments of that era, he instead has welcomed the memories with open arms.

“Because I was a student here when Dr. Morris was leading this University, the connection remains strong,” Poshard explains. “I can clearly remember being introduced to him for the first time at one of his watermelon feasts, and I couldn't believe how welcoming he and his wife were to a student they had never met.”

Poshard learned from — and was inspired by — that personal approach. His love for Morris has never waned, and his reverence for Mrs. Morris remains a constant to this day.

“Prior to the inauguration, I received a wonderful note from her telling me that she would be unable to attend the ceremony, but was very grateful that I was following in her husband's footsteps,” Poshard says with a smile. “That note will be a keepsake for the rest of my life.”

After many years of gracing the pages of this magazine, staff writer Marianne Lawrence has retired from the University. Hired by the SIU Alumni Association shortly before I came on board seven years ago, her writing ability and common sense approach to things provided an immediate assistant to “the new guy.”

Marianne will now be able to travel more, immerse herself in some of the volunteer work she frequently gets involved with, and basically just do what she wants to do, when she wants to do it. As much as I'll miss her from a professional standpoint, she'll leave a much larger void on a personal level. We found a way to keep one another from ever getting too consumed by any problem or project, and that was invaluable.

Thanks Marianne for your writing, support, and the laughs. You were a real pro, and we'll all miss you.
Dear SIU Alumni and Friends:

It is always exciting to send this complimentary issue of Southern Alumni to all alumni of record—currently more than 213,000 around the world. We hope reading it will rekindle some memories of your experiences at Southern Illinois University, while also taking note of bigger and better things ahead.

Southern alumni play an important role in the continued growth and success of the University, and your SIU Alumni Association will continue to work diligently to keep you connected with campus and college friends through alumni chapter activities, student scholarships, siualumni.com, and our outstanding publications.

If you are already a member of the SIU Alumni Association, you can look forward to receiving four copies of Southern Alumni each year, two editions of our fact-filled newsletter, Saluki Pride, and access to other alumni who communicate through our online community. If you are not yet a member, this issue of the magazine will be the only publication you will receive. Please don't let that happen!

Joining your SIU Alumni Association has never been easier. You can fill out the postage paid mailer inserted between pages 48-49 of this edition of Southern Alumni, or you can now join online at our Web site, siualumni.com. With that commitment to your alma mater, you will soon be invited to activities such as chapter meetings, pregame tailgates, social events around the country, and networking opportunities with fellow Salukis.

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

I hope you enjoy this complimentary issue of the magazine, and invite you to call our office at (618) 453-2408 if you have any questions about membership in the SIU Alumni Association. Your support to our University's future is crucial, and Association membership will keep you connected to Southern every step of the way.

Yours for Southern,

Ed Buerger '70
Executive Director
SIU Alumni Association

From left, SIU Foundation President Larry DeJarnett, SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger, and SIU President Glenn Poshard are shown at a homecoming event. The SIU Foundation's Honor Roll of Donors appears in this issue of Southern Alumni, beginning on page 33.

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Photo Brought Back Many Memories

The journalism faculty photo you used as your "Step Back In Time" picture in the June 2006 issue of Southern Alumni certainly was a familiar image — I am in possession of the same photo. I know each of the individuals featured; the one most dear to me is my late husband, Donald Grubb.

I'd like to offer a little background on those pictured. In 1946, Robert Steffes became chairman of the department, and Donald joined him three years later. C. William Horrell was then director of Photographic Services, and my husband and Horrell were the first individuals to be associated with the journalism department at SIU. They were on the faculty before any of the others came to Southern.

Donald became acting chairman for two years when Steffes left Southern to take a position in California, and held that title until H. R. Long joined the faculty in 1953. Donald taught courses, was an advisor to the Obelisk and Egyptian, and was involved in many other student activities. He left Southern in 1959 to found the Department of Journalism at Northern Illinois University, and also founded the Northern Illinois Newspaper Association.

Although Donald died in 1992, and more than half of those in the photo are also deceased, I still have fond memories of all the persons in the photo. Many of us attended SIU basketball games together, often meeting afterward at one of our homes for refreshments and conversation.

I visit Southern Illinois frequently, and congratulate all those who have inspired students like Washington Post reporter — and Southern graduate — Jackie Spinner.

Ruby Grubb EX '50
Life Member
DeKalb, Ill.

Mauck 'Coming Home' Impresses Alumnus

What a wonderful story you shared with us last issue when you featured Carl Mauck in "You Can Go Home Again." It's really obvious how much this man loves his alma mater, and the result of that adoration is something that the SIU football team is no doubt enjoying.

I was a student when Mauck played and have long taken great pride in his 30-plus year career as a player and coach in the National Football League. But I suspect I feel even better about him now, knowing that in a year when he could have chosen to simply take time off and relax, he instead decided to volunteer his skills in Carbondale. It takes someone pretty special to do that, and Mauck seems like a real special Saluki for sure!

Bill Wilson EX '68
Minneapolis, Minn.

The 'Mauck 52 Committee'

Thanks so much to Gene Green for the outstanding article on Carl Mauck, one of the greatest football players in SIU history. I've been a big fan since the Fall of 1967, when Greg "The Mad Hatter" Reisig and I started a five-year, uninterrupted streak of never missing a home Saluki football game.

Your sidebar about the Dawgs' 16-13 upset over Tulsa brought back crystal clear memories of a spectacular Fall afternoon. It was an amazing athletic achievement by the men in maroon and white, with yours truly hanging on for dear life as I rode on top of the uprooted goal post as it was taken down Illinois Avenue in a wild celebration after the game!

One of the great things about attending Southern during that era was the plethora of almost larger than life personalities and characters who daily graced and enhanced our beautiful campus. From "The Anteater," to Walt Frazier, to Buckminster Fuller, there was always somebody interesting to watch, talk to, or argue with.

Mauck, snorting and stomping about the turf at McAndrew Stadium, lives on in the memories and hearts of all of those Salukis who were lucky enough to see him play. At this time we'd like to start the "Mauck 52 Committee," whose sole purpose will be to petition the SIU Athletic Department to finally retire Carl's No. 52 jersey.

He has earned it and deserves it, and no Saluki should ever wear it again.

Bill Holden '72  Greg Reisig '71
Deming, N.M.  Elk Rapids, Mich.

Reader Asks Question About Spinner's Situation

Your recent article "The No Spin Zone" and Jackie Spinner's book were most interesting to me for reasons that were not addressed in the three letters that appeared in the most recent issue of Southern Alumni. Most of us like to see our young people succeed in their chosen field, but there are times when highly focused young people pay too dearly to achieve a given goal. In Jackie's case, I think the price she paid in Iraq was too high.

The Washington Post seemed to put the bottom line before the health of Jackie by placing her in a high stress position with no peer monitoring. Yes, she could have called her boss and said, "I need to get on the next plane out," but most are driven by fear of failure, especially those with her strong track record. The end result can be someone with all the signs of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

I feel nothing but compassion and empathy for Jackie, as to me, she was an unwitting victim. Her beloved sister, Jenny, put my feelings in proper perspective when she stated, "in the weeks following Jackie's return, I stopped expecting life to return to normal."

As a footnote, I do not know what SIU has in the field of PTSD, but I do know that the needs are great and the workers few. In appropriate hands, Jackie's book would make a real-life PTSD tutorial.

George Webb '49
WW II Veteran and Ex-POW
Irvington, Ill.

Editor's Note: Alumnus Webb's insight is spot-on, according to Greg Scott, who wrote the article and has known Spinner for many years. He said Spinner did indeed battle PTSD once she returned from Iraq and had found it helpful to discuss the disorder with soldiers who have experienced similar challenges once they return. The June 2006 cover story on Spinner continues to generate more letters, calls, and e-mails than any other feature appearing in Southern Alumni in recent years.
Poshard Announces Search For New Chancellor

Southern Illinois University Provost John M. Dunn was selected on Nov. 8 to serve as interim chancellor for the Carbondale campus, while SIU President Glenn Poshard announced the initiation of a search for a permanent replacement for outgoing Chancellor Walter Wendler.

Wendler was provided notice last year that his current contract, set to expire in June 2007, would not be renewed. He was reassigned as a tenured full professor in architecture in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts after serving as chancellor for the last five years.

"I am appointing Provost Dunn to serve as SIU Carbondale's interim chancellor," Poshard explained, "as he is a proven administrator who not only understands the challenges that lie ahead for us, but also is personally and professionally committed to working with me and the Board of Trustees to ensure that the transition period between chancellors is one of opportunity and progress for this University."

Dunn's appointment became effective Nov. 15. Poshard is currently meeting with campus constituency leadership to discuss the process for selecting a new chancellor, which he hopes is in place by July 1, 2007.

Poshard is hopeful that the leadership change will forge better communication and an overall teamwork approach between the Carbondale campus, the SIU President's office, and the SIU Board of Trustees.

He says Wendler is "a good person and has made some great contributions to the college, but I feel we need a different set of skills for the position. Teamwork is the key to success, and we have not had an atmosphere of teamwork here. There have been artificial barriers that have prevented us from talking to each other and sharing in a common vision."

Poshard is optimistic communication lines will improve with Dunn's appointment, a veteran administrator who is widely respected across campus.

Dunn, who has served as provost and vice chancellor (the No. 2 administrative post at SIUC) for the last four years, is a southern Illinois native. He earned his doctoral degree from Brigham Young University, and prior to arriving at SIU, last served as dean of the College of Health at the University of Utah. His extensive research, administrative and teaching background includes a 20-year stint as a faculty member at Oregon State University.

"It is an honor to accept this assignment from President Poshard," Dunn says. "Growing up in southern Illinois, and of course working here, I clearly understand that the economic future of this region is tied directly to the success and continued growth of Southern Illinois University. I take this new responsibility seriously and stand ready to assist in any way I can to ensure a smooth transition of leadership."

The Southern Illinoisan reported that during the November SIU Board of Trustees meeting, a report was presented that showed enrollment at SIUC had been dropping with little recovery since 2001. The document noted that community college transfer students continue to be down, minority student enrollment has largely leveled off or dropped, and international student numbers are hovering at unprecedented low levels for the University.

This issue will be one of the first areas Dunn tackles, and although a detailed plan for the future is needed, he told The Southern that there is no time to waste.

"We do not have the luxury of waiting for a long-term plan; we need to get this turned around soon," the Pinckneyville native said. "We have not done a good job always telling our story. We are and have always prided ourselves on being a friendly campus — but we are being tested on that."

Wendler, who did not comment on the dismissal the day it was announced, did say in an e-mail statement that he was proud of the Southern at 150 plan and other projects that marked his years as chancellor of the Carbondale campus.

Regarding Poshard and the SIU Board of Trustees, he added, "They believe at this time that there is a more effective leader for the campus and will set out to find him or her."

"I wish them the best in that quest and appreciate the opportunity I have had to serve Southern in my capacity as chancellor."

Wendler also said the move to teaching returned him to his roots. He taught architecture at both Louisiana State University and Texas A & M University before coming to Southern.
Facility Boosts Research Efforts

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is now home to an array of scientific instruments that will help researchers and students across campus—and the entire SIU system—pursue their work and the grant money to fund it.

The Mass Spectrometry Facility is a collection of high-tech devices based in the James W. Neckers Building. The various instruments use different methods to reveal the identities of compounds based on the molecules that form them.

For researchers, it's an extremely valuable facility, providing them with a practically endless variety of applications for science experiments and private businesses such as agriculture or environmental industries.

"This is another indication that our campus has facilities on the cutting edge," says John Koropchak, vice chancellor for research and dean of the Graduate School at Southern. "We want to be a top 75 publically supported research institution, and this is the kind of thing those places do and the kind of facilities they have."

Mass spectrometry, in general, refers to measuring the molecular mass of compounds in order to identify them. To do mass spectrometry, two things must happen. First, the substance under analysis must be in gas form; second, the molecules must possess an electronic charge.

The instruments, which assist chemists, biologists, astronomers, anthropologists and others, can do everything from measuring the amount of trans fatty acids in a cow's milk to detecting dioxins in fish to analyzing what molecules make for the most pleasant taste and bouquet in wine.

Koropchak says mass spectrometry is in the public eye more than one might think. "If you watch the CSI shows, probably half the things they're doing when they're investigating crimes involve mass spectrometry," he explains, referring to the popular television crime drama series. "It's probably one of the most powerful scientific instruments today."

The Mass Spectrometry Facility includes several modern instruments, two of which deal with biological substances, such as proteins, and are useful in areas such as biomedical research.

The facility, which has been quietly operating for several months, will improve the speed and accuracy of SIUC researchers' work and will make them more attractive to granting organizations such as the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.

Southern Named A 'Best Midwestern College' For 2007

The Princeton Review has named Southern Illinois University Carbondale as one of 163 "Best Midwestern Colleges" and as one of "America's Best Value Colleges" for 2007.

The online rankings, published in late summer, give prospective undergraduate students a look at schools through the eyes of students. Other Illinois schools on the Best Midwestern Colleges list include Northwestern University and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Provost and Vice Chancellor John Dunn says the guides are one of many sources students use when considering college choices. "Students recognize we offer a strong academic experience in a beautiful location with outdoor recreation areas a few minutes away from campus. We know that students use these lists as a starting point and then plan their campus visits."

Elsaid Retires After 39 Years In Business College

When Hussein Elsaid first arrived in Carbondale, Lyndon Johnson was in the Oval Office. During Elsaid's years in the College of Business and Administration, he saw the fall of communism, the rise of capitalism, and the growth of a leading business school.

Elsaid began teaching at Southern in 1967, moving up the ranks in the finance department until he became chair in 1995. James Musumeci recently took over after Elsaid stepped into retirement following 39 years with the University.

The finance department achieved a worldwide ranking in the top 6 percent of 923 research finance departments during Elsaid's 31-year tenure as department chair. In addition, the department inaugurated the Saluki Students Investment Fund, the Financial Services Study Center, Education to Business Partnership, and brought together executives in the financial world to create an external advisory board.

"When I came to SIUC, I had lived in big cities most of my life and I thought I would be here just one year," says Elsaid. "Look what happened—Southern Illinois just grows on you."
Book Portrays 60 Years Of SIU Student Life

A book compiled by a dozen student authors portrays 60 years of student life at Southern. Arcadia Publishing recently released *Southern Illinois University Carbondale*, featuring photographs reflecting student experiences from the 1940s to the present.

"In doing the book with photos, we not only have current and former students' stories, but we also have photos that show where students went for fun, their clothes, their dorms, their friends, and on and on," says James Whistle, a graduate student in history and one of the book's 12 student authors. "We specifically looked for photos of student life outside the classroom, and I think we accomplished that goal."

Along with Whistle, the following students participated in the project: Matthew Borowicz, William Griffiths, Mark Harper, Leatha Johnson, Jeffrey Julson, David Markwell, Karen Mylan, Daniel Stockdale, Michael Tow, Christopher Walls, Emily Williams, and Neal Young.

The students started work on the book while they were enrolled in an American history seminar class taught by Michael Batinski, chair of Southern's history department. The authors used photographs stored on campus and collected snapshots taken by students and alumni. The project was earlier promoted in *Southern Alumni*, asking for alums to send in photos that could be used in the book.

"This project is by students and it is for students, both current and past," Batinski says. "When I look back on the work that was done by this group, I am impressed."

Batinski's students echoed that sentiment.

"I came to SIU knowing nothing about its history, but now I feel like I have lived here my whole life," says Walls. "Essentially, I fell in love with my new community and wanted to learn as much as possible."

The publication, featuring photos that depict fashions, fads, homecoming, parades, politics, housing and hangouts, is available for $19.99 in the University Museum store and online at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com).

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SIU Board Of Trustees Moves Forward With Saluki Way Plan

Saluki Way, a plan to develop a new campus core at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, recently moved ahead when the SIU Board of Trustees gave formal approval for planning, including developing schematic drawings and cost estimates for a new general classroom building, a new student services building, a new football stadium, and extensive renovations of the SIU Arena.

The board had earlier approved integrating the Saluki Way plan into SIUC's Land Use Plan. As conceptualized, Saluki Way will create a central campus core stretching from Altgeld Hall at the north to the SIU Arena at the southern edge of campus. It will include new classroom, athletics and general service buildings as well as new parking facilities.

Saluki Way will be built in several phases between now and 2015. Future phases will include more classroom and multi-use facilities and parking structures. The facility upgrade is just part of Southern's long-range plan for improving the University.

By the end of 2015, Southern projects it will invest about $500 million developing excellence in people, programs and places. The University plans to spend $312 million for academic commitments, $112 million for student commitments, and $75 million for athletics commitments.

Timelines for the projects show construction for the new student services building and the new stadium will likely begin in 2008, followed by the general classroom in 2009 and the SIU Arena in 2010.

The student services building will be located near the Student Center and will put offices related to student services in one location to make it easier for students to register, attend open houses and conduct daily business. Offices that will be part of the new complex include areas such as Undergraduate Admissions, Records & Registration, Financial Aid, Scholarships, the Bursar's Office, Disability Support Services, Career Services, Judicial Affairs, Transitional Programs, Career Services, and many other student service components and offices from across the University.

The general classroom facility will expand the availability of classrooms wired for today's technologies and will also include laboratories, library and reference rooms, student lounges, study areas, and a computer center. Tuition and student fees will pay for construction.

While the Saluki athletics teams have brought the University national attention in various sports, the University's athletics facilities are in clear need of repair and replacement. The stadium would move to the south, just east of the existing SIU Arena, and would provide more comfortable seating for 15,000 fans. Early conceptualization work shows a stadium that is largely built below the existing ground level, presenting a much lower profile on the horizon.

SIU School of Dental Medicine Grads Elected To State Society

Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine at Alton was well represented by four of its graduates at a recent annual meeting of the Illinois State Dental Society.

Keith Dickey, associate professor and director for continuing education and alumni services at the Alton school, became the society's president-elect, and Larry W. Osborne was elected secretary. Osborne is in private practice in Decatur, Ill.

Other alums, Debra Schwenk, assistant professor and section head of community dentistry at the SIU school, was elected to the Board of Trustees, and Todd Massie was recipient of the William J. Greek Memorial Leadership Award.
The Inauguration Of

Glenn Poshard

SIU’s Seventh President Reflects On The Past And Looks To His Alma Mater’s Future

by Gene Green
On Sept. 28, Dr. Glenn W. Poshard was inaugurated as the seventh president of Southern Illinois University. More than 2,500 attended the privately funded event at the SIU Arena, which served as the first of its kind since Delyte Morris was inaugurated in 1949.

The ceremony, including on-stage remarks from representatives from each campus, and dignitaries such as Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Illinois Senate President Emil Jones Jr., also featured video tributes from various state dignitaries.

In the weeks following the festivities, Southern Alumni had the opportunity to sit down with Poshard as he reflected on this historic event and the challenges ahead for the University.

Southern Alumni: What was going through your mind during the inauguration ceremony?

President Poshard: I was able to keep my composure, for the most part, until the flag was brought out and I looked down and saw all my family in front of me. There were 37 family members there, and it suddenly occurred to me that this was a truly special moment for them as well. That really touched me.

SA: It also was no doubt special to hear the comments of friends and colleagues who spoke before you addressed the crowd.

PP: That was quite humbling to hear some of the comments made that afternoon. It has never really been easy for me to accept that level of praise. I wanted the University to feel pride in the day and realize it was about all of us – not just Glenn Poshard. That is certainly the way I looked at it. My years in politics made me realize that you can be praised one day and criticized the next, so I rarely put great weight on either.

SA: One thing you do put great weight on, however, is the legacy of Delyte Morris. Some leaders here have not welcomed that history. You, however, have embraced it. Why is that?
"The Bankester Family" provided the musical entertainment for the inauguration reception, and the SIU president joined the group to sing "I Saw the Light" and "I'll Fly Away."

**PP:** No matter who leads SIU, they will never make the contributions to this University that Dr. and Mrs. Morris made. While it was indeed a different era and money for higher education was easier to obtain from the state, Dr. Morris nevertheless did amazing things to turn this institution from a small teacher's college into what it is today.

Great leaders take advantage of the moment, and he did that in ways no other university president in this state has done – or perhaps ever will do – again. I do embrace his legacy, and hope it serves as an inspiration as I try to lead SIU into the future.

**SA:** You earned three degrees from Southern and were here at a time when Dr. Morris was the president. Your days as a student on this campus must have flashed through your mind when you were on stage during the inauguration.

**PP:** Those early days were certainly with me on stage, but they have also been in my thoughts probably more than anything else since I've been president. I can remember it like it was yesterday. I got out of the Army on Dec. 27, 1965, and came here to register for classes. My father then soon dropped me off at school, and I began a student work job at the SIU Physical Plant.

Living in a little room on College Street, I was walking home from work one evening after having been in Carbondale for only a couple of days. I cut across campus in front of the Morris home just as a brand new blanket of snow was beginning to pile out in the yard. With a full moon shining down on it and the Pulliam clock tower framed behind, I remember thinking what a fabulous scene it was and thinking, "My God – I am really here!"

**SA:** You've told me previously that your chances of ever attending a university – no less earning three degrees from one – were slim growing up.

**PP:** I grew up a poor kid in a rural area, knowing my family didn't have the money to even think about sending me to college. I graduated from high school at 16, however, and went into the U.S. Army when I was 17, spending three years serving my country. Having the G.I. Bill allowed me the chance to get an education, and with that help in hand, I arrived at Southern when I was 20 years old.

**SA:** In some ways, you probably did not fit the typical student stereotype for that era.

**PP:** That's true – I did have a different perspective on the world than most. I had spent two years in Korea and did not embrace all the anti-Vietnam War sentiment that was prevalent on college campuses during that time. In fact, I was just about the opposite, having just come out of the military.

But that also led to something that was remarkable about those days on
this campus. As I listened to all the arguments—pro and con—I realized that I was in a constant state of learning. I took all the information people gave me and tried to mentally sort through it. This was heady stuff for a rural kid from southern Illinois, but I absorbed all of the atmosphere and environment that I could handle and loved every minute of it.

SA: What part of that affected you the most?

PP: Faculty and students were constantly talking about civil rights, women’s rights, the environment; you name it. You didn’t have to agree with everything you heard, but you certainly were forced to think about it. The atmosphere at this University was dynamic and the students were tied into all the issues. For me, SIU was my place of enlightenment, and I want it to serve that role for our students today.

SA: Let’s jump from the past to the present. One of the challenges this campus faces is a drop in enrollment. There are many components tied to this issue, but what is one main aspect you feel Southern must address?

PP: One of my goals is for young people from this region to want to come to school here again. We’ve lost some of that connection with our own area students. When I was growing up, this is where you dreamed of going to college. Now sometimes it almost seems like we take the talented students in our own backyard for granted. I want them to feel like this is their University.

Another area to evaluate is the manner we are communicating with students at community colleges. More and more students are choosing this option as the way they start their college experience, and we must work to provide an attractive alternative for finishing that degree.

We can—and will—improve in these areas. I just think we have drifted away from some of the basics and need to readjust our thinking. And above all else, we must do a better job of serving the students when they do select Southern.

SA: In accomplishing that goal and many others, what do you see as the biggest challenge facing SIU?

PP: Obviously financial matters will always present a major challenge, since the public and governmental mindset on funding has changed over the years. Higher education used to be viewed as a public good that moved the country forward. That has diminished to a degree, and I want to lead an advocacy for higher education that will help everyone better understand the role education must play in the future of this country.

A part of succeeding at Southern is to rebuild the sense of community that always characterized us as a great institution. People felt that under Dr. Morris, and I want so much to get it back. If there were 100 issues on the table for the campus back then, it seemed most people at the University were pulling in the same direction. Within the University family, there was certainly room for debate, but when all was said and done, a sense of community remained.

We must find that again and make this University a better place together.

SA: And alumni play a role in that process as well, don’t they?

PP: They have a huge role. Whether it is sending prospective students here, talking about their alma mater to others, or assisting the University through financial gifts, it all makes a difference. Many still follow our athletic teams, providing SIU a great deal of publicity around the country.

And most graduates look for progress— they like seeing shovels in the dirt. That is why the Saluki Way plans and the continued campus improvements already seen through the Land Use Plan and concepts noted in “Southern at 150” are crucial to the future of this campus.

Those improvements are external things we see and get excited about. But internally we must also get the word out...
regarding academic progress, the success of talented professors who are producing impressive research, and the students who ultimately need to benefit from all of this.

SA: You mentioned earlier about getting back to some of the basics. What are some areas that perhaps Southern has strayed from and needs to refocus on in the future?

PP: My vision for Southern is to always be affordable and accessible, keeping our doors open to the lower- and middle-income kids so that they too may be able to get a quality education. That has been a tradition that has shaped this campus since its inception.

Another area that is important to me is our international student population. If we are going to achieve our goal of being one of the top research institutions in the nation, we must ramp up our international programs. Things are much more global in nature now when it comes to the job market, and we are not just citizens of the United States, but citizens of the world.

Also, our long-standing commitment to diversity must never waver. We are preparing students to go work and live in a very diverse society. We can learn how to be good neighbors and accept differences while still caring about one another—and citizenship can start here.

SA: You have also stressed that SIU itself must be a good neighbor with the region.

PP: Much in the way Dr. Morris did, I want Southern to be a great service University to the area. We have so many resources, serve as the state's largest employer south of Springfield, and need to share what we have with those around us. He started that and I want to continue it in a more emphatic manner than we've done in recent years.

This institution can spread assistance into communities and send a real message: We care about you. If we truly become a “Good Citizen University,” almost anything can happen.

SA: It has been more than four decades since you first walked this campus as a student. Do those early days now inspire you more than anything else in your role as University President?

PP: Those memories are with me every step of the way. One of the reasons the inauguration came about was because the SIU Board of Trustees wanted us to get back to our roots and reestablish some of the traditions they felt we had lost. I have great respect for this institution, a long history here, and am honored to have the chance to serve in this role.
Excerpts From Posard's Inauguration Address

I'm especially grateful for the hundreds of area high school and SIU students in attendance because it was you about whom President Morris was thinking nearly 60 years ago when he asked the most penetrating question of his inaugural address: "To what are our children born? To poverty, to poor health, to ignorance, or to hope and promise?"

Every President of SIU has pondered that question, a question for which President Morris had an emphatic answer, an answer born from his examination of the poverty and desperation of the southern Illinois region. A region characterized in 1947 by the lowest family income, the highest unemployment, the lowest home ownership, the lowest access to medical care, and the lowest standard of living in the state.

Dr. Morris could have despaired over the chaotic conditions. Instead, he embraced, in the words of the German philosopher Nietzsche, an attitude which believed "one must have chaos in order to give birth to a dancing star."

But what of our future? After 60 years, shall we ask the question anew? To what are our children born?

Today, the vaulted place of public higher education in America is being challenged at both the state and national levels. Indebtedness, the rising cost of health care, infrastructure needs, and massive military expenditures have reduced governmental support to dangerous levels.

The public research funds are proportionally less today and more competitive than at any time in our history. Even though the Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education concluded that a strong Pell Grant program will do as much for America today as the G.I. Bill did a half century ago, no such support is forthcoming. Very few of the crucial factors which contributed to the Golden Age of Higher Education in the '50s, '60s, and '70s are present today.

So while our vision of the future must be born out of hard work and hope, it must also be chiseled from the hard granite of reality. It is a vision of challenge, a vision of change to stop the drift toward "second class citizenship" for higher education in the hierarchal needs of America.

Too many students come to SIU unprepared for a university education. Poor schools, poor communities, and inadequate parental involvement contribute to an excessive failure rate for these young people. Our retention and graduation rates for these students are unacceptable. We cannot improve access for these students without serious K-12 reform directed toward college preparation. We are not in the business to ensure failure, and we invite our partners in elementary and high schools, as well as community colleges, to join us in developing a comprehensive, seamless, primary-through-college educational experience, which brings students to SIU prepared to succeed, not destined to fail.

We at this University must lead that effort. Two thirds of American students are disqualified from college, regardless of financial considerations; because they lack academic qualifications needed to attend, and remediation, when a student gets here, fails far short of ensuring success. Higher education in America exists for many reasons, but two of the most important are to give students the skills to get a job while preparing them to be citizens in a democracy. One is a private benefit, the other is a public good. And SIU has a proud history of turning out well-rounded students who meet both standards.

We, here at SIU, must take a leadership role in forging a new relationship with our government leaders. It's not enough to tell our legislators what we do, we must start helping them to understand what the state and the nation receive as a result of our work. The face of America is changing rapidly, and SIU must reflect that face. It is in our best interest to have a diverse faculty and student body and that is central to the mission of SIU. For the years that we have our students here, it is to their advantage, and ours, to be exposed to the greatest range of ideas and perspectives, of cultural, ethnic, social, and religious values. In the bold new future of America, the most essential requirement for effective citizenship will be our willingness to understand and appreciate these differences.

And here, at SIU, is where that exposure must begin. We should become more, not less, diverse. When our students leave us and move to communities across this country where they will get a job, build a home, and raise their families, they will want good neighbors and they will want to be a good neighbor. And that means they must have the skills to "get along" in a very diverse America. We also need to bring more international students to our home and send more American students to theirs. Not only must our students learn to be citizens of America, it is increasingly important that they learn to be citizens of the world. We must make the opportunity available for all of our students to participate in study abroad as part of their University education.

When I was a student here, we were challenged by President Morris to study and to give back to our communities. Today, I challenge each administrator, each member of the faculty and staff, and each student to help us answer President Morris' question affirmatively. Together, we will honor our tradition of accessibility and affordability. Together, we will build good citizens of America and good citizens of the world.

Together, we will ensure that the face of SIU reflects the face of America in our faculty, staff, and our students. Together, we will join the ranks of America's great research and comprehensive universities. Together, we will be a "good citizen" university in reaching out to our surrounding communities with our resources. And together, we will build unity, build community, on our campuses and across our system - and then we shall renew our spirit of greatness for our beloved SIU.

Forty years ago, I came here as a poor kid from a poor family with only the GI Bill for support. I was the first one from our family to attend college. SIU was open to me, and it was affordable. And here I met the world: professors and students of every color, of every ethnic and social group, of every religion. The artificial walls that divided me from others because of my homogenous upbringing were breached here, and I learned the true meaning of citizenship. Whatever good I have accomplished with my life, whatever contributions I have made, I owe to the education I received at this great university. I'm extremely proud of SIUC and SIUE and the entire SIU family. And so, for me, all the exploration from the time I started here as a student in 1966 until now, 40 years later, only leads me back to President Morris' question. This time, though, I know the answer. To what are our children born? To hope, to opportunity, to the future that only our Southern Illinois University can offer.

Thank you.

(The entire speech may be downloaded at http://www.siu.edu/pres/inauguration/index.html).
For the past 20 years, Susan Nagele has used her medical and spiritual training to bring hope and health to people on the African continent—first in Tanzania, then in the civil war-torn country of Sudan, and finally in Kenya.

At one point she treated her tuberculosis patients under trees when there was no other place to go. When the dangers of war came too close, she physically moved her patients from place to place. In spite of numerous other obstacles, she was able to build health care facilities and provide basic medical services for people with enormous needs.

Kevin Dorsey, dean of the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, nominated the 1981 graduate to receive the Alumna Achievement Award that was given at the Inspiring Women's Gala held in Carbondale last fall.

The soft-spoken lay missioner and physician makes it sound like it was all in a day's work, but Dean Dorsey knows differently. In his letter nominating her he writes, "Dr. Nagele is a remarkable physician who has devoted her professional life to bringing health care to some of the world's neediest people. She practices medicine against the backdrop of extreme poverty, widespread chronic and infectious diseases, and civil unrest."

Nagele spent her first year of medical school in Carbondale before heading to Springfield to complete her degree. During college breaks she volunteered to help bring medical services to people in Appalachia, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic, and by the time she had completed her three-year residency with the SIU Family Practice Center in Carbondale, she knew she wanted to do more.

She joined the Maryknoll Mission Association of the Faithful as a lay missioner, and received her first assignment in the small town of Kowak in Tanzania, where they needed help restoring a dispensary that had once been a hospital. "This was a peaceful place and I wanted to go and learn the language and culture," says Nagele. In six years she established an outpatient department and 36-bed facility, developing primary health services and immunization programs.

Her next assignment in the Sudan would not be as peaceful. With civil war raging, she would frequently find herself the only physician in displaced peoples camps. "The first year in Sudan I didn't think I had accomplished anything except staying alive and surviving," recalls Nagele. However, in the 12 years there, she was able to eventually create more health care programs, more facilities, and, in addition, did a lot of teaching.

"I always tried to teach anyone I was with—a trained health care worker or someone next to me who was translating," recalls Nagele. "I teach all of our nurses as much as they are capable of learning because they sometimes have to act like doctors."

Since 2003 she has practiced at the Kiminini Cottage Hospital in Kitale, Kenya, and is the medical advisor for the Catholic Diocese there. She continues to be an inspiration to all who know her.
The inspiring women from southern Illinois receiving Women of Achievement awards were Gayla Borgognoni of Carbondale, Yolonde Peterson of Marion, Janet Proctor of Golconda, and Dixie Lee Travelstead of Du Quoin.

Borgognoni has made a mark in the business and financial world as the first woman broker in southern Illinois. She is also the first woman to offer investment classes at John A. Logan, serve on the Carbondale Business and Development Board, and become a member of Rotary.

As first vice president and assistant branch manager of Wachovia Securities in Carbondale, she regularly hires and mentors local young women with an interest in business or finance. She serves the community through Carbondale Community Arts, the John A. Logan Foundation, United Way of Carbondale, the American Cancer Society, and Memorial Hospital.

Peterson, who earned her SIU bachelor's degree in 1957 and master's in 1970, is dedicated to bringing music and the arts to Marion and southern Illinois. She was vocal music director at Marion High School and musical director at First United Methodist Church. She teaches private piano, organ, and accordion lessons and has served on the Marion Cultural and Civic Center board for 32 years.

In addition, Peterson is a member of the WSIU Friends Board, the John A. Logan Women's Health Conference Committee, and Marion Main Street Committee. She received the 1979 Greater Area Chamber of Commerce Nagale has spent the last 20 years bringing health care to African patients. She is a graduate of the SIU School of Medicine. She works as an advocate for senior citizens and regularly donates her time and talents to people who cannot afford a lawyer. She is active in her area's schools, teaching fourth-graders the court system through role-playing.

Proctor serves on the advisory board for Project Success and is a life member of the Pope County Historical Society.

Travelstead runs two businesses—the Red Hawk Golf Club and Ten Pin Alley Bowling Center. Her extraordinary commitment to the Du Quoin community includes involvement with United Way, the Du Quoin Youth Club, which she has served as president since 1991, the John A. Logan Foundation, Southern Illinois Arts Council, Therapy Learning Center, Women for Health and Wellness, P.T.A., and First United Methodist Church children's programs. She has chaired the community's Girl Scouts Cookie Sale for 10 years. Travelstead was named Du Quoin Elks Citizen of the Year in 2006 and Du Quoin Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1997.

There were four Inspiring Women Scholarships awarded to students as a result of funds generated by the Gala. The scholarships are awarded to University freshmen and transfer students for academic achievement, leadership, and extracurricular involvement.
New DE Site Offers More Features, Smoother Structure For Readers

by Brandon Weisenberger

Southern alumni can now enjoy The Daily Egyptian's Web site, featuring a new look and a new name.

The newspaper recently launched www.siuDE.com to better digitally deliver University and Carbondale news, Saluki sports, and local entertainment. "This site has been a long time in the making," says Andrea Zimmermann, the DE's editor in chief. "We are finally coming into the information age, and not a moment too soon."

Work on the site first began in January, when a class in the School of Journalism took on the task of developing the site as a class project. Members of the DE's five-person Web team, led by senior Mario Neither, took the class's ideas and worked during the summer and beginning of the fall semester to get the site ready for the launch.

Visitors to the new site can access PDF versions of the newspaper to see the DE as it appeared that day. Individual articles and photos produced by the staff are available, along with archives dating back to fall 1995. Readers can comment on some stories that are enabled for message boards, and through a link in the Voices section, they can weigh in on virtually any issue through forums. Polls ask for opinions on top issues regarding the university community.

Profiles of DE reporters accompany each article, so readers can get to know those who deliver the news. The reporters can also provide news shortly after it breaks, and Saluki sports scores can be available the day of the games.

Visiting assistant professor Anita Stoner '88, M.A. '91 says the previous site, which was launched about 10 years ago, was outdated, difficult to navigate and poorly organized. Stoner's online journalism class in the spring semester developed the groundwork for the site.

Similar to the print publication, siuDE.com has its own character in Gloria Bode, cousin of the wisecracking Gus Bode, the fictional character who has commented from the pages of the Daily Egyptian since 1956.

Gloria was drawn by the newspaper's award-winning resident artist Alex Ayala. Initially, she was designed as a hip, modern young woman with a fully detailed face, but it did not go over well with all the readers, according to early message board postings.

"Our idea was to create a logo that would be a test run on the Web site, and we got feedback, negative and positive, that helped us refine Gloria Bode," Ayala says. "This is a work in progress, and I would like to see our Web site readers give us their opinion and let us take her from there to tweak her image."

Ayala has refined Gloria to make her resemble the vastly recognizable Gus, with only a faceless head, spectacles, hair and a slender body. "One of my main concerns was making her timeless and making a connection with Gus Bode because Gloria is related to him," he notes.

Also new to the site is a partnership with River Region Evening Edition, WSIU-TV's student-produced broadcast that will provide video on the site. It also has a partnership with alt.news 26:46, Southern's student-run monthly television news program.

"That already seems to be the most popular feature of the site," Stoner notes. Zimmermann concurs, saying that multimedia convergence is the future of news. There are few large newspapers that still only provide news from its print edition on its Web site, she explains, and being able to communicate through different mediums can only help deliver the news.

"It's about giving the readers the best possible news coverage," she says. "Hopefully with this new site and our partnerships, we will be able to do that."

Brandon Weisenberger is a student reporter at the Daily Egyptian
Students Take Part In Hollywood Studies Program

by Tim Crosby

The famous, towering bright-white letters nestled on a hillside in a swanky California enclave beckoned seven Southern Illinois University Carbondale students to the capital of the American film industry this summer, where they received valuable experience in making movies and television specials, and occasionally rubbed elbows with celebrities.

The students took part in the Hollywood Studies Program, offered by the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts (MCMA) every summer since 1995. Hollywood Studies is one of four similar MCMA internship programs that give students firsthand experience in the music industry, advertising business and others.

Hollywood Studies matches qualified students with various film and television industry companies for a six-credit-hour experience of a lifetime. Students work, learn, make contacts and occasionally find permanent jobs in their chosen field.

This summer the students, all studying in the Department of Cinema & Photography, interned at the prestigious American Film Institute. The AFI is a national institute that leads in screen education and recognizing and celebrating excellence in film, television and digital media.

Kris Geary-Boehm, coordinator of internship and placement for MCMA, says Southern students have great reputations among the entertainment companies and organizations on the West Coast.

“They’re young, enthusiastic and passionate about making their dreams come true,” she notes. “Our students take it seriously. Their technical skills are above others. They are known for working hard, making the most of the investment while they’re there. And they’re known for having a good attitude, always having a smile on their faces.”

For Josh Green, a graduate student from central Illinois, it was difficult not to smile when he met celebrities such as Brittany Murphy and others. But grinding away at the unending list of behind-the-scenes tasks involved in making a short film or television special also gave the film buff reason to grin.

“Meeting Brittany and working with and around other celebrities was great, but I lucked out because I’m a behind-the-scenes guy,” says Green. “Everybody tends to think Hollywood is all glitz and glamour. I knew it was also going to be a lot of hard work. I’m interested in everything, from being a production assistant to running grip. It was a great experience.”

Green was assigned to work on a short drama film as part of the AFI’s Directing Workshop for Women. The intern, however, soon found himself promoted to producer when necessity dictated.

“When I got on the project, there was no crew, no producer,” Green recalls. “The director had me start working as the producer right away, taking care of many of the business issues.”

Once a producer came on board, Green became an assistant producer, tasked with such things as negotiating locations, casting and securing production permits. He later would serve on the audio crew and in other roles as needed.

His yeoman’s effort earned him a glowing recommendation letter from the director and filled him with confidence about his future in the movie industry.

“Ultimately I’d like to be a director, and I figured that means I need to know something about everything on the set. So I was glad to get all that experience,” Green says. “The internship is definitely going to help me.”

In addition to working on films, all students helped in the production of AFI’s Life Achievement Award television program for actor Sean Connery. The event was awash with movie stars, and the SIUC interns were right in the thick of it, before, during and after the show.

Brandon Clayton, a May 2006 graduate, says he served as a greeter at the end of the famed red carpet stretching from the limousine drop zone to the Kodak Theatre. He welcomed such moguls as George Lucas, James Earl Jones, Steven Spielberg, Harrison Ford and Mike Myers.

“The most exciting part was when a fellow intern and I had to run several gift bags to Hugh Hefner’s limousine parked at the end of the red carpet on Hollywood Boulevard,” says Clayton. “We walked on the red carpet to the limos in our tuxedos and everyone was snapping pictures like we were celebrities. I bet the day they got them developed they said, ‘Who was that?’”

Andrea White, a senior in film and theater, also got the star treatment, acting as a self-described “trophy girl” whose job was to carry the award presented to Connery. “All interns got to sit and watch the ceremony,” says White. “Mike Myers opened with a bunch of bagpipes. It was amazing. But it wasn’t all bright lights and celebrity. She says the run-up to the show was hard work and required long hours.

Clayton also worked as a temporary employee at AFI. His days there involved menial tasks such as moving filing cabinets and shuffling films into vaults around the campus. Clayton also worked on three films through AFI and credited the University with instilling a strong work ethic that paid off on the sets before he returned to Illinois.

Other Southern students in this year’s Hollywood Studies Program were Jordan Gzesh, Jarred Thorpe, Juan Ley Vega, and Elisa Lleras De Frutos.
The Southern Illinois University Alumni Association honored five prominent graduates as Distinguished Alumni during the University’s recent homecoming activities.

The SIU Alumni Association honored the alumni at a public reception and induction ceremony in the Student Recreation Center’s Alumni Lounge. Their framed photos now become part of the University’s Distinguished Alumni wall in the Student Recreation Center.

The 2006 SIU Distinguished Alumni are: H.E. Hedayat Amin-Arsala, senior minister to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan; Richard “Dick” Blythe, retired president of Blythe’s Sports Shop Inc. in Griffith, Ind.; Glen Daum, music composer, arranger and producer in New York for the past 25 years; Curt Jones, president and creator of Dippin’ Dots Ice Cream in Paducah; and Nancy Van Milligen, president and chief executive officer for the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque.

Here is a closer look at this year’s honorees:

**H.E. Hedayat Amin-Arsala**

His Excellency Hedayat Amin-Arsala was president of the General Assembly.
and later secretary-general of the SIU Model United Nations as an undergraduate. Today, he is deeply committed to his native country, serving as senior minister to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, with the majority of the cabinet ministers reporting to him.

Amin-Arsala, devoted to serving his home country since 1987, initially joined the Afghan Interim Government as the minister of finance in the early 1990s. After serving as vice chairman and minister of finance in 2001, he was appointed vice president of Afghanistan in 2002 and served in this capacity more than two years during the creation of this new government.

Senior Minister Amin-Arsala formerly worked in the World Bank in various economic and senior operational positions between 1969 and 1987. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in economics from Southern in 1968 and 1969, respectively. He, and his wife, Betsy, also a Southern graduate, are life members of the SIU Alumni Association.

Richard "Dick" Blythe
After graduating from Southern, Dick Blythe joined his parents in a small family-owned sporting goods store in northwest Indiana. Upon becoming corporate president in 1960, Blythe turned the business into one of the largest independent sporting goods stores in Indiana, and the corporation now has three locations in the state. Blythe’s three sons have now assumed responsibilities for the daily activities of the business.

Blythe has been chairman of the Indiana Grand Kankakee Marsh Restoration Project since its inception in 1992. The project’s acquisition and restoration of 14,000 acres of wildlife habitat earned him co-winner of the National Wetland Conservation Award in the private sector. He also received the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash award from the governor of Indiana. This is the highest honor awarded to an Indiana citizen. In December 1995, he was inducted into the Hammond Indiana Sports Hall of Fame for his high school and SIU athletic participation.

Blythe, and his wife, Iola, have three sons, a daughter, two daughters-in-law, and 10 grandchildren. In June 2005 they celebrated 50 years of marriage. He received his bachelor’s degree in pre-business from Southern in 1956 and is a life member of the SIU Alumni Association.

Glen Daum
Music is a way of life for Glen Daum. The Centralia, Ill., native worked his way through Southern by leading his own orchestra and performing as a pianist in others. He was the music director and arranger of the “Revue In Blue” variety shows and the chief arranger for the Marching Salukis. Since 1978, Daum has been a composer, arranger, and producer in New York and has written music for commercials, television, films, and recordings.

His arrangements have been played by ensembles ranging from the Count Basie Orchestra to the Boston Pops Orchestra. His television credits include news programs (ABC World News Tonight, CNN Headline News and Face the Nation), daytime dramas (All My Children and General Hospital) and Turner Classic Movies.

He also specializes in film and animation assignments, having won two Emmy Awards for his work on Sesame Street, an acclaimed children’s program. Daum, who received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music from Southern in 1962 and 1964, has two children and is a member of the SIU Alumni Association.

Curt Jones
While being reared on a farm near Grand Chain, Ill., Curt Jones engaged in various business projects such as radio repair, broom making, and raising livestock. Today, he guides one of the most innovative companies in America. In 1987, Jones was researching various freezing techniques for the large-scale commercial preservation of bacteria and enzymes. By using liquid nitrogen in a quick-freeze process, he developed the concept of Dippin’ Dots Ice Cream.
Dippin' Dots products are distributed throughout the United States and in Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Australia, Canada, Mexico, and Venezuela. In 1994, Jones was named Entrepreneur of the Year for the Kentucky/Southern Indiana Region in the retail/wholesale category, and that same year was inducted as a Lifetime Member into the Entrepreneur of the Year Society.

In 1996 and 1997, Dippin' Dots Inc. was listed as one of Inc. magazine's top 500 fastest-growing privately held companies in the United States. The Dippin' Dots franchise company was named top new franchising opportunity of 2002 by Entrepreneur magazine and has ranked on the magazine's Franchise 500 list from 2002 through 2005.

Jones received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern in microbiology in 1981 and 1986, respectively. He and his wife, Kay, have a daughter, Tracey, and are life members of the SIU Alumni Association.

Nancy Van Milligen
Making a difference in the lives of others is a passion for Nancy Van Milligen. As the president/CEO of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, she strives to support and nurture happy and healthy families and children. She coordinates the resources of nonprofit organizations, businesses and volunteers to increase awareness of the importance of philanthropy and making the community a better place to live. Her primary goal is serving the needs of children.

She and her husband, Mike, a fellow SIU graduate who is Dubuque's city manager, have five children of their own. The Van Milligen's have also been foster parents for 14 children over nine years and host foreign exchange students. In her words, "Children are our future, and we have a responsibility to raise them to be happy, healthy, and ethical citizens. Children learn what they live ... kids need adults who are committed to them and can help shape their lives."

Van Milligen has extensive community, state, and national leadership experience and has served on numerous boards and commissions statewide. Her service includes past chair of the Iowa State Empowerment Board, which focuses on children, and past chair of the Iowa Council on Foundations. Prior to joining the Community Foundation, Van Milligen was the vice president of institutional advancement at Clarke College. Van Milligen received her bachelor's degree in political science from SIUC in 1977, and a master's in public affairs from the University in 1990.
Dillard Wins Alumni Achievement Award

A Carbondale woman respected for her commitment to Southern Illinois University Carbondale and her impact in the community recently won the 2006 Alumni Achievement Award for Distinguished Service.

Mary Ellen Dillard, who retired in 1994 after a distinguished career as an educator, received the honor at a luncheon hosted by the SIU Alumni Association and SIU Foundation Board of Directors on Friday, Oct. 6, in the SIU Student Center. The award recognizes SIU alumni or friends for exemplary service to the SIU Alumni Association and the University.

Dillard's devotion to her alma mater has spanned more than 50 years. She has worked closely with the Jackson County Alumni Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association for many years, serving as its president from 1997 until 2001. She received a bachelor's degree in Spanish from Southern in 1951 and a master's in special education in 1980.

According to Executive Director Ed Buerger, "Mary Ellen is very dedicated and loyal to her alma mater and community. She served as president of the Jackson County Alumni Chapter for a number of years and is deeply respected by alumni, campus leaders, classmates, members of the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors, and all others who have benefited from her longtime service to Southern. Mary Ellen is also greatly appreciated for her positive influence as an educator and mentor to young people."

Dillard's presence has been felt in many ways in Carbondale. She has been previously honored for volunteer efforts in her church, sorority, the community, and at the University. For many years, during her husband, Neil's, tenure as mayor of Carbondale, Dillard served as "The First Lady of Carbondale" and was active in countless activities that helped those around her. She volunteered for several organizations, including The United Way, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, Arts in Celebration and Arts in Education, among others.

Her 39-year career as an educator included teaching stints in the Benton Community School District, the West Frankfort School District and Carbondale Middle School. She also served as principal of the Carbondale Thomas School before retiring.

She is a member of the Delta Sigma Epsilon, the SIU Emeritus Association, a founding member of the Chancellor's Council, and served on the Teacher Education Advisory Committee. She has made countless contributions to education, including initiating Career Day at her school, starting annual field trips to Springfield to introduce students to the governmental process, and helping support and establish the DARE program at Thomas School. She has also motivated countless students to attend the University and select teaching as a career.

Others have taken notice of Dillard's professional prowess and community influence. She has been inducted into the Frankfort Community High School Hall of Fame, the Carbondale Elementary School Hall of Fame, and was named the "2003 Citizen of the Year" by the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce.

She and Neil are life members of the SIU Alumni Association and have a daughter, Tracy.
Southern Helping Put
'A Book In Every Home'

Southern Illinois University
Carbondale recently held its 12th annual "A Book in Every Home" campaign. The goal of the drive is always to collect enough books so each of the 433 children enrolled in seven area Head Start centers will receive at least one book to take home and call their own. Children ages three to five attend Head Start centers in Carbondale, Carterville, Johnston City, Marion and Murphysboro.

Over the last 11 years, members of the SIUC community and the community at large have donated more than 27,000 books. Last year's drive collected enough books so that each Head Start child went home with three books. The goal this year was to collect at least 2,500 new books by early December.

For a second year, Erika Lowery, wife of men's basketball coach Chris Lowery, chaired the campaign. The couple has four children, ages 12, 6, 5, and 2. "It's a wonderful program," she says. "I was honored to be chosen as chair for this year's program."

Even though the initial book drive is complete, alumni may still donate books by bringing them to the SIU Alumni Association office in Colyer Hall. All material collected will be delivered to Head Start.

In choosing a book for children ages 3-5, alumni are asked to please consider the following:
Illustrations – Large, clear, colorful pictures that relate to words.
Text – The story should be easy to follow and understand.
Design – The pages in the book should be uncluttered. The print should be large and legible.
Language – Books written in both Spanish and English are acceptable.

In addition to donating books, tax-deductible monetary donations to buy new books are also welcome. Checks should be made out to the SIU Foundation with "Books in Every Home" written in the memo area. The SIU Foundation address is 1235 Douglas Drive, Colyer Hall, Mail Code 6805, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901.
Four Win Roscoe Pulliam Scholarships

Fahran Robb of Pinckneyville, Christopher Jakes of O'Fallon, Scott Geiger of Carbondale, and Andrea Taylor of Sims are the recipients of the 2006 Roscoe Pulliam Scholarship.

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

Robb is a senior majoring in agricultural systems and political science. A three-time recipient of the Pulliam Scholarship, she was selected to the USA Today’s All-USA Academic Team her junior year at Southern. She has been a Dean’s List student throughout her career at Southern. Robb’s academic accolades also include the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society, Alpha Zeta Professional Society, Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society, and Outstanding Student Honor Society.

Geiger is a sophomore majoring in exercise science. He was a Dean’s List Student at Southern during the spring 2006 semester. Prior to transferring to SIUC, Geiger earned the John LaRue Memorial Scholarship for excellence in academics, leadership, community service and individual merit at the University of Mississippi. He also received the Academic Excellence Scholarship for attaining an ACT score of 26 or higher.

Jakes has been honored by the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society and Tau Beta Pi National Honor Society. He earned the College of Engineering’s tuition waiver award, and has received University honors for high marks in mathematics and psychology.

Taylor is a senior majoring in speech-language pathology. A Dean’s List student for six consecutive semesters, she has received the Nichols Memorial Grant Award, R.J. Fligor College of Education and Human Services Alumni Award, and John O. Jones General Assembly Award. Taylor also earned Southern Illinois University Scholastic Honors last semester.


Senior Caller Is Association's Top Dawg

Jordan Hammersley, a senior in Chemistry and Biology, was the top producing caller for the SIU Alumni Association’s summer in-house membership telemarketing campaign. He has been a member of the Institutional Advancement student calling team since 2005. In addition to an annual membership, Hammersley earned the right to name the plaque that will bear the name of future top performing callers. We welcome him to the "Top Dawg" club. Thanks Jordan, on a job well done!
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Beautiful weather, a large crowd, and a Saluki victory on the football field, made for a fabulous 2006 Homecoming Weekend in Carbondale. SIU Alumni Association President Sheri Hunter (left) even had a chance to meet Elvis outside the SIU Alumni Association's Big Tent.
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Discover the natural beauty of central Germany and the West Bohemian area of the Czech Republic with stays in Germany’s premier spa town of Bad Kissingen and in Prague, the Czech Republic’s charming capital. (Offered through GoNext)

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Savor the atmosphere of rural Italy from Cortona, in the heart of Italy’s lovely Tuscan region with its countless architectural treasures, and the natural and historic beauty of the Veneto region from the delightful spa town of Abano Terme, near Venice. (Offered through GoNext)

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November 8 - 15, 2007
$1,699.00 Includes Airfare
China’s capital, Beijing is the pulsing heart of this ancient and diverse land. Visit Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the magnificent Great Wall, and enjoy an optional two-day visit to historic Xi’an. (Offered through GoNext)

Price per person, based on double occupancy. Dates and prices are tentative and subject to change.
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May 20 – 30, 2007

From approximately $2,095 per person, plus airfare and V.A.T., based on double occupancy.

Cruise the Volga River through the heart of old Russia, visiting the historic towns situated on the fabled Golden Ring. In Moscow, admire the Tretyakov Gallery, the Kremlin and iconic St. Basil’s Cathedral in Red Square. Enjoy a talk with a cosmonaut and an exclusive tour at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center in Star City, home to Russia’s space program. Then, sail to Uglich. Discover beautiful Yaroslavl, the Florence of Russia; Rostov Velikiy; and Kostroma. Explore Nizhni Novgorod, a formerly closed city and place of exile for Soviet political dissidents. Finally, tour Kazan, capital of the Republic of Tatarstan. Experience the city’s diverse blend of architecture, especially prevalent in its Kremlin. An optional extension to St. Petersburg, including the prestigious Hermitage Museum, is available. (Offered through AHI)

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Approximately $2,495 per person, plus airfare and V.A.T., based on double occupancy.

Discover three of Europe’s most enchanting cities on this special program that maximizes flexibility while retaining the input of expert guides. Explore Berlin, Germany, including the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate and Unter den Linden, the city’s famous boulevard. Get off the beaten track to visit Wittenberg, center of Luther’s Reformation, and Torgau, home of the medieval Saxon kings. Marvel at baroque buildings in Dresden on the Elbe River, and enjoy the spa town of Bad Schandau. In cosmopolitan Prague, Czech Republic, the City of a Hundred Spires, see Charles Bridge and Old Town Square with its Astronomical Clock. Optional excursions include Potsdam and Sans Souci Palace, an Elbe cruise to Meissen and Prague Castle. This carefully crafted itinerary promises a unique travel adventure at exceptional value! (Offered through AHI)

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Oct. 8 – 17, 2007

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Situated directly on Lake Maggiore, Baveno embodies all the alpine allure of Italy’s charming Lake District in Piedmont and Lombardy. Explore the romantic lakeside towns of Intra and Pallanza before cruising Lake Maggiore to three of the colorful Borromean Islands. Discover cultural Milan as you visit La Scala, Italy’s premier opera house; the 14th-century Duomo; and Santa Maria delle Grazie, home to Leonardo da Vinci’s Last Supper fresco. Visit Tremezzo and the beautiful gardens of Villa Carlotta. From Bellagio, on the shores of stunning Lake Como, enjoy a private boat ride to the town of Como, and stroll its ancient Roman lanes. Finally, sail to the island of San Giulio on Lake Orta, with its 4th-century basilica. An optional boat excursion to Stresa is available. (Offered through AHI)

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Alumni Trip To Italy Was An Organized Adventure

by Marianne Lawrence

A trip to Italy was something my husband, Mike, and I had talked about for several years, but for one reason or another it just hadn't happened. Stumbling blocks included work and family obligations and little things like trying to decide if we wanted to take an organized tour or strike out on our own.

The SIU Alumni Association office, where I work as a writer for this magazine, always has a display of its numerous offerings for travel abroad and the one advertising a trip to the ancient city of Cortona in the Tuscany region of Italy caught my eye. I had read Frances Mayes' book, *Under the Tuscan Sun*, and was intrigued with a chance to visit the charming town she wrote about.

The itinerary, which included a 7-night stay in one hotel with all meals provided and a strong educational component, seemed like a good choice for us, especially since we are not veterans of overseas travel.

This trip turned out to be one of the best travel experiences we have had, well organized from beginning to end. Our small hotel was perfectly situated high on a hill at the edge of Cortona, offering sweeping views of the countryside from nearly every room.

In between visits to the quaint little hill towns nearby the group returned to the hotel each day for lunch and dinner with only a few exceptions. Homemade pastas, sauces and desserts offered an unexpected culinary experience and a pleasant time to get to know our fellow travelers.

Excursions to Assisi, Siena, Perugia and Montapulciano were either preceded by a short lecture at the hotel or featured local guides at our destination. Learning a little history of Cortona and the Tuscany region, of the medieval Etruscans and Renaissance Art in preparation for our day in Florence, gave extra meaning to our visits.

A lesson in making gnocchi by a woman who had served as chef for the hotel's restaurant for more than 40 years and a visit with local Corona residents gave us all a greater sense of the country and its people.

We loved meeting Southern alumni Norm '66 and Darlene '67 Muser of Sleepy Hollow, Ill., and Fred '68 and Pat Gooding of Beaver Creek, Ohio, who along with a large contingent of University of Alabama faithful and a couple from St. Louis University made up the rest of the group.

Darlene, a retired teacher, says it was one of the best trips she and her husband, Norm, had ever taken. "We got such a great flavor of the countryside and I really liked the small towns."

I am collecting brochures for the 2007 trips (see previous two pages) as they come into the office, anxious to plan for our next destination. There's just one question: Will it measure up to last summer's trip to Tuscany?
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The 2006 SIU Homecoming was a special event for a special group of alumni who returned to Carbondale for the weekend. Members of the 1955 Saluki football team held their first reunion, made possible by assistance from the SIU Alumni Association.

Executive Director Ed Buerger and former Director of Alumni Public Relations Greg Scott made sure the reunion was a success. Believe me, SIU alumni are well served by this Association staff.

Prior to kickoff, everything revolved around the alumni tent. Thousands gathered for a gala homecoming celebration, which made our reunion even more meaningful. It was a day of remembering, reflecting and reminiscing, and we were shocked to find so many alumni who remembered our biggest small college upset of that year when we beat Central Michigan 14-13.

The 1955 football team did not have a perfect record, but we were never beaten. Time ran out on us a few times, but there was never a game we felt we could not win.

After the activity in the Big Tent, our group went to McAndrew Stadium to watch the 2006 Salukis warm up. The stadium is much larger now and the real grass is gone, but team spirit and fan support is still the same. The band, cheerleaders, Shakers, and live television add energy to the atmosphere.

Although things have changed in many ways (Southern's present freshman class is larger than the entire enrollment of 1955, and the University is now one of the premier institutions of higher learning in the world), the alumni singing the Southern Alma Mater and Go Southern Go melted away the years to another time in this special place.

During the game, the public address announcer introduced the 1955 Salukis. We were humbled—yet proud—of our contributions to this great University's history, heritage, traditions, and spirit. I asked my wife, Hester, to look at the expression on each face of my teammates as they intently watched the game. Like me, they were into the game, extremely impressed with the quality of play while remembering football games played in this same stadium more than a half century before.

The 1955 Salukis probably didn't realize at the time how well they were being prepared for the future. Many became educators at the secondary and university levels. Two became university head coaches. Others became doctors, lawyers, and successful businessmen. Two retired from the Air Force and were fighter pilots in Vietnam. Three became professional football players, and two became NFL Football Officials. All became positive contributing members of society, leaders in their communities, the state, and our nation.

Members of our football team were a diverse group of individuals. Some were three months out of high school, while others had just spent three years fighting the Korean War. The majority were from central and southern Illinois towns and farms, while a few were from cities and other states. Regardless of our origins, we are proud that we came together as a football team under the guidance of a fine coaching staff.

How fortunate I was to have such great human beings as teammates and friends. How lucky we all were to represent Southern Illinois University as athletes. We look back fondly at the "good old days" and remember it all like it was yesterday. On a beautiful fall evening when you saw President Morris and his wife walking hand in hand behind Woody Hall, you knew all was right in the world and you were in a special place at a formative time in your life.

Thanks SIU. It was great to be back with everyone again.
The Honor Roll captures gifts made by individuals, corporations, foundations, and organizations to SIUC through its foundation offices in Carbondale and Springfield between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006.

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Every attempt was made to ensure accuracy in the reporting of donors in this publication as well as to honor the wishes of anonymous donors. However, we wish to apologize for any errors which may have occurred in the omission or inaccurate listing of any name. If an error is discovered, please contact the Director of Advancement Services at (618) 453-4915, and we will correct the error.
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- 2005: $107,065,322
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As state funding continues to decline, we are encouraging you to continue your support. Whether you assist us in creating additional scholarships for students, or enhancing facilities for various University constituencies, your contributions are pertinent.

Thank you once again for your commitment to *Opportunity Through Excellence*, and we hope you continue to support our initiatives.

*Rickey N. McCurry, Esquire*
Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement
CEO, SIU Foundation

As a two-degree alumnus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC), I take great pride in the aspirations and accomplishments of our outstanding students, faculty, and staff. That is why I approach my role as president of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors with energy and enthusiasm. I want to help make a difference in the future of my alma mater.

Many of you share my enthusiasm and gratitude! You are grateful for the opportunities Southern afforded you and the foundation it provides for future success. You want your University to prosper and provide top-notch service to students for many years to come, but we all know state funding for higher education has diminished. Therefore, your University needs you now more than ever.

The 2006 Honor Roll of Donors demonstrates the support many of you have already shown. And, I am proud to report that as of June 30, 2006, we had achieved 63% of the $100 million goal in our alma mater’s first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign – *Opportunity Through Excellence*. Your support is even more important now, as we strive to reach the expectations outlined in SIUC’s ambitious Southern at 150 plan, which includes a strategy to place SIUC among the top 75 public research universities in the United States by the year 2019, our 150th birthday.

I hope you share my commitment to help Southern move forward. It cannot be done without you! Please join me — continue your support — encourage others to do the same. Know that your commitment makes a huge difference in your alma mater’s future.

Thank you so much.

*Larry R. DeJarnett ’62, ’63*
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- **Construction began on the first campus building in 1870. Completed in 1874, and destroyed by fire in 1883. It was replaced by Old Main, which was built during 1885 at a cost of $152,000. It burned in 1969 and was not replaced, but its memory lives on in Old Main Mall.**

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- F. Lynn & Susan F. McGheeters

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- **This cumulative gift club honors the former president of the University (1948-1970), DeLyte Morris, who changed Southern into a major institution, the result of his vision and innovation. Both the curriculum and the number of buildings expanded significantly during his administration.**

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- **The fifth University president (1913-1935), Henry Shryock, joined the faculty in 1894 in the English Department. Credited to his administration were further curriculum revision, the rural education program, and a significant physical education and athletic program, a new power plant and the construction of Shryock Auditorium.**

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Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s nationally recognized automotive technology program recently received another honor with the donation of a 2006 Pontiac Solstice from General Motors Corp. through Auffenberg of Carbondale.

The donation is a direct result of SIUC’s program earning the Automotive Industry Planning Council’s Award of Excellence for 2005 – the third time it has been judged the nation’s top program. The program, only the second three-time winner in the award’s history, also earned top honors in 1991 and 1999; national winners cannot compete again for the award for five years.

The donation underscores a nearly four-decade relationship between the University and the automaker that dates back to L.D. Wiley, the first department chair, more than 37 years ago.

“We are fortunate to have such an outstanding corporate partner in General Motors,” Chancellor Walter Wendler says. “The continuing support is critical for our faculty and students to remain on the cutting edge of the automotive industry.”

Paul Sarvela, dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, pointed to the “excellent relationship” with General Motors and SIUC alumni who work there as key factors in the program’s success. Several members of the automaker’s corporate staff serve on advisory committees, work on implementing paid internship programs and offer other support to students, he said.

“We are the No. 1 automotive technology program in the country for several reasons – including a great faculty, staff and student body,” Sarvela says. “But another important factor is strong industry support. The donation of cars, such as this fine donation from GM, will enable the Salukis to continue to be No. 1 and on top of their game.”

“We are deeply grateful to our friends at General Motors for this latest gift in support of our automotive technology department,” says Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and CEO of the SIU Foundation. “This long partnership is just one example of how higher education and industry can work together to achieve positive outcomes. Strengthening existing partnerships and cultivating new relationships is just one of the many goals of the University’s long-range plan, Southern at 150.”

GM employs more than 200 SIUC graduates throughout the United States, not including graduates working in GM dealerships or in contract/supplier positions. The positions also include engineering, business administration, communications, marketing, and industrial technology.

Glenn Rosser, right, discusses the 37-year-relationship the automaker and the University share with Jeffrey Lorber, SIUC’s associate vice chancellor for institutional advancement and executive director of development with the SIU Foundation.
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What Is Planned Giving?

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

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

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

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

Bequest

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

Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust

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

Charitable Remainder Unitrust

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

Charitable Gift Annuity Agreement

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

Charitable Lead Trust

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

Revocable Living Trust Agreement

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

Life Estate Agreement

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

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When L. Brent Kington established a blacksmithing program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale during the late 1960s and early 1970s, such metal working methods were a dying art form.

During the decades that followed, however, Kington led the program to prominence, launching dozens of highly skilled artisans schooled in the art of heating, hammering and twisting metal into works of museum quality and architectural splendor. Along the way, he also made a national name for himself both as artist and teacher before retiring in 1997.

Now the local resident's legacy will live on at SIUC in the form of an endowed chairmanship bearing his name.

In recognition of Kington, an artistic foundation is donating $1 million to Southern to create the L. Brent Kington chair in blacksmithing. Rick Smith, head of the metalsmithing specialization in the School of Art and Design and a former graduate student of Kington's, will be the first to hold the chair.

"It's a total surprise and humbling," Kington says from his home south of Carbondale.

Kington joined the art faculty in 1961, becoming a full professor in 1972. His early work focused on small, ornate "toys," made of silver and other precious metals. At first he made them for his children, but the items soon claimed popular appeal in the art world, and were heavily exhibited.

A trained jeweler and silversmith, Kington's interest in blacksmithing began to grow in 1964 after a trip to New York City where he viewed works of iron at an exhibit there. It would be a turning point for both Kington as an artist and the University's art department.

"In New York I saw iron being treated with every bit as much respect as gold or silver," Kington recalls. "My interest grew from that point. I started finding and talking to blacksmiths around Southern Illinois who were in their 70s and 80s. I really liked the directness of the process and my respect for the material just grew immensely."

During the ensuing years the blacksmithing program became the leading such program at a public university in the nation. Along the way, Kington exhibited his work at hundreds of venues, piling up honors and rave reviews. In 2000, Kington received the gold medal from the American Crafts Council, which it gives selectively and typically to honor career achievement in consummate craftsmanship.

"I think it's the finest honor I've ever received," Kington says.

While the endowment honors Kington's decades of work at SIUC, it was Smith who helped stir the foundation's interest in the program. Smith, who will start his ninth year at SIUC in September, says he wants to use the endowment for research, travel and materials for both himself and students.

"A lot of my motivation in pursuing these grants is to help create a more secure financial environment so that we can pursue our research in a way that we don't have to worry about money," Smith said. "I have lots of ideas."

Kington says he is pleased Smith, his former graduate student, will be the first to hold the chair named in his honor.

"Rick is very successful in the field as an artist," Kington notes. "Without my input, they thought he was by far the strongest candidate for the position. And I agree."

Along with the endowment, the foundation also is offering the University up to $500,000 in two other matching awards aimed at scholarships and research for graduate and undergraduate metalworking students in the School of Art and Design.

The two, $250,000 "challenge" awards for scholarships and research require the University to match the funds in order to receive them. With the endowed chair and the matching awards, the total value of the package potentially is $2 million.

Kington is pleased when he looks back on his tenure at SIUC.

"I started at the University in a basement room about 28 by 14 feet, with a buffing machine in the hallway," he says with a chuckle. "I convinced the janitor to share his closet as an office for me."

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McPheeters Gives Back To Southern

Lynn McPheeters, who retired as vice president and chief financial officer of Caterpillar Inc., continues to give back to his alma mater, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Thanks to the generosity of McPheeters and his wife, Susan, the University will benefit through the establishment of the F. Lynn and Susan McPheeters Charitable Remainder Trust. The couple donated $585,500 in appreciated Caterpillar stock to Southern's College of Business and Administration, through the SIU Foundation.

The Foundation sold the stock, and then invested the proceeds. During the next 10 years, the Foundation will provide an income from the invested funds to the McPheeters' daughters. The money then is available to the University at the end of the 10-year period.

The donation will support the college's first endowed chair, the Susan E. and F. Lynn McPheeters College of Business and Administration Leadership Endowed Chair. The minimum amount required to create an endowed chair at SIUC is $1 million; the gift from the McPheeters brings the total committed for this chair to nearly $836,000.

McPheeters, a member of the college's hall of fame and recipient in 2004 of the business college's alumni achievement award, takes pride in the department. "It is an excellent college, a leader for the University. It is necessary in the State of Illinois, if we are going to continue to produce the kind of graduates that companies like Caterpillar want to recruit, to maintain the leadership."

After earning a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1964 from Southern's College of Business and Administration, McPheeters joined Caterpillar Inc. as a college graduate trainee in accounting. He enjoyed a distinguished 40-year career with the Peoria-based manufacturer of construction and mining equipment.
An endowment by longtime supporters of Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s law school and its health policy program will expand a visiting lecture series devoted to bioethics. John and Marsha Ryan of rural Murphysboro are providing funding to create the John and Marsha Ryan Bioethicist-in-Residence Endowment.

Chancellor Walter Wendler says the gift reflects the couple’s continuing commitments to excellence and the University.

“John and Marsha Ryan continue to lead our University community with this gift. It will help us build an even stronger health policy program in the School of Law, including the critical component of bioethics,” Wendler says.

Marsha Ryan, a past president of the SIU Foundation’s Board, also serves as campaign chair for SIUC’s first comprehensive capital campaign, “Opportunity Through Excellence.” The gift, approximately $125,000, also represents the Ryan’s personal contribution to the University’s comprehensive capital campaign, which has a goal of $100 million.

“This gift is just another example of the commitment the Ryans have for SIUC,” says Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and CEO of the SIU Foundation. “They do not only do what you ask of them. They often lead the way by doing before you ask. This gift will benefit both our School of Medicine and School of Law and further underscore the positive relationship between the medical and legal communities.”

Dean Peter C. Alexander adds: “We appreciate all of the contributions that John and Marsha Ryan have made to the School of Law. We are proud of their accomplishments and we are pleased that they continue to be financial partners with us.”

A Carbondale surgeon, Marsha Ryan earned her law degree from SIUC in 1987. John Ryan, a partner in the Carbondale law firm, Feirich, Mager, Green, Ryan, was a member of the law school’s inaugural graduating class of 1976.

In addition to enhancing the existing program for law school students, the endowment offers new benefits for SIU School of Medicine students and the community. The endowment will provide a four- to five-day visit by a leading bioethicist scholar at both the law school and School of Medicine in Springfield. The visiting scholar also will present a seminar to first-year medical students and law students in Carbondale.

“Our gift is a reflection of our long-standing commitment to the School of Law and in particular, its law and medicine programs,” John Ryan notes. “We feel it is a unique educational opportunity in Illinois and provides a great service to professionals in both fields.”

Marsha Ryan and her brother, anesthesiologist Mark J. Garwin of Cobden, are the children of Leo and Ruth Garwin, who were founding members of the Garwin Family Foundation and the Garwin JD/MD Scholarship Fund. The foundation, established in 1993 to foster educational and academic research, provides funding for many activities, including the Garwin Distinguished Professor of Law and Medicine and the Grayson Distinguished Lecture. That lecture honors Ruth Garwin’s brother, Arthur Grayson, a Los Angeles surgeon who died in 1990.

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Earns Gold Medal CASE Award

The leading education support organization in the world recently awarded the SIU Foundation a top prize for Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s fundraising campaign, “Opportunity Through Excellence.”

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education awarded the SIU Foundation a gold medal from its 2006 Circle of Excellence awards program. It was one of only five top awards given by the CASE panel of experts in its Individual Fund-Raising Publications category. The group honored the foundation for its campaign case statement.

There were 157 entries in the category. The other four gold medal winners are The University of Minnesota Foundation, The University of Oklahoma, The University of Washington, and The University of Virginia Athletics Foundation.

Overall, nearly 700 institutions from around the world submitted more than 3,100 entries in this year’s Circle of Excellence awards program. The judges may award gold, silver and bronze awards in each of the 40 categories. Judges have the option of giving no awards, and they may also recognize exceptional entries with a grand gold award.

The Opportunity Through Excellence campaign is an unprecedented $106 million fund-raising effort aimed at revitalizing Southern. The SIU Foundation, which runs the campaign, so far has raised almost 60 percent of that amount. The goal encompasses three categories: people, programs, and places.

Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation, says the award reflects well on the University.

“We take great pride in this award,” McCurry says. “Alumni services staff, foundation staff and others from the Division of Institutional Advancement teamed with members of the University’s Media and Communications Resources staff to develop this document along with Snavely and Associates out of State College, Pa. It demonstrates the exceptional talent we have here at Southern Illinois University.”

A DVD featuring information about the campaign and plans for the University’s future, was sent to all alumni of record last December.

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The Opportunity Through Excellence Campaign, initiated in 2002, has had quite an impact on Southern Illinois University. A look behind the numbers illustrates the following:

- 109 new endowed funds have been established, creating additional scholarship opportunities for SIU students and resources to foster faculty development
- SIU Foundation endowment has increased by nearly $30 million
- Three endowed chairs have been established
- The Troutt-Wittmann Academic and Training Center, a $3.1 million facility north of the SIU Arena, became the first building ever built from donated funds.
- 4 gifts of $1 - 2.49 million
- 2 gifts of $2.5 - 4.9 million
- 1 gift of $5 million and over

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- Endowments – 635
- Endowed Chairs – 4
- Gift Buildings – 0
- Endowment as of FY02 – $44 million

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Romanian natives Georgeta and Flaviu Hodis were presented with SIU Class Rings last spring for their countless hours of service to the Student Alumni Council.
The men of Sigma Alpha, Southern’s first fraternity, gather for a photo circa 1923.

Key historical moments have shaped the Greek System at Southern.

By Laura Taylor
ften misunderstood and stereotyped, Greek-letter organizations have a deep and rich history at universities and colleges throughout the United States – including Southern Illinois University.

The traditions engrained in the members of these organizations not only provide the starting point for life-long friendships but also cements foundation for university service well beyond the undergraduate years.

Southern, chartered in 1869, has had an unusual journey in the development of its Greek system. From its beginnings at SINU, to former President Deleute Morris' stance on membership selection, to this year's 60th Theta Xi Variety Show, our alma mater has a unique history with these organizations.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION

SINU is where Southern's modern Greek system began. In February of 1923, Sigma Alpha Pi was established as a local men's fraternity, the first of its kind at the small teacher's college. The Egyptian reported, "Fraternity established is first at S.I.N.U., Fratres are Organized..." Sigma Alpha Pi was also the first to occupy off-campus housing when they acquired a home on the corner of College and Normal Avenue in March of 1923.

Surprisingly, unlike other universities of the time, there was not a quick establishment of additional men's fraternities on campus. There was, however, the founding of Southern's first women's fraternity, Epsilon Beta, in February of 1923. At the time of Epsilon Beta's founding, Anthony Hall (currently housing SIUC's administrative offices) was a women's dormitory and the home of Epsilon Beta's first members. After almost a year, in January of 1924, Epsilon Beta moved into an off-campus house built by John Stotlar of Carbondale at 800 South Normal Avenue.

Although Sigma Alpha Pi eventually dissolved its organization by the early 1930s, both Sigma Alpha Pi and Epsilon Beta laid the foundation for Greek chapters to follow. An influx of men and women's fraternities came to Southern by the mid-twentieth century. Seven men's groups and four women's groups were active on the campus by 1950.

MAKING A PUSH FOR NATIONALIZATION

Many of the local Greek chapters on Southern's campus felt the need to establish themselves as national fraternities. In order to do this they had to petition a national organization for membership. Epsilon Beta, SINU's first women's fraternity, wished to become a national organization and petitioned the group Delta Sigma Epsilon for membership. In 1928, Epsilon Beta was...
installed as a national chapter of Delta Sigma Epsilon. This marked a significant milestone in the history of Southern's Greek system, Delta Sigma Epsilon was the first national group to organize at the university.

SINU also received a distinction along with the chartering of Delta Sigma Epsilon, as it was the only teacher's college or normal school in the state to have a national women's group. In the fall of 1956, Delta Sigma Epsilon entered into a merger with Delta Zeta, giving Southern's campus both a Delta Zeta and Delta Sigma Epsilon chapter. In order not to combine the two, Delta Sigma Epsilon petitioned to be released from the merger and was successful. With the help of President Morris, Delta Sigma Epsilon became a national chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta in 1958.

Alpha Phi Alpha, Southern's first historically African-American fraternity, was established on the campus in 1933. According to the 1947 Obelisk, "the organization is open to all who wish to join it regardless of race, creed or color, if certain requirements are met." At this time, many national fraternities had restrictive or discriminatory clauses in their constitutions regarding race, color or religion and membership selection.

President Morris had quite an impact on the growth and expansion of SIU's Greek system in regards to membership selection. His tenure at the University began in 1948 with several national fraternities taking interest in establishing chapters. I.C. Davis, Southern's Dean of Men, would be a key figure in ensuring that any national fraternity organized on campus was open to all students.

Several fraternities approached the University about installing new national chapters - or affiliating current local chapters - with national organizations. Sigma Pi had a lengthy battle with the University which eventually ended with the restructuring of their national constitution and the chartering of a chapter.

In 1949, Sigma Pi first explored the possibility of starting a chapter at Southern. Correspondence was exchanged between Davis and Sigma Pi, reiterating Southern's stance on restrictive membership clauses in national constitutions. A year later, another extension request was made by a Sigma Pi undergraduate student at Eastern Illinois University. In 1951 undergraduate members of the Eastern Illinois chapter of Sigma Pi made a visit to Southern, specifically to Delta Zeta Alpha Fraternity. After this visit Davis agreed to allow Nu Epsilon Alpha to become a colony of Sigma Pi on Southern's campus.

There was, however, one condition - the eventual chartering of the Sigma Pi would not be allowed unless the restrictive clause was removed from the fraternity's national constitution. In 1953, Sigma Pi's Executive Council added two provisions to

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**THETA XI VARIETY SHOW CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY!**

In September of 1933, the Kappa Delta Alpha Fraternity was established at SIU with the distinction of selecting members that were prominent in campus activities. In 1948, the fraternity sponsored the first All-School Variety Show for the purposes of providing an outlet for campus talent, and establishing an award to recognize one outstanding male and female for their service to the University.

Thus, the Kappa Delta Alpha Variety Show and Service to Southern Award were established. According to the *Egyptian*, the first show consisted of "solo and quartet singing, impersonations, dancing and trick cartoons, and tumbling..." The Kappa Delta Alpha's went on to win the 1st annual Variety Show, and the $135 made from the show went straight to the Student Council.

In 1951, Kappa Delta Alpha Fraternity became the 49th chapter of the Theta Xi Fraternity. After the installation as a national fraternity, the Variety Show came to be known as the Theta Xi Variety Show. By this time the show had grown to include two on-campus presentations every year. By 1970, the show was in high demand and was chosen to close out a campus celebration called Bacchanalia. Held in the SIU Arena, it featured 13 acts and had approximately 2,800 people in attendance.

Now orchestrated by the Inter-Greek Council, the Theta Xi Variety Show celebrates its 60th anniversary at SIU with a performance at Shryock Auditorium on February 24, 2007.
its constitution in hopes that SIU would allow for the full chartering of Sigma Pi.

These provisions stated that the membership selection clauses of Sigma Pi would first and foremost be subordinate to the policies of the institution wherever a Sigma Pi chapter was located. After careful consideration and deliberation by President Morris and Davis the fraternity was granted permission to be installed as a full chapter of Sigma Pi in 1954 and a year later was on campus, almost six years after its first interest in the University.

Due to Morris' strict stance, no fraternities with restrictive clauses were installed or colonized at Southern Illinois University until the end of his tenure in 1970. By this time, many fraternities had already begun the process of removing such clauses from their national constitutions. Although Southern's stance inhibited the growth of SIU's Greek system, the university was seen as a "pioneer" by Davis and others due to its modern stance on non-discriminatory practices.

These women of Southern Illinois Normal University felt the need to create a women's fraternal group, thus Epsilon Beta was founded in Carbondale in 1923.
Southern Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a graduating senior at the University.

For more information about a Greek chapter or Greek life at Southern, contact Andy Morgan in the Office of Student Development at 618-453-5714.

(Some information for this article was produced from Frances Becque's thesis, A History of the Fraternity System at Southern Illinois University from 1948 through 1960.)

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**THE GREEKS TODAY**

With the modern Civil Rights movement, many fraternities dropped their policies regarding membership selection tied to basis of race, color or religion. This opened the door for more national fraternities and sororities at Southern, and by 1975 there were 18 men's fraternities and nine women's sororities active on campus.

The growth did not stop there. Currently there are 31 Greek chapters on campus which operate under the four pillars of Greek life; scholarship, brother or sisterhood, leadership and community service. Members participate in numerous Inter-Greek Council and chapter sponsored activities each year. Once such activity is the IGC's Safe Halloween, recently held inside the ballrooms at the SIU Student Center. Safe Halloween is an event designed to give children of the Carbondale area and their families a safe alternative to trick-or-treating, complete with candy and games given out by individual chapters.

Greek Sing is also an event held every Family Weekend on the steps of Shryock Auditorium. This event dates back to 1936, as chapters are encouraged to create dances, songs and skits that are performed in front of their peers, families and judges. The winner is declared Greek Sing Champion.

Perhaps the most amount of work goes into the Theta Xi Variety Show, an all-school talent exhibition dating back to 1948 (see sidebar). Proceeds from ticket sales and silent auction donations fund the Service to TaVaughn Moore, a senior in journalism, performed in the first Ebony and Ivory Step Show.

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**CURRENT CHAPTERS AT SIU...**

**Men**
- Alpha Gamma Rho
- Alpha Phi Alpha
- Beta Phi Pi
- Alpha Tau Omega
- Beta Theta Pi
- Delta Chi
- Delta Sigma Phi
- Phi Kappa Tau
- Phi Mu Alpha
- Phi Sigma Kappa
- Sigma Nu
- Sigma Pi
- Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Theta Xi
- Iota Phi Theta
- Kappa Alpha Psi
- Phi Beta Sigma
- Delta Psi Alpha
- Phi Rho Eta
- Sigma Lambda Beta

**Women**
- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Delta Zeta
- Sigma Kappa
- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Delta Phi Mu
- Sigma Sigma Sigma
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- Sigma Gamma Rho
- Delta Xi Phi
- Sigma Alpha
- Sigma Lambda Gamma

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**Magee Honored During Homecoming**

Former SIU Alumni Association President Don Magee was honored Homecoming Weekend for his 26 years of volunteer work for the University at the Illinois State Fairs. He received an award following the first quarter of play during the Salukis’ win over Western Illinois University.

Sue Davis, executive director of SIUC’s Media and Communication Resources, which coordinates the University’s promotional efforts at the state fairs, says Magee is instrumental in the department’s efforts. “This is an honor that is long overdue,” she says. “Don really makes our efforts in Springfield possible; it’s that simple. We put a lot of effort into promoting both the Edwardsville and Carbondale campuses at the fairs and it takes lots of volunteers, but it’s really Don who makes it all work together.”

Magee says he is humbled by the recognition. “I was totally surprised and I really feel there are many, many other people who are equally deserving of it,” he says. “For my wife, Karen, and I, this is a way we can give back to the University that gave us our start.”

The Magees are also noted for bringing their Saluki dogs to Southern events. As a student, he joined service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega, where one of his activities included caring for the University-owned Saluki dogs, Ornah Farouk and Burydown Datis.

Years later, they began raising Salukis themselves. The couple had their Salukis, 6-year-old Fabian and 3-year-old Khalila, with them during the Homecoming festivities.

Magee, with his wife, Karen, waves to the crowd at the WIU-SIU football game after being recognized by Southern for his years of volunteer work at the state fairs.
2006 Family Of The Weekend

Freshman Michael LeFevre's family from Ashton, Ill., became Saluki Family Association guests of honor during Family Weekend last fall. LeFevre, a freshman in Aviation Flight, was joined by his parents, Stacy and Mark LeFevre, grandparents, Dale and Mary Allen, and siblings, Christopher, Andrew and Lisa, for the weekend festivities.

LeFevre is a member of the Flying Salukis and a pledge of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. After correctly answering the questions in a Saluki Trivia Quiz, the family's name was drawn for "Family of the Weekend."

The LeFevre family received a variety of prizes, including a two-night stay at Little Grassy Lodge, compliments of Touch of Nature Environmental Center, "Mom" and "Dad" polos, compliments of the University Bookstore, tickets to the Saluki Family Association Breakfast and SIUC football game, and much more.

The SIU Alumni Association and Saluki Family Association combine efforts to serve students, families and alumni of the University. For more information on upcoming activities planned by the Family Association, visit its Web site, www.family.siu.edu. The Alumni Association's Web site is www.siualumni.com.

Stress And Conflict Can Be A Part Of Holiday Break

by Dr. Roy Joy, SIUC Counseling Center

As the semester winds down, students are anticipating the upcoming holiday season. They are likely to arrive with expectations of a holiday break filled with joy and laughter. However, returning home for the holidays can involve stress and conflict as well as comfort and relaxation.

Your first-year college student has been away from home for several months now, and has begun to live far more independently as a result. Your student has been deciding when to go to bed and when to get up, when to eat and where, and when to come home, with far less input from you than when he or she lived at home.

These changes may set the stage for guardian-child conflict during the holidays unless you work out the ground rules and communicate your hopes and expectations clearly when your student comes home. Your student may be very resistant to returning to curfews and family-imposed schedules after several months on his or her own.

Also, the desire to spend time with friends may interfere with your expectations that they participate in family gatherings and traditions. It probably is not realistic to expect the same level of participation in family activities after a student has been away at school for a semester, but it is important to let your student know which occasions and meals are most important to you. Keeping the number of required activities low is probably smart, and letting your student know how happy you are to see him or her may make them more likely to cooperate.

Both you and your student may need to adjust to the changes in routines and lifestyles that have occurred while he or she has been away at school. Two suggestions to ward off potential conflict: ask your student to try and balance his or her time with friends and family, and talk openly with them about his or her expectations and your own. Problems may arise concerning curfews, use of the family car, or time with family and relatives versus time with friends. Anticipating and planning for stressful situations and being prepared to work toward compromise can help to head off conflicts before they occur.

Most people find that their holidays do not match the perfect images on a Hallmark card. Families do not always get along, and those unexpected things that often occur can add to the stress of the holidays. Remember, keeping your expectations realistic is always a good idea.

If you go into the holidays with realistic expectations, you should be able to relax and enjoy the time you have with your student before he or she has to return to school.
SalukiTalk.net Keeping Dawg Fans In Touch

Southern Illinois University Carbondale alums lonely for Saluki sports conversation can get back in touch in a hurry on SalukiTalk.net.

The Web site's home page offers an immediate look at what's going on in the campus sports world with schedules and standings, articles from the "Saluki Newsroom," announcements on alumni gatherings, and even the current Carbondale weather.

The idea of SalukiTalk came in the spring of 2004 when Paul McNally '74 and Steve Harmon '78 were members of a similar message board called ValleyTalk, whose members were fans of Missouri Valley Conference schools.

With the Saluki's success on the basketball court, McNally and Harmon had independently decided it was time to try a Saluki-only site but neither had time to devote to the project. They discovered they were both thinking along the same lines and together launched SalukiTalk during the 2004 Missouri Valley Basketball Tournament.

Growing by word of mouth, SalukiTalk has more than 1,200 members from coast to coast and averages over 3,000 visits daily. The site is open for all to read, but does require a free and easy registration to post on the site.

A variety of forums are available, sports and non-sports, a live chat room at 7 p.m. Central time each Sunday night as well as a full page of links to campus offices, including the Alumni Association and its chapters and clubs, all Gateway and Missouri Valley Web sites, fan sites and forums, and RPI sites.

According to its founders, SalukiTalk members get together at bars and restaurants in different areas of the country when the Saluki games are televised. Two of the larger gatherings are held at the Cubby Bear Lounge North in Lincolnshire near Chicago and at Sammie's Sports Bar in downtown Springfield, Ill.

"The Web site has helped alumni rekindle their interest in SIU and Saluki athletics," says Harmon. "One of our members, a college student in the East, has never set foot on campus, but became a fan through the Salukis 2002 Sweet 16 run. Several SalukiTalk members got together to make sure he has appropriate Dawg apparel."

New Saluki Athletics Director Mario Moccia recently posted an open letter on the site, letting participants know that he appreciates their support and interest in the program.

"The chat rooms and internet component of sports is now a part of our fan base," Moccia explains. "Some people downplay it, but the bottom line is they are following our programs. I want to maximize our relationship with Saluki fans that are online."

'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 publication will support scholarship opportunities offered by the SIU Alumni Association. In addition to the proceeds being allocated to Saluki Athletics, the SIU Alumni Association life member is now dedicating $10 from each sale to alumni scholarships. The updated 2005-06 version may be purchased by writing to Saluki Publications, P.O. Box 504, DuQuoin, IL 62832. Cost for Illinois residents is $37, which includes $2.15 tax and $5 for postage and handling. Out of state residents should send $35. Copies can also be purchased by calling Huff at (618) 319-0469. Make all checks payable to Saluki Publications Inc.
Saluki Women Hope Tough Non-League Schedule Makes For Better Valley Record

The Saluki women's basketball team is picked seventh in the Missouri Valley Conference Preseason Poll, the first time since 1997-98 that the Salukis have not been picked in the bottom three. Southern opens league play on the road at Wichita State (Dec. 28) and Missouri State (Dec. 30). Drake is tagged as the top team in the league.

Southern finished eighth in the Valley in 2005-06 after being picked last in the preseason poll. The Salukis are coming off of a 10-18 campaign, the best finish at Southern since the 1997-98 season. Saluki Head Coach Dana Eikenberg is not surprised where her team was picked, having been picked 10th in her previous two years.

"We are excited to get the MVC season started," Eikenberg says. "Beginning our third season, we want to get to work on putting ourselves back in the upper echelon on this conference. We return four of five starters and a deeper bench and return a group that is a lot more experienced and confident that understands what our style is about."

SIU's Carlai Moore, the lone senior on the 11-member roster, was also a preseason All-MVC pick. She is certain the team will be much improved in league play.

"This is my second year at SIU and in this conference," says Moore, the 2006 MVC Newcomer of the Year after averaging 17.6 ppg and 4.7 rpg. "I'm looking forward to the season and think our team chemistry - along with the hard work we put in over the summer - has done wonders for our team. We're ready to go out every night and work hard."

Eikenberg agrees and says that a challenging non-league schedule, which finds the Salukis playing teams from the Big Ten, Big 12, Big Sky, Ohio Valley, Sun Belt, Atlantic 10 and West Coast conferences, will only make them stronger for their 18-game MVC grind.

"We've had some tough road trips," she says, "and they build character. We want to be a better road team in the Valley, and I think this will help us get there."

The Saluki women's 2006-07 MVC schedule is as follows, home games in bold: Dec. 28 at Wichita State 7:00 p.m., Dec. 30 at Missouri State 7:05 p.m., Jan. 4 vs. Illinois State 7:05 p.m., Jan. 6 vs. Indiana State 2:05 p.m., Jan. 11 at Bradley 7:05 p.m., Jan. 13 at UNI 7:35 p.m., Jan. 18 vs. Creighton 7:05 p.m., Jan. 20 vs. Drake 2:05 p.m., Jan. 27 at Evansville Evansville2:00 p.m., Feb. 2 at Indiana State 7:00 p.m., Feb. 4 at Illinois State 7:05 p.m., Feb. 9 vs. Bradley 7:05 p.m., Feb. 11 vs. UNI 2:05 p.m., Feb. 16 at Drake 7:05 p.m., Sun., Feb. 18 at Creighton 3:05 p.m., Feb. 25 vs. Evansville 2:05 p.m., March 1 vs. Missouri State 7:05 p.m., March 3 vs. Wichita State 2:05 p.m., State Farm/Missouri Valley Conference Tournament March 8-11 at Des Moines, Iowa. (For full schedule and listing of televised games, go to: siusalukis.com.)

Men Return Eight From Valley Tourney Champs

The Saluki men's basketball team has been picked to finish second in a preseason poll by Missouri Valley Conference coaches, media and sports information directors. Creighton was selected first, as the league gears up for a strong season.

Southern, coming off a 22-12/12-6 season, placed two players on the preseason all-conference team: Guards Jamaal Tatum (15.0 ppg, 4.5 assists) and Tony Young (11.6 ppg, 4.9 steals) lead a veteran Saluki squad that returns eight key contributors and all five starters from the 2006 MVC Tournament Champions.

Head Coach Chris Lowery's squad began the regular season gaining national recognition. The Saluki men's basketball team will begin the 2006-07 season on the cusp of a Top 25 national ranking in two polls.

The ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll had Southern Illinois at #29, one slot ahead of Illinois. Since 2002, SIU has spent seven weeks ranked in the Coaches Poll, rising as high as #15 on March 1, 2004.

The AP Poll had the Salukis ranked #27, with Valley opponents Creighton (#19), Wichita State (#26) and Missouri State (#49) receiving votes.

All the publicity is appreciated by Lowery, but he knows the early laurels mean little as the league season nears.
Dawgs Earn 4th Straight NCAA Tournament Spot

The Saluki football team earned a fourth straight trip to the NCAA Playoffs in 2006, finishing the regular season 8-3/4-3 behind a young squad. What many felt would be a rebuilding year, instead proved to be another Top 20 season.

At press time, the Dawgs (9-3) were set to play in the quarterfinals at the University of Montana (11-1). The Salukis (four-straight) and Grizzlies (14-straight) own the nation's top-two longest playoff streaks in F-IA football.

"This team never ceased to amaze me," head coach Jerry Kill says. "Anything we asked them to do, they seemed to find a way to pull it off. It was another exciting season, with great games in the Gateway Conference, a win over Indiana of the Big Ten, and another trip to the playoffs."

Nick Hill led the Salukis to the NCAA Playoffs in his first season as quarterback.

In the first round of the playoffs, Southern defeated Tennessee-Martin 36-30 in a thriller at McAndrew Stadium. Quarterback Nick Hill threw a game-winning 45-yard touchdown pass in the final minute of the game, and Arkee Whitlock rushed for 207 yards and four touchdowns to lead No. 10 Southern to a come-from-behind victory.

The Salukis trailed by 20 points early in the third quarter, but rallied behind Whitlock's three second half TDs. The senior's four rushing TDs tied a career-high, as he posted his third 200-yard game this season. He also became SIU's all-time single-season leader in points scored (150 pts.), surpassing Muhammad Abdulqaadir's 128 points in 2002.

"Arkee's the best player in the country -- not the best running back -- the best player," says Kill. "He's unbelievable and I've never seen anything like it in my life. It's fun to watch him."

And the nation will soon get to watch Whitlock as well, as he has been invited to play in the Hula Bowl on January 14 at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii. "I grew up watching that bowl game and an opportunity like this is exciting for me," he says. "I'm thrilled to be among the elite players in the country. It will be a great experience."

Coach Kill Cancer Fund Helping Those In Need

When Southern Head Football Coach Jerry Kill experienced several health challenges last year, eventual tests found a cancerous tumor on his kidney. Following the end of the 2005 season, he underwent surgery in St. Louis to remove the diseased portion, and had his eyes opened wide about problems many in the area face.

"I was treated like a king or something, and heck -- I'm just an ol' football coach," Kill says of his stay in the hospital. He says while thankful he had insurance and the financial ability to deal with this challenge, the exposure to the healthcare system and the many patients he interacted with left him uneasy.

But this tough Saluki didn't suppress the feeling -- instead he did something about it.

The popular Saluki head coach knew he had to find a way to assist others in the region who were not as fortunate as he was in terms of resources. The "Coach Kill Cancer Fund" soon became a reality.

Proceeds from the fund -- administered with the cooperation of Southern Illinois Healthcare -- will be used to assist low-income southern Illinois residents with medical costs due to cancer or other childhood diseases not covered through other private and public means. Money may also be used to assist patients and their families with the associated expenses resulting from medical treatment such as transportation and lodging.

Remarkably, more than $80,000 has already been collected, even though the endeavor was originally not to be launched until after the 2006 football season. Kill is overwhelmed by the response.

"I'm fortunate to have the means to have my health cared for, and blessed to have the money to put my family up in a motel if they are in St. Louis with me," he explains. "There are plenty who have the same challenges I do, but don't have the finances to deal with it. That is where I think this fund can help."

The Coach Kill Cancer Fund now has a Web site, and donations may be made online or by sending a check to the address provided. As Kill explains on the site, battling kidney cancer has actually been a positive thing for him.

"Although it might sound strange, this may be one of the best things that has happened to me," he says. "Through this disease I have met many people -- and communicated with many others -- who are going through the same process that I am. I am fortunate to have the means to continue to seek treatment, but I have met many at the hospital in St. Louis, and many others throughout southern Illinois, who are not as fortunate."

That is why Kill and his wife, Rebecca, along with a dedicated group of individuals who have volunteered to be on an advisory team, continue to raise awareness of the fund and seek additional financial support from the southern Illinois community to enhance the impact of this work.

"This is important to me," Kill says sternly. "We're going to help as many people in southern Illinois as we can, and I appreciate everyone who has helped make this possible."

To find out more about the Coach Kill Cancer Fund or to make a donation, go to www.coachkill-cancerfund.org.
Keeping track of new Saluki Athletic Director Mario Moccia at an intercollegiate sporting event can sometimes be a challenge. The 39-year-old administrator is often in constant motion, roaming the sidelines, slicing through the stands to talk to fans, or nervously pacing in the press box. About the only place you won’t find him is sitting still.

“I have a passion for watching our teams play,” Moccia admits. “Right or wrong I tend to wear my emotions on my sleeve. I get pretty excited.”

Moccia, who replaced former athletic director Paul Kowalczyk on Aug. 1, has hit the ground running in his new position. Since his first day on the job, the former University of Missouri Senior Associate Athletic Director has made it his mission to meet as many people, speak to as many groups, and interact with as many alumni and friends as a given day will allow.

“I sometimes look at my calendar and wonder how I’ll pull it all off, yet at the end of the day I’m usually only upset about one thing—there was probably somewhere else I could have been. Thinking that way keeps me focused. Paul did a remarkable job for this department and I’m determined to work real hard to keep things running in the right direction.”

Competitive spirit began early on

Much of Moccia’s competitive energy and spirit is in part a byproduct of his days as an outstanding student-athlete at New Mexico State University. A two-time most valuable player on the Aggie baseball team, the preseason All-American graduated in 1989, was drafted by the Detroit Tigers, and spent two years playing professional baseball.

Then a dose of reality arrived via his unconditional release by the Tigers.

“Like anyone who plays pro ball, I felt when I started that baseball was going to be my livelihood,” he admits. “But it doesn’t always work that way, and I decided I needed to quickly put my mind to deciding what the next step in life would be.”

That decision was to return to the academic world and pursue a Master of Science degree in sports administration at the University of New Mexico, one of the few schools in the country that offered such a degree in the early 1990s. After Moccia earned his master’s in 1993, he got his first break in athletic administration when he encountered Mike Alden.

Alden, now Director of Athletics at the University of Missouri, worked with Moccia at the University of New Mexico (when Moccia was the director of sales and assistant director of the Lobos’ 1993-97) and later at Southwest Texas University (as associate athletic director for External Operations 1997-98). When Alden moved on to Missouri in 1998, Moccia soon followed and eventually became senior associate athletic director.

“I owe a great deal to Mike Alden,” Moccia says. “He is certainly a mentor and a person with a tremendous work ethic. He is the kind of guy who is willing to talk to any person, any group, at any...
SIU ALUM HELPS
MOCCIA BECOME A SALUKI

When Paul Kowalczyk resigned last summer to become athletics director at Colorado State University, Mario Moccia was content in his position at the University of Missouri. "I wasn't looking to leave at all," he recalls. "My wife, Heidi, and I were happy in Columbia. Perhaps the only thing that was beginning to weigh on me a bit was that I was doing the same things over and over again. Some people are fine with that, while others find a new challenge is eventually needed; I suspect I was nearing that point."

His interest in the job at Southern, however, may never have spiked had it not been for the involvement of co-worker, friend — and SIU graduate — Mike Kelly.

During the years as Missouri's Director of Broadcast Operations, Kelly had gained a great deal of respect for Moccia. The 1984 Southern product was sitting at home one day when the phone rang. "After Paul announced he was leaving for Colorado State, I received a call from someone at the University asking me if I knew of someone who would be good for SIU to contact," Kelly says. "The first person I thought of was Mario. He simply was ready to be an athletic director, and I felt he could do a great job at Southern."

Kelly had witnessed Moccia's efforts in Missouri's fund-raising and external operations efforts, and knew he was well respected by the coaches who reported to him and the staff that worked for him.

"Having just been through our capital campaign, I knew he could come in with great experience and lead the efforts to make "Saluki Way" a reality," Kelly recalls. "At the same time, I knew SIU would find Mario to be a humble individual."

Kelly shared his thoughts with the caller, and then called Moccia to tell him the job at SIU was something he should be interested in.

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Mario Moccia has enjoyed meeting many former Saluki athletes during the early months of his tenure, but he intends to be much more proactive regarding lettermen at Southern.

"We've got to do a better job of keeping our former lettermen in touch with SIU," he says. "I think one of the keys is for the athletic department to have one person who is specifically in charge of a lettermen's club.

"Quite frankly what has probably happened here over the years is that responsibility has been passed around and eventually you find it becomes fragmented. When that happens you aren't giving your former student-athletes the attention and time they warrant.

"I want our former Salukis to know that we're going to get that turned around."
Du Quoin State Fair

The Perry County, Randolph County and Jackson County Alumni Chapters provided support through volunteers to the SIU Dome at the Du Quoin State Fair, coordinated by the Media & Communications Resources office from August 26 through September 4. Alumni volunteers helped greet visitors, answered general questions about Southern, provided information about the Association, and served as ambassadors.

Prior to the fair, a reception was hosted by the Media & Communications Resources office for 25 alumni volunteers and staff. The reception, catered by Alongi's, was hosted in appreciation for the volunteers' willingness to represent Southern at the fair.

Southern Social In Chicago

Thirty alumni and friends attended the “Southern Social” at the Mad River Chicago on August 19. Special guest speakers at the event were Mike Reis, voice of the Salukis, and Dr. Robert Hahn, recipient of Southern’s outstanding teacher of the College of Liberal Arts and outstanding educator at the University awards. Hahn continues to host uniquely interdisciplinary, team-taught, travel-study programs to Egypt and Greece. This year he begins his 25th year of teaching at Southern. Representing the Alumni Association were directors Michelle Suarez and Argus Tong.

King Tut At The Field Museum

Ninety-one alumni and friends attended the popular Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs exhibition at the Chicago Field Museum on August 20. During lunch, alumni were treated to an introduction and video presentation about the Ancient Legacies (Egypt) Program at the University by Robert Hahn. Attendees were given insight into the exhibition before viewing it. In attendance from the SIU Alumni Association were Directors Michelle Suarez and Argus Tong.

Illinois State Fair

The Prairie Capital Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association assisted in greeting alumni and guests under the SIU tent at the Illinois State Fair August 11-20. Activities were coordinated by the Media & Communications Resources office. Chapter leaders Don Magee and Phil Beers were instrumental in recruiting volunteers. Southern Illinois University was also represented during Campus Town at the Fair on August 12, where representatives from the eight colleges, two professional schools (law and medicine), housing, admissions, graduate school, student health and Morris Library were present to showcase what the University has to offer.

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

SIU Day At Busch Stadium

Two hundred and fifty alumni and friends got the opportunity to see the new Busch Stadium at the 22nd annual SIU Day on August 26. The pregame gathering at the Millennium Hotel represented a good mix of Cubs and Cardinals fans. Mario Moccia, the new athletic director, was introduced to the attendees.

Representing the University was Associate Vice Chancellor Jeff Lorber. Representing the Alumni Association were board members Steve Falat, Dan O'Brien, Doris Rottschalk, Howard Schlechte, Howard Spiegel, and George Welborn, Executive Director Ed Buerger, and Directors Greg Scott, Michelle Suarez, and Argus Tong.

Wells Fargo Bank

Representing Southern at the event was Director Michelle Suarez.

Atlanta Social Networking Event

The inaugural social get-together drew 27 alumni and friends on September 8. Alumni and friends mingled, followed by an introduction to the club's president, Jim Dennis. Informal discussion followed regarding the future activities of the Atlanta Club. At this time, basketball watch parties and a spring reception are being planned. In attendance from the Association was Director Argus Tong. Dennis and club secretaries Matt and Laine Liss were instrumental in coordinating this event.

SIU Day At Turner Field

Thirty-four alumni and friends attended SIU Day at Turner Field in Atlanta, Ga., on September 9. The pregame gathering
was at the Hank Aaron Room where attendees socialized and caught up with the happenings at SIU. Representing the SIU Alumni Association was Director Argus Tong. Jim Dennis, club president, assisted with coordinating the event.

Indiana University Tailgate

A total of 328 alumni and friends attended the football tailgate on September 16 in Bloomington, Ind. Attendees enjoyed a meal at the tailgate area, as Executive Director Ed Buerger and Athletic Director Mario Moccia welcomed the crowd.

Following the tailgate, the fans moved to Memorial Stadium where the Salukis beat the Hoosiers 35-28 to become the first Gateway football team to ever defeat a Big Ten school.

Representing the University were Board of Trustees Chairman Roger Tedrick, Chancellor Walter Wendler, Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry, and Associate Vice Chancellor Jeff Lorber. Representing the Alumni Association were Board Members Jim Hayes, Howard Spiegel, Len Surina and Wes Wilkins; and Directors Gene Green, Greg Scott and Argus Tong.

Volunteers assisting the event were Kevin Lister, Theresa Monaco, Rich Moser, and Tom and Stephanie Wilson.

Illinois State Football Tailgate

A total of 269 alumni and friends attended the tailgate prior to the SIU-Illinois State football game on October 14 in Normal, Ill. Attendees enjoyed BBQ at the tailgate before proceeding to Hancock Stadium to watch the Salukis fall to the Redbirds 37-10.

Representing the University were Dean for Library Affairs David Carlson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Jeff Lorber, and Director of Development Communication Greg Scott. Representing the Alumni

Alumni Chapters Award Scholarships

In 2006, alumni chapters of the SIU Alumni Association in Jackson, Peoria Tri-County, Perry, Randolph, Union, and Williamson counties awarded scholarships to 26 students valued at $30,600. Funded by annual contributions by alumni and friends, these scholarships are awarded to deserving high school seniors.

In addition, the Alongi Legacy Scholarship established by the John R. Alongi family of Du Quoin, awards a scholarship of $1,000 to a deserving Perry County High School senior who plans to attend Southern. The Jackson County Family YMCA Scholarship awards $2,000 to a current SIUC student from Jackson County enrolled in the College of Education.

For scholarship criteria and applications, please visit www.sialumni.com/scholarships.htm.

A complete list of this year’s recipients follows:

ALONGI LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP
Nathanael Harsy

JACKSON COUNTY FAMILY YMCA SCHOLARSHIP
Jessica Camden

JACKSON COUNTY
Andrew Giritharan
Jessica Grammer
Natalie Rambeau
Amanda Reiff
Nicholas Steffon

PEORIA TRI-COUNTY
Joshua Kitterman
Kristen Wolfe

PERRY COUNTY
Stefani Kruse
Sarah Norton

RANDOLPH COUNTY
James Beers
Jenna Eggemeyer
Kaylyn Gimber
Kalie Horn
Timothy Hostert
Lindsey Schmieg

UNION COUNTY
Timothy Hinkle
Sarah Pitcher
Lucas Roney

WILLIAMSON COUNTY
Jon Baker
Sumar Kane
Danielle Lintzenich
Todd Marlo
Ryan McDonald
Mallori Stoner
Travis Taylor
Toni Whitfield
Association were Executive Director Ed Buerger and Directors Gene Green and Argus Tong. Alumni volunteers assisting the event were Chuck Bernardes, Mike Holley, Ron Rice, Guy Tawzer, and Steve Warnelis.

**Williamson County Awards Banquet**

Some 57 alumni and friends attended the dinner to honor the eight Williamson County High School scholarship recipients. The guest speaker, president and COO of Pepsi MidAmerica, Lee Crisp, imparted inspiring words of wisdom to the scholarship recipients. Support from area businesses was overwhelming, as Banterra Bank, Marion Eye Center, and Southern Illinois Baseball Group were some that supported the scholarships. Williamson County Chapter representatives Kari Sanders and George Trammell were instrumental in coordinating this event, which was attended by Association President Sheri Hunter; Executive Director Ed Buerger, directors Tim Marlo and Argus Tong, and executive secretary Nadine Lucas.

**2007 Dates For Wrigley And Busch Events To Be Announced**

The dates for the 30th annual SIU Day at Wrigley and 23rd annual SIU Day at Busch have yet to be set. Please check on our Web site www.siu alumni.com in late March for more information. Due to the popularity of these two events, tickets are available to Alumni Association members only.

**Make Your MVC Hotel Reservations Now**

Make your reservations for the Missouri Valley Conference Men’s Basketball Tournament March 1-4, 2007. Join the SIU Alumni Association at Hilton at the Ballpark (formerly St. Louis Pavilion Hotel), call today at (800) 445-8667, and ask for the SIU Alumni Association group rate.

- Special SIU Alumni Association Group rate: $118 plus tax and parking.
- Enjoy the Alumni Association Hospitality Suite.
- Transportation to/from SIU games (available only to Hilton guests registered under the SIU Alumni Association group rate).
- Reservations must be made by Jan. 27, 2007.

- Two-night minimum stay and payment required. Payments will be non-refundable after Friday, Feb. 16, 2007.

For MVC Tournament tickets, please call (618) 453-2000. Details on pregame and postgame gatherings for alumni and fans will be available after the tournament pairings have been determined. Please check www.siu alumni.com for updated information.

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

**Basketball Event In Peoria**

The Peoria Tri-County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association will host a reception prior to the Saluki men’s basketball games against the Bradley Braves on Jan. 10. Several chapters and clubs will also be hosting watch parties during the men's basketball season. For more details, please contact your chapter representatives or check the Calendar Listing at www.siu alumni.com.

**Greater Atlanta Club Watch Parties**

The Greater Atlanta Club of the SIU Alumni Association will be hosting Men’s Basketball Watch Parties for games on January 6, Jan. 23, Feb. 23, Feb. 10, and Feb. 17 at Frankie's Sports Grill. For more information, please contact the Atlanta Club president at jimjdennis@yahoo.com.

**Greater Michigan Alumni Chapter Upcoming Events**

The Greater Michigan Alumni Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association will host several alumni events for the Greater Michigan alumni. These events include a Men’s Basketball Watch Party on Jan. 6, a Detroit Alumni Dinner Party on Feb. 10, and the 8th Annual Alumni Picnic on July 28. Mark your calendars. For more information, please contact Chapter President Dale Hall at (586) 421-0595.

**Trivia Night In St. Louis**

The St. Louis Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association will be hosting its 2nd Annual Trivia Night on Jan. 26. The chapter invites all alumni and friends to form groups to compete in this mental challenge.

The revitalized St. Louis Chapter during the past year has had chapter meetings, assisted with Association events, and hosted alumni events. For more information, please contact Chapter President Loren King '00 at ncaatrack@aol.com.
**Mark Your Calendars**

*For Business Expo*

Alumni, students, and friends are invited to mark their calendars and keep a lookout for Southern Illinois University Carbondale's School of Business Expo on March 3 in St. Louis. This casual event with fun-filled activities will be held at the newly renovated Hilton at the Ballpark as part of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament festivities.

*For more information, please contact Suzanne Nasco at the Department of Marketing at the SIU College of Business at snasco@cba.siu.edu or visit http://www.cba.siu.edu/mktg/mvc.*

**Wickedly Saluki Afternoon Of Theatre In Los Angeles**

The Los Angeles Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association will be hosting a reception before the 1 p.m. matinee Broadway performance of *Wicked* — the Untold Story of the Witches of Oz on Sunday, April 22, at the Pantages Theatre. Details are being finalized at press time. Due to the popularity of the performance and a limited block of tickets, sales are open to all Association members until Jan. 22. After that date, ticket sales are open to all alumni and friends.

*For more information, please call the SIU Alumni Association office at (618) 453-2408 or check our Web site at www.siualumni.com.*

**Clubs And Chapters Of The SIU Alumni Association**

As part of the SIU Alumni Association's mission to reveal to the world the excellence of Southern Illinois University, alumni chapters are essential to maintaining a relationship between SIU alumni and their alma mater. Active clubs and chapters are in the metropolitan areas of central Florida, Colorado, greater Atlanta, greater Michigan, greater Phoenix, Los Angeles, St. Louis, and the San Francisco Bay Area. The Chicagoland Chapter and the Washington D.C./Baltimore Chapter are being revitalized. Our county chapters include Jackson, Peoria Tri-County, Perry, Prairie Capital, Randolph, Union, and Williamson.

*For more information on chapters in your area, please visit our Web site, www.siualumni.com, and select the Chapters and Groups link, or call Argus Tong at 618-453-2408.*

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**Special Memories From The Class of ’56**

"The 1955 annual choir tour to Chicago where I started dating my wife of 49 years, Joyce exSB."

**Harry Boyd, Lake Junaluska, N.C.**

"Chairing the Spring Carnival's midway for two years."

**Margaret Wilson Small, Marion, Ill.**

"Scoring a touchdown at the Homecoming game."

**Allan Rodgers, Columbia, Mo.**

"Homecoming dances with big name bands."

**Evelyn Schubach Morris, Benton Ky.**

"Tripping on my gown at graduation on the top step and falling into the arms of Dr. Delyte Morris."

**Richard Reynolds, St. Louis, Mo.**

"Homecoming my junior year when I was in the Queen's Court, and hanging out with friends at U.D.S."

**Frances Evans Barron, Indianapolis, Ind.**

"Studying with Harold Cotton and Buckminster Fuller and working on the Egyptian as business/advertising manager."

**E. Roger Vandam, Marblehead, Mass.**

"Working in the library at registration time...I loved going to college."

**Pauline Karlee Grandon, Fairbury, Ill.**

Flanked by former Association Directors Bob Odaniel (left) and J.C. Garavalia, Nadine Lucas enjoys her ride in the 2006 SIU Homecoming Parade.

Nadine Lucas will soon retire from the SIU Alumni Association after more than three decades of service to the University and its alumni.

by Marianne Lawrence
Nadine Lucas has always felt a strong obligation to make sure that Southern Illinois University's alumni are well served—a mission she has fulfilled for 35 years.

Whether a last-minute request to find four football tickets together for the Homecoming game or an urgent plea from someone looking for a lost class ring, everyone got her undivided and personal attention.

So when Lucas retires on Jan. 1, SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger knows it will be a challenge to replace her. As leader of the Association for the past 17 years, he reflects on its successes and growth and the role his administrative assistant has played in it.

"To have success and growth like we have had you need continuity, focused on a desire to serve. Nadine has always provided that," he says. "She has always been the glue." He adds that in addition to the respect she has from Association staff, alumni and members of the national board, she is well liked across campus.

Bob Odaniel, who hired Lucas in 1971, echoes Buerger's description of her, adding that the quality of her interaction with people has been especially important to the association. "She has an institution and Association memory that very few people can bring to the table."

Another former executive director, J.C. Garavalia, who was at the Association when Lucas was hired, says, "It was pretty obvious that Nadine had greater maturity and professionalism than other candidates we had seen. Over the years she has helped me in so many different roles: when I was assistant director and later executive director, the last six years as a board member, and in other roles I've held."

Lucas, who is retiring after 35 years with the SIU Alumni Association, poses with three of the directors she served. From left are J.C. Garavalia, Ed Buerger (current executive director), and Bob Odaniel.

**Hard Work Was Nothing New**

Lucas' work experiences began at the tender age of 14 in the office of her high school. During her senior year she worked after school and on Saturdays for a local attorney, then earned a two-year degree from Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tenn., graduating third in her class.

Except for a few years when her sons, Michael and Brian were young, she has been in the workforce, employed for several years by her late husband, George, when he ran the Standard Oil Company in Carrier Mills, Ill. "I got no pay whatsoever," she giggles.

The family moved to Carbondale when her husband accepted a job with General Stores, and on the recommendation of Walter Young, who was then president of the SIU Alumni Association, Odaniel hired Lucas as his secretary.

When she arrived at her new job at the SIU Alumni Association office in the basement of Forest Hall, she found herself loving it. She recalls that there were 25 student workers who
During Homecoming festivities, Buerger presented Lucas with a special plaque honoring her 35 years of service to the SIU Alumni Association.

handled all the paperwork that is done today on the computer by just a few.

"Back then they did all the membership work by hand," Lucas recalls.

"I liked the alumni work from the very beginning, especially dealing with alumni who would come to the office." She says she looked briefly into other job offers, but decided they would just be boring. "Working with our alumni has always been exciting for me."

Although Lucas has had many memorable experiences through her job, it's the people she will remember, like the alumni who was driving through town and was having a dental problem. He was lucky to get her on the phone, as she found him a dentist right away. "I have also found several class rings for people," she says, "and sometimes they have no idea they lost them."

Buerger, who meets with alumni on a regular basis all across the country, explains her involvement like this: "There are so many kind things she has done for alumni that you don't necessarily know about unless you run into that person and they tell you about it."

She recalls Odaniel telling her that it would take a full year of experiencing alumni events before she would really know the job. And some of those jobs have truly become her favorites. When Lucas goes down the list, Homecoming is right on top. "It is the most work for me of any of our events, but it is also the most enjoyable."

When she says, "I love our alumni returning for the Half Century Club," she means it—and the feeling is mutual.

Taking Care Of Their Needs

Lucas organizes those Half Century Club events during each Homecoming with the help of staff members Tina Shingleton and Jeannie Caldwell, making sure every returning alumni's needs are taken care of and that their experience on campus is special. According to Caldwell, it's not uncommon for gifts and flowers to arrive for Lucas from grateful board members and alums.

Lucas appreciates her co-workers, and says Shingleton is the reason she didn't retire earlier. "I don't know what I would have done without her with all the events we do now," she stresses.

Shingleton, however, says she is the one who has benefited from the interaction with this beloved employee. "I am inspired by her knowledge, her personal support and her determination," Shingleton says. "Nadine makes sure that everything is right. I've learned a lot just watching her work."

Lucas' major roles in helping plan events like Homecoming, the special reunion of past presidents (she is proud to have worked with 30 presidents during her long tenure at the SIU Alumni Association) and the Missouri Valley Conference basketball tournaments remain a source of many great memories.

"The Valley Tournament has turned into one of my favorite weekends, as it's just a great time to visit so many alumni. Everyone is so excited—especially if we're winning," she adds with a smile. And she had a big smile herself last season when she encountered her favorite Saluki in the hotel lobby.

"Jamal Tatum has always been one of
Over the years, the sight of a smiling Lucas is something alumni came to expect when they attended an SIU Alumni Association event.

"If you look back on a career where you really have loved what you've done and on at least four days out of five looked forward to going to work, then that's a unique fit and I think that's been Nadine's experience."

"When you walk in the door and someone like Nadine greets you every morning it starts the day off right – even though it might not always end up right, it sure starts off right."

Ed Buerger
Executive Director, SIU Alumni Association

"As I became President of the SIU Alumni Association, Nadine was there to assist, train, coach and make certain we did our role as President and member of the Board. To that point, she is the most thoughtful, gracious and strong willed person who made my time on the Board productive and enjoyable. Ultimately the current size and breadth of the Association is a direct credit to her radiance and Ed Buerger.

She is the consummate ambassador for SIU and its Alumni Association. Nadine's heartfelt warmth and love of all of us belies the strength of her faith, principles and unconditional love of SIU. It is my honor to have the privilege to work with her and be considered a friend as well. Would that in my lifetime, I could positively affect so many peoples lives as Nadine does."

Paul Conti
Naperville, Ill.

"Nadine was a great role model. More importantly, she loved her work and took great pride in her role as a support person to the directors."

Suzanne McCann
Former Alumni Association employee, now with SIU University Housing

"After 23 years of volunteer work with the SIU Alumni Association and SIU Foundation, I would consider Nadine Lucas family. This woman, who always has a blushing smile, has done so much for the Alumni Association. Her cheerful attitude and exceedingly professional style have made my experience with SIU a good one.

We all owe a huge amount of gratitude to Nadine for a job done to perfection. I thank her for her help and will always treasure her friendship."

Jim Gildersleeve
SIU Foundation Board of Directors

"These are the words, I think, that describe Nadine: competent, warm, unaffected, friendly, organized, smiling, and honest. She is the linchpin of the SIU Alumni Association."

Patricia Hunsaker
Former Alumni Board Member

"I first met Nadine Lucas when I served on the Alumni Association board of directors as student body president. When I joined the Association staff years later I still called her Mrs. Lucas, and do to this day. It's just a subtle reminder that I respect her for all she has done over the years with the Association. She made all of our jobs easier."

"To many people, alumni and co-workers alike, Nadine Lucas is the SIU Alumni Association. She has been the foremost positive ambassador the University could ever have imagined having, a true lady."

Brad Cole
Mayor of Carbondale

"I've known Nadine since she was hired by Bob Odaniel and she has truly been the glue that keeps the Association together. It always amazes me how she remembers your voice even though you haven't called in a long time. And her voice on the other end of the line is always comforting. She is such a nurturing person."

Mimi Wallace
Former SIU Alumni Association President

What They're Staying About Nadine Lucas
Alumni listed in maroon are SIU Alumni Association members.

1950s

Sculptor Robert Wiggs '52, retired from the fine arts faculty of the University of Louisiana Lafayette, presented a lecture last summer at a meeting of the International Symmetry Foundation in Budapest, Hungary. Wiggs has previously lectured at conferences in Japan, Israel, South Africa, University of Texas and Chicago Art Institute.

1960s

Beverly Coleman ‘61, M.S. ’65, who served on the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors for 12 years, has retired. In a career spanning more than 45 years she served in Illinois Unit #4 School District in Champaign, the Illinois Department of Education, and Chicago Region V before spending 26 years working in Washington, D.C., for the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). Coleman served on the Association’s national board from 1984 to 1992 and from 2001 to 2005.

Billie Pedigo Chaney '63, Belleville, Ill., Pat Thompson Schaefer '65, Phoenix, Ariz., Michele Middleton, 1962 and lived on the second floor. for a reunion recently in St. Louis to share memories of their time at Southern. Many moved into Baldwin when it opened its doors in 1960s.

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Seated in the front row are Cathy McEvilly, Glen Carbon, Ill., Barbara Nemetsky Bennett ’66, St. Louis, and Judy McDonald Wharton Irvine ’66, Fresno, Calif.

Former Baldwin Hall Residents Meet In St. Louis

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1970s

Michael Sawitz ’71 has retired after a 34-year teaching career. He lives in Mundelein, Ill. Tom Winski ’71 was honored with the Journalism Education Association’s Medal of Merit, which recognizes contributions to scholastic journalism. Winski taught for 35 years in Illinois high schools except for two years he spent in public relations. He served as the Journalism Education Association state director for Illinois, taught summer workshops at Eastern Illinois University and Ball State University and co-authored a textbook, Journalism: Writing for Publication. Since 2004 he has taught at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Ky.

William Craddock ’73 lives in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and has recently had his novel, Noble’s Gold, published. The book is available online at www.amazon.com and through Barnes & Noble.

James Willis ’74 is working on his doctorate in psychology at Walden University. The Vietnam veteran lives in Hazelcrest, Ill., and remains grateful to Southern, noting “I recently celebrated 30 years of professional employment since leaving SIU. It’s a pleasure to be a graduate of SIU and to have enjoyed the success I have had since leaving college.” Willis and his wife are the parents of two college-age children.

Richard Berg ’75 has retired after 30 years with Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc. He and his wife, Eva, live in Tampa, Fla.

Nelson Henning ’76 was recently promoted to professor of social work at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio, where he has taught since 1994. He lives in Springfield, Ohio.

Clint McDonnough ’77 has been named managing partner for the Dallas office of Ernst & Young LLP. He will oversee client service delivery for Dallas-based clients and provide a positive work environment for the firm’s more than 1,200 employees. He is on the board of directors for Gilda’s Club and...
Koplowitz Offering 25th Anniversary Limited Reprint Of Carbondale After Dark

A cult classic publication dealing with Carbondale and Southern Illinois University in the 1960s and 1970s will soon be available once again. H.B. Koplowitz '77, is republishing Carbondale After Dark, his illustrated anthology of history, essays, and short stories from that era. The 25th anniversary limited reprint includes new forewords by Southern graduates The New Yorker cartoonist P.S. Mueller '76 and actor Dennis Franz '70.

"Last I heard, used copies were going for 25 cents at yard sales," Koplowitz says. "But then an urban legend was going around that rare copies were selling for hundreds of dollars on eBay. After seeing my modest tome listed for $90 at amazon.com, and another Web site offering it for $140, I decided to issue the reprint."

Self-published by Koplowitz in 1982 when he was a reporter at the Southern Illinoisan, the book provides a blow-by-blow account of the political and cultural upheavals that occurred in Carbondale. It also features some incredible vintage photos from that era. He expects the book, which will sell for $19.95, to be available for purchase by early 2007. For more information on Koplowitz and Carbondale After Dark, go to his Web site at hbkoplowitz.com.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of North Texas.

James Accurso '79 has been appointed assistant director of media relations of the Archdiocese of Chicago with responsibilities for both local and national press and media relations initiatives. He formerly served as director of communications at Holy Family Catholic Community in Inverness, Ill. Accurso, his wife, Theresa, and their two children, Mary Katherine and James, live in Mt. Prospect, Ill.

Rodney Talbot '79 was recently elected to the national board of directors of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. He was presented with the fraternity's "Alumnus of the Year" award for 2005. Talbot is currently president of Talbot Asset Management in Winter Garden, Fla.

1980s

Bob Hursthouse '80 president of Hursthouse Inc., an award-winning landscape architecture and contracting firm since 1990, will appear in the Landscaper's Challenge program on Home and Garden Television (HGTV) next year. The Naperville, Ill., company won the competition over two other landscapers to create a design for homeowners in Arlington Heights, Ill. His design was installed, and the segment was filmed in September.

Hursthouse and his wife, Robbi '80, who is vice president of culture for the company and a horticultural therapist, live in Naperville with their son, Scott.

The Museum of Funeral Customs in Springfield, Ill., has elected Paula Staab Polk '80 secretary of its board. Polk is president of Paula J. Staab Polk Service Consultants Inc. Cremation Services of Central Illinois, Sangamon Prairie Reception Center, and Staab Polk Memorial Home, which has been recognized by the National Funeral Directors Association as a Pursuit of Excellence Eagle Award for 2001-2006. She has taught at SIUC and is currently on the advisory board of the College of Applied Science and Arts Department of Mortuary Science.

Stephen Katsinas M.A. '81, Ph.D. '86, director of the University of Alabama Education Policy Center and professor of higher education, received the 2006 George Autry Award in recognition of his lifelong commitment to scholarly research, advocacy and service to America's rural community colleges. The award was presented at the Rural Community College Alliance annual meeting in September.

Mark McAllister '81 is president of 361 Marketing Solutions, a full-service marketing agency in Bloomington, Ill.

Stanley Burcham Ph.D. '82 is assistant professor in the division of education, health and human performance at McKendree College in Lebanon, Ill. He was formerly coordinator of the colleges' Transitions to Teaching program. He and his wife, Kathleen, make their home in St. Louis.

Philip Godfrey '82 will become president and chief executive officer of the National Senior Games Association on Jan. 1, 2007. Godfrey, who has been affiliated with the Baton Rouge-based association for 20 years, currently serves as vice president and chief operating officer. The association is sponsor of the National Senior Olympics.

David Hartman '83, M.D., '01 has joined the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine faculty as assistant professor of family community medicine, based at Southern Illinois Family Medicine in Carbondale. Before joining SIU he was a clinical physician at Crosstrails Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Mo. He and his wife, Rhonda, are the parents of two children, Lindsay and Michael.

Steve Stahl '84, director of operations for CNN in Washington, D.C., has been recognized with an Emmy Award for CNN's coverage of Hurricane Katrina and a Dupont Columbia Award for the network's coverage of the tsunami in Southeast Asia.

Arif Khan '86, M.S., '90 has been named vice president of support services for Southcoast Hospitals Group in New Bedford, Mass. Khan was formerly senior director of operations and clinical technology for the University of Maryland Medical System. He and his wife, Ailiya Khan, and three children live in Lakeville, Mass.

Gordon Nakagawa Ph.D. '86 has been named director for diversity integration at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn. Nakagawa has worked in higher education for 30 years, most recently as associate dean in the college of humanities at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn.
California State University, Northridge.

Eva Keiser '89 has joined Risdall-McKinney Public Relations in New Brighton, Minn., as vice president. Keiser has been recognized in the public relations industry with numerous national and local awards. An active member of the Public Relations Society of America, Keiser lives in Minneapolis with her husband and two sons.

1990s

Sandra Lang M.A. '92, Ph.D. '01, assistant professor of accounting and chair of the business division at McKendree College in Lebanon, Ill., has been recognized for educational excellence for the second year in a row by "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." Lang, who has been a member of the McKendree faculty since 1992, lives with her husband, James, in Greenville, Ill.

William Jividan '94 was named 2006 Manufacturing Practice Specialty Safety Professional of the Year by the American Society of Safety Engineers. Jividan, senior safety analyst for Starbucks Coffee Company in Seattle, is president of the Society's Puget Sound Chapter.

Pete Riley '94, M.S. '95 has been promoted to vice president of education and training for Mediatech Inc. in the company's new Colorado Springs office. Riley has experience in designing and implementing instructional technology and higher education, U.S. Marine Corps Maj.

2000s

Nathan Dolan '01 has started his three-year residency program at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine's Family Medicine Center in Carbondale. Dr. Dolan is married and has a new daughter.

2006 Mrs. Illinois United States

Lisa O'Brien Niewolny '93, has spent the past year as reigning 2006 Mrs. Illinois United States, traveling throughout Illinois to implement her platform of "Girls of Greatness," a self-esteem-building program. A graduate of Southern's radio and television program with a concentration in broadcast journalism, Niewolny has worked on the local and national level as a news reporter, anchor, television host, and columnist. She is currently a freelance journalist in Chicago, where she and her husband, Dean, and their two children reside. The former Lisa O'Brien, who was crowned Apple Fest Queen during the 1990 Murphysboro Apple Festival, enjoys jazz and American Idol Karaoke.

Vivika Vergara '04 is a general assignment reporter for WITI FOX6 in Milwaukee, Wis. She formerly worked for Illinois Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn as a policy advisor. She is looking for fellow alumni in the Milwaukee area.

Donald Gribbin '05 has been named chair of the Department of Accountancy at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Gribbin had been a faculty member at Southern Illinois University since 1989. He holds bachelor's degrees from Southern and Bethel College and advanced degrees from Western Michigan, Dallas Theological Seminary, Ball State and Oklahoma State.
King And Queen
Paul Wright, a graduate student from Cincinnati, Ohio, and LeLeya Pelts, a senior from St. Louis, Mo. were crowned Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of Southern's 31-24 win over Western Illinois.

Fraternity Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Members of the Sigma Lambda Beta, Nu Alpha Chapter, attended a SIU Alumni Association pregame tailgate to celebrate their fraternity's 10th anniversary. The Dawgs did their part in the celebration, beating Northern Iowa 47-23.
All Aboard The Saluki Train

A new train called "The Saluki" has been added to the service Amtrak provides between Carbondale and Chicago, helping serve the nearly 80 percent of Southern students who come from the northern part of the state.

Amtrak now offers morning departures from Chicago at 9:15 a.m. and Carbondale at 7:30 a.m. for the 5½-hour run. In addition to The Saluki, The Illini, and City of New Orleans trains operate in and out of Chicago.

The additional train gives Chicago and students from other parts of the state another option of getting back and forth between home and campus. The train stops in DuQuoin, Centralia, Effingham, Mattoon, Champaign, Rantoul, Gilman, Kankakee and Homewood.

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole christens "The Saluki" train that will run between Chicago and Carbondale daily, giving students another travel option from between their homes in the northern part of the state and the Southern campus.

Go where the elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion and leopard call home.

South Africa is a beautiful and amazingly diverse land, home to the famous "Big Five" (elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion, and leopard). Explore bustling Cape Town, a beautiful city set on a peninsula of rocky outcroppings and lush valleys with the Indian and Atlantic oceans converging at its feet. Observe some of the world's most remarkable creatures in their natural habitat as you enjoy morning and evening game drives at the Pilanesberg Game Reserve. An optional extension to Victoria Falls in Zambia, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, is available.

Available to SIU alumni and friends

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*Prices are per person, double occupancy (plus taxes)
In late March, the SIU Alumni Association conducted a random survey of SIU alumni to help us evaluate how we are doing. “Thank you” to those of you who participated. Understanding your perceptions about the University and your Alumni Association are key to our providing alumni programs and services which are valuable in maintaining your lifelong connection to the University.

The response from fellow Salukis was tremendous as over 2,000 alumni completed the SIUAA survey. The survey results were presented to university leaders, SIUAA Staff, and the Board of Directors of the SIUAA on April 29, 2006. As promised, the SIU Alumni Association is committed to taking appropriate action based on the feedback we received.

The vast majority of respondents indicated that they benefited from the education they received at SIU. You told us you were pleased that the university continues to provide the quality of the educational experience you enjoyed as a student and appreciate the ongoing commitment to enhance the value of your Southern degree.

If you wish to review the complete results of the survey, please visit: http://pegltd.com/presentations/aas/SIUalumnisurveyresults/

If you have any suggestions or comments, please email us (alumni@siu.edu) or call the SIU Alumni Association's office at 618-453-2408. Please direct your call to Tim Marlo, Director of Business and Financial Services.

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Affinity Programs Offer Many Services To SIU Alumni

The SIU Alumni Association offers a variety of affinity services to alumni. These services include a credit card, insurance, student loan consolidation, alumni travel programs, and SIU merchandise. According to the 2006 Alumni Attitude Survey, many alumni do not realize why we offer these services.

There are two reasons why the SIU Alumni Association offers these services. First, they benefit alumni by providing important services that families traditionally use. The SIU Alumni Association strives to represent the best products at a fair, reasonable cost. An example of this is the recent addition of student loan consolidations.

By consolidating loans, students can save up to 45 percent in their monthly payments. Alumni travel is very popular as well. Alumni can travel in first class style at a low cost to more than 10 worldwide destinations each year. Finally, these services generate revenue to support SIU Alumni Association programs.

It is through the royalties that these affinity programs generate that the Association keeps membership dues and event costs reasonable. In addition, a portion of the money received also funds student activities such as the Extern program.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about SIU Alumni Association’s affinity programs, please visit the Programs and Services page on www.siualumni.com or call (618) 453-2408.
From Rec To Retirement
McMinn steps down after 25 years of serving students
by Sean McGahan

Southern students not only lost an administrator when Bill McMinn retired in December — they lost one of their biggest supporters as well.

"I'm here to serve you. You're a student. That's my job," the former director of Recreational Sports and Services had long explained. McMinn worked for Recreational Sports and Services for the past 25 years and had been its leader for the past 13. As director, he was in charge of the Recreation Center and a variety of programs such as intramural sports.

McMinn says he chose to retire Dec. 15 to pursue other goals, such as traveling and working to help the underprivileged throughout southern Illinois.

"There are just some other things I want to do in life," he explains.

The Rec Center has undergone countless changes since it was built in 1977, and the biggest change is the influx of patrons. "It's the popularity. We had a total of 80,000 users in 1977, and now we'll get 80,000 here in the month of February alone," McMinn says.

In addition to the users, the Rec Center employs more than 300 students, and McMinn always made it his personal responsibility to make sure these students developed as good citizens. "That's what really excited me about having a position like this," the SIU Alumni Association Life Member says. "I think it was important for students to know that I had their back, and I that I was genuinely concerned not just about how they were doing here, but how they were doing in school and in life.

Lindsey Lappin, a senior from Marion studying fashion merchandising, has worked at the Rec Center's Information Desk for a year. She says McMinn was always stopping by to make sure she was having a good day. "He's very personable, always making sure we're doing well in school," she recalls.

McMinn, a veteran of the Vietnam War, says he always tried to lead students by example, a practice he learned during his service in the Marine Corps.

"I had this title that's next to me called director, but I was no different and no more important than any person that works there," he explains. "In the Marine Corps, the general never thought himself any more important than the private in the foxhole, and that's how you should lead people here."

McMinn says the personal approach is what makes Southern such a unique campus. "Seldom will you see a university of this size that has such a genuine, sincere compassion for its students," he says. He also believes that the diversity of the student body sets the school apart.

"I could walk through the Rec Center and take a trip around the world, never having to leave the building," he says. Just talking to the students from various countries, it was truly an accurate reflection of what the world is and what the students will soon be going into."

SIU Athletics Assistant Director Jason King, who has worked closely with McMinn for the past six years, says the former director always went out of his way to help anyone he could on campus.

"Bill was just an unbelievable ambassador for the whole University because he really was a person who knew how things would affect the campus," King says. "And he also was determined to provide the best service he could to Southern and its students."

And although he is now retired, SIU students will still see him around, just in a different role. "I'll be in to play racquetball and work out at the Rec Center," he says. "And that will be fun, as it will allow me to continue to interact with the students."

- Sean McGahan is a student reporter at the Daily Egyptian.
In the 1956 edition of the Obelisk, this photo of President and Mrs. Morris appeared under the headline, "The Presidency – A Family Affair." Noting Morris’ interaction with students, the student author said: A University presidency is a way of life. More than a job, it permeates every waking moment. More than an individual experience, it is a family affair. The many personal contacts comprising University relations are extra. This is the creation of Southern's spirit of democratic cordiality. We particularly appreciate Mrs. Morris, always ready with a friendly greeting. She always calls us by name.
Retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Joe Johnson has not forgotten the important things that shaped his life—the core values learned from his mother, his talent on the basketball court, and experience at Southern Illinois University.

"I am the son of a coal miner, who was the son of a coal miner, who was the son of a coal miner," says Johnson. "We were poor, but proud and hard working people. I can never repay Southern for the basketball scholarship I earned and the help provided."

Johnson returned to the University's Homecoming in October to join the Half Century Club of 1956 graduates and relive memories of those days on campus with his classmates and some of his basketball teammates. He and his wife, Carole, a 1959 graduate, look forward to returning for her reunion in a few years. "We've been away too long," says Johnson, calling the homecoming experience on a scale of one to ten, as a 15.

A four-year basketball letterman SIU, Johnson served as team captain his senior year. He enjoys recalling his technique on the court while shaking hands with the player he was to guard. "I'd smile and tell him that I would be guarding him, but that he'd be getting no points that night."

Seymour Bryson, Associate Chancellor for Diversity and three-degree alumnus, remembers the help he got from Johnson when he was a freshman. "He told me what I needed to do if I wanted to be a starter. I know he has close emotional ties to Southern and is typical of what SIU was like in the Morris era."

Johnson was a standout guard from Mt. Vernon High School when his team won two state championships and took third place another year, earning him a full athletic scholarship to SIU. His career highlights include being named all-conference guard two years and a Little All-American nomination.

Although his heart and soul were on the basketball court, Johnson was also involved with campus ROTC and was commissioned as an officer in the Air Force upon his graduation in 1956. The next year he was called to active duty beginning a long and distinguished military.

He returned to his alma mater for four years when the Air Force assigned him as an ROTC instructor. During those years he became involved in both campus and community and in 1965 received the SIU Foundation Award for his contributions to the ROTC unit and his work for the Carbondale and Murphysboro United Fund Campaigns.

During his 26 years of active duty, Johnson logged more than 6,500 hours of flying time, 1,000 of which were combat hours, earning combat decorations with V for Valor. His military career had a strong emphasis on management, leadership, planning and team building, skills that have served him well in a second career with United Services Automobile Association in San Antonio, Texas, where he makes his home.

For his loyalty to Southern Illinois University and service to his country and community, the SIU Alumni Association proudly salutes Joe Johnson.

"I really encourage all alumni to get back to campus, see their professors, and not forget their roots."

Joe E. Johnson '56
Retired U.S. Air Force Colonel
Life Member of the SIU Alumni Association
Happy Holidays
From The SIU Alumni Association