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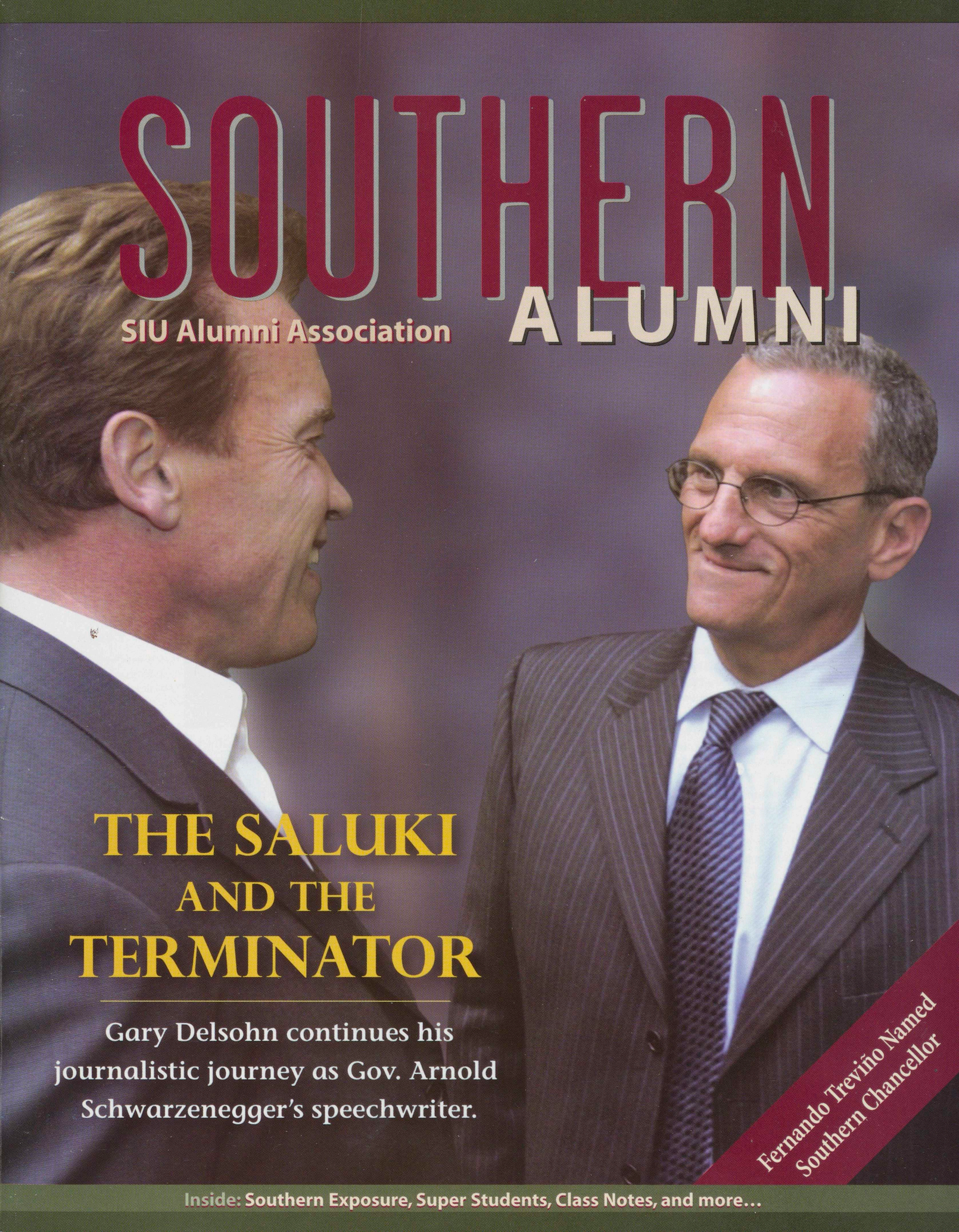
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A photograph of two men in suits. The man on the left is shown in profile, looking towards the man on the right. The man on the right is wearing glasses and looking back at the first man. They appear to be in a professional setting.

THE SALUKI AND THE TERMINATOR

Gary Delsohn continues his
journalistic journey as Gov. Arnold
Schwarzenegger's speechwriter.

Fernando Treviño Named
Southern Chancellor

Inside: Southern Exposure, Super Students, Class Notes, and more...

\$1 Million Gift Will Support College of Business Initiatives

A Pittsburgh, Pa., couple is providing a \$1 million leadership gift to raise the profile of Southern Illinois University Carbondale's College of Business and Administration (CoBA).

The Herb and Barbara Shear Leadership Gift will assist the college in attaining its long-term strategic goals. Herbert Shear, a 1969 SIU marketing graduate who is chief executive officer of GENCO Distribution System, a third-party logistics company in Pittsburgh, wants his alma mater's business school to flourish.

"I would like to see the College of Business distinguish itself by taking on a leadership role and garnering recognition in the business community," Shear says. "We want our graduates to have value to the industry when companies visit SIU to recruit employees. I am hoping this gift will assist the University in achieving this goal."

Half of the donation will be used for projects the business school dean deems appropriate and critical. The remaining \$500,000 will either continue to be used by the college for pertinent areas or be endowed for a specific long-term need, according to Shear. The Shears will consult with the dean regarding this portion of the gift.

Dean of the College of Business and Administration Dennis Cradit says the gift provides the college with support necessary to attain its future goals.

"The College of Business at Southern seeks a future in which we can aggressively pursue a program of innovation in all aspects of student services, business education, and college operations," Cradit says. "We need the ability to rapidly and effectively pursue new opportunities in the fulfillment of our mission and strategic plan.

"The Shears' gift allows us to create a *"Critical Impact"* fund that gives us just that ability. We are profoundly grateful for the leadership they have shown."

Shear has exhibited a history of supporting his alma mater. He is chair of the CoBA Steering Committee for the University's *Opportunity Through Excellence* comprehensive campaign, which seeks to raise \$100 million for the people, programs, and places of SIU. He has served on the CoBA External Advisory Board for 10 years. The Shears' previous gifts to the University have provided new computers for professors and support for endowed professorships and an MBA classroom.

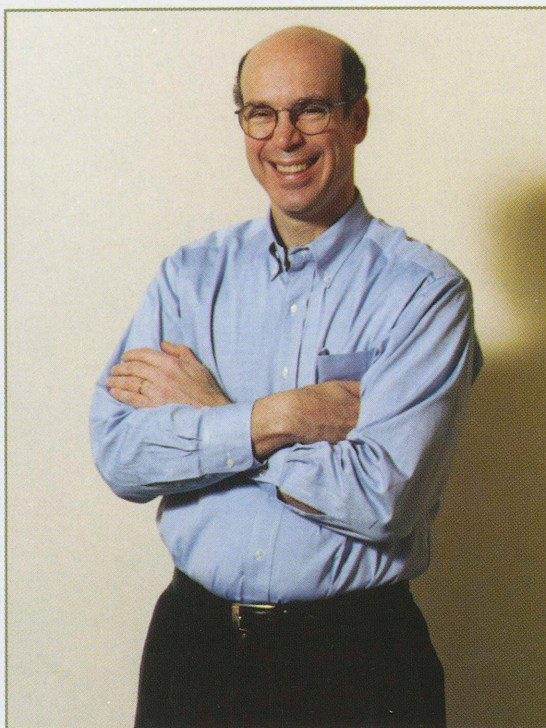
Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and CEO of the SIU Foundation, says the Shears have assumed a leadership role in the University's fund-raising efforts.

"Herb and Barbara Shear have demonstrated longstanding loyalty to the College of Business and Administration and SIU. We are truly grateful for their generosity," says McCurry. "The Shears are outstanding individuals who are committed to our goal of moving Southern forward. We hope more alumni and friends follow suit."

A 1997 CoBA Hall of Fame inductee, Shear says the University set a foundation for his success.

"Southern gave me an opportunity, and I've always wanted to reciprocate. That is the reason behind our involvement," he says. "I didn't have good high school grades; SIU was one of few schools that would accept me.

"There were professors at SIU who made an impact on me. The education I received there gave me the start I needed in the business world."



Herb Shear wants Southern grads to offer strong value to industry when companies visit the campus to recruit employees. The Pittsburgh, Pa., businessman says the University gave him an opportunity, and he has always wanted to reciprocate. "That is the reason behind our involvement."

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ON THE COVER

Southern grad Gary Delsohn shares a light moment with California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger before a recent speech. The former *DE* reporter is Schwarzenegger's chief speechwriter and deputy communications director. Cover photo by John Decker.

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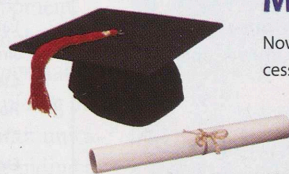
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The Saluki And The Terminator

In February 2006 Gary Delsohn '75 decided to leave the security of his job on the staff of the *Sacramento Bee* to try and make a difference on a much larger stage. The former *Daily Egyptian* mainstay became chief speechwriter and deputy communications director for Arnold Schwarzenegger, California's larger-than-life governor. "I feel like I'm *still* trying to make a difference," he says, "only now it's on the other side of the fence."



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Making The Grade

Now is a great time to follow Saluki athletic teams, as unparalleled success has produced excitement and national exposure at levels never before experienced at Southern. Another important component, however, is just as impressive as championships being won on the playing field. SIU's student-athletes are piling up academic awards, and more than 54 percent boast a plus-3.0 GPA. With a staggering graduation rate of 91 percent for those who compete for four years, earning a degree remains the main goal for most Saluki athletes.

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Still Flowing 20 Years Later

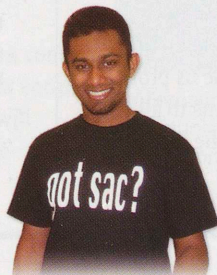
For the past two decades, the River to River Relay has been bringing teams together to challenge 80 miles of southern Illinois' toughest terrain. This year's event, once again featuring a huge contingent of Saluki participants, brought 240, eight-runner teams to the region in April. The race's inception, however, was anything but smooth when the idea was first hatched more than 20 years ago.

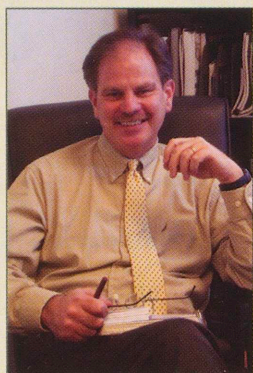


An Unconventional Spring Break

While Timasha Udugama's friends spent a week of March vacationing in Key West, Cancun, and other exotic locales, he opted for an unconventional approach to spring break. He participated in the SIU Alumni Association's award-winning Extern Program, making his way to the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass. Since 1984, the Extern Program has placed almost 3,000 students across the nation, and on average, 45 percent are offered future opportunities with their sponsoring companies.

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by Gene Green

On July 1, Doris Rottschalk becomes the new president of the SIU Alumni Association – sort of. “I am *not* really a new president, just recycled,” Rottschalk ’69 says with a smile. “My first term (in 1999) lasted one year, and I was still teaching and volunteering on several other organizations and boards. I am now retired and plan to devote the majority of my time – after my family – to the SIU Alumni Association.

“I am excited to serve with a phenomenal board of directors, devoted, hard-working staff, and 215,000 of the greatest alumni in the world.”

It seems fitting to me that Rottschalk will take the gavel from good friend and fellow educator Sheri Hunter ’76, M.S. ’88, who handled her duties with extreme grace and professionalism the past two years. The transition should be seamless, as the pair has maintained an open line of communication with matters concerning the University and the Association.

“My time as president of the SIU Alumni Association was eventful to say the least,” Hunter says. “I saw the inauguration of a new SIU president, served on two important search committees (for the athletic director and chancellor), helped celebrate McLeod Theatre’s 50th anniversary, and witnessed the dedication of the Troutt-Wittmann Center and the new SIU Student Health Center.”

A big sports fan, she also took personal pride in watching the Saluki men’s basketball team win another Missouri Valley Conference title, earn a top-20 national ranking, and a spot in the NCAA Sweet 16.

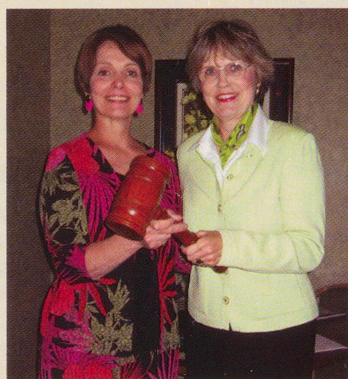
“Despite the long hours required, serving as president of the Association was extremely rewarding,” Hunter says. “Our membership continues to grow, as do the services we offer to alumni. Whether it is the variety and number of events sponsored, or our diligence in helping provide scholarships for students, the SIU Alumni Association strives to make a difference. I’m proud to have been a small part of that.”

I want to congratulate her on a job well done, while predicting the escalation of another pursuit. She and husband, Richard ’67, M.S. ’74, Ph.D. ’72, can now focus much more time and energy on spoiling their first grandchild – a task they unabashedly embrace with true Saluki Pride.

From Salukis everywhere, thank you Sheri for your service to Southern!

We hope you enjoy this issue of *Southern Alumni* and help us celebrate various student accomplishments at Southern. From SIU’s Super Students to the University’s Distinguished Seniors, these young people have made us proud.

This edition of the magazine is being mailed with our compliments to all graduating seniors, as we wish them well in making a difference in the world around them. Congratulations to Southern’s newest graduates!



Doris Rottschalk, left, accepts the president’s gavel from Sheri Hunter at a recent SIU Alumni Association board meeting.



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Fernando Treviño Named Southern's New Chancellor

Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard announced May 22 that Fernando Treviño is his choice to become the next chancellor of the Carbondale campus. Treviño will replace John Dunn, Southern's provost and vice chancellor since



2002, who took over as interim chancellor last November. Dunn became president of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo in July (see accompanying story).

For the past eight years the 57-year-old Treviño has served as dean of the School of Public Health at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth. He also is a professor of health management and policy. Since 2002, he also served as director of the Texas Institute for Hispanic Health in the School of Public Health, and since 1999, he has served as director of the school's Institute for Public Health Research.

"Dr. Treviño will be an outstanding leader for the Carbondale campus and an effective ambassador for the University across the region, the state and the nation," Poshard says. "He has a substantial track record in higher education, in research, in community service and in working at the national and international levels."

The Eagle Pass, Texas, native says he looks forward to becoming part of the SIUC and southern Illinois communities.

"This is an institution with rich traditions and a reputation for excellence in teaching, research and service," he says. "I am excited to have the opportunity to participate in the University's continued growth and development."

He emphasizes the importance of "building better communication, building a sense of teamwork on campus, and building enrollment."

Roger Tedrick, chair of the SIUC Board of Trustees, is enthusiastic about Poshard's choice.

"I am confident our entire board will approve

President Poshard's recommendation without hesitation," Tedrick says, noting that board members were pleased with the inclusive process Poshard used in making his decision. "Dr. Treviño brings with him not only a tremendous record of achievements, but a passion and commitment to moving the University forward."

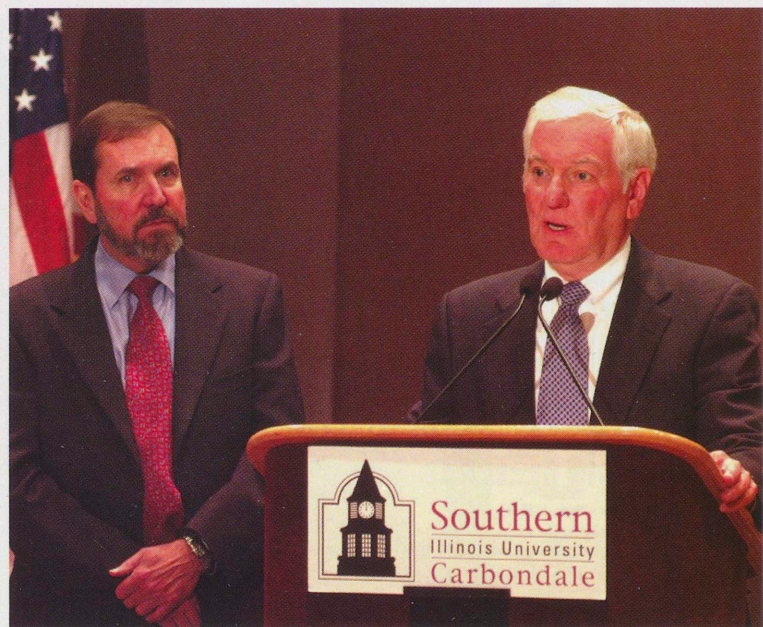
Treviño is a past president of the World Federation of Public Health Associations in Geneva, Switzerland. From 1993 to 1996, Treviño was executive director of the American Public Health Association in Washington, D.C., and executive editor of *The Nation's Health*.

He was only the seventh

person in 124 years to serve as the chief executive officer of the association, which is the oldest and largest society of public health workers in the world and the largest publisher of public health books and journals.

Southern's new chancellor earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1971 from the University of Houston, his master's of public health degree in 1975 from the University of Texas School of Public Health, and his doctorate in 1979 from the University of Texas Medical Branch.

An interview with Treviño will be featured in a future issue of *Southern Alumni* magazine. ■



Dr. Fernando Treviño is introduced to media and members of the University community by SIUC President Glenn Poshard. He replaces interim chancellor John Dunn, who was recently named president at Western Michigan University.

Papa Mike's Welcomes Alums With Discount

Owned by Doug '92 and Jennifer Dillard '90, MS '92, Papa Mike's Bar and Grill serves up Midwest favorites Saluki style. Alumni Association members receive 15 percent off any food purchase including their specialty cheese and bacon fries, served with home-



made ranch dressing. Other delectable menu items include

wings served with a choice of seven different sauces, fried pickles, and hand-pattied and flame-grilled 1/3-lb. burgers. Papa Mike's serves food from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Looking for a place to have a meeting, wedding or other special occasion? Papa Mike's also offers a banquet facility and catering. Papa Mike's is located at 728 S. West St. in Olney, Ill.

Cold Stone Creamery Offers Cool Savings

If it has anything to do with ice cream, it has everything to do with Cold Stone Creamery. Carol Hacker '82 and her husband, Craig, own and operate the franchise located at 16 The Boulevard in St. Louis, across from the Galleria Shopping Mall. From unique ice cream creations to smoothies, cakes and shakes – nobody serves up the ulti-



mate indulgence like Cold Stone Creamery. It starts with using the highest

quality ingredients and ends with their signature process for preparing your custom creation on a frozen granite stone.

Alumni receive a 10 percent discount on purchases at this St. Louis location only. In addition, Cold Stone Creamery donates 5 percent of every alumni purchase to the Alumni Association to benefit its programs and services.

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UniversiTees, located on the Strip in Carbondale and online at www.universitees.com is a great place to outfit any Saluki. UniversiTees offers Saluki fans and SIU students inexpensive options in licensed apparel and gifts. From apparel for the whole family to hats, gifts, and accessories, UniversiTees has you covered!



Alumni Association members receive a 20 percent discount off the entire in-store

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Dunn Named President Of Western Michigan University

The Western Michigan University Board of Trustees recently named John M. Dunn, formerly interim chancellor at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, as its eighth president.

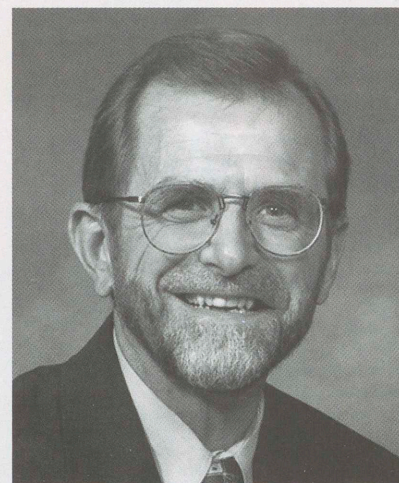
Dunn, interim chancellor at SIUC since last November, remained at Southern through June 30. WMU is Michigan's fourth-largest higher education institution with an enrollment of 25,000 students. He was not a candidate for the permanent position at the Carbondale campus.

Dunn, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, described his time at Southern as a positive and memorable experience.

"My wife, Linda, and I have enjoyed being part of University and the community," he says. "I have the highest regard for Southern, its students, faculty, and staff. I treasure the relationships I have forged here, relationships that can only come from working and interacting with top-quality people.

"My goal is to continue assisting SIUC in my future endeavors as president of Western Michigan University and, of course, I will always carry with me that special, unique experience known as 'Saluki Pride.'"

An educator for more than 30 years, Dunn became Southern's provost and vice chancellor in 2002.

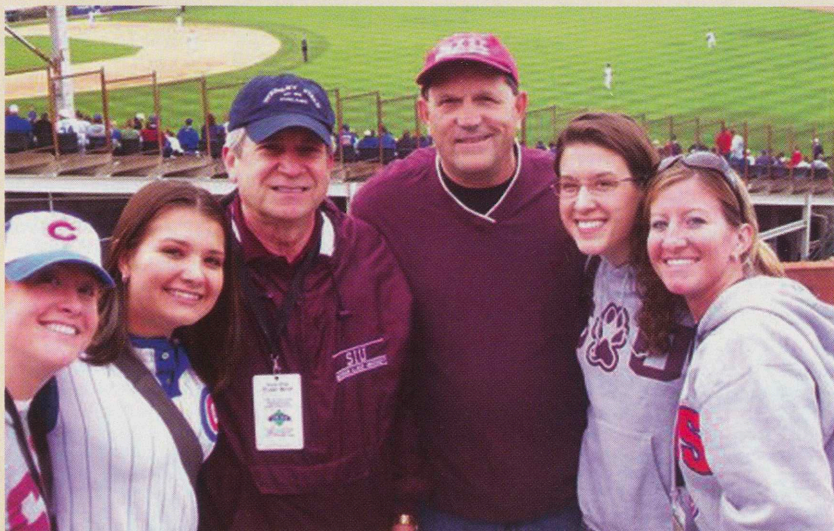


Dunn says he will always carry his "Saluki Pride" with him.

Guidance Counselors Join Dawgs On A Rooftop

Southern Illinois University Carbondale held an event in Chicago on May 5 for high school guidance counselors from that area. More than 150 counselors, Southern alumni, faculty, and staff attended the affair hosted on a Wrigleyville rooftop by SIU Alumni Association Life Member George Loukas '73 and his daughter, Stacey.

The event helped showcase Southern and promote the recruitment of prospective students to the University. "This type of event provides us with an opportunity to reconnect with guidance counselors in the Chicago area and help them understand some of the wonderful things that are happening at Southern," says John Davis, special assistant to the SIU President.



"It was an outstanding success. We plan to do more in the future and also intend to bring counselors to Carbondale so they can experience the campus for themselves."

Enjoying a day in Wrigleyville, from left: SIU graduate student Amy Spomer, SIU Honors Program undergraduate and Goldwater Scholarship recipient Kathleen Lask, Special Assistant to the SIU President John Davis, event host George Loukas, SIU Honors undergraduate Kelsey Nave, and SIU Undergraduate Admissions Counselor Tedgie Hennel.

Shirley McGlinn Honored By Southern

Shirley McGlinn, longtime instructor in Southern's Medical/Dental Education Preparatory Program (MEDPREP), has won the University's top teaching honor for faculty members not in tenure-track positions.

McGlinn, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, will receive \$3,000 through SIUC's "Excellence Through Commitment Awards Program" that rewards ongoing contributions by tenured and term faculty, staff, and graduate assistants throughout the University. She also receives a personal parking space for a year and a wristwatch presented by the SIU Alumni Association.

She began her professional career with the University's School of Medicine, teaching histology to first-year students. For the past 24 years, she has taught not only histology, but biology, endocrinology, problem-solving, and problem-based learning techniques for MEDPREP, which helps educationally or economically disadvantaged students prepare for admission to and success in medical and dental schools.

McGlinn says she tries to help her students learn not just the material they would need to get into professional schools, but an approach to life as well.

"My specific objectives are to facilitate the development of problem-solving skills, self-directed learning, self-assessment strategies, and interpersonal skills, as they build a strong, usable knowledge base of a subject," she explains.

McGlinn, who received an Education of Minority Youth Award from the Associated Medical Schools of New York in 2000, has been previously named the SIU medical school's teacher of the year three times and the MEDPREP faculty of the year six times.

She earned her bachelor's degree in 1966 from St. Mary's College in Leavenworth, Kan., and her master's degree in 1975 from the University. She and her husband, Bob, live in Carbondale. Their two children are both Southern alumni. ■

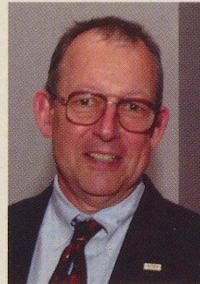


Former interim Chancellor John Dunn presents Shirley McGlinn with a certificate noting her recent teaching award.

On The Side

Martinko Named Southern's Top Teacher

Microbiologist John Martinko has won Southern Illinois University Carbondale's 2007 Outstanding Teacher award. The honor, part of the University's "Excellence Through Commitment Awards Program" established in 2004, carries a \$7,500 cash prize and \$7,500 in professional development funds. Martinko also receives a



John Martinko

personal parking space for a year and a wristwatch provided by the SIU Alumni Association.

Martinko and the program's other winners were recognized at a dinner hosted by former interim Chancellor John M. Dunn. Martinko specializes in immunology and is the only professor on the Carbondale campus who teaches it. At the undergraduate level, he works with a team of two others in a course aimed at acquainting departmental and biological science majors with microbiology, and he has at various times taught the core curriculum course designed to introduce it to students majoring in other subjects.

At the other end of the spectrum, he works with high school students, many of them from minority or underprivileged backgrounds; participates in science fairs, both as a sponsor and a judge; and works with teachers to improve their own classroom instruction.

"It is indeed the rare teacher who can inspire both the beginning student and the more seasoned upperclassman," says colleague Michael Madigan. "But to do this and challenge doctoral students as well, this is the stuff of a master teacher. Only an outstanding teacher can connect at all of these levels, and John is that teacher."

All of this doesn't happen by accident, particularly with the newer students. Martinko does his best to make students comfortable in class.

"I believe that comfortable students will ask questions, volunteer answers, and often provide useful anecdotes and insights," he says. "I often say, 'I don't know.' I want students to understand that lack of knowledge is simply a starting point to gain new knowledge."

Martinko, who won college-level awards for outstanding teaching in 2003 and 2004, came to Southern in 1981 after four years as a postdoctoral fellow at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx. ■

Southern Grad Student Wins Fulbright Award

A Southern Illinois University Carbondale graduate student in the College of Science plans to pursue her studies in Europe this fall as a winner of a Fulbright Scholar Program award.

Kathleen "Kassie" Chaffee, a graduate student in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, won a graduate dean's fellowship award in 2005. She also worked on a National Science Foundation-funded grant. Chaffee says she is excited about her trip to Lyon, France, where she will study with Jean-Pierre Dutasta, a leading expert in the chemistry field.

"Applying for a Fulbright was a perfect solution. The Fulbright allows me to bring my husband – David Musser – so we will be moving to France in the fall and staying for eight to nine months. By the time we get back to the United States in May, I will be defending my dissertation," she says. ■

Alumni Return To Participate In Spring Commencement Ceremony

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's spring commencement exercises were held May 11-12 as 2,929 candidates for bachelor's degrees, 384 candidates for master's degrees, 39 doctoral degree candidates, 122 candidates for law degrees, and 23 candidates for associate degrees were presented.

Many notable SIU alumni returned for the event to be recognized and share their experiences with the new graduates.

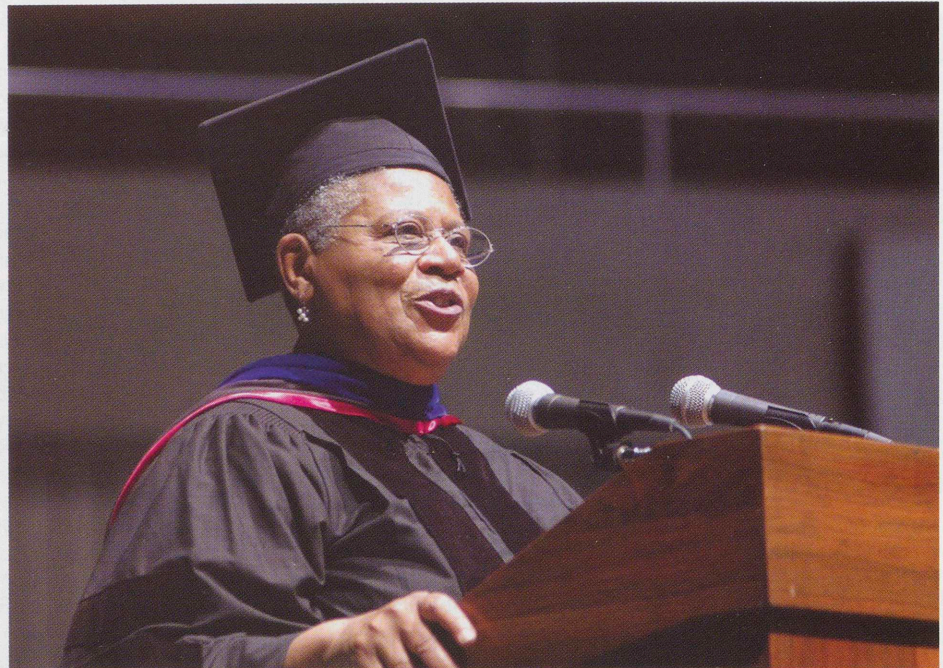
Minnijean Brown Trickey, a member of the "Little Rock Nine," received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the College of Education and Human Services. Trickey, who was once featured in *Southern Alumni*, attended SIU after the Little Rock desegregation crisis and went on to become a deputy assistant secretary in the U.S. Department of the Interior during the Clinton administration.

A lifelong social activist, Trickey's causes include nonviolence, peacemaking, social justice, the environment, diversity, gender equity, cross cultural communication, and organizational change.

The commencement speakers included the president of the largest educational architectural firm in Illinois, the assistant vice president for instructional technology and academic affairs at Florida A&M University, the vice president of supplier management and procurement for Boeing Integrated Defense Systems, and the chief judge of the U.S. District Court's Northern District of Illinois.

Nine alumni received Alumni Achievement Awards as part of individual college and school ceremonies. The award is the highest honor presented by the SIU Alumni Association.

Following are the speakers, by college. Each both gave the address and received the Alumni Achievement Award unless otherwise noted:



Minnijean Brown Trickey, a member of the "Little Rock Nine," received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the College of Education and Human Services.

• **College of Agricultural Sciences:** *Karen Little*, corporate dietitian, Robert's Sysco Food Services Inc. of Lincoln. Little earned her bachelor of science degree in dietetics

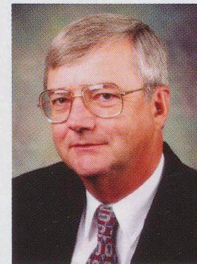


in 1969 and a master's degree in nutrition science in 1984, both from Southern. Prior to joining the Bunn Capitol Co. (purchased last year by Robert's Sysco Food Services) as corporate dietitian in

1999, she served as a nutrition and food management consultant from 1996 to 2000 and from 1979 to 1982.

• **College of Applied Sciences and Arts:** *Wayne Machnich*, president of Legat Architects in Waukegan. Machnich earned an associate degree in architectural studies in 1963 from the then-SIUC Vocational Technical Institute. He earned a bachelor's

degree in architecture from the University of Illinois in 1968, and joined the architectural firm a year later. In 1982, he became president of the firm, which had seven



employees. By 2001, Legat Architects' staff consisted of 182 people, including 133 architects housed in six studios in the Chicago metropolitan area. Legat became the largest educational

architecture firm in Illinois, 35th largest architectural firm in the U.S., and 267th largest in the world. Legat also designs municipal, health care, commercial, and residential facilities.

• **College of Business and Administration:** *Susan Rashid*, chief administrative officer of Element 79 Partners LLC in Chicago. Rashid earned her bachelor's

degree in accounting in 1987 from SIU. While in school, she was a member of the women's swim team and in 2001 became a member of the Saluki Hall of Fame for her accomplishments, including All-American status. She holds four of the top five records



for the women's swim team. She joined Element 79 as chief financial officer and chief accounting officer when the firm opened in 2002; its startup was the largest in advertising agency history.

• **College of Education and Human Services:** *Dhyana Ziegler*, assistant vice president of instructional technology and academic affairs at Florida A&M University. Ziegler earned her master's degree in radio-



television in 1983 and her doctorate in higher education administration in 1985, both from Southern. Prior to her work in higher education, she worked as a reporter/producer for two New York

City television stations, as a regional manager for Patten and Guest Productions, as a copywriter/producer for Rosenfeld, Sirowitz & Lawson Advertising Agency, and spent 14 years on the faculty at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

• **College of Engineering:** *Daniel Korte*, vice president of supplier management and procurement of Integrated Defense Systems for the Boeing Co. in St. Louis. Korte earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in 1985 from SIU and an M.B.A. from Lindenwood



College in St. Charles, Mo. He joined McDonnell Douglas in 1984 as an electronics engineer. In 2003, he became program

manager for the Boeing V-22 after holding several key positions of increasing responsibility in supplier management and procurement at Boeing Integrated Defense Systems.

• **School of Law:** *James Holderman*, chief judge for the U.S. District Court Northern District of Illinois, gave the address, and *Lena Taylor*, a Wisconsin state senator, received the Alumni Achievement Award.

Holderman earned both his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Illinois. He was an assistant U.S. attorney from 1972 to 1978, and then spent seven years with the firm of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal. He became a federal judge in 1985.



Taylor earned her law degree from SIU in 1993. Previous experience includes working in the law office of Taylor & Associates and as an attorney with the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office. She is first

vice chair of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin and is a member of the Democratic National Committee. After being elected to the Wisconsin Assembly in a 2003 special election, she was elected to the Wisconsin Senate in 2004.

• **College of Liberal Arts:** *Nick Calamos*, senior executive vice president and head of investments for Calamos Asset Management Inc. of Naperville. A chartered financial analyst, Calamos earned his bachelor's degree in economics in 1983 from SIU and a master's degree in finance from Northern Illinois University.



and separately managed accounts, totaling more than \$44 billion in assets. He leads the development of the firm's proprietary research tools and investment processes

for a team of more than 60 professionals, and serves as a portfolio manager of various strategies using equities, high-yield bonds, convertible securities, and alternative investments.

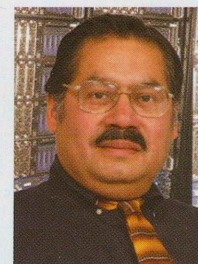
• **College of Mass Communication and Media Arts:** *Paul Elledge*, owner of Paul Elledge Photography in Chicago. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1981 from SIU. For more than 20 years, he has worked with creative and advertising agencies, including DDB Chicago; Fallon, Foote Cone and Belding;



Goodby, Silverstein and Partners; Pentagram and VSA Partners. He has photographed many celebrities, including AC/DC, Ashanti, Billy Corgan, Ministry, Willie Nelson, Trent Reznor, Luciano Pavarotti, and Oprah

Winfrey. Elledge's photography has appeared in many magazines and books, and he has had solo art shows and had his works exhibited in a variety of museum shows.

• **College of Science:** *Jorge Seminario*, professor and inaugural holder of the Lanatter and Herbert Fox Professorship in Chemical Engineering at Texas A&M University. Seminario earned his master's degree in physics in 1984 and doctorate in molecular science in 1988, both from SIU. He was a



field engineer in broadcasting and nuclear engineering in Peru and worked for 13 years in quantum chemistry research as a postdoctoral associate and research professor in chemistry departments

at the University of New Orleans and University of South Carolina.

• **Graduate School:** Traditionally there is no guest speaker for this program. The SIU Alumni Association presented its Outstanding Thesis Award to *Jemil Yesuf*, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Outstanding Dissertation Award to *John Ruhl*, Geography and Environmental Resources.



A Time For Celebration!

More than 3,000 degrees were awarded during Southern's spring commencement exercises, and as these photos depict, it was a time for celebration and pride for graduates and their families. This issue of *Southern Alumni* magazine is being sent to these new graduates with our compliments. Congratulations!

Aerospace Grad Checks In

Following the article on Joan Higginbotham's recent flight as a NASA astronaut, I wanted alumni to know that I am yet another Saluki who is involved in aerospace. I work for United Space Alliance at Kennedy Space Center and have been involved in this field for 25 years.

I graduated from Southern and then received my master's degree in 1998 in management and technology from Webster University – the same branch as Eileen Collins, the first female commander of a space shuttle. I am currently a senior safety engineer and work retrieval and disassembly. Go Salukis!

Steve Roney '74
Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Watching The Salukis With Belushi

In March, my wife, Connie Brown Morgan '91, and I traveled to San Jose, Calif., to watch Southern Illinois University Carbondale play Kansas in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament. It was a trip full of Salukis, as Connie's sister, Amy Brown Gofron '93, and her husband Ron Gofron '91, M.B.A. '93, live near San Jose. We are all life members of the SIU Alumni Association.

When we arrived at the game, we immediately were caught up in the excitement of the moment. After about 15 minutes, however, we realized that Southern grad Jim Belushi was sitting right in front of us! The ABC-TV star was very cordial, slapped high-fives with fellow grads, and cheered on the Salukis.

Belushi talked a lot about Carbondale, including how much he loved eating at Mary Lou's. He told us that she used to call him "Meathead" when he came in the restaurant. Everyone around Belushi was

impressed with his attitude and Saluki spirit.

While it was unfortunate that the Salukis did not win the game, we all agreed that they played incredibly well against one of the top teams in the country. Our Dawgs made us proud!

Andy Morgan '94, M.S. '99
Life Member
Carbondale, Ill.

Proud To Be A Dawg

I always look back at my years at Southern with pride, and feel it was a time that I grew as a person and learned things that still serve me well to this day. While I don't stay in touch with SIU the way I should, things always seem to happen that bring those days back to me. That being said, I'm not sure I was ever as proud as I was after reading the March issue of Southern Alumni at my old college roommate's home recently. The article, photos, and comments concerning NASA Astronaut Joan Higginbotham confirmed to

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

We are looking forward to hearing from you! Thank you for being a member of the SIU Alumni Association.

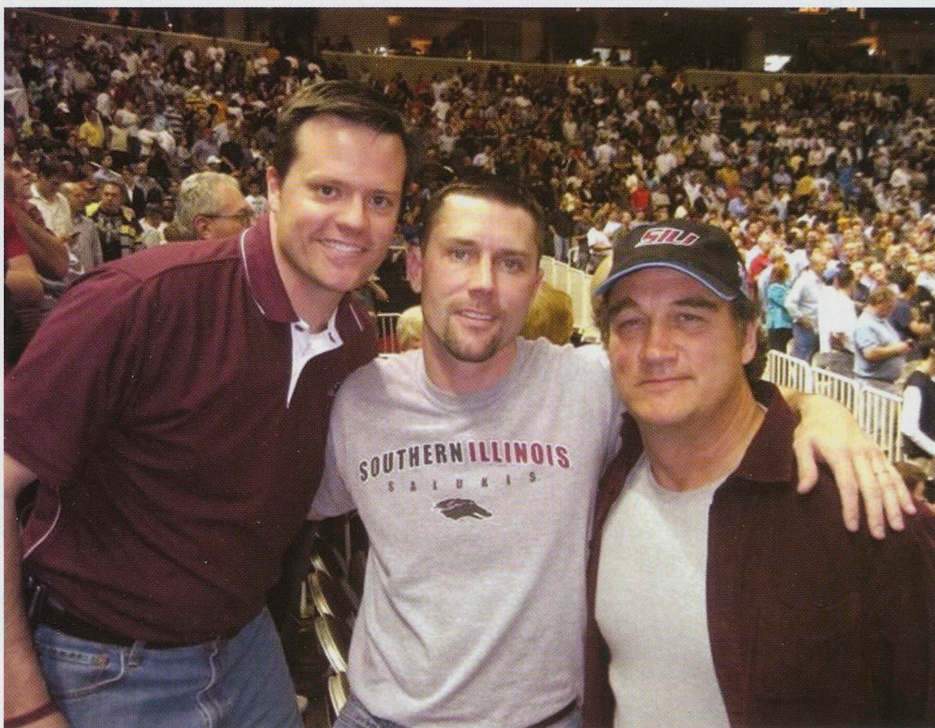
me even more that I had certainly gone to school at a special place.

If reading about her accomplishments, and the comments made by NASA recruiter Jose Garcia about SIU graduates, doesn't make you smile, then I'm

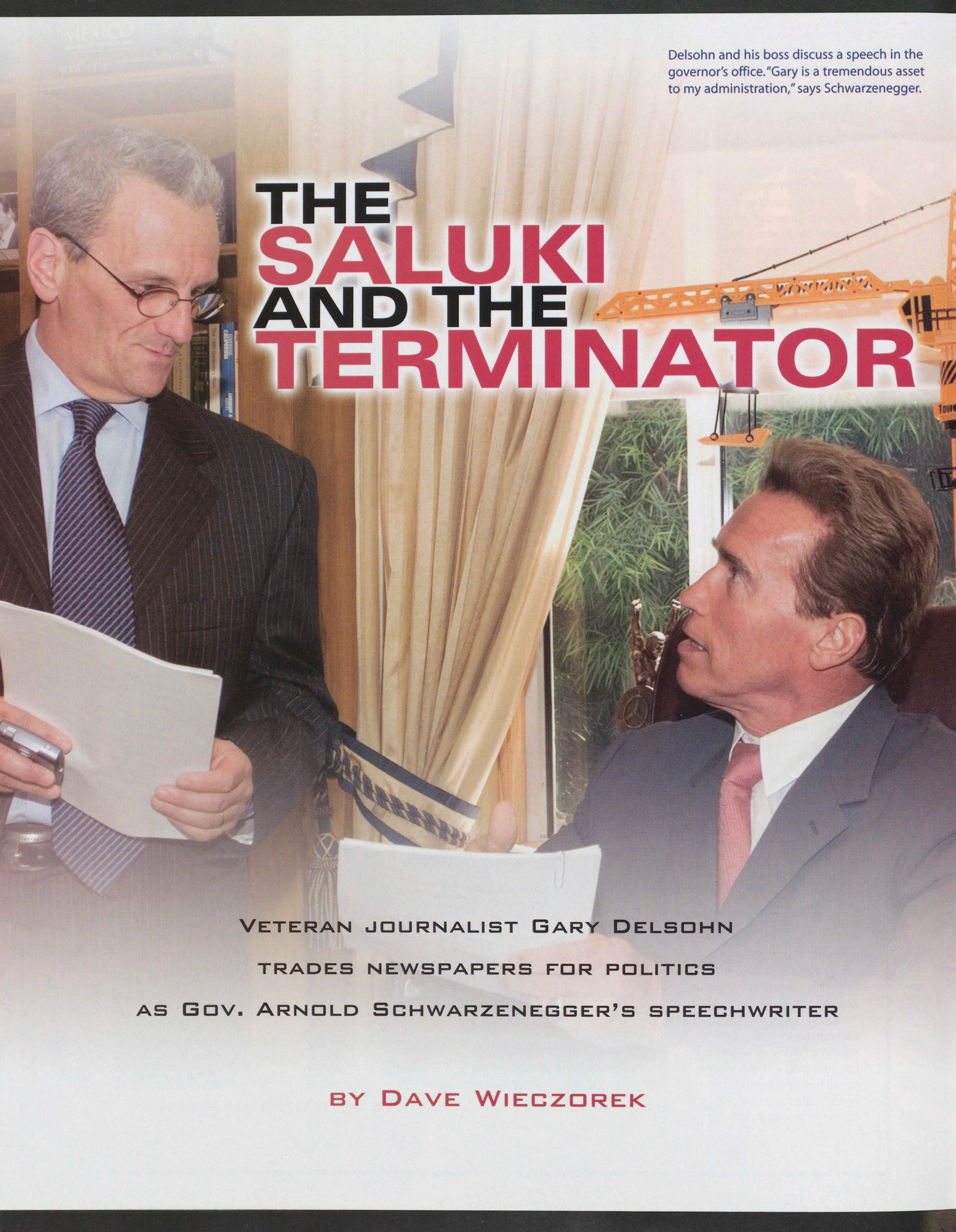
not sure you are really a Saluki!

Thanks for telling the world there are still good things happening at SIU. It's a story that needs to be told more often than it is.

Bob Williams EX '74
Chicago, Ill.



From left, Andy Morgan and Ron Gofron enjoy some time with ABC-TV star Jim Belushi during a break in the SIU-Kansas game in San Jose.



Delsohn and his boss discuss a speech in the governor's office. "Gary is a tremendous asset to my administration," says Schwarzenegger.

THE SALUKI AND THE TERMINATOR

VETERAN JOURNALIST GARY DELSOHN

TRADES NEWSPAPERS FOR POLITICS

AS GOV. ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER'S SPEECHWRITER

BY DAVE WIECZOREK

There's no doubt journalists of a certain age were inspired by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, the two-headed *Washington Post* reporting team that broke the Watergate story and unleashed a scandal that led to President Richard Nixon's resignation.

"It sounds hokey, but *everyone* wanted to be Woodward or Bernstein," Southern alumnus Gary Delsohn '75 says. "Which one did I want to be? Woodward, I guess. But I would have settled for either one; I just wanted to make a difference."

Back in that era, Delsohn was a reporter and editor for Southern Illinois University's *Daily Egyptian*. While he didn't become the next Woodward or Bernstein, for 30 years he made his own distinctive mark in journalism at newspapers across the country.

In February 2006, however, he left the *Sacramento Bee* to make a difference on a much larger stage. The former *DE* mainstay became chief speechwriter and deputy communications director for Arnold Schwarzenegger, California's larger-than-life governor.

"I feel like I'm *still* trying to make a difference," says Delsohn, "only now it's on the other side of the fence."

TAKING A RISK WAS NOTHING NEW

If there's been one thing that characterizes Delsohn's career — on either side of the fence — it's his restless and sometimes risky pursuit of the next challenge.

"Gary has always been the kind of guy who's a little dissatisfied with where he is, always thinking about what he's going to do next," says Bob Springer '77, an editorial page editor with the *Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal* and a friend of Delsohn's since their *Daily Egyptian* days.

As if to confirm that's part of the package when one signs on with him, Linda Townsdin, Delsohn's wife of 29 years, agrees, "He takes risks." Joining Schwarzenegger's staff was perhaps the

biggest professional gamble of his life, and not only because Delsohn is a Democrat and the governor a Republican.

"When I joined the staff, the governor was pretty low in the polls, so there was a certain amount of risk in taking the job," Delsohn recalls. "The first thing my friends asked was, 'What are you going to do in November when he loses?' I'd say, 'If that happens I'll look for another job. But I think he's going to win.'"

Win Schwarzenegger did, in a landslide, in what is probably the most Democratic state in the country after Hawaii.

"Having covered him as a reporter, I knew a little bit about the kind of person the governor was," Delsohn says. "I just knew he was going to rebound. This is the kind of guy who doesn't allow himself to be defeated or held down long. He's incredibly upbeat and tenacious and positive. The year 2005 was disastrous

politically, but I knew that wasn't going to be the final word on him and that he would regroup and come roaring back."

Not that it gave Delsohn much personal breathing room.

"There's still a certain amount of risk," he says. "I've got two kids, a mortgage, all that good stuff, and this is an appointed job. You serve at the pleasure of the governor." Considering how he came to the job, it would seem Delsohn's position is secure until the end of 2010, when Schwarzenegger's term runs out.

RESTLESS AND EAGER TO SUCCEED

After training at *The Daily Egyptian* (see sidebar) and earning his bachelor's degree, Delsohn's professional life soon began in typical journalistic fashion back in the '70s, in Smalltown, America.

Delsohn and Springer headed to Colorado in the summer of 1975 and were hired as editors of two different



Attending a black-tie event, Delsohn listens intently to the governor's speech.

weeklies owned by the same publisher, Delsohn in Del Norte and Springer in Center, both in the San Luis Valley on the Rio Grande.

Restless and eager for a bigger challenge, Delsohn didn't stay long. He and Linda, whom he'd met in Colorado, headed to Mitchell, S.D., where he was hired as a reporter at *The Daily Republic*. By summer 1976 he was back in the Midwest at Sangamon State University (now the University of Illinois at Springfield) pursuing a master's degree in public-affairs reporting and interning for the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

That's where Mike Lawrence first encountered Delsohn. Lawrence was then a capital reporter for Lee Enterprises newspapers.

"I followed Gary's career from a distance because I thought he was one of the better interns to come out of the state house press program," says Lawrence, now director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at SIU, who also teaches journalism and political science at the University. "He did a good job as a public-affairs reporter with the *Sun-Times*, and I had a sense that he would do well."

Over the next three decades Delsohn earned respect for his fair reporting and lively writing, making stops at the *Arkansas Democrat* ("Where I had a ball covering prisons, energy, run-of-the-mill Arkansas political corruption, which was anything but run-of-the-mill back then, and a little of Bill Clinton, who was the attorney general at the time"), the *Rocky Mountain News*, *The Denver Post*, and finally the *Sacramento Bee*, where for more than a decade he covered urban affairs, the capital, and wrote a column about architecture and design.

Along the way, he spent a year (1986-87) as a Knight Fellow in journalism at Stanford University and took a year off (2001) to write a book, *The Prosecutors: A Year in the Life of a District Attorney's Office* (Dutton, 2003). He returned to the *Bee* and covered the capital beat and the

governor for the next four years, reporting on the gubernatorial election in 2002 and then Gov. Gray Davis' recall and Schwarzenegger's election in 2003 and his first two and a half years in office.

By the end of 2005, Delsohn's restlessness had flared up again. After 16 years at the *Bee*, he sensed the need for a fresh challenge. The timing couldn't have been better when he got "the call" from the governor, or more precisely, the governor's wife, Maria Shriver. It came during the Christmas holidays, when some staff positions were being reshuffled.

"Maria called and asked how I felt about newspapers, how I felt about the

some journalists as going over to the "dark side." But longtime colleagues respected Delsohn's decision.

"When Maria Shriver calls and says we need you, I imagine that's hard to turn down," says Sam Stanton, a *Sacramento Bee* assistant editor and veteran reporter who worked the recall election with Delsohn. "She liked the way Gary covered the governor. He didn't pull any punches. He's a funny guy who says the first thing that comes into his mind."

If anything, colleagues say Delsohn would have been crazy *not* to accept the governor's offer, and not only because it meant a substantial raise. (Delsohn was earning \$80,000 when he left the *Bee*; his California state salary is \$110,000.)

"Arnold Schwarzenegger transcends the standard political figure. He's larger than life, and that's part hype, part the real deal," says Margaret Talev, a former *Bee* capital reporter and now a McClatchy Newspapers correspondent in Washington, D.C. "If Gov. Joe Smith had called Gary and said, 'Come on

over to our side,' Gary would have said, 'Thanks for calling. Let's pretend we never had this conversation.'

"As a journalist you want to know what makes a person like Schwarzenegger tick. But as a journalist you generally see what *they* want you to see. When you go behind the curtain, you see what really goes on. I know Gary well enough to know he probably agonized over the decision. But I don't think he would have left journalism for anyone else."

Talev is right on both points.

Leaving journalism *was* agonizing, but the idea of working for one of the most visible and proactive politicians in America proved irresistible.

When Delsohn jumped on board at the beginning of 2006, Schwarzenegger was trying to steady a ship knocked off course by several 2005 political squalls (remember his "girlie men" crack about Democrats?) while at the same time pitch-

"The governor's not perfect, and I don't have any illusions about that. But he is about as interesting a person as you'll ever work around..."

Bee, and would I be interested in coming on board," Delsohn recalls. "A week or two later, the specific speechwriting job was mentioned. I thought I wasn't going to get a better exit strategy from the newspaper business than this.

"I wanted to move on. I love newspapers, and always will, but newspapers are less and less fun today. There's a certain sameness to it, and I wasn't able to do in-depth stories as a beat reporter. It was always, 'What's the governor doing today?' kind of thing. I did that for two and a half years, so I was open to the possibility of doing something different — and I certainly am."

GOING FOR A 'SPIN' WITH A CELEBRITY POLITICIAN

Journalists switching sides — moving from covering politicians to joining their spin teams — are referred to by

ing a \$37 billion bond package to finance the rebuilding of California's infrastructure, which voters eventually approved.

He then launched an aggressive campaign for clean technology that put his Hollywood image front and center again. Now the governor is pushing a health-care proposal that would extend coverage to all 36 million California residents, and the Southern graduate is a key player in helping him push that agenda.

Endeavors like this are impressive to Delsohn, but the former newspaper reporter keeps things in perspective when dealing with Schwarzenegger.

"I'm not star-struck; I'm not a groupie," he says. "The governor's not perfect, and I don't have any illusions about that. But he is about as interesting a person as you'll ever work around, and I have tremendous respect for him. He's savvy, shrewd, and strategic."

Delsohn was raised a Democrat — "I'm less idealistic and more pragmatic as I get older" — but that's not a problem working for a centrist Republican governor.

"I've told people that if it had been a 'mean-spirited' Republican, I wouldn't have taken a job like this," Delsohn says. "I wouldn't have wanted to work for a guy whose politics I found abhorrent or who I didn't like personally. I love his politics right now. He's the most environmentally progressive governor in the entire country and is common-sense based.

"I like that. That sounds like spin, but I totally believe it. When you're on the other side with a notebook in your hand, it's hard to acknowledge that."

From a practical point of view, having covered the governor as a reporter helped make for a smooth transition to

Schwarzenegger's speechwriter.

"Knowing how he talked and sounded and liked to communicate gave me a leg up," Delsohn says. "It's funny, as a writer, having your own voice is probably the most important thing. But over here, if you want your own voice, this isn't the place for you, because your job is to sound like the governor. You have to subjugate your own voice to his."

Schwarzenegger isn't shy when it comes to letting his speechwriters know that a "script" is less than Oscar-caliber. Delsohn recalls handing the governor the draft of one speech and Schwarzenegger's reproach: "If I read this speech no one will know what I'm talking about!"

"He used more colorful language," Delsohn says, laughing. "But he can do that in a joking way and make his point."

Whatever the language, Delsohn has



Photo courtesy of The Sacramento Bee

When Delsohn was a reporter, he was "on the other side of the fence" when it came to covering the governor. Here he is shown with a sea of reporters who surround Schwarzenegger at an impromptu news conference.



Delsohn signs a copy of his book, *The Prosecutors*, which he wrote while working for *The Sacramento Bee*.

certainly found a fan in the governor of California.

"Gary is a fantastic speechwriter," Schwarzenegger says. "I appreciate his skills and talent in helping articulate my message to the people of California. As a longtime journalist, his wisdom and insight are especially valuable. I enjoy every day that I work with him, and he is a tremendous asset to my administration."

That mutual respect and understanding is invaluable. A speech — it could be anything from the state budget to global warming — often begins with a meeting between Delsohn and Schwarzenegger.

"We'll talk about what he wants to say, and then I'll take a stab at it," Delsohn says. "Once he has a draft, he can point out specific things he wants to move around or add or delete. The governor is pretty hands-on. You don't just hand him a speech and he goes out and reads it."

That puts Delsohn on call 24/7.

"Sunday is usually when the governor will call me about a speech he's going to

deliver early in the week," he says. "Last night he called at 7 p.m. He had this anecdote he wanted to use the next day and asked me to double-check some facts. The governor is respectful of people's time, but when he needs something, you've got to get it to him. If I go out to the movies, I don't go too far."

It helps that Delsohn is not cowed by the boss's international celebrity. As a journalist, Delsohn vetted the governor and drew his own conclusions about the man behind the Hollywood curtain.

In the February/March 2005 issue of the *American Journalism Review*, Delsohn and Margaret Talev cowrote an article about their experiences covering a governor most of the world refers to in the buddy-like singular "Arnold."

It read in part:

At 57, still one of the most glamorous, recognizable men in the world, still fit from regular workouts, Schwarzenegger doesn't so much interact with reporters as shadowbox with them. He flirts as easily with male reporters as with the women

and revels in head games. We've been doing his dance since the summer of 2003, reading his books, watching his movies, studying lawsuits and financial disclosures, and peeking into the parallel universe of bodybuilding.

We've watched him with President Bush, interviewed his friends and business partners, his rivals, and his admirers. We've also chased him across the globe (he does not take reporters with him on his private jets, so we fly commercial) on trips to Israel, Germany, and Japan, and back and forth across the United States.

Each trip features the same phenomena: stampedes of autograph-seeking fans and packs of awestruck local media. Would any other politician be chased, as Schwarzenegger was during a trade mission to Tokyo, by more than 100 Japanese reporters shouting at him to flex his muscles and imploring him to yell out movie lines such as "I'll be back!" or "Hasta la vista, baby!"?

That popularity, which transcends anything enjoyed by any other modern

politician, makes Schwarzenegger both a fascinating and frustrating governor to cover.

Delsohn's newspaper colleagues never were concerned he would turn into a Terminator toady.

"Yes, he liked Arnold, and his political style," old friend Springer says. "But as a journalist, Gary had a cynical, jaundiced view of the world, which is good for what he's doing now. He can tell the emperor he has no clothes on, and the emperor will believe him."

LIFE AFTER ARNOLD

Journalism had been Delsohn's life for more than 30 years. This was a man who cut his professional teeth on such landmark books as *The Making of the President 1960* by Theodore White, *The Selling of the President 1968* by Joe McGinniss, *The Boys on the Bus* by Timothy Crouse, and, of course, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein's *All the President's Men*. Now he's not sure if he'd want to return to newspaper journalism or if he'd even be welcomed.

"Some people in newspapers say, 'You went to the "dark side," as if some kind of Rubicon was crossed, which I think is foolish and small-minded,' he says. "As reporters you view everything from the outside. I could probably do my old job a lot better after doing something like this."

Even so, the culture of the newsroom has warped since he came up through the *Daily Egyptian*. Corporate takeovers, budget and staff reductions, cable and Internet competition, and other changes boiled a lot of fun and romance from the business.

"I once worked for an editor who told me my goal should be to have the people on my beat hate me," Delsohn says. "To me that's the stupidest, most misguided, bravado you can imagine. I don't get up in the morning with my goal being to get anybody to hate me. It's that kind of mentality that I just got tired of."

"I've taught journalism and done some mentoring of younger reporters. I



Delsohn's wife, Linda, a senior writer and editor for SEARCH, the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics in Sacramento, is shown with their children, Joseph (24) and Amanda (21).

always tell them that if you're covering a beat, the people you cover have to fear you a little bit. When I say fear, I mean they have to know you will write a hard story if it's warranted. I wrote stories about the governor that were critical.

"They have to take you seriously and should respect you," he says. "But hate you? That's ridiculous."

He still loves newspapers, though

some of what had lured him to the business has evaporated. Recently he took note of being 54 and remembered Russell Baker's line about being a reporter who saw the exit sign: "I got tired of asking people questions I didn't want to know the answers to."

So where does Delsohn go from the governor's office? He's written one book and would like to pursue other subjects in depth. Once a journalist, always a journalist.

Now that the election is over, he says, "I'm relieved and happy and excited that we got another four years. After that we'll see what happens. Sometimes I look around and think how *did* I get here exactly? But it feels natural at this point in my life.

"It's fun being on the other side trying to help in my small, meager way."

Delsohn's goal all along has been to make a difference; he remains too restless to settle for anything less.

— *Wieczorek is a freelance writer and a 1975 graduate of SIU.*

FOLLOWING HIS PASSION TO CARBONDALE

Gary Delsohn's indoctrination to newspapers came when he was a kid growing up in Rogers Park on Chicago's north side. His father would come home from work toting four newspapers.

"Two afternoon newspapers and the next day's [early editions] of the *Sun-Times* and *Tribune*," Delsohn says. "I couldn't wait to see what my sports teams were doing; that was my first introduction to newspapers."

He followed his passion to Carbondale, where he majored in journalism and fell under the influence of a series of strong mentors. Two years ago he returned to campus to speak with a new generation of journalism students.

"It was emotional because that place means so much to me and did so much to prepare me for the newspaper world," Delsohn says. "I got a great education at *The Daily Egyptian* and from people like Bill Harmon, Ralph Johnson, and others. They sparked something in me that I didn't know I had."

"I always liked following news, I wanted to write, and it all came together for me at SIU. Whatever success I had in newspapers I owe to that beginning."

"Johnson, more than anyone, influenced me in the classroom. The enthusiasm and skepticism he had about covering stories got us motivated to go out and ask questions and not take no for an answer – or accept pat answers."

Delsohn says although he never took a class from Harmon, the former SIU journalist indeed played a major role in his education at Southern.

"My interaction with Harmon was when he was managing the *Daily Egyptian*. Every day he would mark up the paper with a red pen or crayon and then he'd put it on the bulletin board. He'd underline something and write 'Good job' or 'Ugh!' when he hated something."

"That has stayed with me to this day; I learned a lot from that process. I also taught journalism, and the way I marked up papers I took from Harmon," Delsohn recalls with a grin. "Not *all* the kids appreciated it."

A Lifelong Service To SIU

Southern Honors The Alongi Family

More than 120 friends of the Alongi family recently gathered for a reception hosted by the SIU Alumni Association and the Perry County Chapter to honor Betty and John Alongi Sr. in appreciation of their lifelong service to Southern Illinois University. One of the family's passions has been the establishment of the Alongi Legacy Scholarship, endowed during the past decade through a golf tournament bearing the family's name.

The reception, held at the University's Stone Center, featured comments from SIU Alumni Association

President-Elect Doris Rottschalk and SIU President Glenn Poshard. The Alongi family's partnership with the SIU Alumni Association and the success of the tournament has enabled them to award one scholarship each year to a Perry County High School graduate who will attend the University in the fall.

Rottschalk, a retired Du Quoin educator who has known the Alongis for many years, says the tribute was well deserved.

"John and Betty Alongi demonstrated the value of the superb education a student receives at Southern by sending their three children here," she says. "They

are an example of what one family can do to help with recruitment, and we thank them for that."

SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger knows the institution shares a special bond with the Alongis.

"Alumni who were SIU students during the Deleyte Morris presidency will recall the excellent relationship between the University and the region," Buerger says. "John Alongi and his brother, Mimi, were good friends of Dr. and Mrs. Morris and were instrumental in establishing those community relationships, many of which continue to provide mutual benefit to this day." ■



Posing for a photo following the event were from left, Glenn and Jo Poshard, John and Betty Alongi, Doris Rottschalk, and Jan and Ed Buerger. President Poshard lauded the Alongi family's years of service to Southern, and noted that this type of dedication plays a key role in helping the University continue to provide scholarship opportunities for deserving students.

SIU Alumnus Establishes Scholarship For Aspiring Educators

Ronald Gholson wanted to memorialize his parents in an appropriate fashion for always stressing the importance of formal education to their four children. The former southern Illinois high school teacher figured the best way to accomplish this was to support the higher education goals of students from the area.

Gholson presented the initial Rex and Mary Ann Gholson Scholarship this spring. A selection committee will determine the number of recipients and amount of the award on an annual basis. The Southern Illinois University Foundation and the College of Education and Human Services will administer the scholarship.

Eligible applicants must be graduates of a high school in the southern Illinois counties of Gallatin, Hamilton, Saline, or White. Applicants must also major in education at SIU with plans of pursuing a teaching career.

"My mother and father believed education was important. They wanted all of



Rex and Mary Ann Gholson always stressed the importance of education to their children.

their children to acquire as much formal education as possible," Gholson says. "In their opinion, teaching was a wonderful career. They held American

education in high regard."

After receiving his high school diploma from Eldorado in 1962, Gholson received three degrees from SIU. He earned a bachelor's in social studies education in 1966, a master's in secondary



Ronald Gholson congratulates Sharla Girten, who is the first recipient of the Rex and Mary Ann Gholson Scholarship. Girten, a senior in elementary education from Galatia, Ill., was recognized during Honors Day in May. Gholson is especially pleased that a fellow Eldorado High School alum is the recipient of the award.

education in 1972, and a doctorate in education in 1976.

After attaining his bachelor's, the Broughton, Ill., native commenced a 35-year career in education. Gholson taught nine years at Norris City Omaha Enfield High School and 26 years in education.

In addition to honoring his parents, Gholson established the scholarship to assist students in the four-county area in need of financial support.

"Being poor is not a sin — it is not bad. These kids and their families need an opportunity," he says. "Hopefully the scholarship named for my parents will assist students from the area in achieving their educational dreams."

Gholson says he is thankful for the opportunities SIU afforded him and his family. His brother, Fred, received an elementary education degree from Southern in 1964. His niece, Ronda, and a nephew, Rodney, are also SIU graduates.

"The University allowed me to grow

and to build upon things my parents believed and taught me," Gholson says.

"My undergraduate experience helped me to meet the challenges of becoming a high school social studies teacher. My goal was to become the best teacher some future school system had ever employed."

SIUC Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry says Gholson has exhibited a history of support for his alma mater. "He is truly appreciative of the education he received from Southern, as it laid the groundwork for a distinguished career in the teaching profession," the SIU Foundation CEO notes. "He is a strong advocate for our institution and we are grateful for his ongoing support."

For more information about the scholarship, call Debbie Joseph or Jackie Chapman in the College of Education and Human Services at 618-453-2354.

Kristina Therriault and Brooke Morgan stand in the entrance to the Troutt-Wittmann Academic and Training Center. Morgan assists Therriault with academic services, and handles the community service involvement of Saluki athletes. The players have tripled their participation in this area in the past year – a remarkable accomplishment considering that time management remains the biggest obstacle for most to master.



MAKING THE GRADE

Winning titles on the playing field may get publicity,
but Southern's student-athletes
are shining in the classroom as well.

BY GENE GREEN

As Saluki Nation was taking pride in the many league championships being won at Southern Illinois University Carbondale during the past year, there was something else happening that was just as impressive.

Thanks to serious students, coaches who care, and relentless support from SIU's Academic Student Services staff, the athletes who wear maroon and white are turning heads in the classroom as well.

"Usually when a recruit is on campus, the first thing parents ask is 'will my child be able to earn a degree here,'" says SIU Assistant Athletic Director Kristina Therriault, who manages student services and supervises the daily operation of the Troutt-Wittmann Academic Center. "We can look them in the eye and truthfully tell them what they are hoping to hear."

The message is simple. Play four years in a Saluki uniform, and there is a 91 percent probability of earning a diploma.

"The wins catch one's attention, but it is of paramount importance that we also do a great job with academics," says Saluki Athletic Director Mario Moccia. "What our student-athletes do in the classroom might not be as flashy as what happens on the field, but that result is the most significant."

IT STARTS AT THE TOP

A banner year of athletic competition at Southern netted four conference championships (men and women's basketball, women's swimming, and women's golf), 14 top-five finishes out of 16 sports, and a runner-up slot in the Missouri Valley Conference All-Sports Trophy standings. Equally impressive were academic marks produced by the school's student-athletes.

The grade point average for all athletes at Southern this spring was a school-record 3.01, raising the cumulative GPA to a record-high 3.00. Twelve of the 18 sports had a team GPA of 3.0 or better, led by the



Saluki guards Jamaal Tatum and Bryan Mullins, shown at a press conference following SIU's win over Virginia Tech in the NCAA Tournament, were members of the 2007 Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete First Team. Mullins, a sophomore, boasts a perfect 4.00 cumulative GPA. Tatum, who recently graduated with a degree in Speech Communications, finished with a 3.64 GPA. A third member of the Dawgs, junior forward Matt Shaw, earned honorable mention honors with 3.16 GPA.

Softball Salukis who recorded a staggering 3.54 cumulative average.

The individual conference and national academic awards were numerous (see sidebar story), and commitment to success in the classroom has never been higher at Southern. But Therriault knows her office can only produce if those around her find it important.

"We began to see added emphasis in this area when Paul Kowalczyk became A.D.," Therriault says. "And Moccia has made academic excellence a priority and taken things even farther. He is energetic, involved, supportive, and allows us to do our jobs."

"It is crucial having coaches on staff who see academics as extremely important – and ours certainly do. Their support is a must when we work to get athletes to attend study halls, complete papers, and get to class. Academic Services can't take playing time away or make them run extra laps at practice – coaches can! And coaches

know that solid academics and a quality training center to serve the athletes is a tremendous recruiting tool."

FROM CARPETED WALLS TO TROUTT-WITTMANN

Sitting in her office at the two-story, 10,000-square-foot Troutt-Wittmann Academic and Training Center in the

YOU'RE HERE TO STUDY

When student-athletes use the Troutt-Wittmann Academic and Training Center, they must obey a strict set of rules. Their mission: study and be respectful of others around them.

Students use an I.D. card swipe system to log into a computer. This method also allows the student service staff and coaches the ability to monitor who is utilizing the study area and how long they are there.

When a Saluki athlete is online, the following rules apply:

- No access to social Web sites such as Facebook or MySpace.
- No e-mail access allowed unless it is material from an instructor.
- No cell phone calls – if it goes off, it is taken away for 24 hours.
- No text messaging.
- No food.
- No drinks.
- No loud conversation.

"We allow them to listen to I-Pods if they keep the music low," says Therriault. "In some cases that relaxes them and keeps them focused on what they are trying to do, but we never let them forget why they are here. We are trying to help them manage their time, succeed in class, and get a degree."

DAWGS RULE – IN THE CLASSROOM

SIU Student-Athlete Accomplishments:

- 3 First-team Academic All-Americans
- 17 Academic All-District V Selections
- 39 Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athletes
- 5 Gateway Conference Scholar-Athletes
- 3 All-America Team Honorees

SIU Team Accomplishments

- Football – Gateway Conference Academic Excellence Award (highest team GPA)
 - Softball – NFCA Academic Top 15 Honors (13th in the country)
- Volleyball – American Volleyball Coaches Association GamePlan/Team Academic Award
- Women's Cross Country – All-Academic by Women's Intercollegiate Cross Country Coaches Association

Fall 2006

- 52 percent of SIU student-athletes earned a GPA of 3.00 or better
- 10 of the 14 sports (cross country/indoor & outdoor track & field are considered one team) earned a GPA of 3.00 or better. Softball led the department with a 3.54 GPA

2006 Federal Graduation Rates

- SIU student-athletes graduated at a rate of 63 percent compared to the general student body rate of 41 percent.
- 91 percent of student-athletes who compete at SIU for 4 years graduate.

President's Council Academic Excellence Award

- Minimum 3.8 cumulative GPA through fall semester.
- Must be within 18 hours of graduation when received.

Name	Sport	GPA
Clifton, Amanda	Softball	3.93
Hamby, Ashley	Softball	3.91
Laird, Monica	Volleyball	3.82
Rinker, Sarah	Women's Track & Field	3.88
Schilling, Cherylynn	Women's Track & Field	3.81
Wagner, Lindsay	Women's Track & Field	3.81

Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award

- Minimum 3.5 GPA in each of the previous two semester,
- Minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA

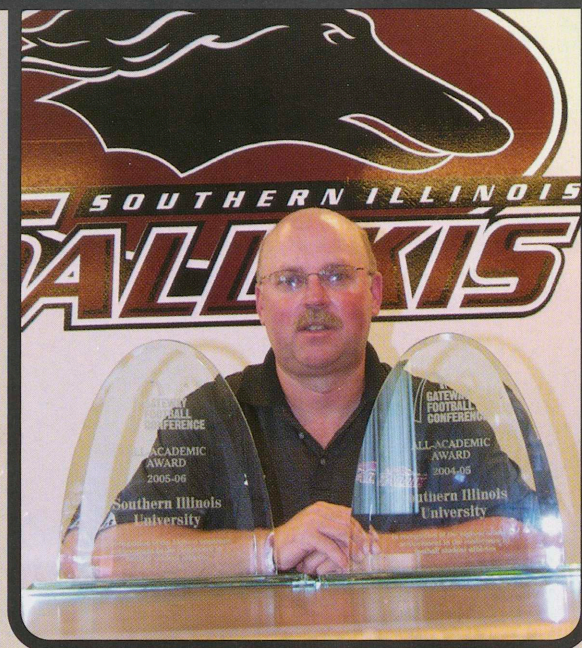
More than 110 Salukis qualified for this award.

north wing of Lingle Hall, Therriault sometimes still feels like she is dreaming. The state-of-the-art facility, opened in 2005 thanks to a \$4.5 million gift from former Saluki football player Thomas "Pete" Wittmann, stands in stark contrast to what she used to walk into each morning.

"We had a single room in Lingle Hall featuring eight computer stations and shag carpeting on the walls to try and

some space at two other locations on campus to accommodate our students," she points out. "There was no way our staff could be everywhere at once, and we couldn't provide the personal attention that is now just a normal part of our service."

Therriault, who has been at Southern for 12 years, finds a way to get the job done with a small staff (assistant Brooke Morgan and two graduate



Coach Jerry Kill poses with the two Gateway Conference Academic Excellence Awards that the Salukis have won. "You can't imagine how proud I am of these," he says. "We're winning on the field, but this shows everyone that we are doing it the right way."

provide a sound buffer," Therriault recalls with a laugh. "Now I look out of my office window and see computer seating for 100 and the ability to be right here in contact with all of our athletes.

"Before we also had

assistants) and tremendous support from the SIU coaching staff. The department's wish list includes adding another assistant, but for now the number of trained professionals remains small.

"Kristina is one of the best in the business," Moccia stresses. "What she does with a skeleton staff is almost historic. She helps provide a great safety net full of checks and balances that allow us to help students not get too far off the beaten path before they get the assistance they need."

While Therriault appreciates such comments, she knows it takes everyone to make it work. "Many things have to blend together to allow us to do what we do," she explains. "Our administration hires coaches who care about academics. They in turn recruit athletes who want to succeed as students. Together we all work to get that diploma in their hands when their playing days are done."

FOOTBALL DOMINANCE AND CLASSROOM KUDOS

Perhaps nowhere has the academic landscape changed more dramatically than Saluki Football. The amazing job

that Head Coach Jerry Kill and his staff have done on the field to turn around a moribund program has been well documented. Three straight Gateway Conference titles and four trips to the NCAA Playoffs are a testament to that success story.

But what may surprise some is similar dominance in the classroom. For two seasons, the league has presented a Gateway Conference Academic Excellence Award, honoring the squad with the highest team GPA. Southern has won the award each year it has been offered, and is in line to win it again when results are announced later this summer.

"I'm real proud of that award, as our staff spends more time teaching everyday life skills than we do teaching football," says Kill. "It's not even close. We have 100 young men who come from different cultures, who learn in different ways, and all have different problems that they need help with.

"Kristina and her staff do a tremendous job, but we have to be committed to this as well for it to succeed. Our coaches are also educators and teach-

ers, and we work hard at that. I'm old school and I run the program with tough love.

"Knowing the support system we have in place, I can look a parent in the eye and tell them that if their son plays here four years and does what he is supposed to do, he *will* leave here with a degree. I also tell them that if he doesn't listen to me and take care of business that I'll send him right back home. They're here to study, play some football, and prepare for life."

And while Kill appreciates the praise and slaps on the back from those who have embraced his methods on the playing field, he knows there is an even bigger reward awaiting him by helping place a diploma in each player's hands.

"The good Lord isn't going to evaluate me on wins and losses," he says. "I've never been in a cemetery and seen a tombstone with someone's career record on there. But I *will* be evaluated on whether I helped make better people out of the young men who played here."



The Softball Salukis led all SIU teams this year with a 3.54 GPA. "With the support we have in place now, our marginal kids have blossomed into great students," says head coach Kerri Blylock. "We've always had quality support personnel, but now we have the facilities to go with them." Shown from left, these Salukis received the MVC Commissioners Academic Excellence Award in 2007: Kathleen McNamara, Tiffanie Dismore, Katie Schmidt, Amanda Clifton, Ashley Hamby, Lauren Haas, and Krystal Stein.

A PLAYER SHE WILL NEVER FORGET

Kristina Therriault takes pride in many success stories at SIU Athletics. None may be more memorable, however, than the road she saw former Saluki football lineman Lionel Williams follow to a degree and a better life.

Williams, a prep All-American out of Addison Trail High School (Ill.), was recruited by the University of Illinois in 2001. At the eleventh hour, however, officials informed him that he was not being accepted into school.

SIU Head Coach Jerry Kill received a call from Williams' high school coach to see if there was anything he could do to help. Thanks to Southern's impressive "Project Achieve" program, Williams was admitted to the University.

"Lionel is a great young man, but he had a learning disability and the Illinois decision changed real late in the process – it was a bad deal," Kill recalls. "Project Achieve proved to be a perfect fit for him academically, but that is only where his growth as a person began. Kristina basically raised him while he was here."

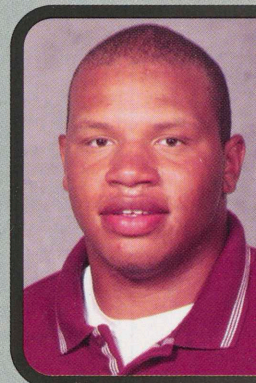
The 6-3, 270-pound defensive tackle may have been an imposing player, but his life and social skills needed honing. Therriault literally taught him how to grocery shop, manage a checking account, and do minor things most take for granted.

"It was from that little stuff that he branched out to learn how to take notes properly, follow good study habits, and succeed in class. We were with Lionel every step of the way, and he graduated on time with a real sense of accomplishment and satisfaction."

Williams, who now lives in Chicago and works as a teaching assistant in a school system there, is also continuing his football career in the Arena Football League. Football will someday become only a memory, but he knows his diploma will always be with him.

"The people who supported me at SIU – and at times pushed me – were phenomenal," he says. "Kristina's academic services office helped in so many ways, and I'll make sure it continues to pay off."

"I want what I accomplished at Southern to motivate others in my family to go on to college and graduate. I know I'll be a success because of that degree. I owe that to my Mother, God, the academic staff, and Coach Kill."



—Gene Green

Saluki Baseball Ties For Third In MVC

The Saluki baseball team finished 34-22 (13-11 MVC) in 2007, finishing in a tie for third place in the Missouri Valley Conference. Taking the fifth seed because of the tie-breaker formula, the Dawgs were quickly eliminated from the action held in Springfield, Mo.

Southern jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead over second-seed Creighton University in the opener, only to watch the Jays battle back for an 8-5 win. Placed in the loser's bracket, the Salukis were sent home the next day when top-seed Wichita State held on in a rain-delayed game for a 4-2 win.

Individual Honors Announced

Saluki baseball players *Mark Kelly*, *Adam Hills*, *Aaron Roberts*, *Cody Adams* and *Bryant George* earned Missouri Valley all-conference honors for the first time in their careers. Kelly (C) and Hills (UT) were named to the first-team, Roberts (OF) took second-team honors, and Adams (RHP) and George (RHP) were honorable mention.

Kelly was the conference's second-leading hitter with a .379 average. At the completion

of the conference tournament, the sophomore also paced the league in hits (88) and RBI (63). Hills, a junior, was third on the team with a .319 clip and ranked second in the MVC with 41 walks. Roberts, a true freshman, was SIU's second-leading hitter with a .349 average with a team-high 52 runs and 13 stolen bases. He was the only freshman on either the first or second team.

On the mound, Adams (11-5) topped the MVC in regular season wins. He had a 3.01 ERA with 89 strikeouts in 107.2 innings, and was the first Saluki pitcher to get 11 victories in a season in 32 years. George was 3-1 with 11 saves, the most saves of any true freshman closer in school history.

Koski Finishes Second In Hits

Individual team awards for Southern featured senior outfielder *Kevin Koski* earning the 2007 Abe Martin Award, presented to the top Saluki on and off the field. Koski, who hit .299 during an injury-filled season, finished just one hit short of becoming the program's all-time hits leader. He ended a stellar career

with 285 hits, tying him with *Dave Wrona* (1987-90) for second place and one hit behind *Joe Schley* ((1996-99).

Koski, a tremendous defensive center-fielder, did score more runs in his career than any other Saluki (190). He edged out Schley by one run in that category.

"Koski played hard, played hurt, and never gave up," head coach Dan Callahan says of his senior. "When you combine his offensive talents with his defensive ability, he has to go down as one of the top players to ever wear the SIU uniform. He was a tough competitor who always gave his best."

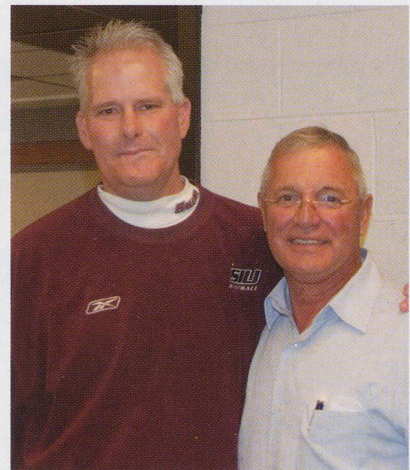
Other specialty awards given by Southern were the Mundo Spirit Award shared by *Dusty Baker* and *Tyler Larison*, and the Itch Jones MVP Award shared by Adams and Kelley.

"When two players clearly dominate in the manner those two did, it was obvious to us that co-MVPs were warranted," Callahan says. "Adams and Kelly were outstanding, and the great thing is that each will be back next season."

Itchy's Dawgs Come Home

Baseball lettermen who played for Saluki Hall of Fame Coach Itchy Jones met in Carbondale recently to reconnect with the University and reminisce with former teammates. The members of the 1977 College World Series Team were recognized on the field prior to SIU's game with Wichita State. Former Salukis who attended a Friday night event hosted by SIU Athletics are shown below, standing from left: Joe Richardson, Rick Keeton, Bob Geary, Scott Bridges, Bruce Hanson, Glen Franklin, Neil Fiala, Tom Caulfield, Dewey Robinson, Jim Reeves, Rick Wysocki, Jim Adkins, Kevin Waldrop, Paul Ondo, Rick

Fiala, Jim Adduci, Kevin House, Jim Kessler, Bob Schroeck, Ken Klump, Stan Mann, Larry Calufetti, Chris Wicks, Mike Wilbins, Rob Clark, and current SIU Head Coach Dan Callahan. Seated are Rob Simond, Ed Thompson (SIU Assistant A.D.), Bobby Doerr, P.J. Schranz, Rick Murray, Bill Lyons, Itchy Jones, Rob Derry, John Hoscheidt, Jim Locascio, Jerry Desimone, and Fred Huff (former SID). At right, Callahan, who was an assistant coach under Jones in the 1980s, poses with his mentor. The group was hosted in the SIU Alumni Association Tent the next day as special guests at Alumni Appreciation Day at Abe Martin Field. ■



Southern Softball Hosts NCAA Regional

When “Southern Illinois” came across the screen on ESPNNews this May, the nationally-ranked Saluki softball team went wild. Those words meant the team had qualified for its fifth consecutive trip to the postseason championship, a run that started in 2003. Suddenly the cheers got even louder. When the Salukis looked up to see where they would be playing their fifth-straight NCAA Regional, they saw “Carbondale Regional.”

“I saw Southern Illinois first and that never gets old, the excitement never goes away. You’re screaming and excited,” recalls SIU head coach *Kerri Blaylock*. “Then I looked up and saw Carbondale and just went nuts. We were really excited to have the opportunity to host a regional at Charlotte West Stadium.”

The Salukis (41-16/17-7 MVC) finished the season ranked 22nd in the country, but couldn’t take advantage of the home field situation. They fell to Missouri 8-0 in the opener, defeated Mississippi Valley State 7-0, then were eliminated in a rematch with the Tigers



Alicia Garza is greeted at the plate by teammates after hitting a two-run homer in the first inning to get the Salukis on top in their 7-0 win over Mississippi Valley State.

Track Dawgs To Nationals

At press time, the SIU track and field teams were set to send two athletes to Sacramento, Calif., and await the fate of a third for the NCAA Championships competition. *Brittany Riley* got there after winning the hammer throw while setting a new Mideast Regional record with a toss of 237-03, the second-best throw of her career. Riley then went on to throw a personal-best 170-01 in the discus for third place, advancing to the NCAA championships in her second event.

For the men, *Brenton Siemons* emerged in the shot put. A regional finalist in the hammer a year ago, the junior threw a personal best 59-04 for fourth place in the shot and an automatic bid to nationals. *Antwon Stapleton* triple jumped his way to an 11th-place finish with a final leap of 50-01.25. The senior, ranked in the top 20 in the nation, was still in consideration for Sacramento pending the results of the other three regional meets.

7-4. For Blaylock, who watched her team finish second in the conference tournament and third in the regular season, the ending was bittersweet.

“I’m proud of my kids and thought they battled really hard,” she said following the second loss to Missouri. “The one thing that I saw today was a huge amount of fight from a team in an adverse situation. They did a tremendous job of fighting back and making it a really good game.”

Scoggins, Garza Earn First-Team Honors

Southern’s *Cassidy Scoggins* became a three-time first-team all-conference selection for the Salukis, helping lead SIU to the lowest team ERA in the MVC this season. A three-time 20-game winner, she posted a 22-10 record this sea-

son to go with a 1.91 ERA in 227.1 innings of work. She struck out 382 batters and finished Valley play in the top five in wins, innings, strikeouts, shutouts, and tied for the league lead in complete games.

The other first-team performer was freshman *Alicia Garza* who was named at second base. She led the Salukis in hitting with a .358 overall mark while starting all 57 games. Sophomore catcher *Jayme Wamsley* (.303, 10 homers, 41 RBI) and junior outfielder *Tiffanie Dismore* (.296, second on team with 58 hits) were named to the league’s second team.

Garza, Scroggins, and Wamsley were also named to the All-Great Lakes Region Team, only the third time in the program’s history that Southern placed three players on the squad.

SINU 1946 National Basketball Champs Reunite In Carbondale

by Les Winkeler

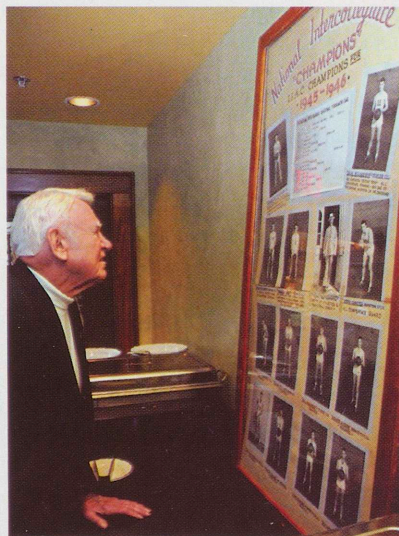
The hair that remains is grayer. The gaits are slower, but the memories still burn brightly.

Members of the 1946 Southern Illinois Normal University NAIA national championship basketball team held a reunion earlier this year at Alongi's Restaurant in Carbondale prior to the nationally-televised SIU-Creighton game. The championship club was honored during halftime of the contest.

The 1946 team defeated Indiana State 49-40 in the championship game to cap a 20-6 season. It was the first national championship in SINU history. The Maroons defeated Panzer College, Loras College, Nevada, Loyola University, and Indiana State to win the national title.

The team members were all southern Illinois residents; even the "outsiders" — Bill Malinsky of Flora and Richard Harmon of Granite City — were within what is now a 90-minute drive.

The rest of the team members were from the immediate southern Illinois area: Don Sheffer and Sam Milosevich of Zeigler; Roy Ragsdale, Tom Gher, and Dick Foley of Carbondale; Gene Stotlar and Carl Birkner of Pinckneyville; Quentin Stinson of Eldorado; Calvin Collins of Du Quoin;



Captain for that squad, Don Scheffer takes a closer look at a framed photo of the team.



Photos by Steve Jahnlke/The Southern Illinoisan

Members of the University's 1946 National Intercollegiate Basketball Champions gathered for a reunion at Alongi's Restaurant in the University Mall earlier this year. Those attending were, from left, Dick Harmon, the late Quentin Stinson's wife, Barbara, Don Scheffer, Ken Martin (son of head coach Glenn "Abe" Martin), Gene Stotlar, Tom Gher, and Lee Cabutti.

Lee Cabutti of Johnston City, Eugene Davidson of Harrisburg; and Chester Glover of Mount Vernon.

The home-grown quality may have been one of the strengths of the team.

"It was a good bunch of guys, pretty much all from coal mining families," says Cabutti, now a Champaign resident. "We all loved each other. We had a little something."

"The thing about it is, we all lived in a 50-mile radius," Stotlar says. "We all knew each other pretty well. The war was just getting over with. We had a lot of local guys playing."

Stinson didn't join the team until the second semester, when he was discharged from the military. Cohesiveness and unselfishness were two of the team's hallmarks.

"Sheffer, Milosevich, and Stinson, those guys under the basket were tough," says Stotlar. "If Sheffer got the ball under the basket, he was going to put it up." Stotlar, a Pinckneyville resident, was a freshman on the national championship team. When talking about the team's strengths, he failed to mention he was the tournament's most valuable player.

The basketball championship ended Stotlar's playing career. Also the starting quar-

terback on the football team, he quit basketball and football to go to medical school.

"They were smart ballplayers, all of them," Gher adds. "There were two FBI guys on that team, Ragsdale and Stinson. Everyone always had a real good work ethic. Dr. Stotlar used to stay after practice and shoot extra. That's why he was the MVP of that team."

It was also an athletic group.

"Everybody played football except Sheffer," Gher says. "We weren't one-dimensional like they are today." Sheffer and Stinson are members of the SIU Hall of Fame.

Although some of the men hadn't seen each other in 60 years, the memories and stories surfaced quickly. Five team members (Cabutti, Sheffer, Stotlar, Harmon, and Gher) attended the reunion, as did Coach Glenn "Abe" Martin's son, Ken.

"Abe Martin had a good system: If you won, you got a steak; and if you lost, you got the blue-plate special," Cabutti says with a laugh. "Plus, he was like a second dad to all of us."

—Winkeler is sports editor of The Southern Illinoisan and a 1976 graduate of SIU.

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River **To** River Relay

*Still Going Strong
20 Years Later*

by Kathy Dillard

Imagine 60 runners at the starting line, pumped with adrenalin and trying their best to focus on keeping pace for 3.6 miles on a gravel road. Suddenly they face a steep valley with difficult conditions, such as gravel roads, steep inclines, and declines, and other challenges lurking ahead in the next leg. No bad knees allowed here; this is just the beginning.

For the past two decades, the River to River Relay has been bringing teams together to challenge 80 miles of southern Illinois' toughest terrain. This year's event, once again featuring a huge contingent of Saluki participants, brought 240 eight-runner teams to the region in April. Beginning on a bluff near Wolf Lake overlooking the Mississippi River and ending at the town of Golconda beside the Ohio River levees, the 20th annual affair was an unqualified success.

The race's inception, however, proved anything but smooth when the idea was first hatched more than 20 years ago.



The road is not always flat – or dry – for relay participants. This historic photo from a previous race illustrates one of the many challenges the course might decide to offer at any given moment.

A 'Stupid Idea' Takes Shape

Gordon Pitz, race founder and a retired Southern Illinois University Carbondale psychology professor, had heard about the Hood to Coast Relay in Oregon and thought it would be interesting to adapt the concept to southern Illinois. He suggested it to his running club and encountered resistance. “They thought it was the most stupid, idiotic idea ever heard of and someone would have to be crazy to participate and out of their mind to try to organize it,” he says.

The running club did not want to sponsor the race, but John O’Dell, director of the Southern Illinois Tourism Council (SITC), called Pitz with an offer he couldn’t refuse. SITC had \$5,000 to sponsor a race highlighting the River to River Trail, a 160-mile path bridging the land dividing the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Pitz went back to the running club, and though they “still thought he was crazy,” the group agreed to help organize a relay that would cover 80 miles of the trail.

In 1988, 60 teams would participate in the first relay. A four-member committee organized the event, taking into

consideration road congestion, starting and ending times, exchanges, safety issues — and even port-a-potties. With only 20 volunteers, some of which would work an early exchange then move down the road to work a later exchange, the race was well on its way to becoming a hit.

An Event Begins To Grow

By 1989 the field doubled to 120 teams. As the race grew, so did the need for additional committee members and volunteers. (The current committee consists of a director, assistant director, business manager, publicist, volunteer coordinator, pre-start coordinator, and communications coordinator.) This year more than 350 volunteers helped make the run as smooth as possible.

“Volunteers are the lifeblood of the relay and come from all walks of life,” says Race Director Brad Dillard ’93, MBA ’04. “They range from Boy and Girl Scout troops handing out T-shirts to finishers, to more than 35 physical therapy students from SIU and John A. Logan College providing massages to participants at the finish line. The Southern Illinois Amateur Radio Society has more

River To River Relay Fun Facts

- Each runner completes three sections that range in length from 2.5 to 4 miles. Teams start in groups every 30 minutes, beginning at 6:15 a.m., continuing until the last group is started at 8:45 a.m. The finish line closes at exactly 8 p.m.

- The race starts at McGee Hill in LaRue-Pine Hills. The course follows country roads (mostly paved, but some stretches of gravel) through the Shawnee National Forest to its finish at the Ohio River in Golconda.

- Today the race has more than 240 teams and 2,000 runners. Six minutes after the online registration opened this year, the field was filled and 50 teams were on the waiting list. Teams have entered the 2007 race from 12 different states, including New Mexico, Florida, Nebraska, and Virginia.

- During the relay’s two decades, there have been only three directors: Gordon Pitz (1988-99), Keith McQuarrie (2000-06), and Brad Dillard (2007-current).

- For those who run the relay, it’s a life test. Steep hills, gravel roads, 240 cars plus street traffic, port-a-potties, trees that have fallen, pigs, cows, dogs, rain, heat, wind, and the smell of seven other sweaty runners all stuffed into one vehicle face the runners. But it is all worth it to experience the camaraderie of working as a team and the sense of accomplishment and pride at the finish line. One of the traditions of River to River Relay is that the rest of the team follows the anchor runner into the finish chute.

- In 1988, teams would have paid \$13.65 for gas to get them from the starting line to the festivities at the finish. Today, that same trip would be about \$42.75. Hotel for two nights now costs about \$150. Cost for Friday night’s dinner, breakfast, and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast Sunday is now approximately \$45. Assorted snacks and beverages cost almost \$30. The entry fee for the relay is \$360 for a team of eight or \$45 per racer. Cost per racer is now almost \$200, but to cross the finish line in Golconda with friends is priceless!

- Part of the fun of the relay is choosing crazy team names. This year’s list includes 16 Cheeks to the Wind, 6:20 Club (who crossed the finish line at exactly 6:20 p.m.), Big Dog Running and Eating Club, DeKalb Corn Dogs, Eight Deadly Sins, Feets of Strength, For the Hill of It, Fueled by Little Debbie, No Walkin’ til the Van Passes, and Slim Jim and the Snapalopes. Many of the teams decorate their vehicles or wear special shirts, hats, or other bits of costume to show team spirit.



The “Desperate Housewives” team is shown crossing the finish line at this year’s race. The squad consisted of Carterville, Ill., residents – most with SIU connections. Alumni Pam Hunter M.S. ’90, Pam Henderson M.B.A. ’95, Dawn Null ’92, M.S. ’95, and Kris Sherrill ’06 were members of the team.

Relay Dignitaries Over The Years

- Current SIU President — then U.S. Congressman — Glenn Poshard was the honorary starter at the first relay in 1988.
- 1984 U.S. Olympian Sister Marion Irvine once ran the relay. She had qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials in the marathon at the age of 54, becoming the oldest person to ever qualify in the event. Sister Marion is a member of Road Runners Hall of Fame and the Masters Track & Field Hall of Fame.
- *Runners World Magazine* senior writer Hal Higdon ran the event in 1998 as a member of the “Migrating Dunies” team and wrote an article about the race. (Read at <http://www.halhigdon.com/Ontherun/river.html>.)
- Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich became the first governor to run the relay in 2006. He ran in the eighth position for his team, called “Blue Suede Running Shoes.”

than 85 members assisting, and various emergency medical technicians are spread throughout the course.”

From that large cast of volunteers, three have participated in all 20 relays. Peter Carroll, a retired SIU physical education professor, not only helped organize the first relay, but ran an early leg of the race and volunteered at the finish line. Sandra DeNoon and Woodrow Gump ’74 have also been at every relay, and all remain inspired by what they see each year.

The Running Dawgs

As has always been the case, Southern alumni, students, and members of the University community are

avid runners at the event. Most alumni, such as John Wright ’92 of Fishers, Ind., are repeat performers. Wright’s team, called “An Old Saluki With Some Hoosiers,” has participated nine times. “It took a lot of persuasion to get my Indiana group to drive to Carbondale, spend a day running cross country, and sit in a van with six other sweaty people” he says with a smile, “but once they did it, they wanted to come back.”

Also indicative of the Southern flavor was Chaney’s Gang, a team consisting of SIU employees and graduates who train by running hills weekly for two months. Sue and John Chaney, John Massie ’02, Mark Peterson, Bill Fisher ’91, Chris Bickers ’83, M.A. ’87, and

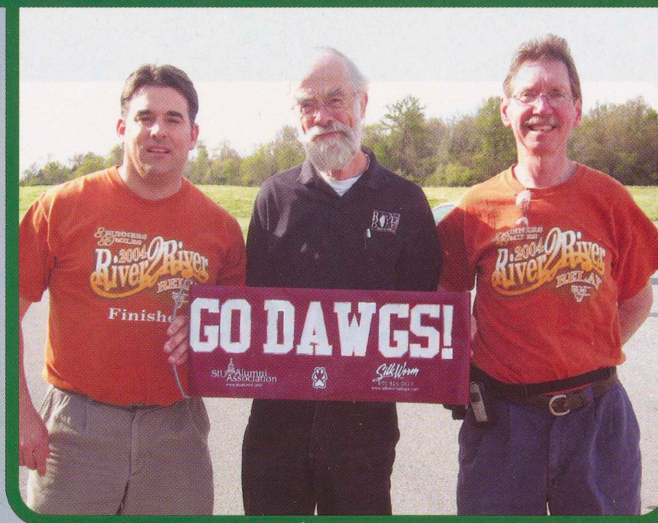
Scott Hendricks '79, J.D. '83 made up a diverse team ranging in age from 24 to 58.

Sue Chaney, supervisor of the pharmacy at Southern's Student Health Center, says she is most impressed with the camaraderie the event brings. "It's not just with your team members, but also with the volunteers and the other teams. You never know who will be starting with you that day or who you'll end up keeping pace with."

The SIU Alumni Association even had a presence in the event, as Association members Michelle Suarez '85, M.S. '04, Tanna Morgan '00, Jeff Lorber, Mary Mechler '82, Cindy Ciganovich '88, M.S. '99, Mark Kelly '85, A.A.S. '89, Mike Niesel '97, and Becky Miller ran as "Team Corona."

Also represented were SIU student teams such as the one this year that included three of the University's kinesiology students. Will Massy '08 organized the team and was joined by fellow students Jeff Denny '08, Robbie Cochrum '07, and five of their friends.

Simply running the race, however, has



In the relay's two decades, there have been only three directors of the race. From left, current director Brad Dillard '93, M.B.A. '04, relay founder Gordon Pitz (retired SIU professor), and Keith McQuarrie (retired SIU counselor) show their Saluki pride.

certainly not been the only contribution made by Saluki students over the years. To achieve a more accurate map of the relay course, officials recently enlisted the help of Southern engineering students in Roy Frank's classes. Kory Allred '04, M.S. '06 managed a project to map the elevations and distances of each section of the trail.

While some teams run purely for the enjoyment, others remain quite competitive. This mapping better allows competitive teams to know exactly how far each section is and

what elevations to expect. The information is perhaps most useful in helping teams determine which members are best suited for each section.

"This project has allowed SIU students to get real-world experience using state-of-the-art equipment," Frank stresses. "It will help them roll immediately into successful careers."

And while they pursue those careers, the River to River Relay will no doubt continue rolling right along as well.

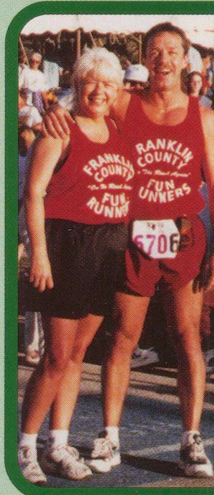
A Finish To Remember

In 1996, Jeff Jones of Carterville, Ill., was such an avid River to River Relay participant that his then-fiancée, Donna Allsop, hatched perhaps the most interesting plan to ever occur at the conclusion of the race. She surprised him by having their wedding at the finish line.

Jones had asked Donna to marry him a few days before the relay took place and then left on a training run. She and attorney Keith Kibler '78 soon arranged for a pastor and marriage license to be waiting at the finish line.

"I'm not a runner, but decided to run part of position six so I could be in the van to let our friends along the course know of the surprise," Donna recalls. When her fiancée crossed the finish line, Donna had a quite a revelation in store. "Everyone knows except you, but we're getting married at the finish line if you'll have me," she said. Jones replied, "That's a no-brainer — of course I will."

With the race clock as a backdrop, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Jones were united in marriage. Although the ceremony was only three minutes in length, there were more than 2,000 guests. Next year the relay will take place on their anniversary; Donna plans to train to run position six just like she did on her wedding day.



Inspiration for team names comes from many places. "Murphy's Moonlight Milers," seen above approaching the finish line, were inspired by the Rolling Stones' song "Moonlight Mile." They finished first in the 2007 mixed division.

— Kathy Dillard

Single Winner Captures Rickert-Ziebold Contest

For the first time in more than 30 years, a single winner captured the annual \$20,000 Rickert-Ziebold Trust Award Competition at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's School of Art and Design.

Sarah Vaughn, a senior from Olney, was stunned when she heard that her kiln-fired glass wall sculpture, "The Moment of Choice," was the sole winner. She says the prize will "make a lot of things possible for me now."

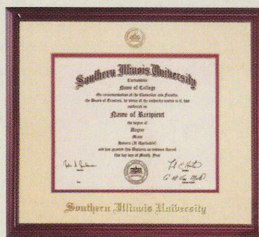
The competition, which carries one of the largest awards of its type in the nation, is open to graduating seniors from the University's School of Art and Design. Vaughn's winning effort is a wall sculpture that is a flowing piece of thin, textured glass resembling veins or nerve endings or an infinity of options.



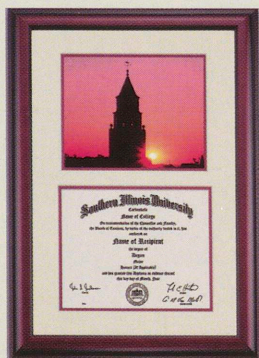
Sarah Vaughn stands in front of her glass wall sculpture, "The Moment of Choice," after winning the Rickert-Ziebold Trust Competition's prize. She was the lone winner of the award, the first time that has happened in more than 30 years.

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Student Overcomes Adversity To Earn Honor

by Sun Min

Jené Pulliam has experienced more than her share of adversity in her young life.

The recent Southern Illinois University Carbondale College of Business and Administration graduate was reared by a single mother after her 18-year-old brother was shot and killed in gang violence when she was 10 years old and her father died of stomach and liver cancer when she was 13.

"I know that both of these events happened for a reason," the Rockford, Ill., native says. "I am a better person today because of the events of my childhood." Instead of wallowing in self-pity, Pulliam drew strength from her experiences.

Recently the senior finance major was recognized as one of the "Most Distinguished Seniors" at Southern. The Southern Illinois University Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council sponsor the annual awards, presented to 25 students who enrich the University and Carbondale community through their service activities. To qualify, students must complete a lengthy application process, earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 and receive positive recommendations from University and community officials.

Pulliam, a stellar student and a star volleyball player, was named to the Missouri Valley All-Conference Scholar-Athlete Team. The busy student also found time to volunteer for several community organizations, including volleyball camps, basketball camps, and the *Just Read!* program.

All of that activity led her to a May graduation date, as Pulliam became the first person in her family to earn such a diploma. In so many ways, her story exemplifies Southern's long-standing mis-



Pulliam is proud to be a Most Distinguished Senior, and hopes her degree inspires the rest of her family to succeed in college.

sion of serving first-generation college students and commitment to diversity.

"Earning this degree is something I take great pride in because I hope that it becomes a precedent in my family now and hope that what I am doing will be an inspiration to the rest of my family for years to come," she notes.

Since her husband passed away, Pulliam's mother, Kathy, has had heart problems, a brain tumor, and other ailments, but her health problems did not keep her away from the "Most Distinguished Seniors" banquet and commencement.

"My mother loves SIU," the new Saluki graduate explains. "She's come and spent more than a month here with me before and loves her trips here. I know that my brother and my father love the fact that I am at SIU also, because I know that they can see that I have become a better person while here." ■

2007 SIU 25 Most Distinguished Senior Awards

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College of Agricultural Sciences
2. Miles Bardell, Freeport, Ill.
College of Applied Sciences and Arts
3. Melody Boykin, Chicago, Ill.
College of Applied Sciences and Arts
4. Kenneth Burrows, Crystal Lake, Ill.
College of Applied Sciences and Arts
5. Jeffrey Jaynes, Bartlett, Ill.
College of Applied Sciences and Arts
6. Christine Nagel, Frankfort, Ill.
College of Applied Sciences and Arts
7. Sabrina Weber, McHenry, Ill.
College of Applied Sciences and Arts
8. Amanda Clifton, St. Louis, Mo.
College of Business & Administration
9. Jené Pulliam, Rockford, Ill.
College of Business & Administration
10. Brett Stehl, St. Libory, Ill.
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11. Erin Strathdee, Moline, Ill.
College of Business & Administration
12. Ciji Taylor, Fairfield, Ill.
College of Business & Administration
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College of Education & Human Services
14. Teresa Abney, Braidwood, Ill.
College of Engineering
15. Jonathan Cairns, Blue Springs, Mo.
College of Engineering
16. Nathaniel Brown, Chester, Ill.
College of Liberal Arts
17. Amy Davis, Witt, Ill.
College of Liberal Arts
18. Janine Gawel, Tinley Park, Ill.
College of Liberal Arts
19. Bethany Hobson, Normal, Ill.
College of Liberal Arts
20. Shirley San, Makanda, Ill.
College of Liberal Arts
21. Jacinda Steinkamp, Nashville, Ill.
College of Liberal Arts
22. Marques Anderson, Kankakee, Ill.
College of Mass Communication and Media Arts
23. Zachary Englum, Paris, Ill.
College of Mass Communication and Media Arts
24. Michael Logsdon, Litchfield, Ill.
College of Mass Communication and Media Arts
25. Sarah Vorhees, Carterville, Ill.
College of Mass Communication and Media Arts

Taking Advantage Of Every Opportunity

Sitting among the top 25 Distinguished Seniors at an honorary dinner, Southern Illinois University Carbondale junior Andrea Arnieri was thrilled to be a part of the ceremony.

"I prize my education here and do my best to take advantage of every opportunity, academic and otherwise, that is afforded to me," she says. "I continually strive to be a positive representative."

The event, held in April, paid tribute to the academic success and contributions of 27 standout students at SIU. The dinner was co-hosted by former SIUC Interim Chancellor John M. Dunn and his wife, Linda, the SIU Alumni Association, and Student Alumni Council.

Officials awarded 25 students the Distinguished Senior Award. Arnieri and Allison Niendiek (see next page) were honored with Super Student Scholarships valued at \$500 each.

Arnieri, a student studying philosophy and economics, says being a part of the University community has always been important to her.

"Whenever I tell anyone about SIU, I always describe it as a place of opportunity. There is a continual exchange of information between peers, and no limit to what individuals may accomplish," she says.

The Palatine, Ill., native says her father, sister, aunt, and uncle made the trip to Carbondale to see her receive the scholarship and be recognized.

"I was so excited when I found out. It is such an honor to be chosen," Arnieri stresses. "My family was really happy for me and proud."

Mark Tschaepé, teaching assistant for the SIU Department of Philosophy, recommended Arnieri for the scholarship and calls her one of the top students at

the University.

"She is one of the most talented and intelligent students I have had the pleasure to teach," Tschaepé says. "Andrea would be voted most likely to succeed in any group, as she truly is an amazing student and scholar. There are not enough positive adjectives that can easily

"Whenever I tell anyone about SIU, I always describe it as a place of opportunity. There is a continual exchange of information between peers..."

be attached to her work, but she is deserving of all of them."

Arnieri is an active senator in SIU Undergraduate Student Government, vice president of finance and vice president of recruitment for the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, president of the University Hall Council, and a choreographer for the Southern Illinois Dance Company. Her peers also praise her attitude and commitment to all of the causes she supports.

"As a leader she exemplifies the definition of perseverance, persistence, and commitment to accomplishing goals," says Undergraduate Student Government President Akeem Mustapha.

Arnieri says the right college atmosphere and some family advice were essential in her search for a university to attend. After hearing about Southern from family friends, Arnieri checked it out for herself.

"My mother was an alumna, and she had the best time here," she says. "She made long-lasting friendships, and I've

heard stories about SIU from family friends. I just knew that I would like it here, too. The curriculum, faculty support, and various other opportunities I have had at SIU have provided me with a unique and priceless educational experience in many ways."

Arnieri plans to pursue her master's degree in a bioethics program and eventually work for a nonprofit company like Bear Necessities, a pediatric cancer foundation in Chicago. She says her experiences at Southern will help her achieve her goals.

"I could not have had the opportunities I have had here anywhere else," Arnieri notes. "SIU is committed to diversity and opportunity in ways that I

do not believe any other academic institution could be, and these features of an education are important to me." ■



Andrea Arnieri is presented a plaque by SIU Alumni Association President Sheri Hunter.

A Bright Future Awaits This Busy Saluki

Allison Niendiek, a recipient of the 2007 Super Student Scholarship, is currently studying in Grenoble, France, while earning her International Business Certificate through SIU's exchange program with Ecole de Management.

"I have been able to embrace the French culture and challenge myself in a new academic setting," Niendiek says. A junior studying marketing at Southern, she is taking five business classes and one French class in Grenoble.

She has joined two organizations at the school called Altigliss and Aloha. Altigliss is a student-run ski club, and Aloha is an organization that organizes social activities for students. Outside of class she has been able to travel Europe and expand her knowledge of different cultures.

Niendiek, a student member of the SIU Alumni Association, says taking advantage of the many opportunities at the University has been a positive experience. Her professors and advisors agree that she has done her part to add positively to the SIU community.

"Having been on the faculties at the University of Notre Dame, Emory University and my current position here, I would place Allison's potential among the top 1 percent of students I have ever encountered at any institution," says Marketing Department Chairman Terry Clark.

Niendiek's employers add that she sets performance standards to which all



Shown in Amsterdam recently, Niendiek takes a break during a canal tour and walking expedition of the city. The SIU student says she recommends traveling abroad to anyone who has the chance. "It's wonderful if you are willing to step out of your comfort zone and experience a completely new culture," she notes. "The benefits outweigh the headaches."

student employees should aspire.

Bill McMinn, recreational sports and service director emeritus, supervised Niendiek while she worked as an intramural sports official, lifeguard, and swimming instructor. In his letter of recommendation he wrote:

"As I assessed the criteria for this award, I can think of no student more deserving of this distinguished award. There are certain traits you will not find on Allison's resume (i.e., kindness, loyal-

ty, integrity, enthusiasm, sense of humor, work ethic, etc.). She possesses all of these fine traits and many more to a degree that would make any institution very proud," McMinn says.

Growing up on a farm in central Illinois gave Niendiek an appreciation for the woods and greenery that helped attract her to Southern's campus. "After high school, SIU was my first educational choice because it was located in a rural setting, provided several on-campus job opportunities, and had a variety of clubs and organizations," she explains.

Niendiek continues to be heavily involved at SIU. Some of her responsibilities include serving as the executive vice president of the College of Business and Administration Student Council and as a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, Saluki Ambassadors, and the American Marketing Association. She works for

the member services area of the SIU Alumni Association, and Director of Member Services Michelle Suarez recommended her for the scholarship.

"Allison has a wonderfully positive view of her life and the world," Suarez says. "She has a contagious personality — one that infects all around her. The success of the Benefit Partner Program and growth of the pregame football tailgates are testament to her abilities and professionalism." ■

Record Numbers Enjoy Hospitality At MVC Tournament

Led by the Rawlings MVC Coach of the Year Chris Lowery, the nationally-ranked Salukis took a 25-5 record and the top seed into the 2007 MVC Tournament. The SIU Alumni Association added to the festivities, hosting five hospitality sessions which drew a record number. More than 800 members and guests from across the nation attended, and fans were able to purchase Saluki apparel on site. Those staying at the Hilton at the Ballpark under the SIU Alumni Association's room block were provided a gift bag and complimentary shuttle service to all Saluki games. SIU Alumni Association staff, assisted by the St. Louis Chapter and other alumni volunteers, contributed to the success of the hospitality sessions. The Association gave out 1,000 folding banners supporting the Salukis. Nobody seemed to enjoy the give-away more than nine-month-old Charlie Putnam (right), son of Alex AAS '98 and BS '99 and Kristen Putnam-Weitzel of Grand Rapids, Mich.



Two SIU Students Win Scholarships

William Barney, a sophomore studying music from Chicago, and Joshua Chesser, a sophomore studying forestry from Carbondale, each won a scholarship of up to \$2,900 at the Student Appreciation Basketball Game held at the SIU Arena on Feb. 24. With a packed house watching the Salukis host Evansville, students registered for the drawing before the Senior Night game. The winning students' names were drawn at half-time. MD Designs by Metal Décor of Springfield, Ill., assists the SIU Alumni Association in sponsoring the scholarships.

Saluki Expo And Brunch

More than 2,000 people stopped by the Saluki Business Expo on March 3 as part of the Missouri Valley Conference basketball tournament festivities. Hosted by the SIU Marketing Department, the Marketing Department External Advisory Board, and the SIU Alumni Association, the event featured booths by University departments, SIU-affiliated organizations, and various businesses.

NCAA Reception In Ohio

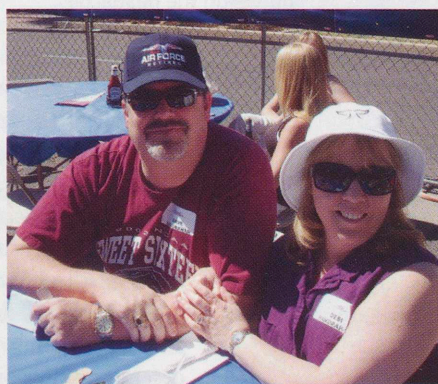
The SIU Alumni Association and Saluki Athletics cosponsored a reception at the team hotel prior to SIU's first-round basketball game in the NCAA Tournament for several hundred alumni, friends, and Saluki fans in Columbus, Ohio. The Saluki Pep Band, Shakers, and cheerleaders made an appearance to

pump up the audience, as Athletic Director Mario Moccia greeted the crowd.

Also representing the University were SIU President Glenn Poshard, former Interim Chancellor John M. Dunn, and Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry. In attendance from the Association were board members Steve Falat, Jim Hayes, Darla Karnes, Howard Spiegel, and Wes Wilkins, as well as Executive Director Ed Buerger and Director for Off-Campus Programs Argus Tong.

Cubs Spring Training Game Gathering

Almost 70 alumni and friends attended a Cubs spring



David and Debi Handrahan enjoy the pregame event in Mesa, Ariz.

training pregame gathering at Sluggo's Bar and Grill March 11 in Mesa, Ariz. Dave Barger '91, M.S. '93, with assistance from alumni in the area, helped coordinate the event.

SIU Alumni Night With The 'Broadway Pops'

More than 90 Association members and their guests recently enjoyed SIU Alumni Night at the Broadway Pops. Alumni members began their evening by attending dinner at the Old Main Restaurant in the SIU Student Center and later watched a performance of "Broadway Pops" at Shryock Auditorium.

They were welcomed by SIU Alumni Association President Sheri Hunter. Student Alumni Council members Brandi Bertels and Emilie Fielder joined Association staff in hosting the guests.

Two SACers Honored With SIU Class Rings

Two members of the Student Alumni Council were presented with the Official SIU Class Ring. This year's honorees were Dustin Davis, a senior in political science from Paris, Ill., and Timasha Udugama, a junior in physiology from Sri Lanka.

The rings were presented during the Class Ring Ceremony. Each SACer was cited for providing many hours of service in support of the Association, the University, and the Carbondale community. Their participation ranges from assisting in hosting alumni appreciation events on campus, cohosting programs with the chancellor, or participating in community clean-up projects.

Alumni Member Appreciation Events Held

More than 90 Association members attended the SIU vs. Wichita State University baseball game at Abe Martin Field in April, joining more than 30 baseball players during a reunion weekend honoring former Coach Itchy Jones. Members and others attending the reunion enjoyed a complimentary lunch and beverages under the Alumni Association tent.

Jones threw out the first pitch during the weekend with his former players. Honored as well were members of the 1977 College World Series Team, which was Jones' last trip with the Dawgs to the CWS.

SIU's softball team hosted WSU in a doubleheader in May, when more than 90 Association members attended a pregame tailgate featuring lunch and beverages before the Senior Day games. Those attending got a full day of softball as the first game – a 10-inning contest – was the longest ever played at Charlotte West Stadium.

Wickedly Saluki Afternoon Enjoyed In Los Angeles

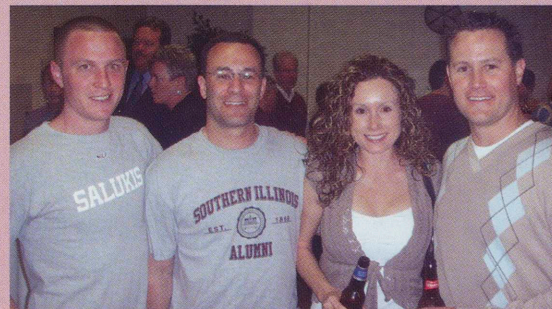
Eighty alumni and friends attended a reception and the matinee Broadway performance of *Wicked: The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz* on April 22 at the historic Pantages Theatre in Hollywood, Calif. The attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and dessert prior to a short program by SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger and Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry. In attendance was SIU Foundation Board President Larry DeJarnett, and his wife, Mary. Representing the Association were SIU Alumni Association Board Past President and Los Angeles Chapter President Mimi Wallace and Director of Off-Campus Programs Argus Tong.

Saluki Coaches Caravan

The Saluki Coaches Caravan, sponsored by Saluki Athletics and the SIU Alumni Association, included stops in Lincolnshire, Ill., Springfield, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo. The caravan enabled more than 120 alumni and Saluki fans at each venue the opportunity to meet with MVC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year Dana Eikenberg, NCAA Elite Eight Football Coach

NCAA Sweet 16 Reception

The SIU Alumni Association and Saluki Athletics co-sponsored a reception at the team hotel for a few hundred guests prior to Southern's Sweet 16 game against Kansas in San Jose, Calif. The program included a welcome by Executive Director Ed Buerger and Athletic Director Mario Moccia. Representing the University were former Interim Chancellor John M. Dunn and Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry. Also in attendance from the Association was Director for Off-Campus Programs Argus Tong, San Francisco Alumni Chapter President Ed Edelman, and former SIU Alumni Association President Mimi Wallace.



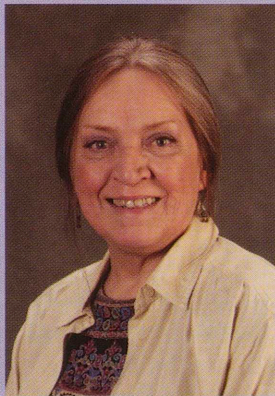
Jerry Kill, and MVC Men's Basketball Coach of the Year Chris Lowery. Athletic Director Mario Moccia, other coaches, and various student athletes also were present.

SIU Day At Turner Field

The Greater Atlanta Club of the SIU Alumni Association will host the 2nd annual SIU Day at Turner Field on Sat., July 21, with the Braves hosting the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals. For more information, please call the SIU Alumni Association office at 618-453-2408 or check our Web site at www.siualumni.com.

Marx Joins Alumni Association Staff

After more than two decades at SIU, Bonnie Marx '77 is still writing about her favorite subject: Southern Illinois University. The veteran journalist joined the SIU



Alumni Association as a staff writer for *Southern Alumni* magazine in May, replacing Marianne Lawrence who recently retired.

Marx, who worked at the *Daily Egyptian* as a reporter and editor en route to earning a degree in journalism, later became a reporter at the *Southeast Missourian* in

Cape Girardeau, Mo., and then the *Southern Illinoisian* in Carbondale. In 1983, she returned to her alma mater as a writer for what was then called University News Service, and has been active at SIU ever since.

"Taking this position must be the completion of some cosmic circle," Marx says. "My first student job on campus in the fall of 1970 was in the typing pool at the SIU Alumni Association when it was located on the third floor of Anthony Hall. Through sheer luck, I was plucked from the typing pool to assist the alumni magazine editor (first Robert Hays, then Shirley Blackburn). One of my duties then – as it is now – was writing the class notes for the magazine."

Her family includes son, Matt Gamble '05 (a producer at WPSD-TV and the father of her two grandchildren), son, Tom Marx, and daughter, Rachel Marx.

Marx may be reached at bmarx@siu.edu.

Chicagoland Golf Outing

The 18th Annual Chicagoland Fundraiser will be at the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling, Ill., on Fri., July 27. There will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m. with dinner following the event. All proceeds benefit Saluki Athletics. This event has raised more than \$274,000 since 1989. Sponsorships are available. For additional information, please contact George Robinson at 618-453-5408 or grob@siu.edu.

Greater Michigan Picnic

The Greater Michigan Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association will host its 8th Annual Detroit Picnic on Sun., July 29. All alumni, friends, and families are invited to attend. The picnic will be held from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. (EST) at the Kensington Metro Park Area (North Hickory Ridge Site H) in Brighton, Mich. For more information, please contact Chapter President Dale Hall at 586-421-0595 or mossieoak@sbcglobal.net.

Central Florida Chapter

The Central Florida Chapter will host a baseball game with minor league baseball team Clearwater Threshers on Sun., Aug. 12. SIU alumni and friends living in the Central Florida area are invited to attend this event and mingle with fellow Salukis. For more information, please contact Chapter President Terry Gannon at 727-367-2542 or tgannon@tampabay.rr.com.

MUNY 'Under The Stars'

Join SIU alumni, family, and friends for a night out at the MUNY in St. Louis, America's largest and oldest outdoor musical theater, on Sat., Aug. 4. The event begins at 6:15 p.m. with a backstage tour, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. at the Bank of America Pavilion. The musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, begins at 8:15 p.m. Please RSVP by July 14 to 618-453-2408 or online at www.siualumni.com.

Alumni And Friends Invited To Seattle Picnic

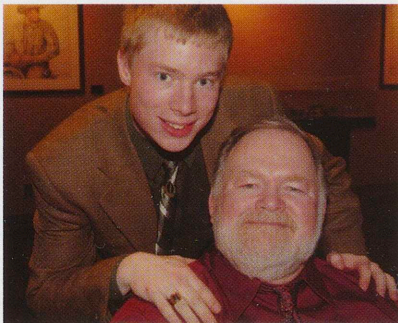
All alumni and friends from the Seattle area are invited to a picnic at Len and Linda Boscarine's home in Lake Burien, Wash., from 8-4:30 CST on Sun., Aug. 12. Attendees can participate in lake activities and meet other SIU alumni. Please RSVP by Aug. 8 to 618-453-2408 or sign up online at www.siualumni.com.

Football Tailgate To Be Held At Northern Illinois

The Chicagoland Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association will host the pregame football tailgate against the Northern Illinois Huskies on Sat., Sept. 8 in DeKalb, Ill. The chapter invites all Salukis fans to attend. Details will be announced at a later date. Please call the SIU Alumni Association office at 618-453-2408 or check our Web site at www.siu.edu/alumni. Game time 6:30 p.m. and volunteers are needed to assist the chapter at the tailgate. To volunteer, please contact Argus Tong at 618-453-2408 or via e-mail at argus@siu.edu.

Class Ring Ceremony

Family and friends joined more than 30 students and alumni for the presentation of their Official SIU Class Rings by former Interim Chancellor John M. Dunn. The sixth annual Class Ring Presentation Ceremony was emceed by SIU Alumni Association President Sheri Hunter. Student Alumni Council member Dustin Davis provided a student's perspective on the significance of the ring to undergraduates and alumni.



SIU student Jered Montgomery is shown with his father, Jerry, who purchased a class ring for his son.

Interim Chancellor John M. Dunn. The sixth annual Class Ring Presentation Ceremony was emceed by SIU Alumni Association President Sheri Hunter. Student Alumni Council member Dustin Davis provided a student's perspective on the significance of the ring to undergraduates and alumni.

The Association established a single ring that best represents our University, a ring easily identified and symbolic of SIU, six years ago. A committee of students, alumni, and staff were charged with determining the ring design and establishing eligibility criteria to wear an SIU class ring.

The ring can only be worn by current students who have completed 56 credit hours, achieving junior or senior status at SIU, or those holding an SIU degree. The ring provides an emotional bond with your alma mater that will last a lifetime.

Volunteers Needed At Du Quoin State Fair

Volunteers are needed to assist at the SIU Dome during the Du Quoin State Fair from Aug. 25 through Sept. 3. It will be a good opportunity to meet and mingle with other alumni. For more information, please contact Argus Tong 618-453-2408 or via e-mail at argus@siu.edu.

Calling All Central Illinois, Peoria Tri-County Alumni

There are approximately 92,500 alumni in the state of Illinois, represented by nine chapters. They are Chicago, Central Illinois, Jackson County, Peoria Tri-County, Perry County, Prairie Capital, Randolph County, Union County, and Williamson County. These chapters bring together the efforts of alumni to establish an SIU presence in their areas, to encourage participation with the University, and to facilitate involvement and camaraderie among Salukis.

Wayne Carter '77 has volunteered to lead the Central Illinois Chapter and is seeking other alumni volunteers to revitalize the group, which consists of alumni in the counties of Logan, Macon, Moultrie, Piatt, and Douglas. Volunteers are also being sought to lead the Peoria Tri-County Chapter. If interested, please contact Argus Tong 618-453-2408 or via e-mail at argus@siu.edu.

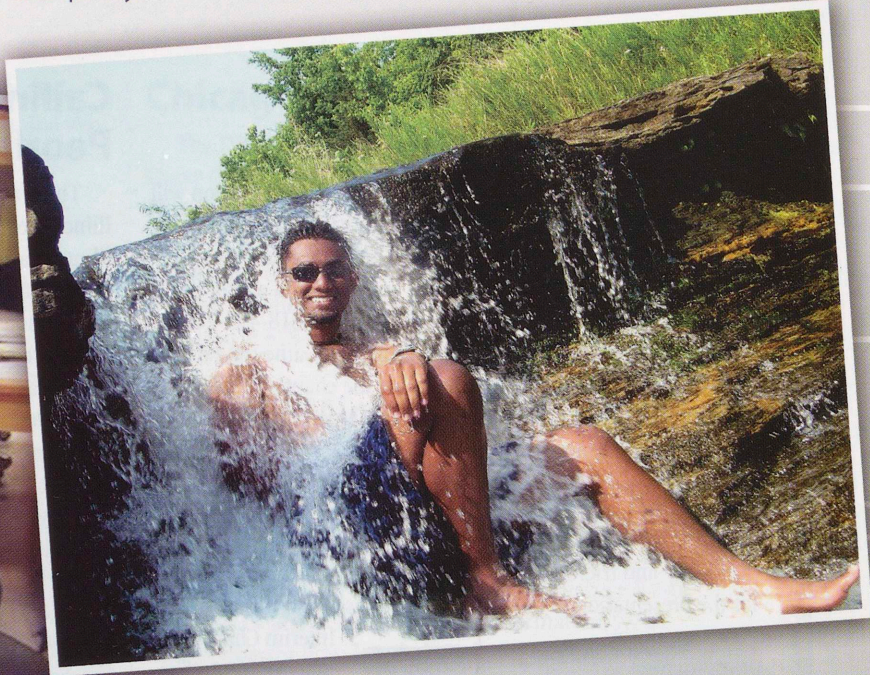
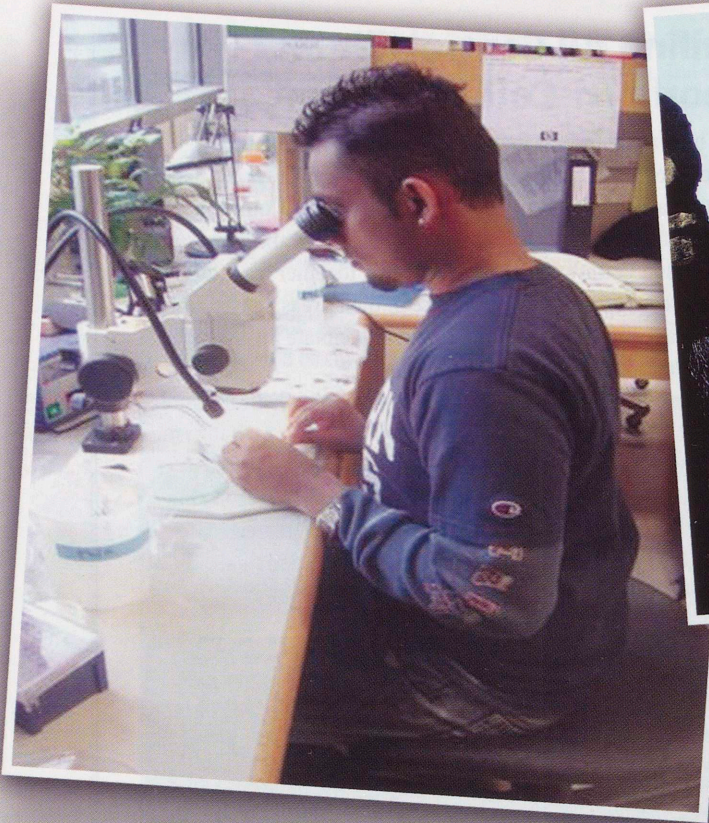
Saluki Baseball At GSC Stadium

Fifty-nine alumni and friends attended the Salukis vs. Billikins pregame gathering at the GCS Stadium in Sauget, Ill. The wood bat game ended with a shutout win over St. Louis University that earned Baseball Coach Dan Callahan his 500th career win as NCAA Division I Head Coach. In attendance from the Association were staff members Gene Green, Jeannie Caldwell, and Kathy Dillard.



SIU Baseball Hall of Famer Wayne Grandcolas (left) enjoys the action with his wife, Patricia, and fellow Salukis Shirlan and Marilyn Eckert.

Below left, Timasha Udagama does biomedical research during his Extern experience in Cambridge, Mass. It is not all work and no play for the talented Saluki, however, as he later returned to campus and enjoyed a relaxing afternoon at the Kincaid Lake spillway.



EXTERN SHADOWS TOP SCIENTISTS

SOUTHERN STUDENT GETS HANDS-ON
EXPERIENCE DURING SPRING BREAK

BY NICKY JACOBS

While Timasha Udugama's friends spent a week of March vacationing in Key West, Cancun, and other exotic locales, he opted for an unconventional approach to spring break.

The SIU physiology major participated in the SIU Alumni Association's award-winning Extern Program, making his way to the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass. The Institute is a leading, nonprofit

research and educational institution. It shares a teaching affiliation with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), offering the intellectual, collegial and scientific benefits of a leading research university.

Since 1984, the Extern Program, coordinated by the SIU Alumni Association, the Student Alumni Council, and Southern's colleges, has given students a unique opportunity during spring break. Throughout the years, this program has placed 2,969 students across the nation. On average, 45 percent of the externs are offered future opportunities with their sponsoring companies.

The Extern Program caters to the career interests of students by matching them with sponsors in their chosen fields during the week-long spring break. Students are required to submit an application and complete an interview process. This year, 156 students went on externships, and 47 percent of the sponsors were Southern alumni.

Udugama says he was excited to be admitted into the program because he had heard great things about the Institute.

"I wanted the experience of working in a cancer research environment. By meeting people who are already in the field, I can get an idea of what I would be doing on a daily basis," Udugama says. "I had no complaint about getting something productive done as opposed to partying. I feel like I got the best externship."

At the Institute, Udugama shadowed three Whitehead scientists, each in different areas of research.

During the first session, he followed Matthew Saelzler, a research assistant and graduate student in the lab of Robert Weinberg. Saelzler works on the recruitment of normal cell types to sites of tumor formation. During this session, Udugama observed the standard tissue culture procedures typically performed in a cancer lab and learned how cancer cells are propagated.

Amy DiGangi, public programs officer at the Whitehead Institute for

Biomedical Research, says this was the first time the Institute participated in the Extern program.

"This is the first time we've hosted a student from an out-of-the-state job-shadowing partnership," DiGangi stresses. "Timasha was personable and ambitious. His interest in the sciences is apparent, and we could use people like him."

Udugama's second session included shadowing Sudeep Agarwala, a research assistant and graduate student in the lab of Gerald Fink. Agarwala studied fruit fly immunology, and learned how the fruit fly immune system defends against fungal infections. During his two days with Agarwala, Udugama looked at different features of fungi.

Agarwala says he hoped Udugama learned a lot from his time in the labs.

"I think this was a good opportunity for Timasha because it shows various facets of this discipline. Some people may think that science involves boiling cauldrons and explosions, but exciting results don't always come with a big bang," he says. "I'm really glad we were able to show him what we do day to day."

At the end of the week, Udugama shadowed Adrienne Kicza, a technical assistant in the lab of Peter Reddien. The Reddien lab studies the regeneration of tissues and organs using *Planaria*, a flatworm with regenerative powers. The lab hopes to create a body of knowledge and research tools that will establish a model



The Student Alumni Council member made quite an impression on the professionals at the Whitehead Institute. "Timasha was personable and ambitious," says Public Programs Officer Amy DiGangi. "We could use people like him."

organism to study the molecular genetics of regeneration. Udugama says having a hands-on approach gave him a better understanding of what he learned in a class. "It is hard to visualize certain techniques found in textbooks until you actually see what needs to be done in hands-on experience," he notes.

DiGangi says the Institute would like to sponsor additional Extern participants because of the positive experience they had with Udugama. "It is important

PROGRAM HAS A SUCCESSFUL MARCH

More than 150 Southern students participated in the Extern Program in March. The program was established by the SIU Alumni Association in 1984 and provides college juniors and seniors with the opportunity to gain invaluable real-world experience while still in school. As Timasha Udugama's experience shows, students are matched with successful SIU alumni and friends in order to shadow professionals from their chosen career fields. Many of these Salukis are offered internships or professional employment after participating in the program.

SIU Externs were found in 2007 at offices like the Denver International Airport, ESPN Boston, Wachovia Securities in Naperville, Ill., and Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass. If you would like to host an SIU student in your company over spring break 2008, please call Tuesday Ashner at 618-453-2417.

for college students to participate in programs like this because it helps them find direction," he explains. "Also it lets them think about science in a way they may not have before."

Udugama says the one event that really stood out to him was the end of

the week gathering held in his honor. "At the end of the externship they had a send-off and told me how impressed they were with me," he says with a smile. "They said they would like to see me back, and it really made the whole trip worthwhile."

He realizes he also gained valuable contacts from the externship.

"You put yourself out there and then you're *not* just a name on a resume," Udugama explains. "You meet people and they get to see who you are and what you can do."

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EDWARDS, M. Lucille, '29
04/23/07, Thompsonville, Ill.

FAHRNEY, Anna M. Schuh, '29; M.S.Ed. '49,
04/21/07, Severna Park, Md.

KIMMEL, Wilma (Theiss), '29; '32
04/15/07, Santa Cruz, Calif.

MOLYNEAUX, Mary (Waisath), '29; '32,
02/14/07, Dwight, Ill.

CASPER, Ruth A., '32
02/21/07, Cobden, Ill.

SHAW, Harry B., ex '34
11/24/06, Albuquerque, N.M.

WELLPOTT, Alice E., '34
04/09/07, St. Claire Shores, Mich.

WILLIAMS, Frances F., '34; '36; M.S.Ed. '63,
03/01/07, Du Quoin, Ill.

FELDMEIER, Clara (Goeddel), '35
04/22/07, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

BRYAN, Ruth (Dixon), '36; '43; M.S.Ed. '50,
03/17/07, Phoenix, Ariz.

McCALL, Robert A., '36
04/23/07, Carbondale, Ill.

TYNER, Lona H., ex '3601/30/07,
Johnston City, Ill.

FOZARD, Lenora H., '37; M.S.Ed. '60
03/04/07, Marion, Ill.

MALAN, Rodwick L., ex '37
01/29/07, Pittsford, N.Y.

BROADWAY, Mary Sue, '38
04/12/07, Marion, Ill.

RANDOLPH, Melva S., ex '39
01/17/07, Macomb, Ill.

WOLFINBARGER, Helen (Courtney) ex '39,
02/08/07, Inverness, Fla.

KERSHAW, Betty (Brockett), '40
03/15/07, Decatur, Ill.

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03/07/07, Springfield, Ill.

MILLER, Ann, '40
01/23/07, Huntsville, Texas

PARSONS, Alberta (Brock), ex '40
11/14/06, Midland, Mich.

HARMON, Ralph J., ex '41
03/23/07, Shawneetown, Ill.

STEPHENS, Russel T., '42
04/03/07, Albion, Ind.

ARMSTRONG, Doris H., '43
04/11/07, Crossville, Ill.

HOEFER, Jane, '43
01/31/07, Madison, Wis.

POTTER, Kenneth C., ex '43
04/02/07, Grayville, Ill.

ADAMS, Helen (Schafer), '44
04/07/07, Champaign, Ill.

BOOK, Wiltz A., '44; M.S.Ed. '52
04/25/07, Denmark, S.C.

HIRSCH, Clifford H., ex '44
02/17/07, Du Quoin, Ill.

TATE, Henry F., ex '44
03/21/07, Ailey, Ga.

BOSWELL, Arlie O., ex '45
02/11/07, Harrisburg, Ill.

SMITH, Kathryn W., '45
11/08/06, Okemos, Mich.

BARRA, Marguerite C., '46
02/24/07, Johnston City, Ill.

DOERGE, Mary Lou, '46
02/02/07, Harrisburg, Ill.

HART, Dorothy M., '46
04/20/07, Charleston, Ill.

HARRY, Lemuel D., '47; M.S.Ed. '48
02/15/07, Swansea, Ill.

HIGGERSON, Ada (Cover), ex '47
10/31/06, Sarasota, Fla.

HOLMES, Charles D., '47
04/13/07, Marion, Ill.

AIKEN, James B., '48; M.S.Ed. '51
04/18/07, Benton, Ill.

CHOISSER, Betty J., '49; M.S.Ed. '73
04/30/07, Eldorado, Ill.

McADAM, Ruth (Crabtree), ex '49
04/27/07, Anaheim Hills, Calif.

NEELY, Taylor D., '49
01/20/07, Carson City, Nev.

PERKINS, Marian (Jones), '49; M.S.Ed. '61,
03/11/07, Carbondale, Ill.

WALLEY, Charlotte L., ex '49
03/30/07, Marion, Ill.

CRAIG Jr., John H., M.S. '50
04/12/07, Marion, Ill.

HANKLA, Donald J., '50; M.A. '52
04/15/07, Anna, Ill.

JOHN, Paul D., '50
02/27/07, Evansville, Ind.

PRIEST, Warren G., '50; M.S.Ed. '55
04/01/07, Columbus, Ohio

TWEEDY, Helen C., '50
03/27/07, Murphysboro, Ill.

WILLIAMS, Jerrol E., '50
02/16/07, Orange, Calif.

YOUNG, Roger B., ex '50
01/30/07, West Frankfort, Ill.

HILL, Melvin F., '51
04/09/07, Lebanon, Ohio

WALKER, Charles R., '51; M.A. '52
12/28/06, Alachua, Fla.

WOOLSEY, Herbert W., ex '52
02/22/07, Du Quoin, Ill.

DRASIL, Richard E., ex '53
04/11/07, West Frankfort, Ill.

McKNIGHT, Gerald W., ex '53
02/08/07, Flora, Ill.

BROWN, Roy H., ex '54
02/17/07, Springfield, Ill.

TRAVELSTEAD, Loretta M., ex '54
03/05/07, Carbondale, Ill.

VOESTE, Nina R., '55
02/27/07, Farina, Ill.

BODKIN, Joseph B., '56
03/03/07, State College, Penn.

DOUGLAS, N. Stanley, '56
05/09/07, Benton, Ill.

DUELM, Elden A., '56
04/26/07, Bunker Hill, Ill.

BOYD, Diane M., '57
04/12/07, Redondo Beach, Calif.

SHEPHERD, Rose Mary, '57; M.S.Ed. '63,
04/23/07, Charleston, Ill.

BIGELOW, Edward L., '58
01/30/07, The Woodlands, Texas

DOTY, Charles R., '58; M.S.Ed. '59
03/08/07, Greenville, Ill.

HAAS, Bernadine E., '58
02/25/07, McLeansboro, Ill.

TURNER, Barry L., '58
02/05/07, Herrin, Ill.

VANNO, Marcella C., '58
03/14/07, Zeigler, Ill.

GALLINA, Ronald F., '59
01/09/07, Rockford, Ill.

HUTTON, Bob J., ex '59
04/29/07, Anna, Ill.

BARNES, Helen M., '60
03/18/07, Eldorado, Ill.

DISNEY, William R., '60; M.S. '61
01/26/07, Pekin, Ill.

CLARK, Orvan R., '61; M.S.Ed. '65
02/24/07, La Verne, Calif.

LONG, Roger A., '61
04/30/07, Honolulu, Hawaii

ZIEBOLD, Ronald J., '61
04/26/07, Sun City, Texas

BEARD, Helen C., '62
03/09/07, Pontiac, Ill.

JACOBER, Larry C., '62; M.S.Ed. '65
02/18/07, Carbondale, Ill.

STAPLES, James E., '62; '81
01/31/07, Flora, Ill.

ASBURY, Mary M., '63
02/07/07, Goreville, Ill.

LIPE, James T., M.S. '63
01/12/07, Du Quoin, Ill.

AMBRY, Edward J., Ph.D. '64
03/13/07, Denver, N.J.

Harold Kuehn, Former Association President

Harold Kuehn recently passed away at 82 years of age. The Du Quoin native was president of the SIU Alumni Association from 1984 to 1985 and president of the SIU Foundation from 1991 to 1994.



Kuehn was also a farmer and founder of the Illinois Soybean Association. The 1951 SIU graduate and his wife, Nora, endowed a scholarship for Southern's Plant and Soil Science students in 1986, and the SIU Alumni Association life member was the first president of the SIU Ag Alumni Society.

He left a long legacy in the farming industry, traveling to 49 countries while doing market development work for the Foreign Agriculture Service and American Soybean Association. One of the trips served as the first trade mission to Russia in 1972.

Fred Basolo, Leader In Chemistry

Fred Basolo, one of the most respected chemists in the United States, died recently at age 87. A native of tiny Coello, Ill., the 1940 Southern graduate would eventually begin a long tenure at Northwestern University and forge a remarkable teaching and research career.



The former president of the American Chemical Society was awarded the Priestly Medal in recognition of his distinguished service to chemistry in 2001. This medal is considered to be the highest award offered by the American Chemical Society.

Basolo, who was featured in the March 2002 edition of *Southern Alumni*, was the author of more than 380 scientific publications.

JUNIUS, Ronald J., M.S. Ed. '64
11/08/06, Las Vegas, Nev.

McCLELLAND Jr., Hubert V., '64
04/15/07, Lakeland, Fla.

SMITH, Paul K., '64
02/26/07, Roscoe, Ill.

STEVENS, James E., '64
02/06/07, Marion, Ill.

CEPUDEP, Robert C., ex '65
01/25/07, Round Lake, Ill.

HOWELL, Robert J., '65
02/01/07, Cisne, Ill.

ROTHERT, Susan M., '65; M.S.Ed. '66
03/13/07, Basco, Ill.

ROSE, Russell W., '65
04/24/07, Harrisburg, Ill.

TICE, Imogene C., '65; M.S.Ed. '75
03/01/07, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

KAMPWERTH, William R., '66
03/22/07, Bunker Hill, Ill.

McCLAIN, Margaret (Murrie), '66
01/29/07, New Lenox, Ill.

OWENS, Karen F., ex '66
03/05/07, Waverly, Ill.

FARRELL Jr., James A., ex '68
01/08/07, Columbia, Mo.

HAYS, Patrick L., '68; M.S. '70 Ph.D. '78,
04/28/07, Topeka, Kan.

JOHNSON, Roger W., '68
03/05/07, Batavia, Ill.

TURNER, Lawrence K., '68; M.F.A. '72
11/24/06, Rockford, Ill.

CERNKOVICH, Judy R., '69; M.S. '70
03/11/07, Bowling Green, Ohio

SCHREIBER, Karleen A., '69
10/23/06, Mesa, Ariz.

SCHREINER, John K., '70
01/09/07, Beverly Hills, Fla.

KINDLE, Andy J., ex '71
03/24/07, Tampa, Fla.

MITCHELL, Thomas E., '71
03/05/07, Ridgway, Ill.

DUNLOP, Diane (Johnson), '72; M.S. '75
05/03/07, Elgin, Ill.

EGRE, Lloyd A., M.S.Ed. '72
03/10/07, Pewaukee, Wis.

PAGEL, Walter J., '72
03/28/07, Braintree, Mass.

PERRY, Deborah H., '72
02/07/07, Carbondale, Ill.

ROGERS, Stephen D., '72
03/15/07, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

SCHAEFER, Ronald A., '72
02/07/07, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

ASHTON, Sherry L., '73
10/20/06, Vero Beach, Fla.

CARTWRIGHT, Robert F., '73
12/31/06, Springfield, Vir.

GRIFFITH, Edwin R., M.A. '73; Ph.D. '78,
04/03/07, Greenville, N.C.

VENEZIA, John R., '73
03/17/07, Crystal Lake, Ill.

DIX, David A., '74
03/15/07, Minneapolis, Minn.

ZOLK, John L., '74
12/30/06, Lowell, Ark.

LANCE, Randy W., '75
03/24/07, Thompsonville, Ill.

WINCHESTER, Leah Y., '75
01/18/07, Hobbs, N.M.

NIELSEN, Norma Ruth, '76
04/25/07, Murphysboro, Ill.

RANGE, Anthony H., '76
04/14/07, Chicago, Ill.

MALONY, Kim (Pulley), '77
04/14/07, Makanda, Ill.

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

1960s

James Sikora '68, professor of sociology at Illinois Wesleyan, received the University's top teacher-scholar honor, the 2007 Pantagraph Award for Teaching Excellence, and presented the keynote address at Honors Day in April. A member of the IWU faculty since 1979, Sikora is known for his active community involvement and his dedication to his students. Sikora is a co-founder of the university's Action Research Center, which pairs students with community partners. Along with working with a number of not-for-profit community organizations, he also is a prolific grant writer for such entities as the Bloomington police.

Robert L. Truitt '68, Ph.D. '73, an innovative cancer researcher who serves as a professor of pediatrics (hematology/oncology) and of microbiology and molecular genetics at the Medical College of Wisconsin, was conferred in May with a distinguished service award presented by the medical college. The honor was given in recognition of Truitt's accomplishments in research and his vast contributions to the college's Cancer Center, as well as the welfare of scientific pursuit locally and nationally. Truitt is associate director for basic science research in the college's Cancer Center and program director for the Experimental Bone Marrow Transplantation and Immunotherapy Research Program. He and his wife, **Dawn Marie '68**, live in Germantown, Wis.

1970s

After 35 years in higher education, (**Mary**) **Denise**

Dye Whittaker '70, president of San Bernardino Valley College, retired over the summer in order to tend to the needs of her family on the East Coast. Whittaker, who served as a counselor, dean, and vice president before being named president in



2003, says much of her success is due to the encouragement and mentoring of Helen Hill Rose, SIU dean of students at the time. Whittaker, the community college's 12th president, came to SBVC from Fairmont State College in West Virginia, where she was vice president for grants and contracts. Previously she held administrative positions at El Camino College in Torrance, Oxnard College in Oxnard, and Citrus College in Azusa, all in California. Highlights of her administration include an ambitious construction project that gave the campus a new face and development of a master plan for the entire 85-acre, 80-year-old campus.

James Seitz Ph.D. '71 received alumni honors from two schools this year: Millersville University, where he completed his undergraduate studies in 1950, and Penn Manor High School, where he graduated before entering the U.S. Navy during World War II. Both institutions are in Millersville, Penn., where Seitz lives. At Millersville University, Seitz was named recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Service Award, and at Penn Manor, he will be among those honored on the school's Wall of Honor. Seitz has served as a university professor at Temple University and Kansas State and as a dean at community colleges in Missouri and Illinois. He is founding president of Edison

State Community College in Piqua, Ohio.

David Schwind '74 has earned the status of certified purchasing manager for the Institute for Supply Management in Tempe, Ariz. Those who earn the designation demonstrate their professional capacities by passing four rigorous examinations, pursuing formal and continuing education, and working and contributing to the purchasing and supply management profession. Schwind, who holds a master's degree in procurement and acquisition management from Webster University in St. Louis, is secretary and treasurer of the Institute of Supply Management Steel Buyers Forum and is employed by Custom Steel Processing of Madison, Ill., as vice president of purchasing.

1980s

George Sehi '81, M.S. '84, Ph.D. '90, dean of engineering and industrial technologies at Sinclair Community College, has also been named dean for the development of Sinclair's new Courseview Campus Center located in Mason, Ohio. During Sehi's tenure as dean, engineering technology enrollment doubled to 4,000 students, making it the third largest division of its kind in the nation. His work in the engineering division has resulted in a wide array of partnerships with business, industry and community groups, and he has a strong record of securing external funding through grants and contracts. The new Mason campus is scheduled to open in the fall of 2007. In 2005, Sehi was awarded the Ben C. Sparks Medal for outstanding leadership in engineering technology education, accreditation and administration from the American Society of Mechanical Engineering. He lives in West Chester, Ohio.

Sherry Knapp-Brown M.A. '82, Ph.D. '85 has been named a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), the nation's leading professional society for health-care leaders. For more than two decades, Knapp-Brown, of Fairfield, Ohio, has provided executive leadership for hospital and community-based behavioral health-care organizations. She holds a doctoral degree in psychology, is a licensed psychologist, and holds certifications in behavioral health management, health-care management, and addictions treatment. ACHE conferred fellow status, which is awarded for achieving the highest standards of professional development, to Knapp-Brown at a convocation ceremony in March in New Orleans. Knapp-Brown also is a 2003 graduate of the Harvard University Senior Executives in State and Local Government Leadership program.

Mark Sturgell '83, owner and president of Performance Development Network, has earned the designation of Certified Business Coach by completing all requirements of the Resource Associates Corporation Coaching Academy. Sturgell is an award-winning registered senior affiliate of RAC, a development research company that serves 400 businesses on four continents. Performance Development Network is a central Illinois-based development company providing individual and corporate coaching and other services, including team building, leadership development, customer loyalty, sales, and strategic planning. He and his wife, **Judith '82**, live in Decatur, Ill.



Hiro Isogai '84 has been promoted from senior manager to principal at WDG Architecture, recently rated one of the nation's "hottest firms," in Washington, D.C. Isogai leads WDG Interior Architecture, a division of the architecture firm. He has designed projects



throughout the United States and is highly regarded for his work on office,

multifamily residential, hotel, retail, restaurant, and government projects. Isogai's clients have included Turner Broadcasting's Entertainment Group, Pepsi-Cola, the University of Georgia, Trammell Crow, KSI, and JPI. WDG Architecture is a leading architectural and interior design firm with a national practice in commercial, office, mixed-use, multifamily residential, hospitality, and government design projects.

Randy DeMario '85, president of Heath Construction, one of northern Colorado's premier construction companies, was named in May as the 2006 Business Leader of the Year in Northern Colorado. Sponsored by the *Fort Collins Coloradoan* newspaper, the award recognizes DeMario for his business vision and success, management style, leadership skills, respect for employees and community commitment. The company also was a finalist in the "Best Place to Work" category. As Heath president since 1992, DeMario's leadership enabled the company to a record \$45 million in revenue in 2006.

Robert ('69, Ph.D. '85) and Silvana (Ph.D. '85) Richardson recently represented Southern at the inauguration of the eighth president of Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wis. Silvana is the dean of the School of Nursing at Viterbo;



Robert is an associate professor specializing in transescent education at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Alan Sofalvi M.S. '85 won the American School Health Association's National Distinguished Service Award. The award recognizes the exemplary contributions of active or retired ASHA members to the association. The Cortland, N.Y., resident is an assistant professor of health education at SUNY-Cortland.

Kelly Ferrara '89 has been promoted to senior vice president by The Vandiver Group



Inc. (TVG) in St. Louis. Ferrara has more than 15 years of experience in

public relations for corporate, nonprofit, higher education, and community organizations. She has spent the past eight years with The Vandiver Group and is now the practice group leader for both TVG's community engagement work and TVG's Stratigem® training. She is a certified trainer by the Centers for Disease Control in crisis and emergency risk communications.

Dan Wallenberg '89, associate director of Ohio State University's sports communica-



tions department, recently published a book about OSU basketball.

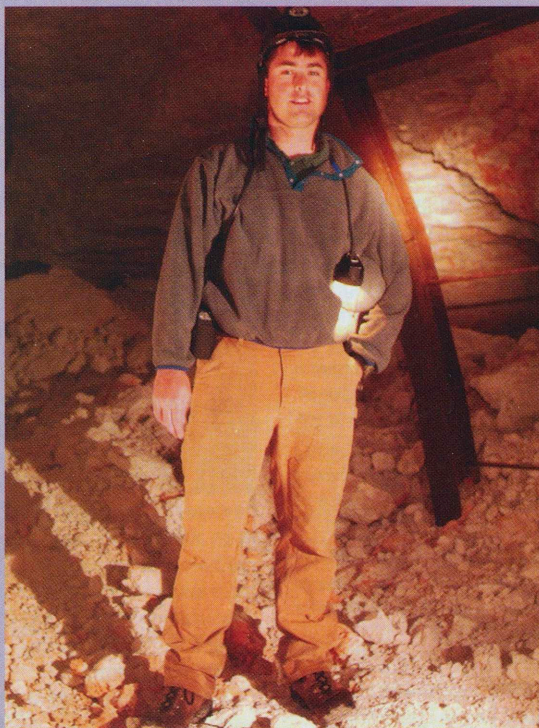
Carter Earns Wildlife Habitat Council Kudos

Timothy Carter Ph.D. '03 a former zoologist at SIU who now teaches at Ball State, recently received international recognition as the 2006 Community Partner of the Year from the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) for contributions to wildlife habitat conservation and environmental education at the Unimin Corporation's Tamms/Elco Plant in southern Illinois. He accepted the award at WHC's 18th annual symposium, Connecting People & Nature.

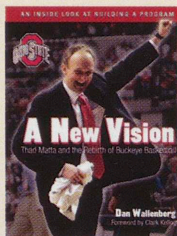
The Community Partner of the Year award goes to one organization or individual for making a significant contribution and lasting impact on a corporate site's wildlife habitat enhancement programs through hands-on environmental awareness and enhancement activities.

A mutual interest in bat conservation made it easy for Carter to strike up a relationship with the Tamms/Elco's wildlife restoration program in 1998 where the wildlife team had initiated a bat habitat restoration program. Carter, an expert in zoology, has published widely on bat conservation. His expertise in these areas has enabled Unimin to develop an exemplary habitat conservation program and learning center.

Carter has worked extensively on the federally endangered Indiana bat, and additionally, is involved in ongoing small mammal work, including a reintroduction project for the Illinois state-endangered eastern wood rat.



Tim Carter, once Southern's resident bat expert, is shown inside a mine near Elco, Ill., that is now a thriving shelter for bats in this region.

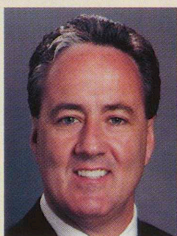


A New Vision, gives his insider's view of Buckeye Head Coach Thad

Matta's first three seasons there and the arrival of the school's most talked-about recruiting class in decades. Wallenberg, a former staffer at *The Daily Egyptian*, became SIU Sports Information's first-ever intern in 1990 before pursuing full-time positions in sports communications. In addition to being at SIU and Ohio State, the Chicago native has worked in the athletics departments at the University of Illinois and Kansas State University. Wallenberg's book is available at amazon.com.

1990s

Timothy Sims '90, a certified public accountant, has been named a partner in the Tax Consulting and Manufacturing and Distribution Groups at RubinBrown LLP in St. Louis. Sims provides several services to RubinBrown clients,



including tax planning, tax examination defense, tax litigation support and

overall tax consulting and related tax compliance. Sims, who serves on SIU's School of Accountancy board of advisers, previously worked for Charter Communications and Arthur Andersen LLP.

A children's book written by **David Algrim '92** and his son, Maxwell, began appearing on store shelves in April. Titled, *Wake Up, Papa Bear*, the book is published by Golden House, Random House Children's

Books, as part of its "touch-and-feel series." A second book, *Don't Touch, It's Hot*, is due out in August.

Karen Gonzales '92 is communications manager at Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart P.C. in San Antonio, Texas.

Jeff Cowser '95 has been promoted to senior associate at BSA LifeStructures in Indianapolis, Ind. Cowser works in the firm's architecture department. BSA LifeStructures is a national leader in designing health-care, higher education, research and technology facilities and has offices in Indianapolis and Chicago. The firm was recently named sixth among the top 20 best architecture firms to work for by national management, consulting, and research agency ZweigWhite.

Rick Leitz '94, M.S. '96, has been named the Trait Integration Lead for Soybean Breeding at Monsanto. He and his wife, **Chris Cook-Leitz '96**, live in Ankeny, Iowa, with their son, Trevor.

Brandon Shelton '95, an attorney at Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart P.C. in Indianapolis, Ind., has been elected a shareholder in the



firm, the nation's third largest labor and employment law firm.

Shelton devotes his practice to serving as an advocate for employers in multiple employment and labor law matters. Ogletree Deakins employs 350 lawyers located in 28 offices from Miami to Los Angeles.

Gina Hayunga '99, a math and science teacher at South Beloit Junior High School who lives in Rockford, Ill., has been named a golden apple recipient for 2007. Golden apples

Southern Student Uncorks A Great Idea

The class assignment: Write a business plan. Hospitality-tourism major **Sara LaFave '08** not only came up with the plan, she kept going, turning the plan into a new tourism venture in southern Illinois.



LaFave's new company is called Uncorked Tours!, and it already has had two successful runs with more scheduled over the summer. *Uncorked Tours!* offers an easy way to visit the many wineries on the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail in the comfort of a full-service charter bus.

The student member of the SIU Alumni

Association grew up in Jackson County and is well acquainted with the tourism opportunities and the variety of wineries that have grown and prospered in the region during the past decade.

"This is an opportunity for groups of friends to get together and spend the day tasting and purchasing the wide varieties of quality wines which are produced in our region," she says. "They won't have to take several cars through the countryside and run the risk of getting lost — or worse — driving after drinking. I see this as a chance for families, clubs, girls' day out, sororities, or other groups to be able to tour together in one easy step."

For each tour, a chartered bus loads up for wine country from Eastgate Shopping Center in Carbondale. The \$25 per person cost includes a free wine glass, and the day-long tour stops at five of the area's many wineries that vary from tour to tour. SIU Alumni Association members save 10 percent off the cost of the tours, which can accommodate up to 50 people on each trip.

En route to the wineries, a tour guide presents a history of wine in southern Illinois, including interesting facts about the unique characteristics of wine in the region. Participants get special access and tours at each winery. On the way home tour-goers enjoy wine trivia games with prizes.

"This business really grew out of a class project," says the SIU senior. "I've done a lot of research, met with people at Southern's Small Business Incubator, talked to all the wineries, and tracked down everything from T-shirts to wine glasses. It's really been a labor of love."

For further information, visit uncorkedtours.com.

are presented annually by the Golden Apple Foundation of Rockford, Ill., to five teachers in Winnebago and Boone counties. The foundation works closely with diverse

community partners, recognizing and enhancing teaching excellence and increasing community involvement in, understanding of, and support for education.

JULY

- 6-8 *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, McLeod Summer Playhouse, Fri.-Sat. at 7:30 p.m. – Sun. at 2 p.m.
- 15 11th Bi-Annual Black Alumni Group Reunion. For more information, call Tuesday Ashner, SIU Alumni Association, 618-453-2417.
- 13-15 *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, McLeod Summer Playhouse, Fri.-Sat. at 7:30 p.m.-Sun. at 2 p.m.
- 21 SIU Day at Turner Field: Atlanta Braves vs. Chicago Cubs. For more information, call SIU Alumni Association, 618-453-2408.
- 25 23rd Annual SIU Day at Busch Stadium, St. Louis Cardinals host the Chicago Cubs. Pregame reception 5-6:45 p.m. Hilton at the Ballpark Hotel, Starbucks Patio. Game time set for 7:10 p.m. (subject to change).
- 26-30 *AIDA*, McLeod Summer Playhouse, Thurs.-Mon. at 7:30 p.m. – Sun. at 2 p.m. 28, 29 & 30.
- 27 18th Annual Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble. Chevy Chase Country Club, Wheeling, Ill. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. with dinner following the event. All proceeds benefit Saluki Athletics. For additional information, please contact George Robinson at 618-453-5408 or grob@siu.edu.
- 28 8th Annual Greater Michigan Alumni Picnic – Kensington Metro Park, Brighton, Mich. 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. (lunch 1-3 p.m.). TBA.

AUGUST

- 4 SIU "Under the Stars" Night at the Muny. Dinner 7 p.m., *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at 8:15 p.m. For additional information, please call SIU Alumni Association office at 618-453-2408.
- 19 Illinois State Fair, Springfield, Ill. Visit the SIU tent to see exhibits of the University.
- 11 Central Florida baseball gathering, details TBA.
- 12 Seattle Picnic, 2 p.m. For additional information, please call SIU Alumni Association office at 618-453-2408.
- 19 35th Annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field. Pregame gathering two hours prior to game, Cubby Bear Lounge.
- 23-9/3 Du Quoin State Fair, Du Quoin, Ill. Visit the SIU Dome to see exhibits of the University.

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Saluki Football at Northern Illinois Tailgate, Huskie Stadium, Dekalb, Ill., game time 6:30 p.m. – Tailgate details TBA.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Oct. 6 Homecoming
Oct. 20 Family Weekend

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RABEN, Martha L., '77
02/24/07, Carbondale, Ill.

BORDWELL, Thomas L., '78]
10/29/06, Sanford, N.C.

HUNTLEY, Robert G., Ph.D. '79
05/15/07, Red Bud, Ill.

PARK, Danny O., '79
02/16/07, Hoopeston, Ill.

SLATER, Rita A., '79; M.S. '92
05/02/07, Champaign, Ill.

BOSWELL, Billy B., '80
04/02/07, Champaign, Ill.

ROSENTHAL, Patricia (Flynn), '80
03/14/07, Adams, Mass.

HESSICK, Scott H., '81
02/08/07, Fort Worth, Texas

LOTT, Darrell W., '81
03/20/07, Geneva, Ill.

SIDENER, Thomas E., '81
04/12/07, Waukegan, Ill.

ESPINOSA, Jeffrey R., '84
04/03/07, Lansing, Mich.

GINTHER, Phyllis (Newlin), '82; M.S.Ed. '97,
04/22/07, Fairfield, Ill.

ROBERTSON, Michael T., '82
07/14/06, Colorado Springs, Co.

YOWELL, Arnold L., '82
05/05/07, Clinton, Md.

COOK, Pamela J., M.B.A. '83
03/07/07, South Elgin, Ill.

KEY, James E., '85
04/06/07, Medford, Ore.

SCHUSTER, Jane A., '85
04/09/07, Vernon Hills, Ill.

VERN, Igor D., '85
11/03/06, Olympia, Wash.

LLOYD, Anthony F., '88; J.D. '91
04/11/07, Metropolis, Ill.

LYSTLUND, Michael A., '88
11/24/06, Antioch, Ill.

REWOLDT, David E., '88
11/06/06, Fort Atkinson, Wis.

ROGERS, Howard J., '88
11/02/06, Millington, Tenn.

SCOTT Jr., Larry G., '88
10/27/06, Nicholasville, Ky.

OZMENT, Randall K., '89
03/26/07, Harrisburg, Ill.

RICE, Douglas A., M.A. '89
03/16/07, Twin Falls, Idaho

GRIGG, Sue I., '91
02/22/07, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

WEE-ZIRKLE, Le Khin, '92; M.M. '94
01/29/07, Anderson, Ind.

CORZINE, Rhonda S., '94; M.S.W. '96
02/15/07, Carbondale, Ill.

PAZ, Daniel J., '94
09/22/06, Gurnee, Ill.

PERKINS GOLDEN, Danielle, '95
03/29/07, Marathon, Fla.

AREL, Stephen E., '96
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A Step Back In Time



50 Years Ago...

In 1957, the ceremonial cornerstone for the Southern Illinois University's Agriculture Building was laid in place by Illinois Governor William Stratton. According to the college's Web site, there were approximately 20 faculty members at the time organized into three departments: Animal Industries, Plant Industries, and Agricultural Industries (General Agriculture). Above are the 1956-57 faculty members in the School of Agriculture. **Front row**, from left: Bill Andrew, Milton Dendy, John Hosner, Joe Burnside, Jim Mowry, and Fred Roth. **Second row**: Joe Illick, Walter Wills, Herbert Portz, Joe Vavra, Albert Meyer, Milton Shute, Ralph Benton, and Alex Reed. **Third row**: Irvin Hillyer, W. G. Kammlade, George Duncan, Harvey Woods, Lowell Tucker, Howard Olson, and Richard Creek.

A Saluki Legacy That Is All In The Family

When her mind wandered during high school math class, Theresa (Pohlmann) Laurent '87, M.S. '90 never daydreamed about where she'd rather be. Instead, she often contemplated how she could make such a class more user-friendly.

"I would sit at my desk thinking of better ways to explain the material," she says. "That's when I knew I needed to be up there."

These days Laurent is indeed "up there" at the front of a classroom as an assistant professor teaching calculus and analytic geometry to 100 students each semester at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

Laurent's dedication to keeping classes fresh and relevant never waivers, and the awards keep piling up because of it. Most recently she received the Joe E. Haberle Outstanding Educator Award from the college's alumni association, as the committee commended her approach to teaching calculus, recognizing her for collaborating with other professors to identify mathematical applications, such as pharmaceutical calculations, that students must master.

While the St. Louis College of Pharmacy campus is now her location, Southern Illinois University Carbondale always feels like home to Laurent, who says that when her family gathers, the room is full of Southern graduates, employees, and SIU Alumni Association life members.

Heading this family full of Salukis are her parents, John and Mary Pohlmann, who reside in Carbondale. John, who earned his Ph.D. at Southern in 1972, is an emeritus professor of educational psychology and special education, while Mary earned her M.D. in 1983 and served as a family physician at SIU for 23 years before retiring. She is now one of the newest members of the Carbondale City Council and continues to compete as a U.S. Masters swimmer, where she has won more than 30 masters gold medals at the national and international levels. Their other daughter, Joan Pohlmann '86, holds a degree in management and is manager of human resources/payroll applications at SSM Health Care in St. Louis.

Theresa even stayed in the SIU family when it came time to get married, as she and her husband Vince '92 (a computer science graduate and now a data base administrator) first met at the Faner Hall computer lab, where she was a student worker. Today, they are the parents of Kasey, 12, and Amanda, 9, and it won't be long before they're scoping out prospective colleges.

Will the SIU Alumni Association life members try and direct their daughters to Southern, the place that's become a family tradition? Maybe.

"Because I've had so much experience teaching higher education, I've come to realize that people can pick schools for the wrong reason," she says. "You have to consider each person's personality – but I'm sure a visit to SIU will be on the schedule."

Theresa Laurent '87, M.S. '90
Life Member
Ballwin, Mo.



A family full of Salukis: Front row, from left, Amanda Laurent, Theresa Laurent, Mary Pohlmann, Joan Pohlmann, Alexis Pohlmann, and Kasey Laurent. Back row, Vince Laurent and John Pohlmann .

"Becoming a life member of the SIU Alumni Association was just a natural thing to do," Laurent explains. "It keeps me connected to the community, and in every issue of Southern Alumni I see someone I know. I also enjoy the privileges of membership, as member discounts pay off in many ways."

Maya Angelou Comes To Southern

Writer, civil rights activist, and public speaker Maya Angelou mesmerized a standing-room-only audience in the Student Center Ballrooms on May 2. The author of more than a dozen best-selling books, including the acclaimed autobiographical *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, shared moments of humor, sadness, and hope during her talk.

The overflow conditions in the ballrooms unfortunately resulted in hundreds being unable to attend the event, as Angelou, 79, no longer lectures in amphitheater-type settings such as the SIU Arena or Shryock Auditorium. Sponsors for her visit included the Student Activity Fee, the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, the Fine Arts Activity Fee, the Black Affairs Council, and the Student Programming Council.

Angelou, who gained national acclaim when she read the poem "On the Pulse of the Morning," at the 1993 inauguration ceremony of former President Bill Clinton, urged the SIU audience to take advantage of situations that come along in life. "If a door opens, step in," she said. "This is **your** life – not your mama's, not your papa's. *This is it.* Be present in it."


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