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TOWN & GOWN
Carbondale ILLINOIS
The City And University Look To The Future

Inside: Southern Exposure, Serving Our Alumni, Class Notes, and more...
Chicago Couple Creates Scholarship Opportunities

It has been 46 years since John Jacques Lambert began attending classes at Southern Illinois University. But the Belgian native has never forgotten the opportunities Southern created for him. Now he and his wife, Elsa, want to return the favor.

John, a 1963 SIU M.B.A. graduate, and Elsa, from Argentina, have both thrived in the "Land of Opportunity." He is director of international operations for Chicago Blower Corporation. She has made her mark as President of American-Levant, Inc. The Wayne, Ill., residents have been married for 38 years, and they say it all started at SIU.

"The knowledge I attained at SIU has helped me a great deal in my career," he says.

"I decided a long time ago that Elsa and I would fund a scholarship for the University whenever we got a little extra money. Therefore, we are making a donation through our will."

The Lamberts are making a seven-figure monetary commitment that will range between $1 million - $1.5 million for scholarships. Recipients must hail from the southern part of Illinois and can major in any field of study.

"Many counties in southern Illinois are economically deprived. We want this scholarship to benefit those who need further assistance in attaining their education," John says. "This is my way of returning the favor. I received help as a student; now I want to assist our current students."

And Elsa supports her husband's wishes. "I know how important this is to John. He is proud of the education he received at SIU and it is my intention to respect his desire," she says.

Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and CEO of the SIU Foundation, says the University is appreciative of the Lambert's generosity. "The Lamberts realize that many of our young people need someone to provide them with an opportunity. They have stepped forward in a big way to extend support to our future SIU students," he says.

"The Lamberts epitomize what the Opportunity Through Excellence campaign is all about. SIU Carbondale has a history of providing opportunities for people from all walks of life; and the Lamberts are assisting the University in maintaining this longstanding tradition."

John discovered first-hand the importance of a little help. After receiving his undergraduate degree in engineering from Belgium's Louvain University in 1959, he became familiar with SIU through a fellow countryman who was attending the University and decided to pursue his master's in America. "My parents said it is a great idea, but you're on your own," he recalls.

He entered Southern in 1961 through the exchange program, and the SIU Alumni Association life member earned a scholarship for one quarter that eventually led to his receiving a graduate assistantship from the dean of the foreign language department amounting to $120 monthly. John received the assistantship as a result of a fellow French student in the department falling ill and having to return to France.

"At that point, the dean gave me the assistantship and allowed me to stay as long as necessary," he says. "And in addition, I taught French at a school in Sparta through The Adult Education Program sponsored by SIU to earn additional income.

"My master's degree opened the door for my first job with IBM and led the way for me living a happy and prosperous life here," Lambert says. "If my money can help students accomplish their goals, I consider that to be a wonderful thing. I encourage - and hope - my fellow alumni will do the same for our students."
Among the projects supported by the City of Carbondale’s recent half-cent tax increase are facilities to house Southern’s football and basketball teams. A new stadium will replace ancient McAndrew Stadium, and the SIU Arena will receive major renovations.
by Gene Green

When I returned to Southern Illinois University in 1990 to work at SIU Athletics, one of my first assignments in the sports information office was to travel with – and promote – the Saluki baseball team. Timing can sometimes be everything, and the 1990 group turned out to be a special group to publicize. Head Coach Itchy Jones’ final SIU squad would win a school-record 49 games, share the Missouri Valley Conference title, win the league tournament, and advance to the NCAA West I Regional at Stanford before finishing just two, one-run losses short of a trip to the College World Series.

I soon realized I was with a special group of players I would never forget. Although the personalities were quite diverse, the group’s collective passion for winning was resolute and unlike anything I had ever been around. It was of little importance what the score was late in a game. The 1990 Dawgs simply never expected to lose, and they rarely did.

On long road trips that season, I discovered that sitting near the team’s sophomore catcher was a good way to pass the time. Unlike most college athletes of the day, Derek Shelton demonstrated a keen interest in the history of the game he played. Exploits of those who competed decades before interested me as well, and soon our baseball-related banter and trivia questions made the endless miles roll by.

Now the hitting coach for the 2007 American League Central Division Champion Cleveland Indians, Shelton has taken an interesting route to the major leagues. It’s been a long and winding road from those early SIU bus trips to chartered flights that now take the 1992 SIU graduate to his next game.

No matter where he is, Southern never strays far from Shelton’s thoughts. “Thanks to the Internet, I’m able to keep track of most everything that is happening back at the University, and I enjoy keeping connected to my alma mater,” he says.

Success in Saluki basketball and football has provided topics of conversation between Shelton, American League Manager of the Year Eric Wedge, and third baseman Casey Blake. The latter two are Wichita State alumni, so the exchanges have a Missouri Valley flavor to them.

“Wedge and Blake know all about what the Salukis are up to,” Shelton laughs. “I make sure of that. I wear the maroon and white on my sleeve a bit, especially when SIU’s teams are winning championships and earning national exposure, so it makes trash-talking with the Shockers pretty nice.”

I hope you enjoy my feature on Shelton in this issue of Southern Alumni, and take pride in his successful big league journey. “Being in this position is still sometimes hard for me to believe,” he says with a smile. “But I’m here, and I don’t intend to ever take it for granted.”

Shelton and Green in the Cleveland dugout prior to a game this summer.
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'Marching Violinist'
Appreciates SIU Degree

I graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1970, and have been blessed with 34 years of teaching and coaching thanks to the education I received at SIU. In addition to my time in class, I was also the "marching violinist" for the Marching Salukis under the direction of Michael Hanes.

Bill Huppert '92, M.S. '07
Principal, Murphysboro Middle School
Murphysboro, Ill.

Alumnus Thanks Association Staff

I am part of a group that is making plans for an unstructured, all-class reunion of former residents and cafeteria workers of Woody Hall. With our target date for this event set for Homecoming 2008, we decided for planning purposes that it would be a good idea to meet with Gene Green at the SIU Alumni Association when we came back to campus for this year’s Homecoming festivities.

That meeting with Gene was informative and helpful, and afterward we had the opportunity to encounter other staff members at the Colyer Hall office.

As a gratuitous aside, those of us who have headed organizations of significant size and responsibility develop a sixth sense about a unit’s state of health. Within seconds of entering an office, squadron, or base, we can pretty much sense the state of that organization’s morale and competence.

Hence, I’d like to pass on my own unsolicited compliments about this University’s SIU Alumni Association staff, who struck me as courteous, friendly, interested, and highly professional. Our thanks to them all!

Pete Dunn '57
Colonel, U.S. Air Force (retired)
Life Member
Columbia, Mo.

A Trip Down Memory Lane

Returning to Carbondale after many years this summer to promote the 25th anniversary reprint of my lost history of the strip, "Carbondale After Dark," was an amazing trip down memory lane. So many changes: the Varsity Theater closed, Mary Lou's moved, Lincoln School a vacant lot, Mill Street snaking under the train tracks, and Jim's Pub no more.

But many places are still there: Dairy Queen, Italian Village, Hangar 9, Gatsby's, and the unsinkable PK's. It was also wonderful to see so many old faces such as Robbie Stokes, still rocking; Bonnie Marx, whom I worked with at the Southern Illinoisan and now helping preserve SIU's legacy in this magazine; and Dave Koch, recently retired head of Special Collections at Morris Library, which is the only place at the library my book wasn't stolen from!

I sense SIU and Carbondale are at a crossroads, and the community is trying to jettison its reputation as a "party school" once and for all. But that designation is really a misnomer. SIU was never known as a school for slackers; rather, Carbondale was known as a fun place to go to college. It's no coincidence that during the years SIU acquired that image, it also enjoyed its peak enrollment. So as the community reinvents itself, hopefully it will remain a fun place to live, learn, and yes, party.

H.B. Koplowitz '77
Los Angeles, Calif.

Southern Alumnus
Board OKs Planning, Budget For Facilities

If all goes according to plan, the Football Salukis will christen a new facility in August 2010 and the basketball teams will follow suit two months later in a newly renovated SIU Arena.

The Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees on Nov. 8 authorized development of the detailed design and plans for the phased construction of the new football stadium, renovations to the Arena, and relocation of the tennis courts and recreational sports' lighted fields. The board set the budget at $83 million.

External and/or internal financing will pay for the projects. Debt payments will come from student athletics fees, funds from the City of Carbondale (see story on page 10), revenues generated by the athletics department, and private donations. The design work will take about a year.

"Athletics are very much a part of the fabric of a university, not just for the student-athletes, coaches, and athletics department staff, but for supporters on campus, in the community, and beyond," SIU President Glenn Poshard says. "Our athletics teams have brought significant, positive national exposure to the athletics program and our University as a whole. In addition, our teams attract fans from well beyond Carbondale, which gives a boost to the local business community.

"The new football stadium and improvements to the Arena are long overdue and will go a long way toward revitalizing the east side of campus. I also am confident that in addition to helping recruit quality student-athletes, these facilities will help recruit other students who will be impressed by our commitment to moving the entire University forward."

In 2006, the Board of Trustees approved integrating the Saluki Way plan into the 2001 Land Use Plan, which was drafted by a committee chaired by Poshard during his tenure as SIUC's vice chancellor for administration. The board also last year renamed the revised and updated plan the 2006 Campus Master Plan for the Carbondale campus.

"Six years ago, President Poshard and the Committee Concerning the Campus Environment, with broad input from across campus, presented the University community with a sound plan for orderly and logical improvements, and we have seen a number of those goals implemented," Chancellor Fernando Treviño says, referring to the new Student Health Center, the Morris Library renovation/expansion project currently under way, new campus signage, and the women's softball stadium, among other projects."

Athletics Director Mario Moccia says everyone in his department appreciates today's action by the board. "This is one big step toward the finish line," he says. "We anticipate this will benefit not only the athletics program but the entire University and the community as well."

The football stadium, with 12,000 fixed seats plus additional "lawn" seating, will replace McAndrew Stadium, originally constructed in 1939. The new facility will be located south of McAndrew and northeast of the Arena.

The concourse will house concessions, restrooms and storage areas. A media area, coaches' suites, a club area, and viewing suites will be on the west side, above the seating areas. Construction of the new stadium will require relocating the University tennis courts and the recreational sports fields.

Renovations to the Arena, which opened in 1964, will include new seating throughout the lower and upper areas, improved accessibility and entrances to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, middle handrails at all aisles, improved concessions, additional restrooms and fan amenities on the upper level, a new scoreboard and other aesthetic and functional improvements.

A two-level addition will be built on the northeast side of the Arena and will house a main entrance, expanded team facilities, an auditorium, mechanical areas, and office space. The renovations will take place in two phases, as the Salukis will continue to play basketball in the Arena while the project is under way.

On The Side

Keel Receives Top Aeronautics Award

SIU Alumni Association National Board Member Lowell Keel, acting site manager at ATK-Micro Craft Operation in Tullahoma, Tenn., recently received the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Hap Arnold Award for Excellence in Aeronautical Program Management. The award, presented annually since 1997, is given to an individual for outstanding contributions in the management of a significant aeronautical or aeronautical-related program or project.

Keel received the honor at an awards banquet in September in conjunction with the AIAA Aviation Technology, Integration, and Operations (ATIO) Conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The 1966 SIU graduate completed a 25-year U.S. Air Force career in 1990. His current career has centered on aeronautical ground test and flight research, as well being part of the highly successful X-43 integrated product team. The X-43A set two world speed records in 2004.

The award is named in honor of General Henry H. "Hap" Arnold (1886-1950), a lifelong devotee to the concept of air power, who became chief of the Army Air Corps in 1938 and commanded all U.S. air operations through World War II. He was a five-star general and the only officer to hold the title of General of the Air Force.
The Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees voted unanimously in October to accept the recommendations of the Faculty Review Committee, a seven-member panel of tenured SIUC professors established by Chancellor Fernando Treviño, to examine recent allegations of plagiarism lodged against the graduate papers of SIU President Glenn Poshard.

The 16-page report addressed mistakes Poshard was accused of making while writing his 1976 master's thesis and 1984 doctoral dissertation. The review found that instances cited met the conditions of an inadvertent plagiarism possibly resulting from "carelessness, misremembering, or an inadequate understanding of the citation requirement of authorship within a particular community."

Poshard had been accused anonymously in August by a group calling itself "Alumni and Faculty Against Corruption at SIU," citing what they termed plagiarism in his doctoral dissertation. Sixteen of the alleged passages cited the correct source, but failed to use quotation marks or did not cite the correct page number.

The review found that most issues concerning his dissertation reflected citation styles of that era. "Our examination of some theses and dissertations completed in Dr. Poshard's department in the same general time period found that the citation style he used appears to have been commonly accepted by different dissertation committees in his college," the report explained.

The Faculty Review Committee recommended Poshard publicly recognize the dissertation's incomplete citations and correct them in line with current standards. The report also noted that there was no student conduct code or definition of plagiarism in SIU's graduate student handbook when he was working on his dissertation.

"I feel a sense of relief that this is finally coming to a close," Poshard told reporters following the decision. "I said from the very beginning that I had great confidence in their (Faculty Review Committee) sense of fairness, that I believed they would be deliberative and thoughtful, and I would accept whatever recommendations they felt necessary for me to remedy my mistakes. And I do so."

BOT Chairman Roger Tedrick was resolute in his support of Poshard. "Dr. Poshard is a man of great personal integrity and will remain our president with full board support," Tedrick announced. "His energy, passion, and commitment to this University is unsurpassed, and he continues to be the right man to lead the SIU system."

President Poshard speaks at an SIU Alumni Association event.

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**Engineering Dean To Retire In January**

William Osborne, dean of the College of Engineering at Southern, will retire from his post early next year. Osborne, who came to the University as the engineering dean in 2005, will retire as of Jan. 4. He says he will remain active in conducting research at the University, especially working with a colleague on explosives detection technology for the U.S. Navy.

Don Rice, interim provost at SIUC, says the college soon will select an interim dean from its professors. The college will form a search committee to find a new dean late next spring and conduct the search beginning in the summer, with the goal of hiring someone who can start work in July 2009. Rice said the college faculty is delaying the search process to avoid conflicts with an upcoming accreditation review set for fall 2008.

**Southern Dedicates Wall & Grand Apartments**

Southern Illinois University Carbondale officials dedicated the Wall & Grand Apartments complex in October, raising the bar for on-campus living at Southern. The newest addition to campus opened its doors in all three buildings for the fall semester after breaking ground in 2005. With full furnishings and a modern, trendy ambience, the apartments give students a fresh housing option.

SIU President Glenn Poshard says the apartment complex, along with the new Student Health Center, Recreation Center, have created "a renaissance of the east side of campus. This project is an outstanding example of a forward-thinking University committed to providing the best possible facilities and services to enhance our students' experiences here."

Chancellor Fernando Treviño notes the role students played during the planning stages for the project. "Students had a voice in the design, the color of the carpeting, kitchen appliances, apartment floor plans, even the design of the furniture. This setting, the well-built and nicely appointed facilities, and all of the amenities are the result of long hours of planning and discussions."

The complex sits at the corner of Wall Street and Grand Avenue, just east of the Student Recreation Center and the new Student Health Center and in close proximity to classes. The facility houses around 400 students and staff.

Freshmen 21 years old and older, sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students are eligible to live at Wall & Grand Apartments and can apply online at www.housing.siu.edu.
New College Of Education And Human Services Dean On Board

Kenneth Teitelbaum started his tenure as dean of the College of Education and Human Services at Southern during August's record-breaking heat. The state's budget was on hold. He was bunking in a University-owned bungalow on the west edge of campus with neither Internet nor cable television service. And he was trying to learn his way around a new college, a new university, a new town.

"It was a full first month - time consuming, with a lot to learn and deal with, but invigorating, too," he says. "I feel I can be helpful to the faculty, the students, and the life of this college. That's why I wanted to take on this role. Fortunately, the people I have dealt with have been friendly, welcoming, and supportive."

Teitelbaum was delighted to learn that his college ranks at the top among those in the University in winning grant funds from outside sources, an important achievement in these times of dwindling financial support for higher education.

“Our faculty and staff are going out there and getting grants in areas that are relevant to their interests, and serious, important research is being done in our centers,” he says. “They are hardworking and productive, and many came up through the profession and take it seriously.”

Teitelbaum says the biggest challenge is resources. “We lack faculty positions, college infrastructure, space, up-to-date equipment, professional travel money for faculty and students who are presenting at conferences,” he notes. “I'm sure every college across campus would say the same thing, but I think this college has been hit particularly hard.”

Still, he has both the will and, he believes, the ability to address obstacles he and the college face. He can see the big picture, but he's also comfortable working with the many details of his position. “I like to problem solve and to help people; that's why I went into this work.”

Minish To Serve As President Of Agriculture Association

Gary Minish, dean of Southern's College of Agricultural Sciences, will serve as president of the American Association of State Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resources over the coming year. He also will continue to serve as association representative to the National Association of State University and Land Grant Colleges, a position he has held since 2005. The 34-year-old association consists of representatives from 46 colleges and universities with academic programs in agriculture and renewable resources outside the land-grant system.

Minish, the University's agriculture dean since 2004, previously served in a variety of capacities, from scientist to teacher to administrator, during a 35-year career at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va. He earned his bachelor's degree in animal science in 1962 from Iowa State University and his doctorate in animal science in 1966 from Michigan State University.

CosmoGirl Magazine Ranks SIU In '100 Best Colleges' List

The hot new trend, according to CosmoGirl magazine, is Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Southern debuted on the magazine's "100 Best Colleges" list as published online and in the October 2007 issue. It is the first time the University cracked the list, which has been published for about five years, though previously as a top 50. The magazine also ranked SIUC in the top five for "Niche Factor: Health Services for Women."

The Hearst Corp. publication boasts a circulation of about 1.35 million, with a target audience of young women from about 16 to about 20; high school juniors and seniors and college freshmen and sophomores. The magazine's Michelle Lee Ribeiro, who was part of the team that formulated CosmoGirl's survey, says the ranking reflects detailed scrutiny of the University with a particular eye to how well the school suits modern young women.

"We did the survey differently this year," Ribeiro notes during a telephone interview. "We were a little bit pickier. We were prouder of it, too, this year because of that. We can really stand by this recommendation list."

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs, says he first heard about SIU making the CosmoGirl list when an alumnus told him his daughter was applying to Southern specifically because the University appeared in the 2007 list. He says he was delighted the University's efforts to address women's needs were acknowledged.

And when it comes to leadership roles for women, Southern offers plenty of role models, he says. "We have women in top student and professional leadership positions," he notes. "The SIUC student trustee is female, nine directors of Student Affairs departments are women, and a woman was recently hired as the assistant vice chancellor of enrollment management. Our sororities are also active and provide excellent opportunities for female students."

To see the CosmoGirl guide, go to www.cosmogirl.com/collegeneguide.
Carbondale's Half-Percent Tax Hike Supports Saluki Way

BY BONNIE MARX

In a first-of-its-kind decree, the Carbondale City Council recently approved a one-half percent tax increase for the city of Carbondale that will provide $20 million to Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Saluki Way project over a 20-year period.

The Saluki Way reorganization of campus leapt several giant steps toward fruition when the municipality mandated that city tax money be funneled into a university project.

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole calls it "an investment in the future of Carbondale" and says it is "the first time the city has given anything this substantial to the University," adding that "University and city relations are perhaps the best they've ever been, even before the tax increase."

The one-half percent increase to the city's sales tax is expected to produce about $2.3 million annually, $1 million of which will go to the University for Saluki Way. City improvements expected to be accomplished with the funding include a new police station and a new fire station, open space development of bikeways, greenways, and pedestrian areas, offsetting skyrocketing pension costs that are mandated by the state, and perhaps establishing a closer partnership with the Carbondale Park District. The tax will not be levied on items such as medicine, food, or vehicles.

"I believe the vote was a historic undertaking for the city," says Rickey McCurry, SIUC vice chancellor for institutional advancement. "Throughout my career, I have lived in college
COLE GAINED VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AT SOUTHERN

Despite his youth, Brad Cole '94, M.L.S. '06, had considerably more experience than most 31-year-olds when he was elected as Carbondale's youngest mayor ever in 2003. Arriving in Carbondale in 1989 from Macon, III., he was intent on pursuing a degree in biology that would propel him into medical school before being swayed by a dorm friend who pestered him to get involved in student government. When he did, it seemed to be a natural fit.

"I liked it, was good at it, and became quite well versed and knowledgeable about the University."

Cole served as a student senator, was chief of staff for two Undergraduate Student Government presidents, and eventually moved up to the office of USG president himself, putting in 40-hour weeks while a student. He considers it "an honor to have served in that position" and is justifiably proud of his accomplishments. "I tried to take it to a new level," he says, "and laid out a plan."

Some of those victories were a 30-person expansion of the Saluki Patrol, erecting the first three campus safety lights, putting shelters at bus stops, and such. Cole says some might call some of his achievements "little stuff," but he was proud to be active in University affairs, involved in the budget process, and to learn to work with others.

"Whether we agreed or not, we found we could work together," says Cole, who was USG president when John Guyon was SIUC chancellor.

There were a number of "firsts" for Cole as USG president: first student - at 21 - to chair a search committee (medical chief of staff for the health service), and first student to chair the intercollegiate athletic committee. Today the SIU Alumni Association life member knows for certain that "I would not be doing what I am or be where I am without SIU."

And the man who swears he never makes "life plans and don't believe in regrets likes to say that he's been from "an outhouse to the White House, and all over the world." "A lot of people think I have my life planned out," Cole says. "Today's plan is to do the best job I can do today."

A new football facility will house the nationally-ranked Saluki football team in 2010, replacing historic -- and crumbling -- McAndrew Stadium.

A KEY COMPONENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Cole, in presenting his plan to the Carbondale City Council, reminded them that the campus is a key component of Carbondale and that Saluki Way is "more than just a new football stadium and a renovated arena. It is a massive plan that includes construction of new classroom space, new student support services buildings, and brings together a new feel for the entire campus. It is a comprehensive plan for the University."

The University, he says, "either directly or indirectly funds the community's projects. SIU is the largest employer in the region."

SIUC Chancellor Fernando Trevino calls it a "strong partnership that will address the needs of the greater community. We're thrilled with the effort put forth. It makes all the difference in the world. Now we can start to build as early as late '08 or early '09."

"We believe the publicity from the (city's) gift will likely encourage other alumni and friends to give."

Cole says some of his motivation for proposing the tax increase "is the fact that I was active on campus. As an alumnus, I feel very good that this will deliver a significant boost."

When Cole and Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty presented their plan, dozens of people were on hand to add their support. Among them were SIU President Glenn Poshard and Mario Moccia, director of inter-collegiate athletics.

"We are very thankful to have a partner in the City of Carbondale who cares deeply about the welfare of the SIUC campus community," Poshard said. "This financial commitment will enable us to build or renovate two athletic facilities, which will bring additional dollars to the Carbondale economy."

"But, it's important to remember that Saluki Way is about more than athletics. We are moving ahead with the planning for a student services building that will consolidate many offices, such as financial aid, bursar, and others into a modern,
student, and family-friendly facility. We look forward to a future filled with cooperation and contributions to the greater good of both Carbondale and SIUC."

The money pledged to the University by the City of Carbondale, as well as the commitment from student fees, and contributions already received from alumni and friends, catapults Southern to about 75 percent of the way to its goal of $83 million. The remaining money will need to be raised from private sources, according to McCurry. Most of the City of Carbondale's money will go toward construction of a new football stadium and renovations for the SIU Arena, projects that are dear to the heart of Saluki Athletics Director Mario Moccia.

A SOURCE OF CONCERN

McAndrew Stadium, built in 1938, has been a source of concern for many years with its crumbling facade and woefully inadequate facilities, not to mention the esthetics factor. Visiting teams sometimes refuse to use the locker room, preferring instead to huddle under the bleachers at halftime.

"We are all grateful for the City of Carbondale's financial support," says Moccia. "I feel confident that new facilities will draw more -- and new -- supporters to campus, which will result in increased exposure in the form of additional enrollment and larger crowds at athletic events. This will in turn lead to more money being spent in the Carbondale community.

"The city's commitment really helps us see the finish line from a financial standpoint. The students have stepped up to the plate in the form of fees they pay, and now the Carbondale community has made a commitment as well.

"It's now my hope that SIU alumni embrace Saluki Way, as with more than 220,000 SIU alumni around the world, their financial support will make a major impact for the success of the project."

CARBONDALE CONVENTION & TOURISM BROCHURE AVAILABLE

If you think there's nothing to do and not much to see in Carbondale outside of the Southern campus, you haven't gotten your hands on the new Carbondale Weekender Guide, published by the Carbondale Convention & Tourism Bureau.

The guide showcases "six new reasons to extend your weekend in Carbondale" by detailing a variety of local treasures, such as "Treasure Trail" antique shopping, a scenic driving tour to historical spots, the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail, "Chocolate and the Camel," a tour that includes watchable wildlife and recreational opportunities, "The French Colonials," and "Cairo Mansions."

If you're planning a trip to Carbondale and have a little extra time to spend, take a look at the new Weekender Guide. Debbie Moore, executive director of the Carbondale Convention & Tourism Bureau, is editor of the booklet.

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Closets Full Of Maroon

by Stacey Vinson

Wally King '69 and Marilyn Matthews '69 raised their daughter, Laura Vienup, to support the "Maroon and White" of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. She did just that recently – in a big way – with a $50,000 donation to Saluki Way.

Although Laura now lives in Las Vegas, the 1985 SIU graduate and SIU Alumni Association member resided in Carbondale through the ninth grade. Even after the Kings relocated to the Chicago area for her high school years, her father says, "There was never a question where she would go to college."

Laura's gift came by way of a sweepstakes that her mother suggested she enter. Marilyn says she spends a lot of time entering sweepstakes now that she is retired. It was an MSN sweepstakes with two $50,000-grand prizes, that caught Marilyn's attention. Laura's mother said that the contest time was so long – Laura entered it in March 2006 – that when she was notified this February of her prize, she had almost forgotten about entering.

When Laura was informed of the prize, she called her father to tell him the news. The main stipulation was that it had to be given to a nonprofit agency. Wally works at the nonprofit Bethany Village Family Crisis Resource Center in Anna, but said that his daughter did not hesitate about where to donate the money: Saluki Way.

"It was the first thing that popped into my head," she says. "I'd been getting e-mails from the SIU Alumni Association and had watched the campaign DVD – that's how I knew about Saluki Way. I've also enjoyed seeing changes like the new campus signs when I visit campus."

Saluki Way, unveiled in 2005, is the University's long-range plan to reorganize the campus around a central core. The construction of the new football stadium and renovations to the SIU Arena were recently approved by the SIU Board of Trustees.

Laura supports the new projects. "I was thrilled that I had the opportunity to give to Saluki Way," she says. "The plan will move SIU into the next era without diminishing the history and beauty of the campus."

Her family has a tradition of supporting Southern and, according to Wally, they have "closets full of maroon." He and his wife, Carole '70, of Anna, and Marilyn and her husband, Dave '70, of Herrin, are all season ticket holders for the Saluki football and basketball teams and are life members of the SIU Alumni Association.

Marilyn says, "We take advantage of SIU and all it has to offer." In addition to sporting events, she says they enjoy the musical offerings on campus.

The blended family frequently runs into each other at SIU events and shares a passion for continuing the Saluki ties through their granddaughter. The third generation of the family, Laura and husband Helmut's daughter, Natalie, is also a Saluki fan. The family recently supported the Saluki football team during its game against Southern Utah in Cedar City, Utah, and followed the basketball team to a Thanksgiving tournament in Anaheim, Calif.

Furthering the SIU connection, Natalie, a seventh-grader, attended the gifted program Challenge to Excellence at SIU this past summer. She was excited to have the opportunity to stay in Brush Towers, where her mother lived as a freshman.

Wally says he would like to challenge other alumni to "get their checkbooks out." He adds that now is the time for graduates from his generation who are retired or close to retirement to give back to the University.
King Tut Comes To Southern Illinois University

by Dede Lingle Ittner ’61

At Christmas in 1949, I gave my father (Leland P. “Doc” Lingle) my annual holiday gift, a copy of Information Please Almanac. As a child of 10 years, I was allowed — for the first time — to ride my bike down to the Carbondale Baptist Bookstore on West Main Street to purchase it. I remember it cost $1.

Several days later, during the SIU Christmas break, Dad began looking through the book. He loved that type of statistical, factual stuff and would spend hours poring over the information in it. Suddenly he stopped reading and called to the kitchen where my Mother was. “Dorth, you’ve got to read this! You won’t believe it! Come here!” He was obviously distressed.

Mother went into the living room of our Jackson Street home, sat down, and read the article Dad showed her. Essentially, it was a history of the slave uprisings in the Caribbean islands. In the article slaves were referred to as “Maroons.” An article I recently read had a very similar description:

In the earliest days of Spanish settlement of Jamaica, those Africans who preferred to take a chance of freedom in the mountains rather than bear the burden of slavery on the ranches and estates ran away into the wild parts, to the mountains like those that rise up from behind Port Antonio. The runaway slaves were called Maroons from the Spanish word cimmarron meaning “wild” or “untamed.” As the number of African slaves brought to Jamaica increased, so, too, did the number of Maroons.

Dad coached SIU track and cross-country and assisted with football at that time. The Southern teams wore maroon and white-striped jerseys for many years, and hence, they had become nicknamed “The Maroons.” Of course, you can imagine Dad’s indignation that we would use this term of derogation for our team nickname. For many years his teams had been integrated and were always based on ability and team effort.

That began several months of research on his part. He wanted to suggest another mascot or team symbol, but he believed it should be meaningful to the southern Illinois region. Being a track and cross-country coach, he thought first of a type of racing dog. He managed to track down a magazine that covered articles about various breeds of dogs.

In it he found coverage of “an ancient Egyptian breed.” It was the Saluki. The speed, grace, and obvious value of the breed appealed to Dad. In addition, their Egyptian origin tied in well with southern Illinois stories about the drought in the Corn Belt and the subsequent travels of the folks from the northern part of the state to “Little Egypt” for grain and produce.

Dad heard of a breeder in the little town of Farmer City, Ill. After a letter and a phone call, Dad, Mom, and I took a car trip up to visit. The breeder had a female Saluki, whom I believe was expecting at the time. I remember the sunroom on the little house and several dogs. The one we were most amazed at was an equally unfamiliar breed, the Weimaraner. That trip was the beginning of Dad’s efforts to have the Saluki named the official SIU mascot.

Dad returned to Southern and presented his suggestion of the Saluki to the men’s athletic staff and they were interested. The Saluki was offered to the student body in a campuswide election along with the Knights, the Rebels, and the Marauders. According to the Daily Egyptian, the Saluki was chosen overwhelmingly.

Having a new name and image was great, but Dad and many others weren’t satisfied until we had a “real Saluki” on campus. Securing funds to purchase a one was needed, and a later DE article stated that the Lettermen’s Club raised the $150 necessary to purchase a Saluki.

Soon Mom and Dad went to Farmer City to bring Tut “home.” I shall never forget the scene when they pulled into the driveway behind our house late that afternoon in 1950. The sight that greeted me on the backseat of that car was not at all what I had expected.
The car door opened to reveal one very sick, messy, and frightened Saluki. He was lying on a woolen W.W.II Army blanket. No one had told the folks that Salukis often suffer motion sickness. He had been ill for most of the long trip back to Carbondale.

I remember Dad getting out and telling me to “turn on the teakettle and get out the wash tub.” Dad got the bedraggled dog out onto the grass and then gently moved him over to the clothesline and attached a long, loose rope to his collar. The poor little dog just laid there shivering.

Mother went into the house and returned with big beach towels and a soft brush. We filled the metal washtub with water from the hose and added several kettles of hot water to the mix. Dad lifted the dog into the water and began pouring small cupfuls of water over his badly “messed up” fur. It took a lot more clean water and many soothing words, plus a gentle toweling and brushing before his lovely red coat began to look presentable. By the time we finished, the shaking had stopped and King Tut, as he was to be called, began to look a bit more “royal.”

By evening he was almost totally recovered, although this first stage of separation had left the animal lonely and confused for the time being. Mom was ready with a cozy nest of old towels and another, clean Army blanket as well as a loud clicking Baby Ben wind-up clock. Tut settled down well on the big screened-in back porch, but we were up countless times to check on our special guest. After a brief time with us, he was moved onto campus for his permanent residence.

Sadly, about a year after his arrival, Tut broke loose from his leash and raced into the path of an oncoming car. Two more Salukis were soon acquired through a gift from W.W. Vandeveer, class of 1913 and founder of Ashland Oil Refining Company. He had a pair of Salukis delivered to the SIU campus in his company airplane – certainly a far more regal arrival than Tut’s.

Though I have shared this story many times before, I have never before written it down. It brings back such keen memories of my home, my parents, their special trip, and the arrival of “Egyptian royalty” at 424 West Jackson Street way back in 1950.

— Ittner is a member of the SIU Alumni Association’s National Board of Directors.
Payroll Deduction Can Make Membership More Convenient

Everyone is looking for speed and convenience these days. Time is a priceless commodity. Fast food, Internet shopping, and ATMs are all ways people find to conserve their time. Now joining the SIU Alumni Association and making payments on your membership has also become more convenient.

In the past, the SIU Alumni Association offered SIU employees the option of paying for their SIU Alumni Association life or annual memberships with a single payroll deduction. By means of a single payment, several employees have used the payroll deduction plan to pay for their SIU Alumni Association membership.

Now, the SIU Alumni Association offers the opportunity for SIU employees (faculty and staff) to purchase life and annual membership via a payroll deduction payment plan. For the same amount of money that might be found in the cushions of your couch, SIU employees can now purchase a membership in the SIU Alumni Association.

An individual annual membership starts at $1.06 per pay period, while a joint life membership is only $27.08 per pay period. The dues that members pay support programs that help make a difference in the lives of current students at SIU, such as the Student Alumni Council and the award-winning Extern program.

As members, individuals receive many benefits, such as invitations to member appreciation events, the ability to network with other members via the online community, the Southern Alumni magazine, the Saluki Pride newsletter, and many opportunities to save money on products and services.

Membership in the SIU Alumni Association is open to alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends of the University.

By contacting the Association or visiting siualumni.com and completing a few simple steps, SIU faculty and staff can start enjoying the convenience of the payroll deduction plan today. For more information about the payroll deduction plan, visit www.siualumni.com or call 618-453-2408 with any questions.

Pyramid Assisting The Association

A typical undergraduate student goes to class, does homework, and hangs out with friends. However, a select few have also been spending their free time doing something else. Every Wednesday in Colyer Hall, three students can be found brainstorming at the SIU Alumni Association to help the organization improve its communication strategy.

Megan Truscelli, Jamey Dunn, and Holly Tozer, all seniors at Southern Illinois University, volunteer their time to work for Pyramid, the University's student-run public relations firm. The firm is a part of the registered student organization, Public Relations Student Society of America, providing members the opportunity to work with real clients on campus and throughout the Carbondale community.

This semester the trio has been working with Director of Member Services Michelle Suarez on a membership campaign and the promotion of a new payroll deduction plan. “Historically, my experience working with this group has been good,” Suarez says.

“This semester it has been outstanding, and because of that positive experience, other directors on our staff have shown interest in working with Pyramid as well.”

This type of interaction provides students the opportunity to garner “real world” experience in the public relations field while honing their writing, graphics, and communication skills.

From left, SIU Alumni Association Member Services Director Michelle Suarez meets with Pyramid representatives Jamey Dunn, Holly Tozer, and Megan Truscelli. All the students are majoring in public relations and will graduate in May 2008. Pyramid is the University's student-run public relations firm.
Picture this; you could be the face of the SIU Alumni Association. The SIU Alumni Association is looking for members to be featured in its next ad campaign, which will depict Salukis in their work places.

Whether you are working in your cubical as a computer programmer, protecting your community as a law enforcement officer, or teaching children as an educator, snap a photo and send it to us.

SIU takes pride in its alumni, and this year the SIU Alumni Association is working hard to recognize its members in this campaign. The purpose is to promote and educate individuals about membership plans and SIU Alumni Association programs that are being offered.

The Association also wants to display the rich and interesting diversity of its members.

Various members will be featured throughout the campaign, including alumni, students, and friends of Southern (an example is the advertisement below).

If you are interested in being part of this campaign and want us to feature you and your way of life, let us hear from you. Check out the details in the box at right on how you can take part in this venture.

How To Submit Your Material...

If you would like to be considered as the "Face of the SIU Alumni Association," send us a high resolution JPEG image of yourself in a workplace setting to alumni@siu.edu. Please tell us about yourself, and if possible, try to include a company name (as shown below).

Thank you for your interest in supporting the SIU Alumni Association.

"Thanks to members like me, Salukis get a taste of the real world."

Membership dues support the Extern Program. The SIU Alumni Association, in cooperation with Southern’s undergraduate colleges, sponsor the award-winning Extern Program. Established by the SIU Alumni Association in 1984, the Extern Program provides students with an opportunity to observe and experience their chosen career fields. The Extern Program matches students with alumni and friends of Southern during spring break in March. An externship enhances a student’s college education with "real world" experience, while they network with professionals. The sponsors, in turn, are given the opportunity to experience the quality of students Southern has to offer. Many sponsors see the program as an opportunity to interview potential employees. On average, over the last three years, 43% of the students who participated received offers of internships or full-time employment.

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The SIU Alumni Association honored three prominent graduates as SIU Distinguished Alumni during special ceremonies on Homecoming Weekend. The trio had their framed portraits added to the SIU Distinguished Alumni Wall at the Student Recreation Center.

The 2007 SIU Distinguished Alumni are Lynda Lee Kaid, professor of telecommunication at the University of Florida; Ella Lacey, former faculty member in the SIU School of Medicine and the College of Education and Human Services, and an international volunteer; and Anamai Singhabhandhu, former deputy permanent secretary and ministry spokesperson in her native Thailand.

Kaid, of Gainesville, Fla., is a professor of telecommunications in the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Florida, where she is a UF Research Foundation professor. The three-degree graduate of SIU is a native of Eldorado, Ill. She received her bachelor’s degree in German and her master’s and doctoral degrees in speech communication. She is an accomplished author with more than 80 articles published in the world’s leading political science and communications journals. A specialist in political communication, her professional and academic accomplishments focus on the study of political advertising and the role of news media in politics. Before joining the University of Florida, she directed the Political Commercial Archive at the University of Oklahoma, the world’s largest collection of political radio and television commercials.

A three-time Senior Fulbright Scholar, she currently serves as the national coordinator for UVote, a consortium of national and international scholars who are working to increase political participation among young citizens in the United States and Europe.

Lacey earned her bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees in psychology, rehabilitation administration, and community health education, respectively, at Southern. She demonstrates excellence as an educator, volunteer, and leader in a variety of venues. Lacey retired from the SIU School of Medicine in 1994, but has remained active in many settings since retirement. The Carbondale resident is widely recognized for her work devoted to improving health delivery systems and health care for the indigent and persons with limited resources. She was instrumental in developing and implementing a plan that improved ambulance service in seven southern Illinois counties.

After retiring from Southern, Lacey embarked on a career as a long-term international volunteer training Peace Corps workers and volunteers in Zomba, Malawi. A child survival specialist, she studied the health care system in Vera Cruz, Mexico, and worked in the Worldwide Polio Eradication Program in northern India and in several regions of Africa.

Singhabhandhu, of Bangkok, Thailand, earned a doctoral degree in chemistry and biochemistry at SIU. After graduation, she returned to Thailand and resumed her work with the Department of Science in the Ministry of Industry. She was a member of one of the top teams selected to research appropriate ways to reduce industrial pollutants, as she analyzed and researched toxic, industrial, and environmental pollutants as a member of the physics and engineering department, where her accomplishments earned her an appointment as the first chief of the pollution analysis and research subdivision.

Later she became director of the analytical chemistry training division, holding the positions of chief of the metrology development program and director of the physics and engineering division.

She was deputy director general in the Department of Science Service during a period of conflict regarding a national measurement system that resulted in the National Metrological Development Act, approved by the Royal Thai government, for the establishment of the National Institute of Metrology in Thailand.

SIU Distinguished Alumni appear in front of their portraits at the Rec Center Alumni Wall. From left, Lynda Lee Kaid, Ella Lacey, and Anamai Singhabhandhu.
Reis Receives Alumni Achievement Award For Service

A Carbondale man widely respected in the field of broadcast journalism was recently named as the recipient of the 2007 SIU Alumni Association Alumni Achievement Award for Service.

Veteran broadcaster Mike Reis was presented the award at a luncheon held during SIU Homecoming Weekend. A 1978 graduate of Southern’s radio-television program, he has long been a staunch supporter of the University and has provided play-by-play of Saluki sporting events for almost three decades.

Reis entered that role immediately after graduation, and has continued each year since then except for one season in which another station held the rights to Saluki games. He began his student career at WSIU Radio in 1975, became a part-time sportscaster at WCIL Radio in 1976, and moved to fulltime in 1978. Since that time he has been the “Voice of the Salukis,” sending events to legions of SIU fans everywhere.

The SIU Alumni Association life member has called some of the most important and exciting games in school history, having been courtside for 14 NCAA men’s basketball tournament games — including two trips to the Sweet 16 — and five straight appearances in the 1-AA football playoffs. He also calls action for women’s basketball and baseball, and hosts the coach’s call-in shows.

His distinctive delivery, insight, and passion makes the listening experience a special treat. The SIU Alumni Association thanks Reis for his many contributions to the University.

Mike Reis addresses the audience during his acceptance of the Alumni Achievement Award For Service.

Good Night From Carbondale To Fund New Scholarships

The SIU Alumni Association has released the CD audio book Good Night from Carbondale, chronicling some of the best moments from the past 30 years of SIU football and basketball through the broadcasts of the “Voice of the Salukis,” Mike Reis ’78.

The disc, featuring narration from former Southern Illinois radio personality John Riley ’87, will retail for just $12 and is available through the SIU Alumni Association’s Web site at siualumni.com.

This is the first volume of classic Saluki moments to be released, with hope that successful sales will lead to future volumes of highlights. Life member Tim Miles ’02, the project’s executive producer, says selecting the highlights for volume one was a challenge.

“Obviously there are too many great moments from which to choose, and we only have a finite amount of time on a compact disc,” Miles notes. “It’s been tough — but fun — debating which Saluki moments to include.”

Proceeds will fund the new “Mike Reis Scholarships” to be awarded to select members of the SIU Dawg Pound (the vocal Saluki student fan base) beginning in 2008-09.

The project is special to Reis, who was inducted into the SIU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005. “It’s a nice way to give back,” the SIU Alumni Association life member says.
The Golden Age Of Beauty Pageants

by Bonnie Marx

In the 1950s – the golden age of beauty pageants – Miss America stood as the pinnacle of achievement, the title to which every young woman aspired.

On the Southern Illinois University campus alone, royalty was named for nearly every special event. There was a queen of the military ball, the Homecoming court, the Pinup Queen, Mr. and Miss Freshman, the ISU (Independent Student Association) Sweetheart, and many others, including SIU’s premier honor, Miss Southern. There was even a queen of the Dolphin Water Show.

Patsy June Bruce ’57, then an 18-year-old freshman from Fairfield, Ill., rode a whirlwind in 1954, an adventure that began “as a lark” and ended with a scholarship that financed her entire sophomore year and part of the next.

When Pat (Bruce) Gibbs and her husband, Don, returned to Carbondale in October for the 50-year reunion of the Class of ’57, she took time to remember the road that led her to win a $1,000 scholarship and have a “lovely experience” that “embodied the dreams of a young girl.”

Gibbs recalls that the local Jaycees “asked several of us to be in the Miss Carbondale pageant.” She agreed to compete “on a lark,” looking forward to getting a new dress and a new bathing suit. Soon she held not only the Miss Carbondale title, but Miss Southern as well. The next step up the ladder was the Miss Illinois contest in Chicago.

Winning the Miss Illinois contest bought Gibbs a ticket to Atlantic City, N.J., where she would vie to become Miss America 1955. Miss America 1955 was to be crowned over Labor Day weekend 1954. Although the contest began in 1922, 1954 marked the first year the event was broadcast on television.

“Television was taking the country by storm,” Gibbs recalls. The pageant, shown on ABC-TV, broke viewership records with a whopping 39 percent of the television audience – 27 million viewers.

Preparing for the pageant was considerably less grueling in 1954 than it would be decades later. “It was a lovely experience, but there was no preparing back then,” she says. “They were wonderful, warm girls; everyone had a similar story.”

The movie star Grace Kelly served as one of the judges that year. Emcee for the affair was Bob Russell, who would relinquish his microphone the next year to Bert Parks, the well-known host who continued his duties through 1979.

“You had a chaperone with you at all times. It was very well run,” Gibbs says. Her chaperone was E.R. Duree, a woman from Godfrey, Ill. Gibbs says with a laugh, “You couldn’t even be alone with your father.”

Miss America 1955 was a 19-year-old drama student from California, Lee Meriwether, who would go on to a career in the entertainment business, notably opposite Buddy Ebsen in the *Barnaby Jones* series from 1973 to 1980.

Gibbs, who had recently been sorting through memorabilia in anticipation of her own 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 2, unearthed a letter from Meriwether concerning a fashion show the two had done in Decatur. The youngest of five sisters, Gibbs was named Miss Congeniality and second runner-up in the contest. For that, she took home a $1,000 scholarship. While $1,000 may not sound like much in 2007, it was enough back then to pay for her entire sophomore year – room, board, tuition and fees – and part of her junior year at SIU.

She arrived a little early for fall quarter that September of 1955, just after the experience of a lifetime in Atlantic City. Her dorm mates, those who were sharing quarters at Woody Hall during its first year of occupancy, welcomed her in style, hoisting a banner that read “Welcome Back Pat” and leading a small parade through campus.

It was Freshman Week at SIU and “Dr. Morris asked me to give a welcoming address to the new freshmen,” Gibbs says. “I didn’t know it then but my future husband was a member of that class.”

She earned her degree in elementary education but “didn’t teach until retirement so I could be home with the kids.” Her early experiences and finding herself living in Harry Truman’s hometown of Independence, Mo., led Gibbs into a career of community work, particularly with the Independence Junior Service League (35 years), as a docent at the Truman Library and Museum (20 years), and as a fundraiser and speaker for the American Cancer Society (20 years).

The Gibbs family includes two children and three grandchildren.
Whether it was Saluki pups, Saluki tattoos, or Saluki spirit, Homecoming 2007 had it all. Astronaut Joan Higginbotham (above with Chancellor Fernando Treviño) served as parade marshal, and at left, Rachel Barbour Pavlic and Jeanne Barbour Drone arrived at the SIU Tent to be photographed in front of their images taken 50 years ago and featured on the back cover of the September magazine.

**Maroon Fever... It’s Contagious!**
Couple Gives Rescued Salukis A Happy Home

by K.C. Jaehnig

She calls their ranch-style house with the huge fenced yard near the Williamson County line "The Home of the Fat Salukis."

"You don't see their hips and rib bones as well as you should, but we think they need to be happy," says Sara Roth '74, M.S. '84, Ph.D. '91, as she cuddles one rangy hound and ruffles the silky ears of another.

"They like the couch, they like the bed, and they like pizza."

For Ruby, 13, and Durango, 8, happiness matters more than it might for the average pooch. The pair are "rescued" dogs from California, adopted separately in 2005 by Roth, a professor of food and nutrition at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and her husband, Kevin, with the help of a San Francisco-based group called the Saluki Tree of Life Alliance (STOLA).

The story of Ruby, Durango, and Roth begins a few years back with Roth idly scrolling through the online version of the Daily Egyptian.

"I saw a little box that said, 'Do you want to adopt a Saluki?' and I thought, this sounds kind of cool, so I clicked on it," Roth recalls. Doing so led her to the STOLA Web site, www.stola.org.

Dogless since the 70s, Roth had known she was finally ready for another four-legged friend. She'd been thinking of finding it at a Humane Society shelter, but the opportunity to give a home to the breed SIU has adopted as its mascot proved irresistible – and time-consuming. The Roths had to fill out a four-page application, supply references, and have a home visit.

"It's like adopting a kid," she says, "They're really serious about making sure their dogs are going to homes that can take care of a Saluki, because these dogs are different."

Prospective owners need more than just a fenced yard and some space to run. They need vets who understand Salukis' medical needs – no injected anesthesia, for example, and particular drug dosages – and they must appreciate the dogs' unique character. "These dogs
have different temperaments,” Roth notes. “They’re like giant cats in dog suits, curious and somewhat aloof.”

Since Ruby’s arrival nearly three years ago, the Roth pack has settled in nicely. Ruby, despite her advanced years and cataracts, has become “The Rubinator,” the dog with the look that can lay down the law. Durango, perhaps influenced by his name, loves to ride in the car.

Clifford, an older dog they acquired last year, is used to being low dog on the totem pole and fits in just fine. Sultan, a pup the couple bought this summer, is already the drama king.

Roth hopes Southern, either as a whole or through various student groups, will aid canine Salukis still waiting for homes by “adopting” STOLA as a fund-raising beneficiary, much as the SIU Student Nutrition Academic Council, which she advises, has done this year.

“STOLA asks a $250 adoption fee when they place a dog, but it doesn’t come anywhere near covering their costs,” Roth stresses.

And anyone can help STOLA Salukis by shopping at iGive.com/stola (details on the STOLA Web site), where more than 650 merchants of brand-name merchandise have agreed to give up to 26 percent of each purchase made to the organization.

“It doesn’t take a lot – it’s easy to do, and every time you go online to shop, you can do something good,” Roth says.

As for those who have the time and desire to open their homes and hearts to a rescued dog, they will find the rewards incomparable.

“It’s like a lot of things in life: the more you give, the more you get back, and you get back a lot from these guys – far more than what you put into them. Their unconditional love is just incredible.”

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**Alumni Calendar Of Events**

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Italian Favorites - Rome & Florence (GoNext)
March 1-9
Approximately $2,099 per person.
Explore two great cities that epitomize Italy's culture, architecture and rich historical heritage - Rome and Florence. Rome's many timeless monuments include the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, and the Pantheon. Marvel at St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world, and visit legendary Pompeii. Florence, the beautiful city known as "the Cradle of the Renaissance," has architectural treasures around virtually every corner. Famous landmarks include the colorful cathedral, the Ponte Vecchio Bridge, and Michelangelo's magnificent Statue of David. Discover the scenic Tuscan countryside as you travel to the lovely town of Lucca and the classic Italian city of Pisa.

Treasures Of China And The Yangtze River Cruise (GoNext)
May 22 - June 3
Approximately $3,499 per person.
Explore the 'Magical East,' a land of tradition, ancient treasures, and infinite variety. Visit Shanghai, China's largest city and Beijing, its capital for most of the last seven centuries and home to the spectacular Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, and the magnificent Great Wall. Tour historic Xi'an and the amazing Terracotta Warriors of the Qin dynasty. Marvel at the sheer beauty of the spectacular Three Gorges and the world's largest dam project, as you cruise the mighty Yangtze River.

Discover Copenhagen & Stockholm (GoNext)
April 29 - May 7
Approximately $2,499 per person.
The ageless land of the Vikings is one of unrivaled beauty, dramatic scenery, and ancient, deep-rooted traditions. Denmark's many charms can be found all through the country - from its capital city, Copenhagen, home of the famous Little Mermaid to its picturesque towns and remarkable North Zealand Castles. Sweden, the largest country in the Scandinavian Peninsula and its beautiful capital city, Stockholm, known as the "Venice of the North," offer a wealth of cultural treasures for you to discover.

Jewels Of The Danube (GoNext)
April 28 - May 6
Approximately $2,499-$2,999 per person.
The majestic Danube, Europe's longest river, passes through eight countries on its voyage from the Black Forest to the Black Sea. Cruise its beautiful blue waters between Vienna and Passau, the picturesque part of the river known as the Wachau valley where charming villages, ancient medieval castles, and lush vineyards greet you around every bend. Melk, with its splendid Benedictine Abbey, Passau, one of Germany's oldest and prettiest towns, the magnificent city of Vienna and the dynamic city of Munich are yours to discover.

Portrait Of South Africa (GoNext)
April 9-18
Approximately $4,499 per person.
South Africa is a beautiful and amazingly diverse land, home to the famous "Big Five" (elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion, and leopard). Explore bustling Cape Town, a beautiful city set on a peninsula of rocky outcroppings and lush valleys with the Indian and Atlantic oceans converging at its feet. Observe some of the world's most remarkable creatures in their natural habitat as you enjoy morning and evening game drives at the Ivory Tree Game Lodge in the Pilanesberg Game Reserve. An optional extension to the Victoria Falls in Zambia, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, is available.
Alpine Mountains & Lakes (AHI)
May 5-13, 2008
Approximately $2,195 per person, plus airfare and V.A.T., based on double occupancy.
Nestled in the area known as the Bodensee, the waters of Lake Constance caress the shores of four countries. Your base from which to discover the allure of these scenic shores is the German town of Konstanz. Visit the Napoleonic Museum at Arenenberg Castle, and admire the charming half-timbered houses of Stein am Rhine. Witness the grandeur of Europe’s largest waterfall, the Rhine Falls, in Switzerland. Marvel at the beauty of the flower island of Mainau and the monastic architecture on Reichenau Island. Journey to Bregenz for a tour and a panoramic cable car railway ride. See the Baroque architecture of St. Gallen and tour a cheese dairy at Appenzell, then travel to Liechtenstein and its capital Vaduz. Visit the picturesque town of Meersburg and Birnau, known for its Cistercian basilica.

Prague, Vienna & Budapest Discovery (AHI)
September 17-27, 2008
Approximately $2,395 per person, plus airfare and V.A.T., based on double occupancy.
Explore three charming European capitals on this flexible program that combines expertly guided city tours with the opportunity for independent activity. Begin in cosmopolitan Prague, Czech Republic, the City of a Hundred Spires. Admire the Charles Bridge and Old Town Square with its Astronomical Clock, and enjoy a scenic drive through the wine country of Bohemia, lined with majestic castles and monasteries. Discover the enchantment of cultural Vienna, Austria, where the Ringstrasse, Burgtheater and Hofburg Palace await. Visit Bratislava, the capital of the Slovak Republic, before arriving in Budapest, Hungary, the Paris of the East. Marvel at its gothic Parliament Building, Opera House and Heroes’ Square. Optional excursions include Prague Castle, Melk and Dürnstein in Austria’s Wachau Valley and Szentendre outside Budapest.

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Lamarres Are ‘Saluki Family Of The Weekend’

The Saluki Family Association and Carbondale Main Street hosted members of the Saluki Family Association and current SIU students at the initial Saluki Family Tailgate during Family Weekend festivities in mid-October.

More than 1,200 family members and students attended, with Carbondale Community Arts and the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce's Saluki Pride Committee assisting in the fun-filled day that included art projects, face painting, a jazz/folk band, various games, and refreshments.

The Saluki Family Association would like to congratulate the Lamarre family from Woodridge, Ill., for being chosen the 2007 “Saluki Family of the Weekend.” Tony and Helene Lamarre’s son, Ryan, is a freshman studying English at SIU.

The family earned the honor after correctly answering the Family Weekend questionnaire posted online for Saluki Family Association members.

The Lamarres received a variety of prizes and thoroughly enjoyed their Southern weekend. “It was special from beginning to end,” says Helene. “It was hard to leave when the time came to return home.”

From left, Ryan, Tony, and Helene Lamarre meet with SIUC Chancellor Fernando Treviño at a Family Weekend event.

For more information about the Saluki Family Association and New Student Programs, visit www.salukifamily.siu.edu or call 618-453-1000.

Rec Center Turns 30, Looks To The Future

Willie Ehling the new director of Southern's Recreational Sports and Services, is just the fourth person to hold the position since the facility opened its doors three decades ago. Formerly steered by Bill Bleyer, Mike Dunn, and the recently retired Bill McMinn, the Student Recreation Center (SRC) has undergone constant change during that span.

In Ehling's first 100 days on the job, a leadership committee was established comprised of full-time staff, graduate assistants, and 12 undergraduate student leaders known as the “Dream Team.” He initiated SWOT analyses (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) along with plans for a proposed park (Saluki Pride Park) to be constructed as an opportunity created through the Saluki Way proposal. The park would cater to a diverse population and serve as more than just a sports complex.

Discussion on renovations and improvements within the SRC include combining free weights, Nautilus machines, and cardio equipment into a new area; revamping the older racquetball courts to be used for new programming and/or a new climbing wall; and adding an addition to the northeast side of the facility.

In tune with remembering the past, assessing the current programs and facilities, and discussing the future of Recreational Sports and Services at Southern, the department is planning a spring homecoming-like event for April 25, 2008. This event will consist of a golf tournament at Hickory Ridge Golf Center and a dinner at the Student Recreation Center.

This has in the past been known as the SIU Faculty/Staff Golf Outing, and former and current full-time staff, graduate assistants, and student employees of the department are invited to attend the spring event. It is the same golf tournament offered by Intramural Sports Assistant Director Herman Williams (retired) for the past 20 years. Williams, Assistant Director of Special Populations Kathy Hollister, and former director McMinn are scheduled to be part of the 2008 tournament.

That busy weekend includes the annual Doc Spackman Triathlon and Cardboard Boat Regatta, so alumni are encouraged to book rooms early and return to campus for the fun. For more information about the golf tournament, dinner, or the Doc Spackman Triathlon, go to www.siuc.edu/rss. Full details for the tournament festivities will be posted online by Feb. 1, 2008.

Alumni who have photos from intramural sports, sport clubs, programs, or activities at the outdoor facilities or inside the SRC, are invited to send them to gtdale@siu.edu. They will be considered for use on the SRC Web site and at the dinner presentation.
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For more than three decades, students strolled into Doris Rottchalk's English class at Du Quoin High School knowing exactly where their teacher attended college. Her collection and display of Southern Illinois University literature, posters, sports schedules, and memorabilia left little room for doubt.

"And that's the way I wanted it," says the current SIU Alumni Association president. "I felt that once I left Carbondale as a student, one of my responsibilities was to recruit future Salukis to the campus. That has never changed."

The retired educator, who began her teaching career at Pinckneyville High School, estimates that more than 500 of her former students enrolled at the University. Whether it was scheduling colleges to make presentations at the high school, taking classes to theater productions on the SIU campus, or emphasizing youth camps offered at her alma mater, Rottchalk's goal was to expose students to Southern.

"Until you actually get the chance to be on campus, walk around, and see things for yourself, it's hard to get excited about any University," she says. "I knew that most students would be impressed with SIU once they had the chance to experience it for themselves."

**The Du Quoin Connection**

SIU Student Judicial Affairs Specialist Amy Rose J.D.'02, one of Rottchalk's former students, says the SIU Alumni Association president had a real impact on them attending the University.
pupils, says her former teacher “bled Saluki maroon like no one else I knew.” She recalls doing a scrapbook for class that featured a University of Illinois cover. Rose told her mother, “I hope Doris doesn’t get mad that I didn’t use SIU!”

The project may have had an Illini cover, but SIU ended up getting the student. “Southern is extremely lucky to have such an avid and classy representative,” Rose says.

SIU Foundation Director of Development Communication Greg Scott ’91, M.S. ’99 is another Du Quoin product who was mentored by Rottschalk. “Once you walked in Doris’ classroom, it became quite apparent that she exuded Saluki Pride,” he says. “Her classroom was always clad in the maroon and white and this makes quite an impression on high school students and sent the message that SIU was a special place. In addition, I remember her speaking quite fondly of Southern and her experiences here.

“I quickly came to the realization that there wasn’t a need to leave the southern Illinois region to attain a quality college education; all I had to do was drive 20 miles south. I had great appreciation then for Doris’ passion and loyalty to SIU . . . I still do.”

A few of her students went other directions, although some later came back to the fold.

“I first went to Eastern Illinois,” recalls SIU Foundation Director of Planned Giving Yvonne Spencer ’81, J.D. ’96. “But I transferred to Southern my junior year and immediately became a Saluki. I still remember all the SIU stuff that Doris used to have in her classroom, how she always talked about the University, and how much it all meant to her. I suspect that influenced my decision to come to Carbondale.”

**Alumni Can Make A Difference**

While Southern’s enrollment figures have recently climbed, Rottschalk knows that SIU’s large alumni base is a key component if the trend is to continue.

“As a teacher, I may have had an advantage of being around young people every day, but make no mistake – everyone can do this,” she says. “Dr. (Glenn) Poshard has often said that we all have a role to play in recruiting students to Southern, and I really believe that’s true.”

And when it comes to area high school students, Rottschalk says the University experience can be a special one. She often describes SIU as “close enough for comfort and far enough for independence.”

She and her husband, Richard, have backed up such talk by sending their own children to SIU (see sidebar story). “I wear my school pride on my sleeve, and always will,” she notes. “My children have heard about Southern all their lives, from the days of Delyte Morris, to things going on today. The University has always been a big part of our family.”

While the landscape may change over the years, Rottschalk says alumni’s role will never diminish.

“When I gave the 2005 SIU commencement address, I referred to a quote once used by the president of Yale University,” she recalls. “He said, ‘Faculty come and go. Students are supposed to come and go. Administrations come and go. But the alumni live on forever. They are the only permanent constituency in a successful educational institution.’

“I think that describes things well,” she says with a smile. “Alumni can – and should – feel compelled to make a real difference in the well being of their alma mater.”
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HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Opportunity Through Excellence
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2007
The Honor Roll captures gifts made by individuals, corporations, foundations, and organizations to the SIU Foundation through its offices in Carbondale and Springfield between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

In our giving societies (Allyn, Parkinson, Shryock, Pulliam, Morris, Old Main, and Chancellor's Circle), which reflect cumulative giving, only those donors whose total giving reached a milestone level during the current fiscal year are listed. Prior to 2000, we listed the names of donors whose cumulative giving reached a milestone in years other than the current year and continued to list those donors whether they made a gift during the current year or not. We discontinued this practice in order to present a clearer picture of the fundraising activity of the current fiscal year.

Every attempt was made to ensure accuracy in the reporting of donors in this publication as well as to honor the wishes of anonymous donors. However, we wish to apologize for any errors that may have occurred in the omission or inaccurate listing of any name. If an error is discovered, please contact the director of Advancement Services at (618) 453-4915, and we will correct the error.
### Total SIU Foundation Assets

- **2007**: $138,621,285
- **2006**: $120,823,458
- **2005**: $107,065,322
- **2004**: $88,699,258
- **2003**: $78,937,273

*Depreciation adjustment per GASB 35*

### Market Value of SIU Foundation Endowments

- **2007**: $85,813,675
- **2006**: $72,140,207
- **2005**: $64,356,881
- **2004**: $56,347,909
- **2003**: $45,328,374
As we head into the final six months of Opportunity Through Excellence, please allow me to take this opportunity to thank you. With the support of people like you, our goal of $100 million is in sight. As of June 30, 2007, we had raised nearly $80 million of our goal to support the people, programs and places of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. We greatly appreciate your generosity throughout this endeavor.

The names of our friends and supporters who are listed on the following pages are a testament to the number of individuals who truly care about the future of this institution. In addition, the leadership and commitment exhibited by our volunteers and board members as well as the dedication of our development staff have been extraordinary. Indeed, we have made great strides this year.

While we continue to make progress toward our goal, there remains work to be done. Various initiatives on campus from generating scholarship opportunities for students, to endowed chairs for our professors, to developing University programs and enhancing facilities, are in need of your support. As we work to continue attracting and retaining quality students and faculty and maintaining Southern's standing as a top-notch institution for higher learning, private funds from people like you will continue to make a difference.

Remember, every donation counts. Whether you give $5,000, $50,000 or $500,000, your generosity provides valuable resources that will foster a bright future for SIU Carbondale. Therefore, thanks for your past support and we encourage you to continue your commitment to SIU Carbondale.

Thanks for your participation in the historic Opportunity Through Excellence campaign.

Rickey N. McCurry, J.D.
Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement
CEO, SIU Foundation

I'm sure you are aware of the challenge before us. The cost of education is escalating while the amount of state support is declining. This is an issue at institutions nationwide and Southern is no different. With this in mind, we are depending more and more on private funds from people like you. In reviewing the 2007 Honor Roll of Donors, I am truly pleased to see that alumni, donors, businesses and corporate friends are stepping up to meet this challenge.

This year promises to be historic. Our unprecedented comprehensive campaign, Opportunity Through Excellence, is well on its way to being a success. As of June 30, we have secured more than 80 percent of our goal to raise $100 million by June 30, 2008. I serve on the steering committee for this effort, and this is a priority during my initial year as president of the SIU Foundation Board. We are closing in on our goal and the campaign will have a wonderful impact on our university. I really look forward to the Foundation completing its first-ever campaign fund drive. You have all contributed to this success and our growth as an organization. We are truly moving forward.

My husband, Phil, and I are both proud graduates of this University. My memories of SIU go back to my childhood when I accompanied my grandfather, Lindell Sturgis, who served 30 years on the SIU Board of Trustees, to Springfield when he lobbied support for Southern. I often tell people that this was my first experience with fundraising. And now, I take great pride in serving as president of the SIU Foundation Board during such a crucial time in our history.

This University is headed in the right direction and your commitment is vital to our future. You make a difference at Southern. Thanks for your generosity.

Pamela K. Pfeffer '67
President
SIU Foundation Board of Directors
**2007 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS**

**CHANCELLOR’S COUNCIL CUMULATIVE LEVELS**

The following cumulative categories of giving recognize only those individuals and businesses that have reached the respective cumulative giving levels during fiscal year 2007 (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007).

### CHANCELLOR’S CIRCLE

- $1,000,000 and above

This is our highest giving level within the Chancellor’s Council. The Circle recognizes those individuals and businesses whose outstanding generosity creates the cornerstone of our great University.

#### Individuals

- Estate of Steven Barwick

#### Businesses

- The Simmons Family Foundation

### OLD MAIN SOCIETY

- $500,000-$999,999

Construction began on the first campus building in 1874, completed in 1875, and destroyed by fire in 1883. It was replaced by Old Main, which was built during 1883 at a cost of $152,000. It burned in 1969 and was not replaced, but its memory lives on in Old Main Mall.

#### Individuals

- Barbara T. Lesar
- John C. Ryan & Marsha G. Ryan, M.D.

#### Businesses

- Prairie Research & Education Coop.

### DELYTE W. MORRIS SOCIETY

- $250,000-$499,999

This cumulative gift club honors the former president of the University (1948-1970), Delyte W. Morris, who changed Southern into a major institution, the result of his vision and innovation. Both the curriculum and the number of buildings expanded significantly during his administration. During his administration, SIU won a separate governing board, as well as national and international acclaim. The University’s library bears his name.

#### Individuals

- Estate of Winifred N. Treimer
- Estate of David Schmulbach
- Linda M. Esper & George V. Lieber
- Donald P. & Mona K. Glenn
- Anna Woerner

#### Businesses

- Mississippi River Radio, L.L.C.
- Growmark, Inc.
- American Suzuki Motor Corporation

### HENRY W. SHRYOCK SOCIETY

- $500,000-$999,999

Shryock was the first University alumnus to become president (1935-1944) and the first president not to be selected from the faculty. In 1943 limited university status was granted to SIU, and three colleges—Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Vocations—were planned. Credited to Shryock were the alumni office, religious foundations, a student health service, and expanded faculty benefits.

#### Individuals

- Eileen & H. Wesley Williams
- Jill C. & Robert L. Cash
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#### Businesses

- Bank of America Foundation
- Dow AgroSciences
- Mississippi River Radio, L.L.C.

### DANIEL B. PARRINSON SOCIETY

- $25,000-$49,999

Daniel Parrinson, Southern’s fourth president (1897-1913), was one of the original faculty members of the University. During his tenure extensive changes in both the curriculum and the facilities were made. In 1907 the Illinois General Assembly approved the bachelor of education degree, the first being granted by Southern Illinois Normal University in 1909. Wheeler Hall, Allyn Hall, and Anthony Hall were built during his administration.

#### Individuals

- Peter C. Alexander, Jr.
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#### Businesses

- John Deere Foundation
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### Rennie’s E. Pulliam Society

- $100,000-$249,999

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### Executive CECUMILATIVE LEVELS

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#### CECUMILATIVE LEVELS

- $500,000-$999,999

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Southern Illinois University Carbondale's nationally recognized automotive technology program continues to supply its students with the best equipment — this time with a recent donation of a 2007 Toyota Tundra truck from Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. through Marion Toyota.

"The donation of the 2007 Tundra is yet another example of the support we continue to receive from Toyota," says Paul Sarvela, dean of the SIUC College of Applied Sciences and Arts. "Without these donations, our automotive program would quite simply be unable to keep up with the technological advances of the industry. This donation will enable our students to work on cutting-edge technology in our labs, and will help us better prepare our students for their work in the industry."

The relationship with Toyota goes back more than 25 years, says department chair Jack Greer.

"We enjoy strong industry support from all of the automotive companies, including Toyota," he says. "The vehicle will be used in our classes for training purposes to ensure that our faculty and students are up to date with the changing automotive technology."

In 2005, the program earned the Automotive Industry Planning Council's Award of Excellence for 2005 — the third time it has been judged the nation's top program. The program also earned top honors in 1991 and 1999. National winners cannot compete again for the award for five years.

"Toyota has been increasingly supportive of Southern's efforts to provide only the best education for students in our nationally recognized automotive programs," says Jeff Lorber, associate vice chancellor for institutional advancement and executive director of development with the SIU Foundation. "The gift of this vehicle allows our students to have direct, hands-on experiences with current technology."

Dan Williams, a 1996 automotive technology graduate, is Toyota Motor Sales Chicago Region Truck Manager. The program is the best in the industry, and Williams says he is proud to be a graduate.

"The reputation of the SIU automotive program is well known in the industry, and the continued support of the education programs is important to the future of the automotive industry," he says.
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What Is Planned Giving?

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

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

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

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

Bequest

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

Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust

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

Charitable Gift Annuity Agreement

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

Charitable Lead Trust

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

Revolvable Living Trust Agreement

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

Life Estate Agreement

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

If you have questions about planned giving, contact Yvonne Spencer at the SIU Foundation by calling (618) 453-4907 or by email at yvonnem@siu.edu.
Music Students To Benefit From $1 Million Gift

Students in the School of Music at Southern Illinois University Carbondale have more than a million reasons to thank the late Steven Barwick, professor emeritus of piano and music history.

Barwick left the bulk of his estate to the SIU Foundation for the benefit of the School of Music to establish a scholarship fund for piano students. The value of the estate is more than $1 million — enough to put SIU into a better position to offer larger scholarships to attract more top-notch musicians.

School of Music Director Robert Weiss said he was shocked when he first heard the potential value of the scholarship fund. A smaller amount previously led to the creation of the Steven Barwick Piano Major Award, and school officials knew more was coming. No one expected so much more.

Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and CEO of the SIU Foundation, said Barwick’s generosity represents his legacy to music students.

“The gift demonstrates how much he revered students in the School of Music,” he said of Barwick, who retired in 1988. “He had a profound influence on the University, the School of Music and the students he taught. Our students will benefit from his generosity for years to come.”

This is the first time we’ve had a single award with that much in the account,” Weiss said. “You can imagine what a boost that is to our school.”

Barwick joined the faculty at SIUC in 1955. He was a frequent performer at the University and a guest at other venues during his active years. He retired in 1988, but continued to attend recitals and concerts at SIUC. He died on Jan. 26, 2006.
Gift Will Support Heart Disease Research

A man remembered for exhibiting hard work and dedication in several capacities during his lifetime will continue to have a positive influence for years after his death. Bernie Eskridge, who died in 2004 at the age of 92, aspired to extend appreciation to multiple medical institutions. He subsequently arranged to bequeath $450,000 to the SIU School of Medicine.

Eskridge's gift to the School of Medicine will support heart disease research. A longtime Springfield resident, Eskridge's list of jobs included roles with the secretary of state's office, Department of Registration and Education, Sangamon Electric, Pillsbury Mills, Capital Township and the U.S. Postal Service. Eskridge, who also spent time assisting a caterer, retired as chief security guard at the Municipal Building in 1985. His blue-collar work ethic and investment prowess led to Eskridge becoming a millionaire.

In addition, Eskridge was a member of St. John's AME Church for 66 years, CWLP Retirees Club, Illinois League of Municipal Employees, Retired State Employees Association, AFSCME 31 and AARP.

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A man who demonstrated a devotion to his students and commitment to graduate research is being honored through an endowment established in his memory at the Southern Illinois University Foundation to benefit graduate students.

The University presented the first Dr. Howard W. Webb Graduate Research in English Award this fall. The endowment assists students in covering costs incurred while conducting research in American Literature.

Joyce Webb says the award, named in her husband's honor, specifically supports students in funding travel or other expenses related to their research activities.

"Most graduate students need assistance unless they have a full-time job, which is rare," Webb says. "Students meant a lot to Howard, so the goal of this endowment is to support their graduate education well into the future."

Webb worked with SIU Foundation officials to create the award, which is presented to a graduate student of good standing in Southern's English Department, with a primary emphasis of study related to American Literature.

"Howard's primary interests were in graduate education and in his studies of Herman Melville's works," Webb says. "This is truly an appropriate way to honor a family member. I would encourage others to follow suit."

Howard Webb, who died in 2003, joined Southern's English Department in 1956 as an American Literature instructor. He ascended to various levels in the department, serving as director of Graduate Studies in English from 1961 to 1967, and being promoted to professor in 1967. He subsequently chaired the English Department from 1968 to 1972.

Additionally, he served as academic affairs officer for the Board of Trustees from 1974 to 1979 and system academic officer for the president's office from 1979 to 1985. He retired in 1990, after a five-year stint as vice president for Academic Affairs for the entire SIU system.

Webb's influence was personified in a letter submitted to Southern Alumni magazine by Karen Davis Cutler, a 1965 SIUC graduate, in June 2003. Cutler writes, "Although a government major, I took every course Dr. Howard Webb offered while I was at SIU, beginning with his meticulously organized survey of American literature. Dr. Webb was demanding but always encouraging. Simply put, he was the finest teacher I ever had."

Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and CEO of the SIU Foundation, says the endowment exemplifies the Webbs' devotion to students.

"Dr. Webb was an outstanding instructor and mentor to young people. Through this endowment, Mrs. Webb has ensured that his legacy will have a positive influence on the educational endeavors of SIU Carbondale students for years to come," McCurry says. "We are truly grateful to the Webb family."

Mrs. Webb has two daughters, Amy, a 1977 SIU graduate who serves as a development associate with the Presidential Library Foundation in Springfield, and Sarah, administrative assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Kingwood College in Kingwood, Texas. She also has two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Granddaughter Megan Moore is a 1998 cum laude graduate of the Southern's English Department.
Southern Illinois University Carbondale students are the beneficiaries of a gift from the estate of Anita Crites Crawford of Champaign.

Crawford’s bequest of more than $147,000 to Morris Library is creating the Emma Smith Hough Library Research Scholarship Awards. The recent bequest establishes the scholarship fund in the name of the late Hough, a longtime Murphysboro resident who was Crawford’s sister-in-law and friend. Hough was a high school and city librarian for more than 30 years prior to her death in 1989. The bequest in her honor will provide scholarships to students for creative and exceptional use of library resources to write papers or other creative works.

Each year, a five-person committee from Morris Library will award two $1,500 scholarships to SIU sophomore or junior undergraduate students and one $2,000 scholarship to a graduate student. One of the undergraduate awards will go to a student majoring in humanities, fine arts, or social sciences while the other will go to a student in the sciences, engineering, or applied technologies fields. A graduate student in any discipline is eligible.

“We are delighted that Anita Crites Crawford honored her dear friend and Murphysboro librarian Emma Smith Hough with this bequest,” says David Carlson, SIU Library Affairs dean.

During her lifetime, Hough was active with St. Joseph’s Hospital Auxiliary, the Murphysboro Junior Women’s Club and the Jackson County Nursing Home Auxiliary. The local chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha recognized her altruistic endeavors in 1976, presenting her with the Distinguished International Academy of Noble Achievement (DIANA) Award.

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The Chicagoland Golf Scramble Committee has raised approximately $300,000 in support of Saluki Athletics since the inception of its event in 1989. And now the committee has decided to build on its commitment.

Beginning in 2008, the committee will transfer $150,000 over the next 10 years to the University’s Saluki Way Project. Forrest Fairall, committee chair, says the group aspires to set an example.

“We discussed Saluki Way with (SIU Athletics Director) Mario Moccia and felt it was an important project. It is pertinent that we assist athletics in getting facilities updated for recruiting purposes,” he says. “The Chicagoland Golf Committee wants to send a message to other groups with hope that they will follow our lead.”

The Committee has been a longtime supporter of athletics. Previously, it has made contributions to the Saluki softball stadium, baseball scoreboard and a pole vault pit.

Farrell is joined on the committee by Ryan Anthony, Bob Chamberlin, Paul Conti, Mike Davids, Nick Harkovich, Mike Kochmarczyk, Liz Sexton, Alfred Smith, Janice Smith, Howard Spiegel, Bryan Vagner and Rich Witt.
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The late George Delaney, who died in 1985, taught high school agriculture in Eldorado and Harrisburg for 15 years. Delaney’s work ethic derived from his days growing up on a farm in Porum, Okla., during the Great Depression.

He subsequently enlisted in the United States Army, where he served as sergeant from 1953 to 1956. He proceeded to study agriculture at Oklahoma State University, attaining a bachelor’s degree in 1960. His three children, Walli Kimmel ‘77, M.S. ’84, Charles Delaney ’82, and David Delaney ’83, are all University graduates.

Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement and CEO of the SIU Foundation, says the impact Delaney had on his family and friends is his true legacy.

“Mr. Delaney clearly had a passion for teaching and being a positive influence on everyone around him,” McCurry says. “He embodied the attributes that are so pertinent in our society today. This endowment is a fitting legacy to Mr. Delaney as it will honor our agriculture students who are striving to follow in his footsteps.”

The University began presenting the George Delaney Endowed Scholarship this fall. Four $1,000 scholarships will be awarded each year. The award is presented to students who have a declared major in the College of Agricultural Sciences. Additional consideration is given to students who are southern Illinois residents with solid academic standing.

This year’s scholarship recipients are Jacqueline Crosser, a junior from Anna majoring in dietetics; Daniel Etienne, a sophomore from Eldorado majoring in agribusiness economics; Scarlett Horton, a freshman from Eldorado majoring in agricultural communications; and David Yandell, a sophomore from Tunnel Hill majoring in agribusiness economics.

For more information about the George Delaney Endowed Scholarship, contact Rebecca Stenhaug in the College of Agricultural Sciences at (618) 453-1848.

The Delaney family created a $100,000 endowment to honor the late George Delaney, pictured here with his wife, Shirley.

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- Endowment as of FY02 – $44 million

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For more information about the ring tradition, or for ordering information, contact Kathy Dillard at 618-453-2408, e-mail her at kathyd@siu.edu, or go to siualumni.com for a link to SIU's page on the Balfour site.

SIU Student Jered Montgomery is shown with his father, Jerry, who recently purchased a ring for his son.
Saluki Men To Be In The Television Spotlight

The Southern Illinois University men’s basketball program will reap the benefits of its recent success with up to 15 network television broadcasts in the regular season this year, including as many as 12 games on the ESPN family of networks.

“We understand that you earn the right to play on television, and it could easily go away as fast as we built it,” says head coach Chris Lowery, whose team is coming off a Sweet 16 season and has posted six straight NCAA Tournament appearances. “We’re on television because of the players who built this program, and we have to continue to build so the next group can enjoy the same exposure.”

For the first time in four years, SIU is favored to win the regular-season Missouri Valley Conference men’s basketball crown. The Salukis, who have been to a league record-tying six-straight NCAA Tournaments, were a unanimous choice to win the Valley in a poll of coaches, media, and sports information directors.

Including exhibition, the Salukis have a school-record 17 home games set for fans to enjoy.

Entering this season, Southern is 79-3 at home in the past six years and has the best home-winning percentage of any team in the country during that span (.963).

“We don’t want to play one-time guarantee road games, because it’s important that we provide our fans with a strong home schedule,” Lowery says. “We insist that teams come back to SIU Arena.”

Last year, the Salukis had a stretch of 11 games away from home in a 14-game span early in the season, and Lowery feels this year’s slate will make it easier to prepare his team.

“We challenged ourselves last year with a strong road schedule, and now those teams have to return a game to our place,” he says. “Last year, we felt we didn’t have enough time to prepare, because we were constantly traveling.”

Southern returns 10 lettermen and three starters from last year’s 29-7/15-3 MVC Champions, with Randal Falker (6-7, senior, forward), Matt Shaw (6-7, senior, forward), and Bryan Mullins (6-1, junior, guard) anchoring the lineup. Falker is coming off a season producing 12.3 ppg and 7.7 rpg, while Shaw is close by with 11.3 ppg and 5.7 rpg. Mullins will again be the floor leader, after dishing out a team-high 126 assists last year. Falker was the league’s pick for preseason player of the year.

The Salukis must replace talented guards Jamaal Tatum and Tony Young, as Wesley Clemons and Josh Bone will get a long look at producing the points from the backcourt. Returning letterman Tony Boyle (6-8, junior, forward) and freshman Carlton Fay (6-8, freshman, forward) are expected to also get key minutes this season.

For a look at the 2007-08 schedule, and a list of the games that will be on television, go to siusalukis.cstv.com.
The 2007-08 Southern Illinois women's basketball team, the defending Missouri Valley Conference regular season champions, will open conference play at home when the squad hosts Indiana State (Jan. 3) and Illinois State (Jan. 5), following a 10-game nonconference slate.

Southern's game against Drake (Jan. 18) will be broadcast on Fox Sports Midwest at 7:30 p.m., which will be "Pack the Dawg House" night, with ticket prices lowered to $1 for the event. The Salukis will also have the second annual "Pink Out" for breast cancer awareness on Feb. 8 at 7:05 p.m. against Missouri State.

The 2008 Missouri Valley Conference Tournament has been moved to a neutral site for the first time in history (the last four tournament hosts won the title and the automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament). The Family Arena in St. Charles, Mo., is the site for this season's tournament, which will be held March 13-16, 2008.

The Salukis were picked fifth in the 2007-08 preseason poll, and SIU Head Coach Dana Eikenberg feels the voting reflects the loss of 2007 First Team All-MVC pick Carlai Moore and the strength of the rest of the league's teams this season.

"We will be a different team," she says. "The starters we do return understand two things: toughness and competition. Without those two things, I don't we could have done what we did a year ago. We have great expectations for ourselves."

SIU returns eight letterwinners and three starters from last season, including Jayme Sweere (5-9, senior, guard), Debbie Burris (5-10, senior, guard), and Erica Smith (5-7, junior, guard). Also expected to receive key minutes are returning letterwinners Jasmine Gibson (5-10, junior, forward) and Cortney Sales (6-0, senior, forward), and newcomers Tanaya Warden (5-6, freshman, guard) and Paris Campbell (6-2, freshman, center). Warden was a four-time all-state selection at Sioux City (Iowa) North, and helped the team win the state tournament last year.

The Salukis, who finished 21-11/16-2 en route to winning the league title, also did the job in the classroom. The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCCA) announced its 2006-2007 Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll recently, and Southern made the list for the second time in three years, carrying a 3.318 GPA to rank 19th.

This culminated a tremendous season for Eikenberg's squad, as the MVC Coach of the Year was rewarded with a five-year contract extension. The program posted the 10th-best turnaround in Division I women's basketball by adding 11 wins from a 10-18 campaign. Last year's regular-season title was the first at Southern in 20 years and first postseason appearance in 15 years.

For a look at the 2007-08 Saluki schedule, go to siusalukis.cstv.com.
Saluki Football Earns 5th Straight Slot In NCAA Playoffs

Southern Illinois University football earned its fifth straight trip to the NCAA Playoffs this season, and grabbed one of the top four seeds giving the Salukis three post-season home games. Going deep in the 2007 NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Championships was satisfying for SIU Head Coach Jerry Kill.

"It was great for southern Illinois, our football program, and our University," Kill says. "We wanted to have the opportunity to play at home and it worked out well."

After blasting through the regular season with a 10-1 record (the only loss was a 30-24 road defeat to eventual Gateway champion Northern Iowa) Southern started post-season play with an impressive 30-11 win Nov. 24 over Eastern Illinois University. Quarterback Nick Hill polished off yet another fine performance, completing 24-30 passes and rushed 13 times for 32 yards. He threw for 200 or more yards in a game for the eighth time this season and watched his defense limit the Panthers to only 66 yards on the ground.

The win set up a second-round home game on Dec. 1 against the University of Massachusetts, 10-2 and ranked fifth in the country. Southern's second-round opponent earned a trip to McAndrew Stadium with a 49-35 win over Fordham. The Minutemen lost to Appalachian State in the 2006 1-AA Championship game.

At press time, Southern had just defeated U Mass 34-27 and was poised to host the University of Delaware in the third-round game. A win there would send the Salukis to the 1-AA National Championship game in Chattanooga, Tenn. the next week.

We will recap SIU's post-season grid-iron exploits in the March issue of the magazine.

Saluki Men's Basketball Hits Airwaves In St. Louis

For the first time in school history, Saluki men's basketball is on the airwaves in St. Louis. Saluki Director of Athletics Mario Moccia recently announced an agreement to have all but one game this season broadcast on ESPN 1380-AM or Fox Sports Radio 1490-AM. The Feb. 16 matchup with Wichita State will not be broadcast in St. Louis due to scheduling conflicts.

"This is an historic agreement," Moccia says. "Our alumni base in St. Louis is strong, our conference tournament is held in the city, and the area remains a key focus for both recruiting and fundraising. We couldn't be happier about bringing Saluki basketball to the masses in a key metro market."

The broadcasts will originate from Mississippi River Radio, the school's radio rights holder and feature Mike Reis and color analysts Greg Starrick and Kirk Champion. The agreement expands SIU's broadcast footprint to include all of southern Illinois, Springfield and the metropolitan St. Louis area.

"The Missouri Valley Conference is one of the best conferences in the nation, and Southern Illinois is the cream of the crop," says John Helmkamp, general manager for both stations. "We have so many SIU grads in this area that the agreement makes for a great marketing tie-in. Even more important, however, Saluki Basketball under Chris Lowery is a program we believe in."

Here is the remaining 2008 broadcast schedule for St. Louis-area alumni:

**ESPN 1380-AM Schedule**
- Jan. 8 vs. Bradley
- Jan. 15 at Evansville
- Jan. 19 vs. Wichita State
- Jan. 23 at Missouri State
- Jan. 26 vs. Creighton
- Feb. 5 vs. Indiana State
- Feb. 10 at Creighton
- Feb. 13 vs. Drake
- Feb. 20 vs. Northern Iowa
- Feb. 23 vs. BracketBusters
- Feb. 26 at Bradley
- Mar. 1 vs. Illinois State
- Mar. 6-9 vs. Missouri Valley Conference Tournament

**Fox Sports 1490-AM Schedule**
- Jan. 2 at Drake
- Jan. 5 at Illinois State
- Jan. 12 at Indiana State
- Jan. 28 vs. Evansville
- Feb. 2 at Northern Iowa
Former Saluki Glenn Creates African-American Sports Exhibit

by Barton Lorimor

Unlike his playing days, former Southern Illinois University basketball star Mike Glenn no longer travels light on road trips.

The retired basketball player rolled back into Carbondale this fall, bringing 80 pieces of memorabilia recognizing some of the greatest African-American athletes. The collectibles were all a part of Glenn's traveling exhibit, From Molineaux to Michael: African-Americans in Athletics.

The African-American Museum at the University Mall hosted Glenn's exhibit, which strives to introduce athletes of African descent that may have been swept under the carpet otherwise, especially before the time of Jackie Robinson. "We talk about the 1918 Chicago White Sox or the 1917 Boston Red Sox, but we don't mention the Chicago-American Giants," the 10-year NBA veteran says.

Glenn thinks his exhibit is fun for any sports fan. "I want people to come reminisce," he explains. "It's a good time going back on memory lane."

Glenn's exhibit was enjoyed by many who saw the collection at the African-American Museum in the University Mall.

Strolling through memory lane, coincidentally, was something Glenn did while in Carbondale. Before greeting visitors, including Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole and City Manager Jeff Doherty, he took time to reconnect with the SIU campus where he earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1977.

"It feels so good to be back," he says. "The Salukis are always like a home for me."

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Glenn hopes many SIU alumni can get a chance to see the exhibit, and encourages people to contact him if they would like to bring the display to their area. To see more on this project, go to his Web site at www.mikeglenn.com or contact him through e-mail at stingerglenn@mikeglenn.com.

-- Lorimor is a reporter at the Daily Egyptian
Shelton keeps close watch on Cleveland's hitters during pregame batting practice. The SIU product will soon begin his fourth season as a coach in the major leagues.

Photo by Andre Jackson/Lake County News Sun

LIVING A DREAM

For Cleveland Indians Coach Derek Shelton, Perseverance And Determination Have Helped Him Reach His Big League Goals

BY GENE GREEN
or Derek Shelton, the morning of June 4, 2005, began the same as countless other days. The Cleveland Indians' Minor League Hitting Coordinator got up early, hopped in his car, and drove to the yet another town to check on the organization's hitters.

This current coast-to-coast stretch, however, had been more travel-intensive than most. As Shelton headed to Akron, Ohio, to see the organization's top minor league squad, he took a moment to assess just where he was. "It was day 15 of a 17-day trip," the 1992 Southern grad now recalls. "I had been driving back and forth across the country for more than two weeks; it was kind of becoming a blur."

Shelton arrived at the Akron Aeros game, chatted with the team's hitters during batting practice, and then found a seat in the dugout. When the game began, Cleveland Minor League Director John Ferrell (now pitching coach for the Boston Red Sox) called on his cell phone.

That type of contact was not unusual. What happened next, however, was.

"Two innings later the trainer came over to tell me that Farrell had called again and wanted me to get back with him as soon as possible," Shelton says. "I recall thinking that was kind of strange; I had just talked to him."

What the former Saluki catcher heard next would make all the miles logged during the past decade more than worthwhile. "We just fired Eddie Murray as hitting coach," Ferrell told Shelton. "Meet the team in Chicago as soon as you can; you're taking his place with the big league club."

The directive took a few moments to sink in.

"It was surreal," Shelton now says. "Eddie Murray had more than 3,200 hits in the big leagues and is in the Hall of Fame. And I'm replacing him?"
Laying the Foundation

The road to the major leagues was anything but a straight line for Shelton, who had been a star three-sport athlete at Warren Township High School in Gurnee, Ill. Although he played baseball, basketball, and football, there was never a question of which sport he loved most.

Ron Shelton ’70, M.S. ’74, coached Warren Township's baseball team, and sons Derek ’92 and Craig ’96 had been hanging around Blue Devils practices long before they ever actually played for their father. The elder Shelton had pitched in the Baltimore Orioles organization, and had long instilled his passion for the game in them.

“Coaching my sons were some of the best years of my life,” Ron says. “When Derek decided to go to SIU to play baseball (as Craig would also do four years later), I was thrilled and knew he would respect the game and give it his best shot.”

Former Saluki Assistant Coach Kirk Champion (now minor league pitching coordinator for the Chicago White Sox), recruited Shelton in 1988. Although the Warren Township athlete had been the first player in conference history to be team MVP in three different sports, that feat is not what impressed the SIU assistant.

“All of these guys can play, or you wouldn’t be wasting your time recruiting them as Division I players,” Champion explains. “But watching Derek, it was obvious he had a great baseball mind and had grown up around the game. You look for things like that when you are recruiting a catcher, as more times than not he will be one of your leaders.

“Derek’s solid baseball background – first from his father and then with Itchy Jones as a Saluki – no doubt helped carry him into professional baseball and stands as yet another baseball success story that was nurtured at Southern.”

Shelton would compete in 177 collegiate games from 1989-92, impressing competitors around the Missouri Valley Conference with his rugged play behind the plate. He also excelled in the classroom, logging a 3.37 cumulative GPA and consideration for the 1992 NCAA Academic All-America honors.

A .267 career hitter, he hit a season-high .323 in 1990 while splitting time behind the plate with Matt Giegling as the Salukis won the league crown and a trip to the NCAAAs with a 49-14 record.

“That year is something I will never forget,” Shelton says with a smile. “It was such a fun group that got along well together. Also, that was Itchy Jones’ last team at SIU. I hated to see him go to the University of Illinois, but at least we sent him there on a high note.”

PRO BALL INJURY CHANGES PATH

After the end of the 1992 SIU season, Shelton waited anxiously to see if his playing days would continue. Although not drafted, his skills as a quality “catch-and-throw” receiver caught the attention of the New York Yankees organization.

The Yankees signed Shelton as a free agent and sent him to the club’s Oneonta squad in the New York-Penn League. He progressed to Greensboro (A) the next year, and collectively in those two minor league seasons produced a .341 average in limited action. Full of optimism, he reported to spring training in 1994 before everything changed.

“I hurt my elbow that spring, and it just never got better,” he says. “I finally had surgery in May, was in rehabilitation for a full year, and then got released. Teams don’t wait too long for 24-year-old undrafted free agents to come around; I had to be realistic that my playing days were over.”

But as it turned out, his baseball career was not.

When Shelton signed with the Yankees, he got to know and respect former SIU player and coach Mark...
Newman '70, J.D. '78, who was now head of the organization's minor league system. After he was released, Shelton told Newman he was interested in someday becoming a coach.

"Mark said they didn't have anything open, but gave me his word that he would keep me in mind if there was ever anything with the Yankees that would be a good fit," Shelton recalls. "For the time being, I was done and had to get on with my life."

To make ends meet, Shelton moved to St. Louis and worked from 1995-96 for a moving and storage company. Just when he thought the dream was starting to fade away, a call came that started the ball rolling once again. True to his word, Newman had not forgotten the capable ex-catcher or their earlier conversation.

"Mark called to ask if I wanted to come to Tampa and be hitting coach for the Gulf Coast Yankees," Shelton says. "I was thrilled and ready to learn as much as I could about coaching other players." And there was no better teacher than Newman.

"He made me more well rounded and always talked about the mental approach to things," Shelton says, "telling me not to rush, but instead to slow down and make sure I didn't miss anything along the way. Things he insisted on took me out of my comfort zone and pushed me to learn things I never felt I needed to know."

And when Shelton needed advice, Newman was there with an honest answer.

"Mark is one of most intelligent people I've ever met - ask anyone at SIU who knows him and they will tell you the same thing - and the stuff he retains and the manner in which he does it is fascinating," marvels Shelton. "In the off-season he would often give me books on leadership to read just to make sure my mind was stimulated when I was away from the game."

With a foot now in the door, Shelton was poised to make his mark as a coach in professional baseball.

**GOOD FROM THE START**

From 1997-99, Shelton got his feet wet serving as minor league hitting coach for Yankee squads in the Gulf Coast League, South Atlantic League, and finally with the Tampa Yankees. After learning as much as he could and absorbing every scrap of knowledge and advice tossed near him, the Yankees gave him his first managerial assignment the next season.

To say that the former Saluki took advantage of this opportunity would be an understatement. In 2000 he managed the Gulf Coast Yankees to a divisional title, losing the league crown in the finals. In 2001 the team won the league championship, and in 2002, Shelton was sent to the Staten Island Yankees and managed them to the league championship as well.

Such rapid success might have raised some eyebrows, but Newman was not surprised.

"Derek is a special guy who adapted quickly to the coaching profession - actually as quick as any ex-player in my experience," Newman says. "When I saw his great demeanor with players and his thirst for knowledge, I knew he'd do well."

Newman wasn't the only person taking note. In 2003 Shelton was approached by the Cleveland Indians about becoming the organization's Minor League Hitting Coordinator. One of his first calls he made was to Newman.

"When that job came up, Mark was honest with me regarding my goals and was a good sounding board," Shelton says. "He knew it was a great opportunity and was excited that I was getting the chance to continue to move up."

For the next two seasons Shelton crisscrossed the country working with the organization's minor league hitters. His exemplary communication skills also allowed him to forge strong bonds with some of the Indians' current big league stars. That early connection would help
facilitate his transition into the big leagues when "the call" came in June of 2005.

**Welcome To The Big Leagues**

As Shelton earlier noted, reality had barely set in when he arrived in Chicago on June 5 for Cleveland's series with the White Sox. A call placed the night before to his parents had prompted them to catch a red-eye flight to the Windy City and they arrived at the airport a few minutes before he did.

After a short wait, Kathy Shelton finally spotted her son in the crowded O'Hare Airport maze. "There he is," she shouted to her husband. "He's riding the escalator, but his feet probably aren't even touching the floor!"

After a hug and a kiss, it was time to get to the game and start a new chapter in his life. The contest proved to be a sign of things to come that year, as Cleveland banged out 12 hits and defeated the White Sox 6-4 in 12 innings.

One of the first things Shelton was charged with was revamping the organization's approach to hitting. As hitting coordinator he had streamlined the entire minor league system with new terminology and a unified approach to offense. Many of the players he had earlier worked with were now in the big leagues with him.

Shelton's communication skills and previous interaction with many of the team's best hitters proved to be an

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**The Shelton Timeline**

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immediate success. When he took over 54 games into the 2005 season, the Indians ranked last in the American League with a .243 team batting average. In the final 108 games that season they hit a big-league best .285.

“A good hitting coach has to make himself available, and Derek’s always available,” Indians third baseman Casey Blake once explained to MLB.com’s Anthony Castrovince. “He’s extremely positive and recognizes that hitters got to this point because they hit a certain way, and more often than not need someone to help them make adjustments.”

Cleveland’s manager soon sensed that the offense was in good hands.

“Derek stepped in and did a great job from the start,” recalls Indians Manager Eric Wedge, a Wichita State product who actually played against Shelton during Missouri Valley action in 1989. “He is an excellent communicator and a solid teacher. The players took to him quickly and the results certainly spoke volumes. And he is still a young coach for this level; he’ll only get better.”

Shelton’s mentor, Newman, who doesn’t toss out accolades carelessly, agrees.

“In my opinion, Derek will someday be an excellent manager in the major leagues,” he predicts. “He did a great job as a manager in our system, is doing well as a big league coach, and has the skills required to be a high-quality manager.”

Those comments are humbling to Shelton.

“For someone as respected in the game as Mark Newman to say that makes me feel good,” he says. “He wouldn’t say a single word unless he meant it, so I have to take that as a heck of a compliment.”

And as he prepares to enter his fourth season with the Indians, Shelton stays grounded by realizing that there’s always more to learn. “I get up each morning trying to get a little better and look for any edge possible that will help our players succeed.”

Someone can wake him up now; turns out it’s not just a dream after all.
Inspiring Women Gala Honors Five

Five women who have exhibited extraordinary leadership by making significant professional contributions and serving as role models in their communities were honored during the fourth annual Inspiring Women Gala recently in the SIU Student Center Ballrooms and International Lounge.

This year's Inspiring Women of Achievement award recipients are Rosemary Berkel Crisp of Marion, Ella Phillips Lacey of Carbondale, Marsha Garwin Ryan of Carbondale, and Barbara Walton Throgmorton of Anna. J. Adaire Putnam of Saugatuck, Mich., received the 2007 Alumna Achievement Award.

Proceeds from the gala benefit Inspiring Women Scholarships, awarded to SIU freshmen and transfer students for academic achievement, leadership, and extracurricular involvement.

Here is a look at this year's recipients:

• Rosemary Berkel Crisp was nominated for the honor by Ann Knewitz, who described her friend in the following fashion: “She has met presidents and popes, and yet she remains a humble and caring woman deeply interested in what she can do to make life better for those around her.”

A co-owner of Pepsi Mid-America, Crisp devotes considerable time to various community efforts. She is a volunteer nurse at local Red Cross blood drives and a glaucoma screener for the Lions Club. Crisp has been on several boards and has led efforts that have made the Southern Illinois Women's Health Conference and the Southern Illinois Women's Teen conference well-established and respected events.

(Following a long bout with cancer, Crisp passed away just before our press time. She was 70 years old.)

• Ella Phillips Lacey '64, M.S. ’72, Ph.D. ’79, former interim director of the University Women's Professional Advancement Program at SIU, is committed to improving health care for those with limited access to resources. A former faculty member in the SIU School of Medicine, she was instrumental in developing and implementing a plan to improve ambulance services in seven Southern Illinois counties. The SIU Alumni Association Life Member conducted research on Pica, an eating disorder found largely among women with limited financial resources. In addition, she has served on state councils and commissions focused on welfare, hypertension, and AIDS.

After retiring from Southern, Lacey became active on the international level. She spent two years serving in the Peace Corps, working in Malawi (Africa) where she was elected national president of the Women in Development and spearheaded a model Habitat for Humanity project that included obtaining two international grants for support of 20 project volunteers. She received the 2004 Rosemary Berkel Crisp Award for her dedication to Southern Illinois.

• Marsha Garwin Ryan J.D. '87 has assumed a leadership role in both the medical and legal professions. She is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Legal Medicine. A longtime Carbondale physician/surgeon, Ryan is also a clinical assistant professor in the SIU School of Medicine, assistant professor of SIU Clinical Surgery, and adjunct professor to second- and third-year law students.

The former chief of staff at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, Ryan specializes in breast cancer. The SIU Alumni Association life member serves on the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program's Medical Advisory Committees, is co-director of the MHC Breast Cancer Center, and director of MHC Cancer Care Services.

The 1987 SIU magna cum laude law school graduate is a leader in her community, having served on the Carbondale Community Arts board of directors since...
It takes many people to produce the Inspiring Women program each year. Some of the key contributors in 2007 were, from top left: Teri Harfst, Larry Dietz, Vicki Nelson, JoAnn Oliver, Jean Paratore (coordinator of the program), Nancy Hunter Pei, Theresa Mills, Doris Rottschalk, Marjorie Bryson, Loretta Ott Ledbetter, Martha Campbell, Rindy Eisenhauer, Sharon Benton, Gail Gilbert, Carol Hohman, Dixie Travelstead (honorary chair, 2006 honoree), Julia Schroeder, Sherry Klam Jones, Karen Freitag, Eden Thorne, Gloria Mager, Helen Coracy, Mary Mechler, Leslie Curtis, Paula Frisch, Lora Lee Nugent, Mona Glenn (co-chair), and Marlene Dietz (co-chair).
SIU Professor Ben Dziegielewski says it is critical for Illinois to get “ahead of the curve when it comes to water supply planning.”

The Worth of Water

A Southern Professor Is Working To Find Answers So The “Well Never Goes Dry”

by Stacey Vinson
It is perhaps fitting that on a visit to Benedykt Dziegielewski's office, which is filled with water usage reports and maps of watersheds (drainage areas for rivers) and aquifers (groundwater sources), droplets of rainwater ping on the windows of Faner Hall. There's a Scottish proverb that says: We'll never know the worth of water 'til the well goes dry.

Dziegielewski is working hard to make sure that never happens. Water, specifically how much will be needed in the future, is what Dziegielewski knows best. The 1983 Southern Illinois University graduate specializes in water resources management, urban water supply and conservation planning, water resources hydrology, studies of water use, and water demand forecasting. He teaches courses in these subjects in Southern's Department of Geography and Environmental Resources as well as conducting research on water demand management, modeling of water use, and drought management.

Dziegielewski is currently involved in a study mandated by Gov. Rod Blagojevich, requiring the definition of a comprehensive water-supply planning program for Illinois. "It is critical for Illinois to get ahead of the curve when it comes to water supply planning," Blagojevich notes in a statement on the Illinois government's Web site. "Last summer's drought demonstrated to us that careful management of our water must be a priority so we always have enough supply for people to drink and use, for our industries like agriculture, and for our fish and wildlife habitats."

The study involves two pilot areas: Chicago and its collar counties and East-Central Illinois, which includes a stretch of land from Peoria to Champaign, home to much of the state's agriculture. "It's important for the University to be supportive of the region and state," Dziegielewski says. "There are a lot of SIU alumni throughout Illinois, especially in the Chicago area."

Having A Plan for Water

While Illinois is not usually the first state that comes to mind when water shortages are mentioned, the state has a growing population, large areas of cropland, and industry that uses large amounts of water. Water use and availability know no city, county, or state lines, and the plan will aid in planning water usage across such artificial boundaries.

Dziegielewski says the study specifically looks at the sustainability of the water supply. Now there is enough water, but in the future, he asks, "Will the wells still be there?"

The northern Illinois area is faced with a population that is moving to the collar communities around Cook County. Chicago's public water supply primarily comes from Lake Michigan, and the Chicago River is used by industry. More and more of that water is being needed further west in those collar counties, and the cost of transporting it becoming a factor.

Dziegielewski says the Great Lakes are experiencing low water levels and there is a government-imposed limit on the amounts those counties are allowed to use. He adds that a study of water usage involving all of the Great Lakes is a real possibility in the near future; the outcome would impact the states and parts of Canada that border the lakes.
Support And Planning

The professor's research is applied, meaning that the outcome of the research is used to support planning and policy decisions. Although the primary mission of the department is to teach students, Dziegielewski says there might be the possibility of a center or institute on water research in the future: "That's why we're here: to provide data and to become a resource."

Dziegielewski emigrated from Poland 28 years ago, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in environmental engineering from the Wroclaw Polytechnic University. Although much of his research involves the United States, he has participated in studies of water usage in places such as Jordan, South Africa, and Central America.

He says increasing population and industry needs are the two major factors in the nation's water supply and demand but warns that "climate change is a new concern." In his 2007 study prepared for the Institute for Water Resources of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Dziegielewski wrote: "Global warming and climate change have the highest uncertainty and have the potential for the strongest impacts on the future water supply and demand situation. The greatest threat from climate change will most likely come from climatic extremes, especially severe sustained droughts."

In addition, according to the study, much of the population growth in the U.S. through 2030 will occur in Florida, California, and Texas, where water shortages are already occurring.

Alternate Fuel Sources A Factor

A perhaps unrecognized and surprising drain on the water supply is the production of alternate fuels. According to Dziegielewski, it takes three to four gallons of water to produce one gallon of ethanol. It also requires the irrigation to grow the corn and sugar cane used in ethanol and other biofuels. His study points out that ethanol plants can use several hundred thousand gallons of water per day, which impacts groundwater and city water supplies.

There are 120 ethanol plants in the U.S., according to Dziegielewski, with more under construction – most in the Midwest. He says if industry taps too much of the water table (the depth at which underground water is first encountered) in a given area, wells that serve communities and families have the potential to run dry.

"Individual consumption of water is on a downward curve," he says, noting that a new emphasis on conservation is at least partly responsible for the change. In his 2007 study, Dziegielewski says that there are also innovative new developments in water management and efficiency, including the use of a proactive approach to water management, such as federal and state collaborative planning on water reallocation. This effort would address water storage for times of drought and an investment in infrastructure to transport water.

More information about the SIU Department of Geography is located at the Web site www.geography.siu.edu. To contact Dziegielewski, e-mail him at benedykt@siu.edu.

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Illinois State Fair

The Prairie Capital Chapter, together with the Central Illinois Chapter, assisted in greeting alumni and guests under the SIU Tent at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield. Activities were coordinated by the University Communications office. Prairie Capital Chapter leaders Don Magee and Phil Beers and Central Illinois Chapter representative Wayne Carter were instrumental in recruiting volunteers.

Southern was also represented during Campus Town at the Fair, which showcased the state's universities. Director of Public Relations Kathy Dillard represented the Association. Before the fair opened, a reception was hosted by Steve Buhman of the University Communications office, welcoming 40 alumni volunteers to the SIU Tent. The reception was meant to show appreciation to the volunteers for contributing their time to represent Southern at the fair.

Saluki Oasis

The SIU Alumni Association hosted an afternoon reception for incoming freshman and their families on Fall semester move-in day. The event gave new Salukis the opportunity to cool off with Dippin' Dots (provided by SIU alumnus Curt Jones), cookies, and beverages. The event also featured chair massages, giveaways, and information on SIU Alumni Association programs, class rings, scholarships, and membership. Student Alumni Council members volunteered at the event.

SIU Night At Wrigley Field Day

The 30th annual SIU event at Wrigley Field drew more than 1,300 alumni and friends. The attendees enjoyed a pregame gathering at the Cubby Bear Lounge hosted by SIU alumnus George Loukas ’73. Alumni enjoyed beverages and food prepared by Loukas’ staff and mingled in the indoors and patio area in spite of a light drizzle, which turned into a downpour that resulted in the postponement of the game. Representing the University were Associate Vice Chancellor Jeff Lorber, Associate Director of Development Tanna Morgan, Association National Board Members Mike Kasser, Sandra Smith, Howard Spiegel, and Wes Wilkins, Executive Director Ed Buerger, and Directors Kathy Dillard, Gene Green, Michelle Suarez, and Argus Tong. Volunteers from the Chicagoland Chapter assisted with the event.

Du Quoin State Fair

The Perry County and Jackson County Alumni Chapters provided volunteer support to the SIU Dome at the Du Quoin State Fair, coordinated by University Communications. Alumni volunteers greeted visitors, answered questions about SIU, provided information about the Association, and served as ambassadors. A volunteer reception, hosted by the University Communications office, drew 30 alumni volunteers to the SIU Geodesic Dome, located in the heart of the fairgrounds.

The reception, catered by Alongi’s, was hosted in appreciation for the volunteers’ willingness to represent Southern. SIU Alumni Association President Doris Rottschalk and the Perry County Chapter recruited and coordinated the volunteer effort. Mike Trude from University Communications assisted with the event.

SIU Salukis At Northern Illinois Huskies Tailgate

More than 500 alumni and friends attended the tailgate prior to SIU’s football game at Northern Illinois in early September. Fans then strolled to Huskie Stadium where the Salukis pulled off an exciting 34-31 come-back win over the Huskies by scoring 20 unanswered points in the fourth quarter.

Four former SIU Alumni Association presidents attended the tailgate: Paul Conti, George Peach, Mike Carr, and Don Magee. Representing the University were SIU President Glenn Poshard, Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry, Associate Vice Chancellor Jeff Lorber, Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger, Alumni Association National Board Members Steve Falat, Howard Spiegel, and Len Surina, and Directors Kathy Dillard, Gene Green, Michelle Suarez, and Argus Tong. Chicagoland Chapter volunteers assisted with the tailgate.

SIU Alumni Association Seeks Award Nominations

The SIU Alumni Association presents an Alumni Achievement Award for Service each year at its Board of Directors Homecoming luncheon. This award is given for outstanding service to the association and, therefore, the university. Nominees may be graduates, former students, or friends of SIU who have demonstrated their commitment to alumni by their service. The current president or current board members may not receive the recognition while serving on the board.

A five-member committee studies the information given for all nominations and determines the recipient. Members of the association are asked to submit names with resumes and background material of those whom they feel qualify for this honor. Send the material to SIU Alumni Association, c/o Lorrie Lefler, Colyer Hall, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, 62901-6809.
Member Tailgates At Home Saluki Football Games

The SIU Alumni Association hosted member tailgates prior to each home football game, giving members an opportunity to mingle with other Salukis while enjoying food, beverages, and music. Tailgates were sponsored by Pepsi MidAmerica, Venegoni Distributing, and River Radio Group and hosted by the Bank of Herrin, Regions Bank, the Southern Illinoisan newspaper, and Tres Hombres Mexican restaurant. The Sept. 22 game served as Member Appreciation Day at McAndrew Stadium, with more than 850 members attending the tailgate before cheering the Salukis on to a 58-3 win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

Perry County Scholarship Banquet

The Perry County Chapter held a scholarship banquet at the Red Hawk Country Club on Sept. 20. A total of 28 alumni and friends attended. Following dinner, recipients of the 2007 Alongi Legacy Scholarship, the Baker Family PCHS Scholarship, and the Perry County High School Scholarship were announced. The guest speaker for the evening was SIU Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz. Representing the SIU Alumni Association were President Doris Rottschalk, Board Member Dede Ittner, Executive Director Ed Buerger, and Director Argus Tong.

Alumni Attend Seattle Picnic

A total of 28 alumni and friends attended a picnic late this summer at the home of Len and Linda Boscarine. Attendees gathered on the patio area and participated in activities at Lake Burien. Len Boscarine prepared smoked pork with southern Illinois BBQ sauce on the side, which was a crowd pleaser. Director for Off-Campus Programs Argus Tong provided recent highlights of Southern Illinois University.

Sanders Scholarship Deadline

The $2,500 Keith and Carol Sanders Alumni Scholarship will again be presented in 2008-09. Preference will be given to qualified candidates from Franklin County (Illinois) who are the child, spouse, or sibling of an SIUC alumnus who is a current member of the SIU Alumni Association. If there are no candidates from an alumni family, the scholarship will be given to the best qualified candidate. To view all criteria for the Sanders Scholarship, visit www.siualumni.com/sanders, or call the SIU Alumni Association at 618-453-2417. The application deadline is Jan. 4, 2008.

Meet Your New Association Board Members

The SIU Alumni Association recently welcomed new members to its national board of directors. They are Mike Kasser, Roy Heidinger, Charles Neal, Timasha Udugama, Steven Middleton, and Demetrous White.

Kasser, a certified public accountant and comptroller of Southern Illinois Healthcare in Carbondale, serves as treasurer for the Association. He is a 1978 graduate in accounting and is an active volunteer in both his personal and professional life. Kasser served as a school board member and treasurer in Carbondale and as president of the Southern Illinois Chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA). He is certified as a Fellow of HFMA. His wife, Jili, is also a graduate of SIU. They live in Carbondale and are life members of the SIU Alumni Association.

Heidinger represents the College of Science on the board of directors. He received his bachelor’s degree in 1966, master’s degree in 1967, and a doctorate in zoology in 1970, all from SIU. Heidinger, who retired from the University in 1999, is the former chair of the Department of Zoology and director of the Illinois Fisheries and Aquaculture Center at Southern. In 1992, he received the College of Science Researcher of the Year Award and the Alumnus of the Year Award in 2006. His wife, Bonnie, earned her master’s degree in history from SIU in 1970. Both are life members of the SIU Alumni Association.

Neal represents the School of Medicine on the board. He graduated from the SIU School of Medicine in 1987 and is certified by the American Board of Urgent Care Medicine. Neal owns UltiMed Plus, a family practice and occupational medicine clinic with facilities in Mt. Vernon and West Frankfort. Neal resides in Ewing with his wife, Barbara, who earned her degree in child and family services from SIU in 1983. They are life members of the SIU Alumni Association.

Udugama is the current president of the Student Alumni Council (SAC) and represents the organization on the SIU Alumni Association board of directors. A senior from Sri Lanka, he is majoring in physiology with a dual minor in chemistry and in child and family services. He joined the council in 2004 and held the office of vice president for two years. During this time, he won several SAC awards and completed an externship with the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. He is also a member of the International Student Council and the Sri Lankan Student Association.

Middleton is the current president of the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) and represents the organization on the SIU Alumni Association board of directors. He is a graduate student in applied psychology and an associate at Applied Research Consultants. His wife, Wendi, is also a graduate student at SIU in the molecular biology, microbiology, and biochemistry program. They live in Herrin.

White represents the Undergraduate Student Government on the Association board. A senior from Bellwood, Ill., he is majoring in psychology. White, who represented the Students United Party, won the USG presidential election by more than 100 votes from the nearest opposing candidate.

Also added at press time was Andrea McNeill ’88, ’92 of Johnston City, Ill., who will be representing the School of Law. We will introduce you to her and any other board changes in the next issue of the magazine.
Illinois Alumni Chapters
Award Scholarships

In 2007 a total of 36 scholarships were awarded by the alumni chapters of the SIU Alumni Association in Jackson, Peoria Tri-County, Perry, Randolph, Saline, Union, and Williamson counties. Funded by endowments and annual contributions by alumni and friends, these scholarships are awarded to deserving high school seniors who are current students at Southern.

This year's recipients are:

ALONGI LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP: Bryant Hale

BAKER FAMILY PCHS SCHOLARSHIP: Bryant Hale and James Heisner Jr.

JACKSON COUNTY FAMILY YMCA SCHOLARSHIP: Erin Wilson

JACKSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: Bryan Jennings, Amanda Johnson, Emily Jones, Tavon Pourboghrat, and Rebekah Stegmann

PEORIA TRI-COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: Brady Hammon, Michael Hueenefeld, Ashley Nauman, Brenna Towery, and Kelsey VanDyke

PERRY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: James Heisner Jr. and Nelson Schmidt

RANDOLPH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: Greg Baird, Corey Fulkerson, Bradley Gielow, Brian Hargen, Kaile Horn, Steven Kern, Marc Kern, Hillary Mathis, Amanda McConachie, and Renae Rausch

SALINE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: Benjamin Beggs and Jess Moore

UNION COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: Glenn Beanland, Hillary Hoffner, and Priciliano Fabian

WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: Johnna Dunning, Mallory McGuire, Shantell Meuth, Aaron Renshaw, and Katherine Reynolds

Williamson County Scholarship Banquet

A total of 23 alumni and friends attended a dinner on Oct. 14 to honor five scholarship recipients from high schools in Williamson County. The guest speaker, Marion Chamber of Commerce President and CEO George Trammell, provided some inspirational advice to the recipients. Representing the Association were President Doris Rottschalk and Director Argus Tong. Williamson County Chapter member Kari Sanders was instrumental in coordinating the event.

St. Louis Trivia Night Coming Soon

The St. Louis Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association will host its third annual trivia night 7-11 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25, at the Shrewsbury City Center in St. Louis. Proceeds from the event will benefit the St. Louis Alumni Scholarship fund, presented to deserving high school seniors who will be attending Southern from high schools in the St. Louis and Metro East areas. Scholarship applications are available at www.siualumni.com/scholarships. Cost of the event is $20 per person with teams of eight. To sign up, please contact Kim Omelson at siualum06@yahoo.com. For more information, please visit www.siualumni.com/events.

The St. Louis Chapter invites all alumni and friends to attend its monthly meetings. The board consists of President Ann Eberlin ’03, Vice President Leslie Tepen ’03, Secretary Omelson ’93, Treasurer Tracey Abbott ’96, and Scholarship Chair Anna Vani ’02. Some of the goals of the chapter are to continue engaging the 12,000 alumni in the St. Louis and Metro East area, provide scholarships to incoming students attending SIUC, and host alumni events.

Second Annual Saluki Expo & Brunch

Alumni, students, and friends are encouraged to mark their calendars for Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Expo & Brunch on March 8 in St. Louis. This casual event will be held at the newly renovated Hilton at the Ballpark as part of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament festivities. For more information, please contact Suzanne Nasco in the Department of Marketing at the SIU College of Business at snasco@cba.siu.edu or visit www.cba.siu.edu/mktg/mvc.

Attention All Central Illinois Alumni

There are approximately 98,000 SIU alumni in the state of Illinois represented by nine chapters. Current chapters are established in Chicago, Central Illinois, Jackson County, Peoria Tri-County, Perry County, Prairie Capital, Randolph County, Union County, and Williamson County. These chapters bring together alumni to establish an SIU presence in their areas, to encourage participation with the University, and to promote 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. If you are interested in volunteering for the Central Illinois Chapter or want to be informed of upcoming events, call Carter at 217-429-4093 or via e-mail at siudawg77@insightbb.com.
**Association Thanks Mike Munge**

The SIU Alumni Association thanks Mike Munge for serving as Peoria Tri-County Chapter president. Under his leadership, Munge established the chapter, hosted pre-basketball game gatherings for SIU at Bradley basketball games, hosted watch parties, and organized golf outings that raised more than $5,000 for the Peoria Tri-County Scholarship fund. The chapter also awarded $3,750 to six high school seniors to attend Southern during the past two years. Volunteers are needed to assist the Peoria Tri-County Chapter. If interested, contact Argus Tong at 618-453-2408 or via e-mail at argus@siu.edu.

**SIU Can Still Be The Home Team**

In 2008, the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Women’s Basketball Championship will move to a neutral site for the first time in league history. The Family Arena in St. Charles, Mo., will host the action. Fans can fill the arena with maroon because every team will have the opportunity to turn the venue into its home court. The tournament will include all 10 teams and is scheduled for March 13-16. For ticket information, contact Julie Beck, Saluki Athletics office, at 618-453-5153.

**Saluki Coaches Caravan**

In spring 2008, the Saluki Coaches Caravan, sponsored by Saluki Athletics and the SIU Alumni Association, will be on the road again. The 2007 Caravan included stops in Lincolnshire and Springfield, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo., and drew more than 100 alumni and saluki fans at each venue. For more information, see www.siualumni.com/events.

**Basketball Events In Normal And Peoria**

The Peoria Tri-County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association will host a reception Jan. 5 in Bloomington at the Horton Field House prior to the game against Illinois State. A reception will later be held Feb. 26 at the Hotel Pere Marquette in Peoria prior to the Salukis men’s basketball game against Bradley. For more information, see www.siualumni.com/events.

**Make Your MVC Hotel Reservations Now**

Make your reservations now for the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Men’s Basketball Championship March 6-9, 2008. Meet up with the SIU Alumni Association at the Hilton at the Ballpark in St. Louis. Call today at 1 (800) 445-8667 and ask for the SIU Alumni Association group rate.

• Special SIU Alumni Association group rate
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• Transportation to/from SIU games (available only to Hilton guests registered under the SIU Alumni Association group rate)
• Two-night minimum stay and prepayment required

The SIU Alumni Association cannot guarantee room reservations, so please make reservations early. Details on pregame and postgame gatherings for alumni and fans will be available after the tournament pairings are determined. Please check www.siualumni.com for updated information. For ticket information, please call the Saluki Ticket Office at 618-453-2000.

Last year more than 800 alumni and fans visited the SIU Alumni Hospitality Room during the tournament. Volunteers are needed to assist the SIU Alumni Association staff in various areas. For more information, please contact Argus Tong at 618-453-2408 or via e-mail at argus@siu.edu.

**Pulliam Scholarship Deadline April 13**

Four, $1,000 stipends will be provided in 2008-09 courtesy of the Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarships. To be eligible, the applicant must be the child, grandchild, or sibling of an SIUC alumnus who is a current member of the SIU Alumni Association. To view all criteria for the scholarships, visit www.siualumni.com/pulliam, or call the SIU Alumni Association at 618-453-2417. The application deadline is April 13, 2008.

**SIU Days At Wrigley And Busch**

Dates for the 31st Annual SIU Day at Wrigley and 24th Annual SIU Day at Busch have yet to be set. Please check our Web site in late March for information. Due to the popularity of these two events, tickets are open to SIU Alumni Association members only. Not yet a member? Why not go to www.siualumni.com or use the prepaid envelope at the center of this issue to join today?

**Calling All Former Woody Hall Residents And Cafeteria Employees**

Are you a former resident or cafeteria employee at Woody Hall? If so, the 2008 Homecoming Weekend will have a special event that might interest you. Plans are underway for an unstructured, one-time, all-class reunion for that group to be held next Homecoming. Will you be able to recognize old friends and colleagues after 50 years — and will they be able to recognize you? Why not come back to Southern and find out?

Three former Woody Hall employees, one a resident (Jane Herr Talley) and two dishwasher/janitors (Pete Dunn and Ken Walker), are trying to gauge interest in this endeavor. "We want things to be completely unstructured — no big committees, no formal banquet, but rather an informal gathering in a venue still to be announced, where everyone can meet and just have a great time getting reacquainted," says Dunn '57, one of the group's organizers. "We will meet Homecoming Weekend regardless of how many attend, as we already know of quite a few who plan on being there. Hopefully people reading this in the alumni magazine will let us know of their interest, and the word will start spreading among the old Woody Hall group."

If you are interested in receiving more information on this event, send your contact information to: woodihallreunion@yahoo.com, and someone will contact you.
Memories From The Class of ’57

Arnold Ross, Rockford, Ill.
“Music activities under Phil Olsson (trumpet and band), choral under Floyd Wakeland, photography under “Doc” Horrell, “Messiah” conducted by Mary Kesnar, and being a student worker at President Delyte Morris’ house.”

Harold Casleton, Merritt Island, Fla.
“As a native of southern Illinois, it was exciting to have been at SIU from 1953 to 1957, a period of unparalleled growth under President Morris. SIU grew larger not just in enrollment and facilities, but in the quality of programs, faculty, and ideas.”

Jo Ann (Striegel) Doris, Quincy, Ill.
“Housing was scarce — couldn’t get in the old army barracks. My husband and I bought a used trailer and parked it at Keller’s (across the railroad tracks.) When others moved in, my husband would dig the sewer lines and help them get settled.”

Dorothy (Beck) Webb, Avon, Ind.
“Life-changing opportunity to explore professional options; to make great friends. Dr. C. Horton Talley, Dr. Georgia Winn, Dr. Archibald McLeod were great teachers and mentors. Summer stock at Shepherd of the Hills, Branson, and New Salem State Park, touring company, the debate team.”

James McCaslin, Springfield, Ill.
“I was proud to be in the first group of disabled students to graduate from SIU before it was handicapped accessible.”

Sam Bourne, Noble, Ill.
“I was proud to be the first student herdsman on the swine research farm. While working on the farm, I saddled Dr. Morris’ horse. I credit most of my success to the years I spent at SIU (although a lot goes to my wife).”

Ronald Boehme, Mount Olive, Ill.
“My participation as a charter member in the founding of my fraternity, Delta Chi, at SIU. Having my picture taken with Louis Armstrong at my fraternity’s concert. Attending SIU for four years with my future wife. Teaching freshman poli sci as a graduate student in the political science department. The Old Main building where most of my classes were held. Dancing to the Sauter-Finnegan Orchestra at homecoming.”

Playing baseball at the old Chautauqua diamond. Play rehearsals, directed by Arch McLeod in the old barracks theater. Standing in line at the bursar’s office to pay tuition and stopping afterward into Mr. Trobaugh’s store next door (where Faner now stands). Renting textbooks in the basement of Parkinson Lab. The museum in Altgeld and coffee at Carter’s and later at UD’s. I was honored in my senior year, 1957, by receiving the annual “Service to Southern” award given to one man and one woman who contributed the most to the organizational activities of the University. Even after 50 years, I am very proud of that award.”

Carol (Keeney) Winter, La Jolla, Calif.
“Being a ‘pioneer’ resident of the opening of Woody Hall in 1953. Organizing a new chapter of a national sorority, Sigma Kappa, and becoming a charter member, spring 1955. Meeting the man who would be the one to celebrate a 50th wedding anniversary with me.”

Lois (Harriss) Dester, Washington, Ill.
“Working for Dr. Dorothy Davies in the physical education department; co-chairing the 1956 Homecoming parade; marching as a twirler with the SIU Band, honored by invitation to play music for one of Mrs. Morris’ luncheons.”

Southern Alumni

1920s

Lillian Gale A.A. ’24, B.S. ’27, M.S.Ed. ’60 celebrated her 100th birthday in October with family, friends, and former students at the Rehab & Care Center of Jackson County, where she lives. Gale, who earned a master’s degree in music education, taught band and music for many years, most of them at Gorham High School. Before moving into the center several months ago, Gale walked a mile outdoors every day. For those who want to live long, Gale says, “Try to be strong and active... Order your life in a way that is meaningful to you.”

1960s

Kenneth Whittington ’60, the man who managed the first cellular system in Chicago in 1978 (the first in the world), sold his share in the MCT Corporation in July and has settled into teaching cellular companies in Russia and Afghanistan. A 10-year veteran of the U.S. Navy and reserves, Whittington also served 13 years on the Dist. 59 School Board, which covers Arlington Heights, Elk Grove Village, Des Plaines, and Mount Prospect. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Benton.

For more than 40 years, Dennis Kowal ’61, M.F.A. ’62, has created sculptures and collaborated with curators and corporations for private and public collections. The results have been more than 50 one-man exhibitions, hundreds of group shows, and more than 30 public sculpture installations. Kowal, who lives in Sarasota, Fla., is the creator of two sculptures housed at the SIU University Museum, “Lyrical Migration,” a steel sculpture created in 1983, and “Migration Series,” a bronze piece made in 1984.

London Branch ’60, M.M.Ed. ’66, Ph.D. ’76, a nationally recognized jazz musician from Jackson, Miss., came to Carbondale in October for a presentation and performance at Pinch Penny Pub with pianist Joe Liberto ’M.S. ’89, Ph.D. ’98, saxophonist Buddy Rogers ’60, and percussionist Alvin Fielder, from Jackson. Branch was in town as part of Carbondale Community Arts New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots music program. Branch, a bassist and trumpet player, taught jazz courses at SIUC from 1968 to 1973. He is a retired professor of music with a teaching career covering 41 years, the last 20 at Jackson State University.

Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck M.A. ’69 is the author of Bounty and Donation: Land Grants in British Colonial America, a book that won the National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars 2007 award for “outstanding contributions to the preservation of colonial history.” An Illinois native, Bockstruck’s book is head of the genealogy section of the Dallas (Texas) Public Library. Before joining the library in 1973, he served as a high school teacher and librarian in Mombasa, Kenya, and as an instructor at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. His column, “Family Tree,” appears weekly in the Dallas Morning News; he is the author of several other books as well.

1970s

Jim Manis ’70 has been named director of the Hoyleton (Ill.) Children’s Home Foundation. Originally an orphanage, Hoyleton, a 112-year-old institution, is closely associated with the United Church of Christ and currently serves as a branch ministry of Lifelink of Bensenville. Manis will head a staff focused on public relations, grant writing, special events, major gifts, and planned giving for the metro East St. Louis region. Manis previously spent 26 years working for GTE (now Verizon), 11 years with the SIU Foundation, and one year with Brehm Preparatory School. He and his wife, Mary, have three children, three grandchildren, and live in Cambria.

Maj. Gen. Teresa Marne Peterson ’73, the 25th commandant of the National War College in Washington, D.C., and one of the first Air Force women to complete undergraduate pilot training, retired Sept. 1 after a 34-year military career. Peterson, for whom most of her assignments were “firsts,” was the first woman to command an

Lindgren Inducted Into Hospitality Hall Of Fame In Atlanta

The Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB) recently recognized individuals for their contributions to the hospitality industry at the ninth annual Atlanta Hospitality Hall of Fame event. Among those inducted was Tim Lindgren ’71, an executive with Hyatt Hotels and Resorts.

Lindgren, who was featured in the June 2000 issue of Southern Alumni, is a 36-year Hyatt veteran who has achieved great success with the corporation. He started as a management trainee in Illinois and now fills the role of Senior Vice President-Operations, North America, Hyatt Hotels and Resorts.

Lindgren also serves on the ACVB Board of Directors and Executive Committee and is a former board member of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. A key player in downtown’s renaissance, he has been Chairman of the Atlanta Downtown Improvement District and is a member of the Board of Directors for Central Atlanta Progress. The SIU Alumni Association life member has also contributed countless hours to the city’s successful bids for top sporting events.

The Southern product was a member of the 2000 Atlanta Super Bowl Executive Committee, served on the Executive Committee for the 2002 NCAA Men’s Final Four and co-chaired the Atlanta Local Organizing Committee Executive Board for the 2007 event.
Air Force flying squadron when she took charge of the 42nd Flying Training Squadron at Columbus AFB, Mississippi, in December 1990. Since January 2006, Peterson has been commandant of the war college, the senior service school in the study of national security affairs. She is a command pilot with more than 2,600 hours in KC-10 Extender, C-141 Starlifter, T-37 Tweet, and T-38 Talon aircraft.

Rob Hill '76, a photographer at the University of Missouri-Columbia for 20 years, shot the photos for *Mizzou Today*, a book that debuted in September from the University of Missouri Press. More than 140 full-color photos are included in the book, which is described as "a visual record of living and learning at the University of Missouri-Columbia." *Mizzou Today* is available at local bookstores or directly from the University of Missouri Press.

Dubuque (Iowa) City Manager Michael Van Milligen A.A. '76, B.S. '79, M.P.A. '85, B.S. '86 has been named the 2007 Manager of the Year by the Iowa City Manager's Association, an award that honors chief city administrators whose accomplishments and superior work performance represent the best possible application of management principles, and whose "creative contributions to professional local government management increases public awareness of the value of professional management to the quality of life in our communities," Van Milligen has served as the Dubuque city manager since 1993. Before his move to city government, he was a police officer, serving from 1977 to 1984 in Carbondale.

Hubert "Hugh" Chatman '79 has been named director of continuing education in the Workforce Development and Corporate Services division at Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio. Chatman's department provides learning opportunities in the areas of professional development, licensures, and certificate programs in such fields as business, information technology, and health care. Chatman has more than 20 years of experience in higher education, local, and federal government. He was one of the top 12 percent of mid-level officers in the U.S. Air Force selected to attend the Air Command and Staff College, where he graduated with honors. Chatman and his wife, Karen, live in Canton.

**Brig. Gen. William Enyart J.D. '79** is the new 37th adjutant general of Illinois. He will command more than 13,000 soldiers and airmen of the Illinois National Guard, will serve as the governor's principal adviser on military matters, and will function as the director of the Department of Military Affairs. Enyart, an attorney in Belleville, has more than 30 years of military service, including serving in the U.S. Air Force; he joined the Illinois Army National Guard in 1982. Enyart and his wife, the Honorable Annette A. Eckert, a circuit judge for the 20th Judicial Circuit in St. Clair County, live in Belleville.

**1980s**

Nancy Owens '81, M.B.A. '84 has been promoted to director of financial services and controller at YMCA of the USA in Chicago. Leading a department of 14, Owens has responsibility for managing financial operations and investments, supporting the Y-USA board of directors' audit and finance committees, preparing tax filings, and supporting the national YMCA fund and the pooled investment partnership program.

Before joining Y-USA six years ago, Owens worked for an event production company in Arlington, Va., and for Deloitte, a global accounting and consulting firm. Owens, a certified public accountant, recently earned YMCA senior director status. She lives in Evanston.

Lisa Franke '79, J.D. '82, a partner with the Edwardsville law firm Hepler Broom, has been named one of Illinois' leading lawyers by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company, a provider of legal information to Illinois attorneys since 1854. Franke, who specializes in the area of medical malpractice defense, was nominated by other medical malpractice defense attorneys as the lead partner in the firm's health care practice group. Franke's defense experience includes personal injury and health care negligence claims. She lives in Belleville.

Ed Hearn '80, who was named the 2006 World Champion of Public Speaking in the Toastmasters International Speech Contest, came to Carbondale in October to speak at the Rock Hill Baptist Church. Hearn is a Chicago criminal defense attorney and Baptist minister (the nondenominational Church of Grace on Chicago's south side.)

Kole Kleeeman '80, M.S. '83 received the 2007 Neely Award for Outstanding Teaching Excellence at the University of Central Oklahoma in August. He is a professor in the department of mass communications. His teaching and research interests are in victims and the media with a particular focus on the intersection of race, gender, and sexual identity in the media.

A film by award-winning director Milcho Manchevski '83 is Macedonia's entry for the 2008 Academy Awards in the foreign-language film category. Manchevski's 2007 drama, *Shadows*, was chosen by Macedonian filmmakers and marks the second time Manchevski will represent Macedonia at the Oscars. His first film, *Before the Rain*, was a 1995 Academy Award nominee for best foreign language film. *Shadows* premiered at the 32nd Toronto International Film Festival in September. A New York resident, Manchevski is an assistant professor and teaches film directing at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts graduate film program.

Dr. James Alexander '84, M.D. '88 is being recognized as the 2006-2007 Mentor of the Year at SIU School of Medicine in Carbondale for his work as a volunteer mentor to first-year medical students. The School of Medicine provides the clinical mentor program for its first-year students in Carbondale. Of the 56 area physicians serving as mentors last school year, 24 were nominated for recognition. Alexander, a family practitioner, has been in practice since 1991 and is based in Harrisburg with a satellite clinic in Marion. He and his wife, Jennifer Lewis, have three children.

John Merkin '86 has been named senior vice president, brand management, Holiday Inn Brands, the Americas. Based in Atlanta, Merkin is responsible for the overall strategic direction for the Holiday Inn family of brands, which includes Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express. He oversees the development of brand communication strategies, tactical marketing promotions, revenue management, and new product development. Merkin, who has been with IHG for 21 years in the areas of information technology, hotel operations, and product development, most recently served as...
vice president, franchise operations, North America, where he was responsible for leading the quality, standards, and franchise administration departments. He and his wife, Lisa, live in Alpharetta, Ga.

Dave Crome '89 is weekend sports anchor for CW33 News at Nine at KDAF-TV in Dallas-Fort Worth. Before joining CW33, Dave covered sports for WSIL-TV in southern Illinois, at KDBC in El Paso, and at KSBH in Kansas City. In 2005, Crome won the 2005 Edward R. Murrow Award for best reporting and a variety of Associated Press awards and Emmys. A native of Wilmette, Dave and his high school sweetheart, Janet, have four children: Nick, Christy, Connor, and Lexie.

Camelle Logan '89, executive vice president of consulting services and product management for KC Management Group, a division of Core Projects and Technologies in Atlanta, Ga., donated $25,000 to establish the Camelle Wilson Logan and Sonia Veronica Phelix Rowell Scholarship. Russell '90, Logan's lifelong friend, died in an auto accident about five years ago. The annual scholarship will go to an SIU student in the information systems and applied technologies program who demonstrates entrepreneurial skills and business acumen and interest. Logan founded KC Management Group in 2002 and has been its president and CEO. Logan recently sold the company and relocated from Memphis, Tenn., to Atlanta.

1990s

After a 30-year career in the U.S. Navy as an avionics master chief, Paul Panehal '90 retired this year from Logistic Services International as senior logistics analyst, training systems developer, and avionics systems repair capabilities developer. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Panehal has, throughout his military and civilian careers, owned and operated PK Electronics as an avocation. He and his wife, Pansy, live in Jacksonville, Fla. They have seven grown children and 13 grandchildren.

Sharon Conners '93 joined the McKendree University staff as student services specialist for McKendree's external programs. Conners will provide single-source support for adult students enrolled in McKendree's degree-completion programs at external sites throughout Illinois. She lives in Centralia.

Nanci Burk, '95, M.S.'96, has graduated from Fielding Graduate University with a Ph.D. in human development. Her dissertation is entitled, "Negotiating cultural identity: Conceptualizing American Indian college student experiences in a communication course." Burk is a tenured faculty member at Glendale Community College, Glendale, Arizona where she lives with her partner, John Burk, M.S. '92, Ph.D. '96. She is also adjunct faculty for Northern Arizona University where she teaches courses that help students earn a bachelor's degree in communication studies on a community college campus.

David Mills '96, principal of Center Street School in Fairfield, Ill., has been named the Lifetouch National School Studios 2007 Partners in Education award winner by the Illinois Principals Association. The award recognizes a member’s outstanding effort in creating partnerships between schools, principals, associations, and organizations. Mills was recognized for his continuing partnership with Dr. Rick Workman '77, founder of the Heartland Dental Group in Effingham, and the Clay City Excellence in Education Foundation. He and his wife, Courtney, live in Flora.

Teresa "T" Hudson Williams '96 has been named vice president of diversity and multicultural initiatives of Time Warner Inc. in New York City. She will lead continuing efforts to promote a culture of inclusion at Time Warner, working with corporate and divisional leadership to implement strategies that support diversity across Time Warner's businesses. Hudson Williams came to Time Warner from Toyota, where she held several roles, most recently as corporate diversity director for Toyota's North American operations. In 2007, she was named to The Network Journal's annual "40 Under Forty" list. She's a native of Chicago.

A 15-acre complex in honor of the late Michael Wolff '96 is now open at the Cache River State Natural Area. The Michael Wolff Memorial Wetland memorializes the 30-year-old who died from a rare form of cancer in 2004. Wolff had been an employee of the Missouri Department of Conservation. While at SIU, he was a Saluki swimmer, a nationally ranked archer, and a hunting/fishing enthusiast. For information on
Wolff and his memorial foundation, see mwmwf.org. Michael was the son of Robert and Lynn Wolff '77, M.S.Ed. '79, Ph.D. '82 and the husband of Jennifer Wolff, and the husband of Ph.D.'82 Lynn Wolff '77, M.S.Ed. '79, Marion University in Florence, dent in zoology. was the son of joined the faculty of Francis forming arts teacher for pre-

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kindergarten through fifth grade at the Carbondale New School.

Shane Johnson '99, '02, an ecologist with Passarella & Associates in Fort Myers, Fla., has been promoted to team leader, a position that includes supervising a project team and overseeing business development, client relations, and document preparation. Before joining Passarella in early 2004, Johnson worked as a shorebird technician with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and as a research assistant with the SIU Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory.

2000s

A film that began as a thesis project for Hilla Medalia '01, M.A. '04 was in the national spotlight when her 76-minute documentary, To Die in Jerusalem, recently began airing on HBO. The film offers an extensive look into the tragedy of a March 2002 suicide bomb attack that killed two 17-year-old girls, one Palestinian, the other Israeli. Medalia, who received the SIU Alumni Association's Outstanding Thesis Award in 2004, also worked as senior producer of the award-winning documentary, 39 Pounds of Love, and is in postproduction on a new project, After the Storm, the story of Broadway theater professionals resurrecting a musical arts program with New Orleans teens in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. More information on To Die in Jerusalem is available at www.todieinjerusalem.com/home.cfm.

Joe Swanberg '03 has released his latest film, LOL, and the director is taking on the task of self-distributing it. The film chronicles three men who view the women in their lives through a computer screen. Swanberg's previous project, Kissing on the Mouth, screened at the SXSW Film Festival and at Montreal and Chicago festivals in 2005. His latest project is called Hannah Takes the Stairs. A native of Detroit, Swanberg now lives in Chicago.

Coming from a family of hot rod enthusiasts, it may be no surprise that Craig Wilderman '05 designed the restorations and modifications to his 1955 Chevy Carryall Suburban. But Wilderman, a quadreplegic who uses a wheelchair, added a new twist: It's handicapped accessible. The sleek orange and cream-finished vehicle that he has named "Long, Tall Sally," sits on a custom frame with an airbag suspension so the rear end can lower for the access ramp. He'll be displaying it at car shows and would like to bring it back to SIU at some point to show other disabled students, as well as automotive and engineering majors. Wilderman, a freelance graphic and Web site designer, lives in New Harmony, Ind. Navy Seaman Nolan Foran '06 recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Foran completed a variety of training that included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.
Jackson Co. Business Development Corporation Ready To Work With SIU

In a “new spirit of cooperation with SIU,” the newly renamed Jackson County Business Development Corporation is “open and ready for business, offering a road map to the future,” says Lee Roy Brandon ’58, executive director.

Once known as the Jackson Growth Alliance, the group’s goal is to “take technology and convert it to business and jobs,” Brandon says.

That’s just one of the recommendations put forth by TIP Strategies Inc. of Austin, Texas, which has just wrapped up and published a targeted industry study focusing on Jackson County.

The three-month, in-depth look at the Jackson County business climate includes such factors as location, available workforce, natural resources, educational and work force training opportunities, existing industries, utility rates, even quality of life issues.

The idea for the study came after plans were put in place to build the Transportation Education Center (TEC) at the Southern Illinois Regional Airport, which will house SIU’s aviation and automotive programs.

Brandon, a member of the SIU Alumni Association and the organization’s former treasurer, says the SI Airport will be Ground Zero for much of their development effort.

In addition to the 211,000-square-foot TEC, the airport will also be home to a new armory (that will replace three others, one in Carbondale, one in Marion and one in Cairo). Construction will begin next year on the armory, but there’s still a lot of space available at the airport for bringing in new tenants.

“SI Airport is ready for business,” Brandon says. “The cities of Carbondale and Murphysboro are looking for new development and retention of existing jobs.”

But Brandon is particularly committed to easing the brain drain, the exodus of young people out of the area. “This is what we’re trying to cure,” he says. And it’s also important to encourage community development industries, because SIU and Southern Illinois Healthcare, two of the region’s top employers, are tax exempt.

“The SIU administration is fully committed to economic development,” Brandon says, adding that “this is the real key, because the majority of research is happening at the University. We need to take advantage of that.”

Anyone interested in more information may contact the Jackson County Business Development Corporation, P.O. Box 23, Carbondale, IL 62903, telephone 618-549-0807, e-mail Brandon at leeroybrandon@hotmail.com, or visit the organization’s Web site at jcbcd.org.
On Feb. 9, 1964, in New York City's Ed Sullivan Theater, 73 million television viewers heard the words: "And now... here they are... the Beatles!" Four rising star rock-n-rollers, in their first live performance on national TV, performed "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and the country went wild.

On that same night in Carbondale, Ill., four Phi Kappa Tau fraternity brothers performed in front of a crowd of 150 party-ready Southern Illinois University students at a local establishment called The Rumpus Room. The foursome took the stage and opened with their theme song, "One Eyebrow."

As the drummer began a familiar cymbal riff, the vocalist said, "Hello everybody! We are the Four Taus. On bass guitar is Harvey Grandstaff, and on lead guitar is Kirby Lindsey. On drums is the incomparable Dirty Dan Donnelly. And I am the vocalist, Ray Thomeczek. Hit it guys!"

The band did just that as paying customers ready to dance put down their beers and streamed to the dance floor. The Four Taus were beginning another night of rock-n-roll in Carbondale.

The Early Days
Beginning as a fraternity party band, the Phi Kappa Taus produced a talented ensemble that caused a minor explosion in southern Illinois during the early 1960s. The Four Taus soon grew into professional entertainers and drew capacity crowds to clubs where they played.

SIU alumni such as Connie and Tom Booth, now of Decatur, Ill., say they remember the Four Taus well. "Tom and I were dating then," recalls Connie, a former Alpha Gam sorority member who lived on Greek Row near the campus. "We liked to go to Carrie's and the Rumpus Room on the nights the band played. It was always crowded and elbow to elbow on the dance floor!"

Her husband remembers Bernice, the Rumpus Room owner who "always patrolled around the club making sure the doorman was collecting the $1 it cost to get in; she also tried to keep rowdiness to a minimum."

The group rocked the world of SIU party-goers from 1962-64, and today the foursome — still alive and well 45 years after it all began — can look back at successful college and professional careers. The memories of being on stage making music, however, remain the most vivid and fun moments to relive.

Vocalist Ray Thomeczek of Alton, Ill., says he remembers the numbers the band performed to this day. "And we could do over 60 songs — more than we could ever do in any one gig," he notes. That's a lot of lyrics to remember, but he says he can still do it now, even after years as a marketing professional and a second career in the oil distribution business.

Harvey Grandstaff played bass and handled backup vocals for the group and still "plays around" in his own music studio at his home in Pensacola, Fla. He is retired from a university teaching career and now operates several Internet enterprises. Grandstaff is known as "Dr. Harv," partly in recognition of his Ph.D. in speech pathology, but more for the moniker that stuck after the release of several CD recordings he produced. What's more, he is also known as keeper of the Four Tau flame, converting many of the group's songs recorded on tape onto CDs that can be easily played today.

Lead guitarist Kirby Lindsey recalls "buying this wonderful cherry-red Les Paul model, solid-body guitar that I think I paid $200 for at the time. That same guitar today, known now as a popular vintage instrument, is worth upward of $70,000 as a collector's item. And to think that I sold it after my marriage and "real job" career got under way to a young kid for a pittance!"

Lindsey, an advertising student at Southern, spent his career in sales and marketing assignments, retiring from Samsung Electronics. Currently he manages a private investment company, Wheatridge Capital LLC, and lives in Palm Desert, Calif.

Dan Donnelly, a professional drummer even before hooking up with...
the Four Taus, also lives in California. He had taken a break from SIU to travel with a big show band for a few months and joined the band when he returned in 1963. After a long career in sales and marketing, Donnelly now performs, along with his Brazilian-born wife, in his own Brazilian Percussion Show.

**Clubbing In Carbondale**

SIU alumni of that era no doubt have vivid memories of the nightclub west of Carbondale known as Carrie’s, named after its good-hearted, lively owner who kept order in the crowded dance club like a tough general. Many clubbers also recall a wild-eyed Saluki football player who frequented Carrie’s and The Rumpus Room, entertaining the crowd with his ability to smash a beer bottle on his head without getting a scratch! Those familiar with this outrageous feat have never forgotten the exploits of Dave Mulane, a 1960s tough guy character who was a memorable fixture on the bar scene at the time.

“Carrie’s place was something,” Donnelly recalls. “I remember when it burned to the ground. It was 1964 and we were playing on the small stage in the corner when we spotted flames outside that were spreading quickly into the bar area. The band was near the door, so we got out of there quickly. But the sax player, Buddy Rogers, went back inside on his hands and knees to retrieve his instrument. He came out coughing and wheezing, but he got his sax!”

Donnelly was not so lucky. “My entire set of drums burned in the fire. Days later we found cymbals melted into an unrecognizable wad!”

By 1964 the band was being recognized by club owners as an important draw. The name of the game was money, and a packed house meant serious cash. “We always considered Junior Hatchett’s club as ‘the big show,’” stresses Lindsay. “To even go to Junior’s as part of the late-night crowd was like entering a different, excit-
The Four Taus did do a run on that stage, and on a few occasions there was a battle of the bands. “Junior’s house band would play a set, and then the Four Taus would take the stage for a set. It was a great feeling to play in that place,” says Thomeczek.

Along the way, The Four Taus learned and performed covers of many Billboard 100 popular tunes plus authentic blues tunes “borrowed” from the Junior Hatchett house band. Among favorites were “Ooh Poo Pa Doo,” “Going Up and Going Down,” and “Stormy Monday,” and traditional blues tunes written and performed by such blues artists as Muddy Waters that are still heard on blues radio stations today. Others in the lineup were “Unchain My Heart,” “What’d I Say,” and “You Are My Sunshine,” made popular by Ray Charles.

The band’s theme song, “One Eyebrow,” was written by Grandstaff and Lindsay and named after a groupie who frequently jumped around and danced in front of the bandstand. She was said to have had very heavy eyebrows!

**The Four Taus Enter Cyberspace**

Grandstaff has uploaded several photos and recordings of the band’s live music to Internet sites so the world can still hear and view The Four Taus. In fact, he has created a Web site showcasing the band, which can be seen at [www.4taus.com](http://www.4taus.com). Songs can be found on YouTube.com, myspace.com, dailymotion.com, and others.

Several uploads show SIU students and locals dancing at The Rumpus Room as the band plays on stage. There’s no telling who SIU alumni will spot in the videos. (For instance, Pam Gilbert, who was Miss Illinois 1962, can be seen on the dance floor in one of the video selections.)

With many bands from the ’60s and ’70s now regrouping and touring again, are the Four Taus interested in such a revival?

“Between golf, some work, some retirement, and thinning hair, I don’t think so,” Thomeczek says with a laugh. “I guess we could all get wigs and hold in our tummies, but let’s leave it at this: It was a great ride, the money paid some college bills, and the memories are still wonderful.”

Such memories will no doubt also remain crystal clear for Southern alumni who were there more than four decades ago when The Four Taus rock-n-rolled their way into many SIU students’ hearts.
The Department of Radio and Television recently celebrated its Golden Anniversary at SIUC. Many things have changed in the last fifty years since Joan Yale (pictured above) spins vinyl records at the WSIU radio station in 1964. Although most of the broadcasting is automated, these days operators like Cyrus Farhang, a sophomore in Cinema and Photography, are still needed to play the occasional compact disc.
Phyllis (Piper) Robeson '54 really had no plans for college when she graduated from Granite City (Ill.) High School. In fact, a local factory was holding a bookkeeping job open for her. But her minister and her high school physical education teacher successfully lobbied in favor of higher education.

Today, the proud life member of the SIU Alumni Association, says, "I can't imagine what my life would be like if I hadn't gone to Southern."

This year Phyllis and her husband, Kyle, were recognized with an award naming them the "most valuable citizens" of Champaign County, Ill. The Champaign County Chamber of Commerce honored the couple for their unmatched record of contributing to the cultural, economic, and institutional success in the community. The award, instituted in 1992, recognizes persons with an ongoing commitment to the community and its development.

Among the Robeson family's contributions are donations of land for Robeson Park and Robeson School (both named for Kyle's grandfather, Frank K. Robeson Sr.), their 116-year ownership of the downtown Robeson's Department Store, continued interest in development, and strong financial support for numerous community undertakings, including the new Champaign Public Library building.

The couple also donates their time and talent to numerous social services, historical groups, nature organizations, and art societies. Phyllis has logged more than 17,000 hours in the gift shop at Provena Covenant Medical Center, while Kyle hasn't missed a Rotary Club meeting in 45 years.

The SIU alumna received her degree in elementary education at Southern and would go on to teach fourth grade. Although it's been years since she taught, former students still recognize her and introduce themselves. The Robesons are the parents of Eric Robeson '90 and Kim Robeson (a graduate of the University of Illinois), and the grandparents of three-year-old Forrest, named after Phyllis' father.

For selfless dedication to making the world around them better, the SIU Alumni Association salutes the Robesons. Although Phyllis can't explain what spurs her on to undertake so many projects, she says she wants to always be actively involved in the community. "I don't ever want to be the person just saying, 'Why don't we do this?'"
Students Design New Alumni Site

The SIU Alumni Association has launched a new Web site at siualumni.com to better serve you! We are delighted with the new look and added features such as an improved SIU Alumni Online Community, more comprehensive event registration, and simpler navigation of the site. Many other improvements are planned, including members-only access to an online version of Southern Alumni magazine beginning with the March 2008 edition.

This project was initiated in October 2006 when SIU School of Art & Design students began a redesign of the site graphics and layout. Southern students Dirk Kessler, Nathan Smith, Christina Gomez, Kevin Kearney, and Kim Kline worked on the project under the direction of former SIU Assistant Professor Jason Howell, as each presented their individual concepts.

The final design was delivered in December 2006 and included aspects from all their efforts, leading to the launch of the present site late this year.