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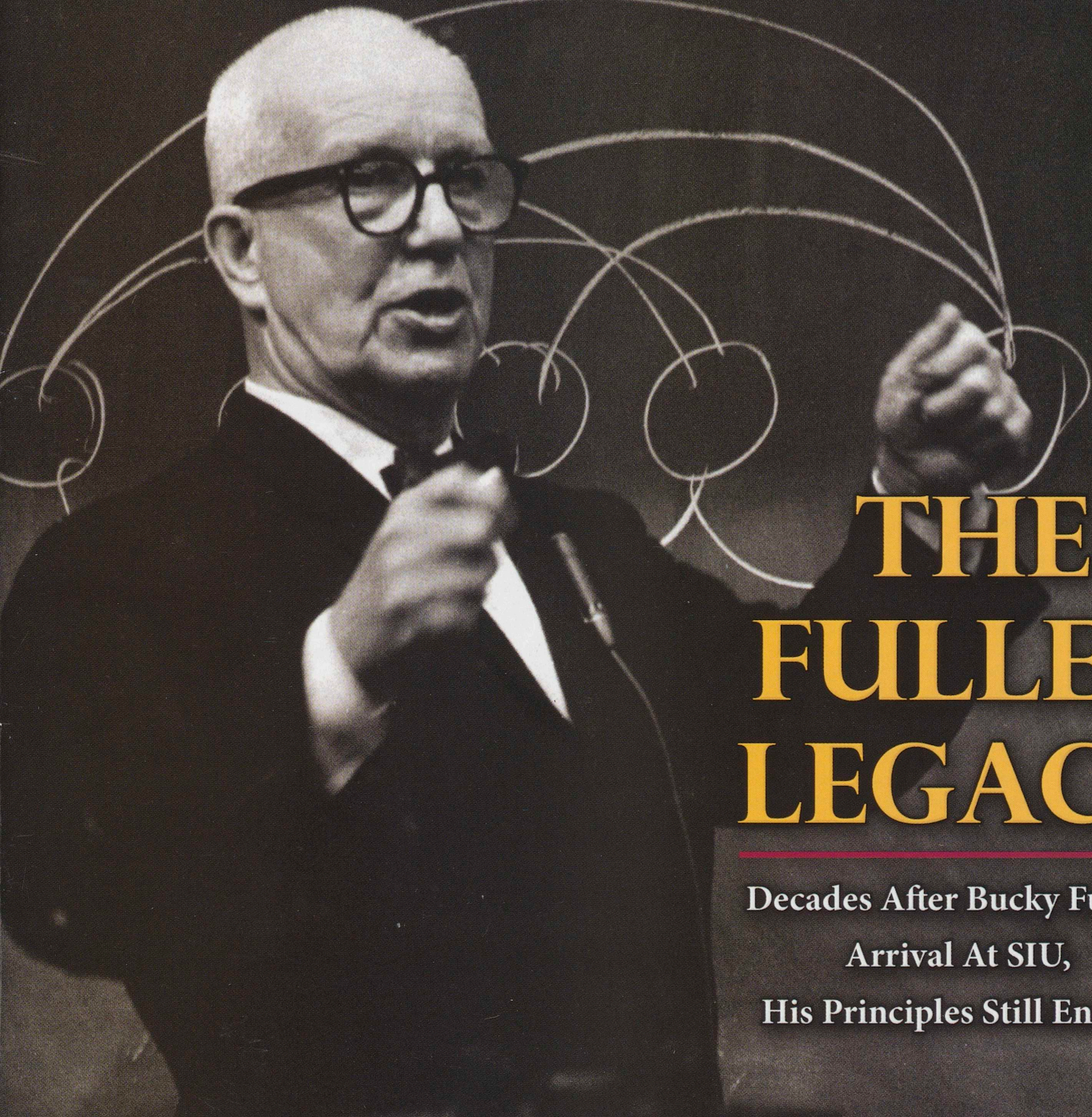
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THE FULLER LEGACY

Decades After Bucky Fuller's
Arrival At SIU,
His Principles Still Endure

Inside: Southern Exposure, SIU Hires New Football Coach, Class Notes, and more...

Greg And Nancy Cook Donate \$1 Million To Saluki Way

Shortly before Greg Cook's father died in 2005, one of the last outings he made was attending a Southern Illinois University football game at McAndrew Stadium, an event that moved the elder Cook to tears. "As I think back about why my father was crying that day, I realize that he was a lifelong Saluki fan and knew this was his last game," relates Cook. Cook, president and cofounder of Cook Portable Warehouses, and his wife, Nancy, recently donated \$1 million to Saluki Way in memory of his father, John.

"Your days are few and one of the last places you go is to a Saluki athletic event. Folks, that is passion," says Cook about his father's love of SIU athletics. "It's that sort of passion that will help build a football stadium and renovate an arena here. People all over this country are wondering how in the hell we can get it done – it is passion."

Saluki Way, unveiled in 2005, is the University's long-range plan to reorganize the campus around a central core. Two components of the plan include constructing a new football stadium and renovating the SIU Arena. According to Southern Athletics Director Mario Moccia, Saluki Way will break ground this fall with plans for the first football game in the new stadium in 2010.

"My father would be one of the first guys standing in line to make this project a success," Cook says. "The social aspect of athletics was important to him. He enjoyed gathering with other Saluki fans and also tailgating."

Cook, who was born and raised in Carbondale, serves on the SIU Foundation Board of Directors. He majored in business administration at Southern in the late 1970s, and he and his wife are life members of the SIU Alumni Association. Nancy, who graduated from Southern in 1980 with a degree in elementary education, was also born and raised in Carbondale.

Cook and his father served on the *Southern at 150: Building Excellence Through Commitment* planning committee, which formulated a plan to make Southern a top research institution.

"It is an exciting day for Saluki Athletics that Greg and Nancy Cook have made such a generous contribution toward Saluki Way," says Moccia. "As lifelong Saluki fans, I know they are pleased at the success we have achieved athletically as well as academically. The Cooks have set a wonderful example of this support with their phenomenal gift."

According to SIUC Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and SIU Foundation Chief Executive Officer Rickey N. McCurry, the Cook family has provided and exhibited extraordinary leadership and support of the University.

"This is another example of the Cooks stepping up in an exemplary fashion. I appreciate Greg's service on the Foundation board and everything his family has done to assist Southern in moving forward," McCurry says. "John Cook was a wonderful man. This is a fitting tribute to a gentleman who loved Saluki Athletics a great deal."

Cook hopes fellow alumni and Saluki fans will follow suit.

"My family and I have had a lifelong love affair with Southern Illinois University and Saluki Athletics. Athletics gives our University an identity and exposure that would be difficult, if not impossible, to achieve through any other means," he says. "Nancy and I are honored to be able to contribute to Saluki Way, and hope that our commitment may inspire others to follow."



Greg and Nancy Cook are shown following their \$1 million donation to the Saluki Way campaign.



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ON THE COVER

R. Buckminster Fuller is shown in class as a research professor at SIU, where he taught from 1960 to 1971. A designer, philosopher, engineer, inventor, poet, architect, author, visionary, hopeless Utopian, and perhaps the greatest genius since Einstein, his influence is still vivid for those who encountered him in Carbondale.

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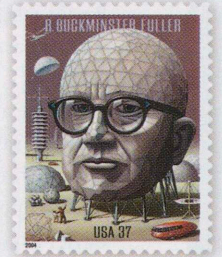
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Saving Bucky's Dome

Many SIU alumni cherish memories they have of the years fabled designer R. Buckminster Fuller roamed the SIU campus. Fuller's creations inspired the more than 300,000 geodesic domes that stand today, including the Epcot Discovery Center at Disney World. Now a local group ramps up its efforts to honor the Renaissance man by saving the dome he used as a residence during his Carbondale years.



Unassuming Leadership

Wrophas and Dianne Meeks have long served as advocates for young people in southern Illinois, and have supported countless causes. Only those who are truly close to them however, probably realize their impact. They quietly go about the business of helping others, and never seek the spotlight. "You can't pigeon-hole them with any particular program or group," says close friend Seymour Bryson. "They strive to help others from all walks of life."



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A Passion To Serve Fellow Salukis

When former SIU Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger retired in December, he ended a career where he served his alma mater for almost 25 years. "Sometimes you are blessed to do something that you feel you were meant to do," he says. "Working with my alma mater's alumni was what I enjoyed the most."



'Despair Takes Too Much Energy'

Fresh out of school in her native Nigeria, Stella Iwuagwu plunged into the real world eager to fulfill her childhood dream – nursing. After years dedicated to helping others, the SIU doctoral candidate suddenly was in need of help herself, following a horrible car crash that left with a severe spine injury. Her determination and resolve is evident to all as she fights back from this catastrophic situation.



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by Gene Green

One of the nice things about producing this magazine for Southern Illinois University is hearing the many ways it helps alumni all around the globe keep connected to their alma mater. The scope of our December circulation really came into crystal clear focus when an e-mail arrived from 2002 graduate John Bayler.

Although Bayler couldn't divulge his exact location due to the nature of his mission and the security levels involved, the serviceman wanted me to

know that his copy of *Southern Alumni* had successfully found him in Afghanistan and that it was a "welcome arrival in my mailbox."

Now an Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Petty Officer in the Navy, he has been in his current location for more than three months – and in that part of the world for two years – as part of the United States' *Operation Enduring Freedom* efforts.

Bayler, who as a student was a part of the SIU Foundation's annual telefund campaign, earned a degree in marketing. Events attached to the horrors of September 11, however, would steer his career in another direction.

"After the attacks occurred, I really felt I needed to do something for my country," he says, "so I joined the Navy. Many things I learned at SIU have really helped me throughout my military career and have led to advancements and better job opportunities."

Bayler says he often meets alumni in the service who have a high regard for the way the University continues to meet their needs. "Much of the positive outlook military personnel have for Southern is based on all the assistance offered to service members online," he says. "I know many sailors, soldiers, airmen, and Marines who have used SIU's online format to obtain their degrees."

The Varna, Ill., native says he hopes to be back in the United States again soon, roll through Carbondale as part of a motorcycle trip, take in the sights and sounds of his University, and *maybe* even visit a few old haunts.

"I'll try to stop in and see how the Mississippi Flyway is doing these days," he says with a laugh. "It will be great to see some old friends again."

Godspeed John. Until then, we'll keep sending Southern your direction – no matter where you are.



John Bayler reads through the December issue of *Southern Alumni*. The 2002 graduate is stationed in Afghanistan, and was thrilled that the magazine found him in his remote location.

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A Split Personality

The photo below is my daughter, Teresa Stacey, at the SIU-EIU playoff game last November, and the story behind what she is wearing is interesting. Teresa is a consumer science teacher at Du Quoin High School, and had former students Jordon Campanella (EIU) and Nick Hill (SIU) playing in the game.

Teresa graduated from Eastern but is also a Saluki fan because I received two degrees from Southern. She always wears SIU gear when we go to games, but this was a special day because of two former students playing. Grey Dog is shown giving thumbs down to the EIU jersey side and thumbs up to the SIU jersey side.



Teresa Stacey is shown with Grey Dog prior to the EIU-SIU football game. Stacey's unique garb was her statement of being neutral that afternoon, as she taught both Southern's Nick Hill and Eastern's Jordan Campanella when they were students at Du Quoin High School.

It was a fun day, as we had to explain the jersey to many fans on both sides. Since Teresa is a dedicated teacher and enjoys her student's accomplishments, it was even better that both Jordon and Nick scored touchdowns that afternoon.

*Dorothy Feira '99, M.S. '03
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Inspired By Shelton Story

As a baseball fan, I recall seeing Derek Shelton play for the Salukis in the early 1990s. Sitting out on "The Hill" was always fun, and the teams he played on back then usually sent you home with a win.

I enjoyed several things brought out in Gene Green's

story in the December magazine, but none more than comments Shelton made about his determination to *never* let go of his dream. His route to the Major Leagues should be an inspiration to all graduates that if you work hard at something you love, good things will eventually happen.

They got close in 2007, so let's hope we soon see Shelton and the Indians in a World Series!

*Michael Hill EX '91
Naperville, Ill.*

'Tex' Recalls The Four Taus

I definitely enjoyed the article about The Four Taus in the December 2007 issue of *Southern Alumni*. I was known as "Tex" back then and worked my way through SIU as a bartender.

From 1961-64, I worked at virtually every joint within 30 miles of Carbondale, often different places on the same

day. At one time or another, I bartended at the Rumpus Room, the Rathole, the Cypress Lounge, Carrie's, Junior's, the Glass Bar, the Show Bar, and the Straw Hat in Herrin. On Fridays, I'd work the Rathole in the afternoon, the Rumpus Room from 7 to midnight, then go to an out-of-town joint after the midnight closing.

I heard the Taus a lot!

When I think about Carrie, there is something important that needs to be added to your story. Every year at Thanksgiving she would provide a free turkey dinner to those of us who couldn't get home for the holiday. She and Bernice at the Rumpus Room – in addition to keeping tight control of their places – provided a lot of support for the kids who worked there. These ladies weren't just our employers; they were almost our surrogate parents.

*Tom Jeffrey '64
St. Louis, Mo.*

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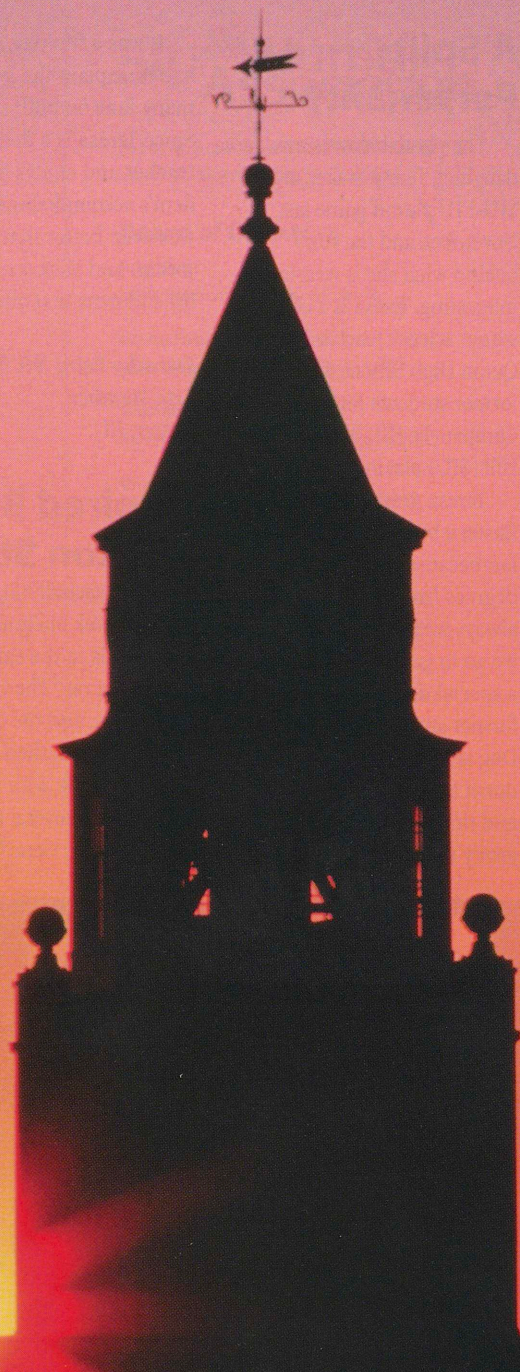
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Southern Enrollment Headed In The Right Direction

It's official. There are more Salukis in school this semester.

Initial enrollment and registration numbers at Southern Illinois University Carbondale indicate increased freshman retention and a higher total campus count than last spring semester.

Those reports showed a total of 19,789 students are registered for classes both on and off campus, compared to 19,655 at this time last year. On-campus numbers, including freshmen and transfer students, show increases, indicating that both freshman retention and recruitment is on the rise. There are 2,425 freshmen this spring semester compared with 2,161 last year at this time. Of those freshmen, 94 are new students beginning

their SIUC careers this semester. Transfer student numbers also show improvement, with a total of 968, compared to 887 last spring.

"The numbers show that we are headed in the right direction with our recruitment and retention initiatives," Chancellor Fernando Treviño says. "This is a positive report and reflects tremendous efforts across the campus. It will be important to maintain our focus on enrollment so we can continue to build on this momentum."

Here's how the figures – current as of Jan. 28 – break down for the spring 2008 semester, compared with the spring 2007 semester:

- Total students registered: 19,789 – up 134 from last spring
- Total undergraduates registered:

- 15,134 – up 70 from last spring
- On-campus total: 17,459 – up 174 from last spring
- Off-campus total: 2,330 – down 40 from last spring
- First-time students: 514 – up 56 from last spring
- Transfer students: 968 – up 81 from last spring
- Continuing students: 17,675 – up 3 from last spring
- Undergraduates: 15,134 – up 70 from last spring
- Graduates: 4,655 – up 64 from last spring

Victoria Valle, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management, was pleased with the numbers. "A lot of people have worked hard at this," she says. "The numbers are going in the right direction." ■

Suarez Named Alumni Interim Executive Director



Michelle Suarez, who has directed the SIU Alumni Association's member services department since 2003, was recently named interim executive director of the Association. She takes over the duties follow-

ing the retirement of Ed Buerger (see story page 30), who left his post in December.

Before joining the Association, Suarez worked for 17 years in the field of facility management at the SIU Arena specializing in marketing, sponsorship, and event coordination. For 10 of those years the SIU Alumni Association life member was also publicist and promotion director at Shryock Auditorium. She earned a bachelor's degree at Southern in 1985 and a master's in education in 2004.

The University will soon conduct a national search for a permanent replacement.

Paralegal Studies Director Elected President Of National Organization

Carolyn Smoot, director of paralegal studies at Southern Illinois University, is president-elect of the American Association for Paralegal Education, the only national organization serving paralegal educators and institutions that offer paralegal programs.

Smoot was elected to the three-year commitment at its national conference in Baltimore, Md., in 2007. She will serve one year as president-elect, one as president, and one year as immediate past president, an advisory position.



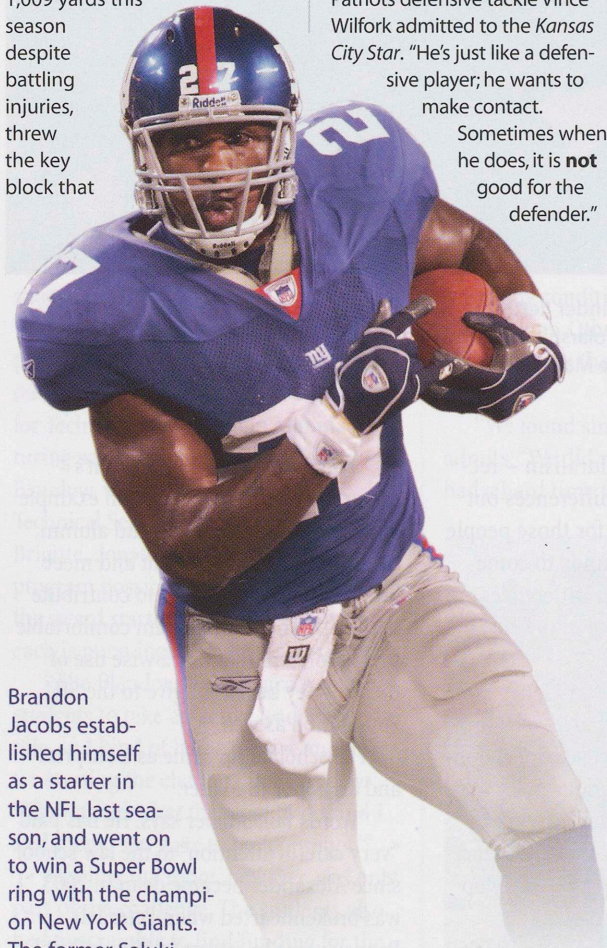
The SIU Alumni Association life member graduated with a juris doctor degree from the SIU School of Law in 1983. She served as an assistant state's attorney in Williamson County for one year before joining a private law firm and then opening her own practice in 1986. She joined the University faculty in 1990 and became director of the paralegal studies program in 1998.

As director, Smoot created the pre-law specialization, established an honors program within the paralegal studies program, and doubled the number of available courses in the program. Besides directing the program, Smoot teaches courses on estates and trusts, torts and technology in the law office, and as an advanced course that includes intern placement. ■

Jacobs Wins Super Bowl Ring With Giants

The University received plenty of Southern exposure recently when former SIU star running back Brandon Jacobs became the first Saluki to ever start a Super Bowl and earn a championship ring. He accomplished the feat when his New York Giants stunned the previously undefeated New England Patriots 17-14 in Super Bowl XLII.

The 2004 Southern standout, who rushed for more than 1,009 yards this season despite battling injuries, threw the key block that



Brandon Jacobs established himself as a starter in the NFL last season, and went on to win a Super Bowl ring with the champion New York Giants. The former Saluki gained more than 1,000 yards rushing.

allowed quarterback Eli Manning to find receiver Plaxico Burress for the game-winning touchdown. He also gained 42 yards against New England and picked up a crucial first down in the winning drive.

SIU alumni no doubt took pride several times during the game when the 6'4", 264-pound back punished several Patriot defenders who tried to bring him down.

"Jacobs wants to hit you," Patriots defensive tackle Vince Wilfork admitted to the *Kansas City Star*. "He's just like a defensive player; he wants to make contact.

Sometimes when he does, it is **not** good for the defender."

On The Side

Owens New Applied Sciences And Arts Associate Dean

The new associate dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA) at Southern is a three-degree alumnus and inaugural director of the School of Architecture. Terry Owens assumed the role on Dec. 1.

"I'm going to be able to work in a broad spectrum of programming now," Owens says. "I hope I can help other programs at CASA move toward graduate programming."



Owens earned his associate degree in architectural technology at SIU in 1980, followed by a bachelor of science in advanced technical studies in 1981 and a master's in education in 1984. He returned to his alma mater as an assistant professor in 1986, becoming an associate professor five years later. Owens became chairman of the Department of Applied Arts in 1993. In 2005 the college reorganized from seven departments into four schools, with Owens as the first director of the new School of Architecture.

"Terry has done so much work to develop new programs and he knows what's required," says Dean Paul Sarvela. "He's familiar with our programs and development and brings a wealth of experience to the table where he can provide valuable insight."

Owens fills the vacancy created by the year-end retirement of Fred Isberner, associate dean since 1992. Isberner's career at SIU began in 1979 as a visiting professor in the department of health education, followed by promotions to assistant professor, associate professor, professor, and associate dean. Jack Kremers is now the interim director of the School of Architecture. Kremers is head of the new master of architecture program and a professor at Southern.

Wetstein Takes On New Role In College Of Science

Julia Wetstein, a two-degree graduate and longtime employee at SIU, was recently named assistant dean in the College of Science. She will assist Dean Jay Means in the business and academic affairs of the college.



A Carmi native, Wetstein says she will help Means as the college works to improve communication with alumni, student recruitment and retention, research funding and scholarship opportunities. "The research and scholarship opportunities here for students are great," she says. "We want to work on making them even better."

Wetstein earned a bachelor's degree in theater at Southern in 1985, and while pursuing her degree, she met fellow theater student and future husband Mark Wetstein. He works as a television production coordinator for the SIU Broadcasting Service.

After graduation, Wetstein went to work for the University in 1991 at the SIU Foundation. She became assistant dean at the College of Agricultural Sciences in 1997 and remained there until beginning her new duties in the College of Science. She earned a master's in business administration in 1991 and is currently is working on a second master's degree in economics.

Scholarship Honors Mentor To Law School Dean

A scholarship at Southern Illinois University's School of Law will honor John Maher's contributions to the legal profession during more than 50 years as an attorney and legal educator.

Maher, a professor and dean emeritus of Penn State University's Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pa., is a mentor to SIU School of Law Dean Peter Alexander. Maher hired Alexander as a law professor at Dickinson School of Law in 1992. Alexander left there in 2003 to become dean at the SIU School of Law.

Alexander, along with several of Maher's former colleagues and students, initiated the SIU School of Law John A. Maher Scholarship Prize Endowment. A currently enrolled law student will receive the initial \$1,000 scholarship in April.

Recipients will reflect Maher's characteristics: professionalism, a demand for excellence, compassion for others, graciousness, and a commitment to cosmopolitanism and diversity.

Alexander says Maher and his wife, Joan Dawley Maher, set important examples to follow. Joan Dawley Maher is a retired securities lawyer, associate professor at Wilson College, and adjunct professor at both Dickinson and Widener University Schools of Law.

The Mahers "didn't just talk about the 'haves and have-nots' or diversity for the sake of diversity," the SIU Alumni Association life member notes. "They talked about the concept that John taught me: cosmopolitanism. He



SIU School of Law Dean Peter Alexander (left) stands next to his mentor John Maher at the announcement of an endowed scholarship honoring Maher's lifetime achievements. With Alexander and Maher (from left) are Maher's wife, Joan Dawley Maher, and the SIU Foundation's Jeff Lorber.

also taught me about pluralism – recognizing that we have differences but making a way possible for those people from different backgrounds to come together, hold onto their differences, and to share experiences in the rich melting pot of society.”

“It says a lot about Dean Maher that colleagues and former students are providing significant financial support honoring his many contributions to legal education,” says Jeff Lorber, associate vice chancellor for institutional advancement and executive director of development with the SIU Foundation.

Alexander, who contributed \$10,000 to the enterprise, sees this scholarship as a way to also give back to Southern.

“This is my alma mater, but it's important as the dean to set an example for other potential donors and alumni,” he explains. “When I go out and meet individuals and ask them to contribute to the SIU Foundation, I am comfortable saying to them that it is a wise use of their money because I give to the SIU Foundation as well.”

The scholarship came as a surprise and an honor to Maher.

“Words fail,” Maher says. He has paid “very careful attention” to the law school since Alexander became dean in 2003. “I was brokenhearted when Peter left Pennsylvania to return to Illinois, but I understood – he's a Saluki all the way, and that was clear from Day One.” ■

Students Meet Challenges Of Initial Robotics Contest

by Tim Crosby

A group of engineering students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale compressed what is supposed to be a yearlong project into just 40 days and came away with a respectable showing at a recent national robot-building contest.

The students, who are part of the first group selected for a special engineering leadership program at SIU, participated in the National Association for Industrial Technology annual robotics competition, held late last year in Panama City, Fla. It was the first time an SIU chapter of NAIT participated in the competition, says Bruce DeRuntz, associate professor of technology in the College of Engineering.

As one of about a dozen teams competing, the Southern team placed ninth – a good showing considering the fact that the local NAIT student chapter only started this fall.

The students started the chapter as a part of their leadership requirements as recipients of The Blaudow-ATS Program for Technical Leadership in Manufacturing scholarship program. Richard Blaudow, who founded Advanced Technical Services Inc., and his wife, Brigitte, donated the money to make the program possible. The first recipients of the award started this fall at SIU, where each is pursuing an engineering degree.

“The Blaudow-ATS program requires students to take an active leadership role, so I kind of had a captive audience for starting the chapter,” DeRuntz says. “They asked what they had to do, and I told them, ‘You have to build a robot.’”

Building the robot, however, was only part of the challenge. The students also had to scramble to find funding for the hardware and travel expenses. Caterpillar Inc. kicked in a tidy sum, as did ATS and

the College of Engineering. Hot dog sales by the students also played a role in raising the approximately \$2,000 needed for the effort.

“This was really a huge undertaking, to design and build a working robot and secure funding in 40 days,” DeRuntz notes.

The various teams entered an array of designs, from tracked vehicles to tractor-like designs. Some used standard metal detector technology mounted on their vehicles to find the magnet while others deployed specialized transistors or sensor arrays that their vehicles dragged along in the sand. A few used a series of magnetic compasses.

“There were some of the most sophisticated designs you’ve ever seen,” DeRuntz says.

Some worked well, others not so well. DeRuntz recalls a couple of tracked vehicles bogged down almost immediately in the sandy conditions, despite their elaborate designs. Others actually buried themselves in the sand as they struggled to move.

“We found simpler is better,” he admits. “We did not get stuck. But we had a hard time finding the magnet.”

Three students from SIU – Jerry Teel, an industrial technology major from Milledgeville, Tyler Madding, an industrial technology major from Decatur, and Max Kleiboeker, an electrical engineering technology major from Mount Vernon – made the trip to Panama City for the competition.

The Southern team settled on a miniature “monster truck” motif, with large tires to handle the sand and specialized transistors to detect the magnet. It also carried a robotic arm out front that could place the marker into the sand once it located the magnet.

With the chapter up and running, DeRuntz says the team is looking forward to next year’s competition in Nashville, Tenn. He’s also hoping more engineering students join the fledgling NAIT chapter.

“We have so many great student project teams here in the College of Engineering – concrete canoe, formula race car, hovercraft, on and on. Our students like to apply the knowledge they’re learning in our programs, they like to be on a team, and have the opportunity to lead. This is really going to open up a lot of doors for our programs.” ■



From left, Southern engineering students Jerry Teel, Tyler Madding, and Max Kleiboeker get ready to compete with their robot during the National Association of Industrial Technology’s annual robot competition.

Texas Hold'em: You Gotta Know When To Fold'em'

by K.C. Jaehnig

Compulsive gamblers playing Texas Hold'em don't know when to fold'em, much less when to walk away, and they don't learn from the past. The higher the stakes, the more this holds true.

Mark Dixon, director of the Gambling Intervention Program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Rehabilitation Institute, along with former graduate student Matthew Stieg, took a close look at a handful of Texas Hold'em players before and after a local tournament in the winter of 2005. Their findings appeared in the Fall 2007 issue of the *European Journal of Behavior Analysis*.

Their work builds on studies Dixon and other colleagues conducted in 2002 and 2004 with an assessment tool he adapted from one used in research on drug and alcohol abuse to examine choice-making skills.

"We found then that given a battery of choices between having varying amounts of money now or at various later time periods, pathological gamblers will take small-

er amounts of money now, rather than waiting for larger amounts of money," Dixon says.

"Recreational gamblers will want to wait (for the larger sums) and can wait longer periods of time. Clinicians have seen this kind of impulsive, poor choice-making (in pathological gamblers) for years; this kind of demonstrable, quantifiable result underscores their claims."

In the earlier research, Dixon and his colleagues also found the setting affects choices these gamblers make: Put them in a casino, and they become even more impulsive than they are in a friendly poker game with the guys.

In this study (and in a larger one along the same lines conducted early last year), Dixon and Stieg focused on gamblers already identified as compulsive, both to test the lure of the immediate reward and to see if gamblers, like substance abusers, discounted the results of their choices once they'd made them.

Both this study and the larger one bore out the earlier pattern, with an interesting twist. If the gamblers played with more

than \$10, the amount they'd settle for and the amount of time they could wait were each lower than they were for those gamblers who played with less than \$10.

"The high-stakes gamblers are more impulsive and make worse choices," Dixon explains. "These patterns were similar before and after the tournament." The data curves for responses to future rewards resemble those reporting the players' reflections on the past, including the differences between the high- and low-stakes gamblers.

"These guys tend to make rash, impulsive choices that wind up costing them money and causing economic and psychological distress, yet when they have the opportunity to examine the past and the choices they would make if they could go back in time, they don't want to say they made mistakes."

Still, the raging popularity of Texas Hold'em – "You have poker tournaments on ESPN, a sports network, and you can buy home electronic versions of the game at Macy's as a Christmas gift," Dixon notes – causes him some concern.

"We have two growing demographics for pathological gambling: older people with disposable income and kids," he explains. "The pathological rate for kids is almost double that of the adults."

Dixon doesn't buy the notion that compulsive gambling has a genetic basis.

"The number of pathological gamblers has tripled in the past 20 years," he points out. "If it's inborn, that means we have undergone substantial genetic mutations in just two decades."

Instead, he looks to American culture as the source.

"We no longer see gambling as taboo – it can be done as a sport – and we have increasing opportunities for gambling," Dixon says.

"Twenty years ago, only two states had legalized gambling; now, 48 do. If you want a reason for the increase in pathological gambling, I'd put my money on the environment."



Mark Dixon shows his hand as he scans his cards in the gambling laboratory at Southern.

Knute Rockne Had Nothing On Lew Hartzog

by Billy Moran '82, J.D. '85

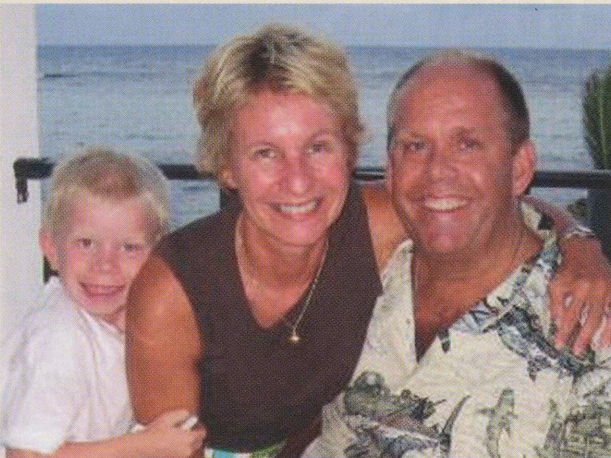
I was extremely pleased to read in a recent edition of *Southern Alumni* that my track and cross country coach at SIU, Lew Hartzog, was inducted into the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame in December. No one is more deserving of this honor.

The above being said, I did get a chuckle out of Lew saying he didn't know why he was so successful in guiding the Salukis to so many individual victories and team championships. Many of my teammates would surely state that the reason they felt Lew was so good was because he instilled in them a fear of swift and excruciating death if they did not succeed. I, on the other hand, believed that if you felt he was actually going to kill you in a literal sense, you would not last long on any of his teams, dead or alive.

All kidding aside, Lew has to go down in the annals of coaching as one of the greatest motivators who ever lived, Knute Rockne, George Halas, Vince Lombardi, bar none.

Two memories come to mind that prove this point, the first on a team-wide level, the second more of a personal note. As a team, our biggest and most bitter rival was the University of Illinois. We hated to lose to the Illini and seldom did. While preparing for an indoor track meet with the Illini during one particularly cold and windy winter day in Carbondale (long before we had an indoor track), Lew called us together as a team at McAndrew Stadium where we had been running, jumping, and throwing in the freezing cold to get ready for the meet the next day.

We were covered in frozen sweat and snot, steam rising off of our backs from the effort. Lew looked everyone in the eye and said, "I want all of you to remember how you feel right now in this (expletive deleted) weather, while the Illini are running around their spacious and beautiful indoor track, so warm they probably



Moran with his wife, Chrissie, and their son, Will, "SIU Class of 2022."

have to take their shirts off to keep from getting too hot!"

Needless to say, having that mental picture painted for us while standing there shivering on that icy cold track was all we needed to get ready to run. I almost felt sorry for the intensity Illinois had to face from us when we stepped off the bus the next day and administered to them a good old-fashioned butt whippin' on their own track.

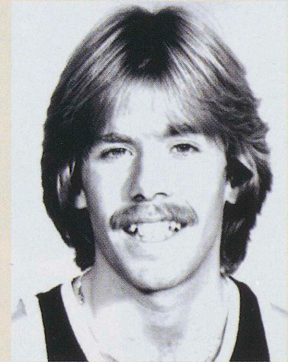
On a more personal level, we were in Wichita, Kan., in November 1978 for the District V Cross Country Meet my freshman year trying to qualify for the NCAA Finals. We had two great senior runners, Mike Sawyer from Alton and Paul Craig from Northern Ireland, but everyone else was unproven. While Mike and Paul were given a shot to qualify for nationals on an individual basis, no one gave us even a "snowball's chance" of qualifying as a team in this 10K (6.2-mile) race.

At the start, I took the seniors' suggestion and just tried to stay with them at the front of the pack for as long as possible, then gut it out over the last few miles. Lew was standing at about the 5-mile mark, and I was still toward the front of the pack, but was starting to drop back. I will remember Lew's words forever: "So help me God," he barked, "if you start running like a freshman *now*, I am going to kick your ass all the way back to Carbondale!" Believe it or not, that was the greatest compliment I could have gotten at the moment (I was not a worthless freshman anymore!), so I put my head down, gutted it out down the stretch, and helped us qualify for the NCAA Finals as a team that year and for the next three thereafter.

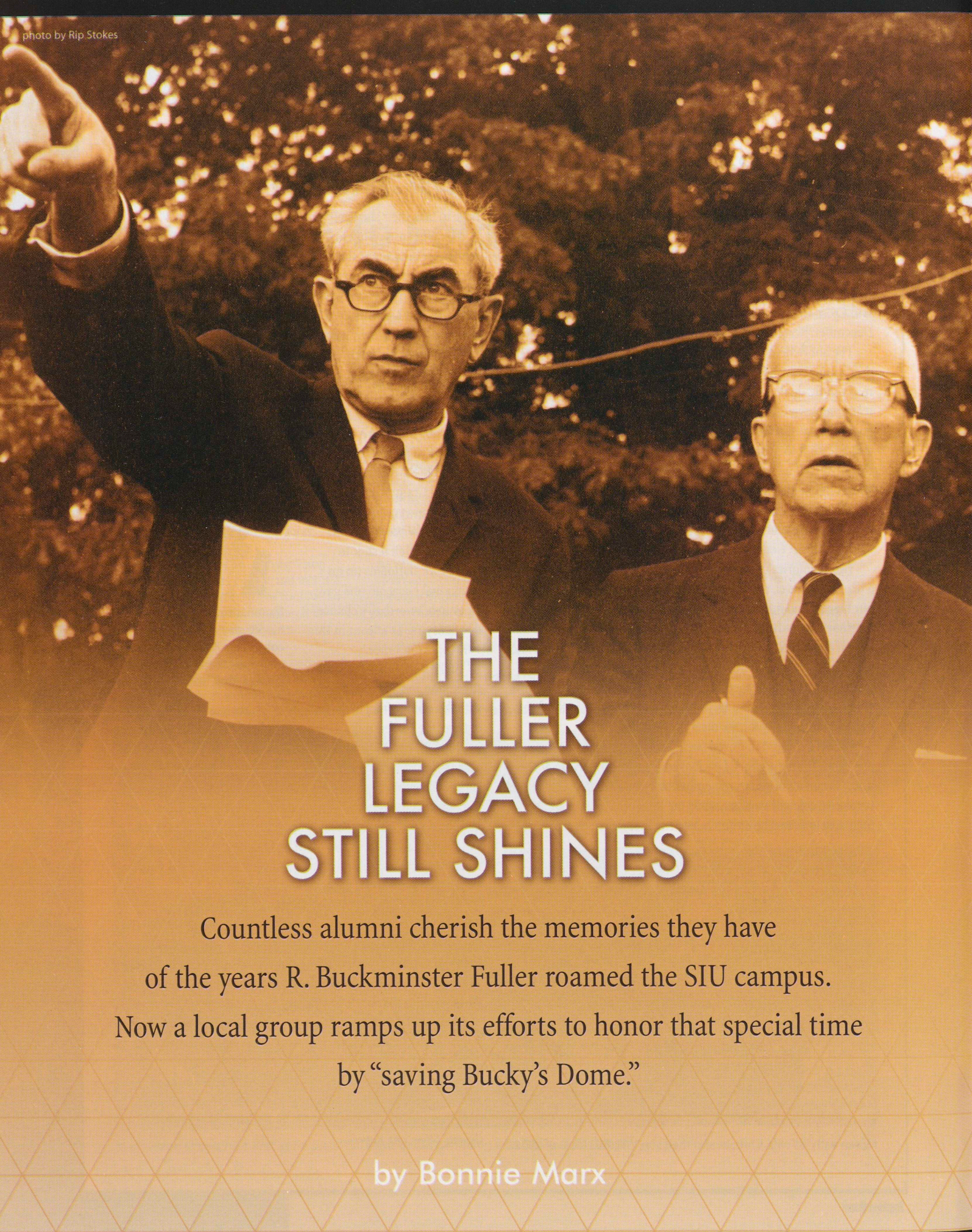
I am sure all my teammates have similar stories, as Lew was quite simply a motivational genius when it came to getting the most out of his athletes. Athletes, by the way, who more often than not were probably not the best out of high school, but in whom Lew saw something that a cranky ex-Marine from West Texas could mold into a champion.

Congratulations again, Lew. Take it easy on the youngsters on the golf course!

—Moran, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, was a member of the Saluki track and cross country teams from 1978-82. He currently works in Springfield, Ill., for the law firm of Stratton, Giganti, Stone, and Kopec.



Moran, shown here during his SIU days, felt former coach Lew Hartzog was one of the greatest motivators in college athletics.



THE FULLER LEGACY STILL SHINES

Countless alumni cherish the memories they have of the years R. Buckminster Fuller roamed the SIU campus. Now a local group ramps up its efforts to honor that special time by “saving Bucky’s Dome.”

by Bonnie Marx

SIU President Delyte Morris and R. Buckminster “Bucky” Fuller, research professor at SIU from 1960 through 1971, collaborate during the construction of Fuller’s dome home in Carbondale.



In 1899, the commissioner of the U.S. Patent Office pronounced that, “Everything that can be invented has been invented.”

He obviously didn’t anticipate the existence of R. Buckminster Fuller.

At about the same time as the commissioner made his pronouncement, five-year-old Bucky Fuller’s kindergarten teacher was giving her class this assignment: using dried peas and toothpicks, build a structure. The other children all built cubes, similar to the houses and barns they saw every day. Bucky, the small, nearly blind, unpopular kid, created a tetrahedron (triangle), or more specifically a tetrahedral octet truss.

The teacher called the class around to see the unusual shape. Bucky was surprised that *they* were surprised.

Sixty years later, Fuller would patent the design he created at age five as the Octetruss. It was just one of his 25 U.S. patents.

It is impossible to describe R. Buckminster Fuller, research professor at Southern Illinois University from 1960 to 1971, in a few pages, let alone a few words. Many try, labeling him a designer, philosopher, engineer, inventor, poet, architect, author, visionary, hopeless Utopian, crackpot, the greatest genius since Einstein, the Leonardo daVinci of the time, the Benjamin Franklin of the Space Age, a New World thinker, mathematician, prophet.

He was caricatured as a wide-eyed technocrat with big plans for the industrialization of almost everything. And he was quite likely the most famous professor ever associated with SIU. Bucky called himself a “comprehensive anticipatory designer.” His most famous quote on the subject, though, is, “*Whatever I am, I’m not a physical me. I am not a thing, a noun. I seem to be a verb.*”



Bucky Fuller was known for his hours-long lectures. Here, he illustrates a point in his home surroundings. The photo at the top of the page shows the dome in its early days, before it was covered with shingles and it still had skylights.

Known For The Dome

Despite his reputation as one of the world’s most famous thinkers, most people know Fuller through only one of his concepts – the geodesic dome. Fuller’s dome inspired the more than 300,000 geodesic domes that stand today, including the Epcot Discovery Center at Disney World.



Erected in hours, the dome was built by local contractors and the “spontaneous cooperation” that Fuller advocated.

At the corner of Forest and Cherry streets in Carbondale is the dome home Fuller and his wife, Anne Hewlett Fuller, lived in for 11 years. Erected in hours, it is the only home they ever owned and the only dome they ever lived in.

It was Bucky’s prototype for mass-produced housing, a chapter in his lifetime “experiment” of becoming a problem solver on behalf of all humanity. A geodesic dome can span virtually unlimited distances with no interior supporting elements, using perhaps 30 percent less material than is required for a conventional structure of comparable size.

For years the dome languished under a succession of renters with an absentee landlord. From the start there had been leaks at the joints. Leakage and other problems often were “repaired” by amateurs.

When it went up for sale, “he (the owner) thought he had a Rembrandt,” says H.F.W. “Bill” Perk, the design scientist and SIU emeritus professor who eventually bought it for about 50 percent of the original asking price. Fuller is the one who

convinced Perk, whom he had known in California, to come to SIU back in 1964.

A few years ago, the city and the University sponsored a series of study circles, aimed at identifying problems and finding solutions for Carbondale neighborhoods. The dome “was an issue that rose to the top,” says Mary

O’Hara M.S. ’87, Ph.D. ’04, a former student of Perk’s in the community development program. The result was the formation of the RBF Dome NFP (R. Buckminster Fuller Not For Profit), a group of Fuller devotees who are all graduates and/or faculty members at Southern Illinois University. This group now owns the dome.

Group Dedicated To The Project

Members of the board of directors of the RBF Dome NFP working to reclaim some of Bucky’s legacy at SIU and in Carbondale are: Mary O’Hara M.S. ’87, Ph.D. ’04, Tom Redmond EX ’76, Larry Weatherford ’66 (owner of Weatherford Design), Judy Ashby M.S. ’78, John Johnson ’67, M.A. ’77 (retired SIU design faculty who worked with Fuller as a student and built one of the domes on campus), Cornelius Crane ’95 (host of a weekly radio show on Fuller, at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays on WDBX 91.9), Chuck Litecky (SIU professor of management), Larry Busch M.S.’70 (retired SIU design faculty), Brian Gorecki A.A.S. ’82,’83, (architect at SIU), H.F.W. “Bill” Perk (design scientist who came to SIU at Fuller’s urging), Shai Yeshayahu (assistant professor of architecture), and Kathy Livingston M.S.W. ’87.



Larry Weatherford (center), and other volunteers on the RBF Dome NFP board, are shown taking part in the ongoing work to restore the unique, Fuller-designed fence that encompasses the dome.

Already the group has made giant strides toward achieving its goals. On the day of the interview, they had received word of a grant award that will help in achieving their most immediate goal, which is having the R. Buckminster and Anne Hewlett Fuller Dome Home designated a national historic landmark.

Erected in hours, Bucky's Dome in Carbondale is the only home they ever owned and the only dome they ever lived in.

Already it is one of 80,000 properties nationwide that are national historic sites. Elevating it to national historic landmark status would mean being one of only about 2,500 competing for funding. But simply applying for that designation costs about \$7,500.

The group spends some Saturdays working to restore a Bucky original, the unique slatted redwood privacy fence that surrounds the dome. They have erected a clear plastic dome over the home to stem additional damage, but the architect who did the historic structure report and preservation plan a couple of years ago still estimated it would cost \$350,000 to complete the project.

It would cost another \$200,000 or so if the group realizes its ideal-world scenario. In that vision, Bucky's dome is transformed into a home museum, complete with the heirloom pieces that adorned the home when the Fullers were in residence. It would sometimes be used as a guest house or bed-and-breakfast for visiting dignitaries. It

An Exciting Time At Southern

In 1964, the Beatles came to America. Civil rights legislation was enacted and Martin Luther King Jr. earned the Nobel peace prize. President Lyndon Johnson signed the Medicare bill, kicking off the "Great Society." Congress approved the Tonkin Gulf Resolution, authorizing the use of "all necessary means" to stop aggression in southeast Asia. And gasoline cost 30 cents a gallon.

New ways of travel and communication, even in their infancy, were shrinking the Earth for all of us by allowing even ordinary folks to have a window on the rest of the world and the universe beyond.

But nobody needed to shrink the world for Bucky Fuller, the comprehensive thinker who was then four years into his 11-year SIU research professorship. He'd been getting the big picture on his internal screen for quite some time and people clamored to hear more of his unique perspective.

During Bucky's 11-year stint at SIU, he was in Carbondale only about six weeks a year. He sometimes joked that the dome was his "guaranteed Carbondale hotel." Anne, his wife, was a full-time resident, but Bucky spent most of his time lecturing, traveling the world.

It was an exciting time on the SIU campus. Bucky's star power drew the internationally renowned to the mushrooming former teacher's college settled among the forests and fields in deep southern Illinois.

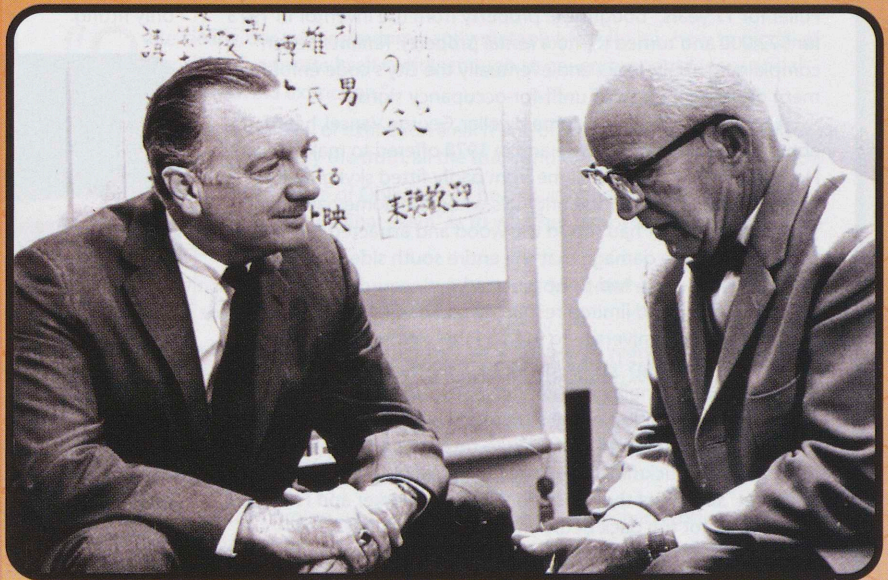
Consider this 1964 lecture schedule from the Department of Design: It was overflowing with "heavy hitters" like Paolo Soleri, creator of "arcology," his word for architecture coherent with ecology; B.F. Skinner, who is considered by many to be the most influential psychologist of the 20th century and founder of radical behaviorism; Israel Goldiamond, one of the most influential proponents of behavior analysis and modification (and an SIU professor of psychology from 1955 to 1960); Gyo Obata, the St. Louis-based architect (HOK, Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum) and designer of the SIU Edwardsville campus; and Charles Ferster, who was a champion of using behavior modification to transform the social landscape.

They all found their way to the Carbondale campus thanks to Fuller's influence.

would be a regular stop for tour buses, which would be able to park next to the new interpretive center on an adjoining lot. Housed in the Interpretive Center would be hands-on workshops for students, a gift shop,

and modern artifacts that demonstrate Fuller's principles and philosophies.

One of the requirements of a 501(c)3 not-for-profit such as the dome is that the majority of its resources must come from public sources. As they work toward



Legendary newsman Walter Cronkite traveled to Carbondale in 1960 specifically to see Bucky Fuller. The interview is shown here taking place at the dome.

Living In Bucky's Dome

by H.B. Koplowitz

I'm all for preserving "Bucky's Dome," and I'm anything but an unbiased observer. Between 1979 and 1984, I lived in the same dome home in Carbondale that Buckminster Fuller and his wife, Anne, inhabited in the 1960s, first with a colleague at the *Southern Illinoisan*, and later with the collaborator on my book, "Carbondale After Dark," which was created there.

I also grew up about two blocks from the dome, on what was then Grand Avenue and is now part of the Communications Building parking lot. The 39-foot-diameter dome is one of the first ever made into a home, and the only home Fuller ever owned.

Alas, as a place to live, Bucky's Dome had its limitations. The 1,400-round-foot dwelling was modest, with but one bedroom, no basement and no garage, and arranging furniture was a challenge, especially for a square like me. The dome's one large bedroom, shaped like a half-moon, had five doors. Two led to closets, two to bathrooms, and one to the kitchen. One of the room's two windows was behind a closet.

My first encounter with the dome was in 1960, when I was in second grade at U-School, now Pulliam Hall on the SIU campus, and we went on a field trip there when it was still being built. My most vivid memory that day is of the teacher warning us not to touch a mysterious substance on the exposed walls that looked like cotton candy and seemed to be called "viper-glass."

The 10-sided structure was made out of conventional building materials and cost only \$8,000 installed. But the neighbors thought it looked too newfangled and would attract gawkers, so the Fullers agreed to hide their new home behind a high redwood fence that cost as much as the dome itself.

After SIU President Delyte Morris stepped down, the University stopped championing Fuller, and when he left town, neither Southern nor the city took any real action to preserve or protect the dome. Michael Mitchell, a self-described "unpaid assistant to Fuller for 17 years," bought the property from the inventor in 1973 for \$22,000 and turned it into a rental property. Tenants began complaining about leaks, and eventually the city's code enforcement department posted unfit-for-occupancy signs.

A local Fullerophile and dome dweller, George Vensel, heard about the plight of the house and in 1978 offered to make repairs. He later told me the leaks came from badly-fitted skylights that had been installed over the originals when the dome had been shingled. The water had rotted the wood and attracted termites. So extensive was the damage that the entire south side of the shell over the living room had to be replaced.

The landlord had limited resources, and had been unable to entice the city or University to fund a rehab effort, so Vensel tried to preserve what was left by encasing the shell in heavy brown, heat absorbing shingles, including over the leak-prone skylights. Such was the condition of the structure when I returned to Carbondale in the summer of 1979 to be a reporter at the *Southern Illinoisan*, and "Buckminster Fuller's historic dome" turned up in the "For Rent" section of the classified ads. My coworker and I moved in that fall. He got the back bedroom and I took the loft.

"The loft." It sounded so urbane. What it turned out to be was cramped, stuffy and lacking in privacy. The same curved ceiling that is so cathedral-like from the living room is quite low from the loft, not unlike a regular attic. Without the skylights to ventilate

warm air, the air shaft between the loft and downstairs bedroom had no perceptible impact on air circulation.

Nevertheless, dome dwelling was like living inside a bubble instead of a box. One felt just the right balance of being exposed to nature and protected from it at the same time. Besides, the bragging rights alone were worth a certain amount of inconvenience.

As autumn turned to winter, however, one began to feel overexposed. In addition to being poorly insulated, the dome needed to be caulked and sealed. Gaps large enough to see through had developed between many of the plywood sections. Any hope I had the big glass patio doors would contribute significant amounts of passive solar energy in winter were dashed when I discovered icicles on them – on the inside.

Dome life became mellow again with the arrival of spring. The sounds and smells of the season flowed through the house, and also gave the dome a chance to show its great strength. On several occasions, wind storms damaged trees and tore down parts of the fence. The dome stood firm, partly because of its aerodynamic shape, and partly because of its "tensegrity," a Fuller-coined term describing the dome's ability to disperse a force exerted against any part of it evenly over its entire shell.

Of all the seasons, the dome was least equipped to handle summer. Without vents in the top for hot air to escape (nor in the bathrooms, for that matter), hot weather turned it into a sauna. The dark asbestos shingles soaked up sun all day and radiated heat into the night. After my coworker moved out and my collaborator moved in, we hooked up a used air conditioner.

Bucky's dome may have its idiosyncrasies, but Fuller was at heart a pragmatist who believed in the essential elegance of nature. By the time he died at age 87 on July 1, 1983, he had been issued 28 patents and written 25 books. But he will be best remembered for inventing the geodesic dome, and rightfully so. It's his one creation that came closest to catching on, and turning the home he built in Carbondale into a landmark and museum is only fitting.



H.B. Koplowitz is shown circa 1981. He lived at the dome for five years.

photo by Deb Browne



Bucky and Anne Hewlett Fuller relax in their Carbondale living room. The Fullers' daughter, Allegra Fuller Snyder, still has many of the heirloom pieces seen here.

the big goals, there are dozens of day-to-day expenses, like phone and electric bills, insurance, and property taxes. Once the preservation plan gets going, it must proceed in a timely fashion. That means that the majority of the money will need to be in hand before it kicks off.

One of the most visible manifestations of the RBF Dome NFP is its Web site, buckysdome.org. If you Google Bucky Fuller, you'll come up with tens of thousands of hits. But the local organization streamlines its Bucky information into a lively mixture. If you're interested in donating to the cause, there's plenty of information on the site about how to do so.

Those who are familiar with Fuller's work may rekindle their enthusiasm for Fuller's far-reaching vision by visiting buckysdome.org. If you're a relative newcomer to Fuller's ideas, perhaps it will encourage you to delve deeper into his fascinating mind.

Fuller Speaks ...

"Quite clearly, our task is predominantly metaphysical, for it is how to get all of humanity to educate itself swiftly enough to generate spontaneous social behaviors that will avoid extinction."

"All of humanity is in peril of extinction if each one of us does not dare, now and henceforth, always to tell only the truth, all the truth, and to do so promptly – right now."

"Whether it is to be Utopia or Oblivion will be a touch-and-go relay right up to the final moment ... Humanity is in "final exam" as to whether or not it qualifies for continuance in Universe."

"I was convinced in 1927 that humanity's most fundamental survival problems could never be solved by politics."

"We are on a spaceship, a beautiful one. It took billions of years to develop. We're not going to get another. Now, how do we make this spaceship work?"

"You either make sense or you make money."

"You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete."

"A designer is an emerging synthesis of artist, inventor, mechanic, objective economist and evolutionary strategist."

"Whenever I draw a circle, I immediately want to step out of it."

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A Day In The Life Of A Sports Broadcast Student

by Stacey Vinson

When America's premier sports network visited the Southern Illinois University Carbondale campus during football season, the event provided both valuable hands-on experience for Southern radio-television students and national exposure for the athletic program.

During the Salukis' Dec. 8 nationally televised semifinal football game against Delaware, 20 SIU students got the memorable opportunity to be part of an ESPN television crew. Activities began the day before with students assisting ESPN staff in equipment setup. In chilly, rainy weather, students hauled speakers and equipment, set up lights, and assisted in any way needed.

While it may not be the most glamorous side of television, it was still an



Southern student Dustin Zimmerman says ESPN made him feel like part of their group.



One of ESPN's cameramen was an SIU grad. Here alumnus Tom von Berg '82 battles the weather conditions for a shot from the sidelines.

exciting experience for students such as Adam Augustine, a freshman from Naperville. "It may have been miserable outside with the misting rain and cold temperatures, but it was well worth it," he says. "By the end of the game, I not only had a new passion for television production, but I met many people who gave me advice and answered any questions that I had."

The students concluded their work long after McAndrew Stadium emptied, packing up the same equipment they had assembled the day before.

Mark Wetstein, WSIU production coordinator, says he worked with Kwokman Productions, which provides remote broadcast services to ESPN, to staff the game with students. The SIU Radio-Television Department excels at providing opportunities for students to receive

hands-on experience, including WSIU River Region Evening Edition daily newscasts. According to Tom Hexamer, WSIU tech operator, the students were hand-picked for capability and responsibility.

Wetstein says several of these same students assisted the ESPN "College GameDay" broadcast of Southern's basketball game against Creighton in late January. He says that "everyone involved was pleased with the students."

Samantha Thomas, a junior from Taylorville, Ill., and assistant to the WSIU director of operations, says, "Barb Hansen (Kwokman Productions manager of operations) and Heather Wilson (Kwokman Productions assistant manager of operations) were thankful that their student crews for both days seemed ready and willing to help with all aspects of the production."

The production staff returned the favor. Dustin Zimmerman, a junior from Somonauk, says, “The ESPN crew was really nice and made us feel like a part of their group instead of just some kids they had helping out.”

Steven Carter, a senior from Clarendon Hills, Ill., adds, “They gave us advice about applying for jobs, what to expect upon graduating from college, and what needs to be done while working on a production like this.”

Looking ahead to the future, Kathy Stanish, a junior from Glen Ellyn, Ill., says, “It was a small taste of what I could possibly be doing when I graduate next year.” Chelsea Gerberding, a senior from Rochester, Ill., seconds that: “It was a great opportunity to find out what it’s like to work with professional sports broadcasts.”

And Tom Lareau, a sophomore from Watseka, Ill., adds that he liked “the opportunity to work for such an enormously popular company and meet and work with professional media-makers. I



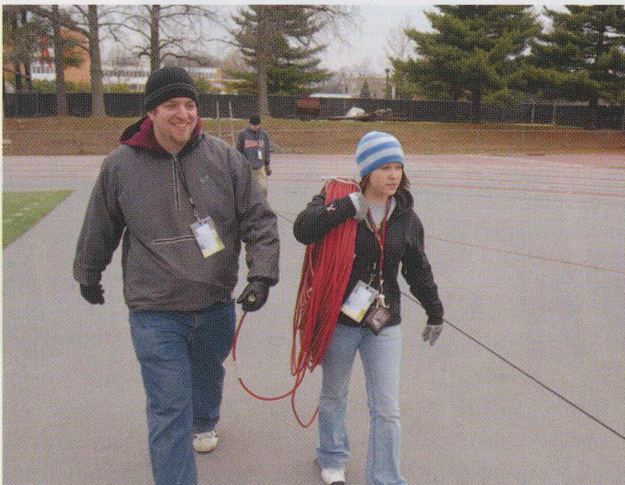
From left, an unidentified ESPN production crew member meets with SIU students Robbie LoVecchio, Samantha Thomas, Chris Roman, Justin Ziolkowski, and Andy Kastler.

also enjoyed running up and down the sidelines to make sure people did not get mangled by a metric ton camera cart while I wrangled its cable.”

Even though the Salukis lost to Delaware 20-17 and the students spent

most of their time in the cold, gray shadows both before and after the game, it was worth it.

Augustine says, “If ESPN comes back to SIU, I *definitely* will be one of the first people in line to help.” ■



Justin Ziolkowski and Samantha Thomas move some cable prior to the game.



Kathy Stanish aims audio equipment during the game.



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Unassuming Leadership

by Greg Scott

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Brown Dawg has some fun with Wrophas and Dianne Meeks during a Saluki basketball game. The couple has long supported many things at Southern, including intercollegiate athletics.

There are many ways to lead. Dianne and Wrophas Meeks strive to make a difference, but don't expect them to tell you about it.

They know people from all walks of life. Some know the Meeks as loyal, long-standing supporters of various University causes. Some witness their countless community efforts that steer young people in the right direction. Others revere them as friends and neighbors.

But no matter how people know the SIU Alumni Association life members, they all say the same thing. Casual observers have no idea of how influential this couple is.

And they like it that way.

Only those who are truly close to them realize their impact. But Wrophas, a Southern alumnus and respected Carbondale radiologist, and Dianne, a devoted community volunteer and SIU Foundation board member, don't seek the limelight. Whether it's attaching their name to a worthwhile project or conducting an interview for *Southern Alumni* magazine, they tend to shy away from publicity as opposed to seeking it out.

SIUC Associate Vice Chancellor Seymour Bryson likens the Meeks to a popular television ad.

"They are like the Nike commercial ... they 'Just do it,'" he says. "They strive to improve the quality of life for others. Wrophas and Dianne are giving people. It's their nature. They are at peace with themselves and don't have a need for publicity."

SIU MedPrep Program Director Harold Bardo echoes Bryson's sentiments.

"The Meeks' efforts haven't always been visible. Therefore, they aren't acknowledged for their many good deeds," Bardo says. "Their joy comes from helping others strive to be successful."

Mike Carr, an assistant U.S. attorney who serves on the SIU Foundation board of directors with Dianne, says he has admired the Meeks as friends, neighbors, and die-hard SIU supporters. He says the couple has parlayed their success into serving as great role models.

"Dianne and Doc are endearing to me for their quiet, behind-the-scenes, loving commitment to kids. Dianne has worked for years counseling and teaching kids and Doc is a great example to students of the rewards for hard work and commitment," Carr says.

"Together, outside the limelight, they are life partners genuinely dedicated to helping kids in their community. Their involvement and financial support to SIU and the Carbondale communi-

ty are manifestations of that commitment. I think the world of them and admire their longstanding, quiet efforts to help others."

SIU and the southern Illinois community have benefited as a result.

A Love for Southern

It would be an understatement to say the Meeks have a vested interest in Southern Illinois University. From the Public Policy Institute, Morris Library, and Saluki Athletics, to WSIU Broadcasting and the University's colleges, the Meeks' generosity can be associated with about every worthwhile cause on campus.

Bryson administers scholarships the couple has funded, including the Wrophas and Dianne Meeks Scholarship presented annually to two students.

"They are two of the most reliable and consistent supporters this University has ever had. It would be hard to identify how many lives they have touched in both the University and Carbondale communities," he says. "You can't pigeonhole them by saying they work with any particular program or group; they strive to help others from all walks of life.

"The Meeks help because they feel it's the right thing to do."

Bardo says the Meeks' love for Southern plays a role in their support.

"The Meeks are generous with their time and various resources. They recognize the value this University has had for them and others," he says. "They are blessed to the extent that they can give and have done so willingly."

Wrophas, a 1965 SIU microbiology graduate, received scholarship support throughout his tenure as an undergraduate and medical student. He says glory and recognition have never been a motivating factor for supporting Southern.

"This University has given so much to us, in particular, myself being an alumnus. We feel it is appropriate to give back," he says. "I always felt comfortable here as an African-American student here in the 1960s. This University was a front-runner in being open to people of diverse backgrounds. A lot of that was due to the administration of Delyte Morris (former SIU President). Dr. Morris and his wife, Dorothy, had a tremendous impact on me.

"Dianne and I try to invest in all aspects of the University."

While characterized as quiet and unassuming, they have been leaders in the University's fundraising efforts for several years. Wrophas is one of four alumni assisting Bryson with the University's Project Hope and Opportunity initiative, a campaign that seeks to increase financial assistance and provide equal opportunities to minority students and other traditionally under-represented populations. Dianne, also a devoted community volunteer and champion for southern Illinois children, has served on the SIU Foundation's national board of directors since 1989.

"It is difficult to ask people to give if we're not willing to give ourselves," she says. "We *need* to serve as an example."

According to SIUC Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and CEO of the SIU Foundation Rickey McCurry, it would be hard to find a better example.

"Wrophas and Dianne have provided exemplary leadership for the institution. They have provided phenomenal support of multiple University initiatives for several years," he says.

"While they go about their business in a quiet fashion, you couldn't ask for better ambassadors.

"I have great appreciation for their continued leadership, loyalty, and commitment to Southern Illinois University and the southern Illinois region."

Upbringing Spurs Penchant For Giving

The Meeks' commitment to giving springs from their childhoods. Dianne, a Columbus, Ohio, native, and Wrophas, from Colp, just 20 minutes from the SIU campus, met while the latter was attending medical school at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Dianne was in town visiting a girlfriend, and the two met through friends.

Wrophas completed his internship and residency at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. They moved to Carbondale, where Wrophas began his radiology practice in 1977. The couple will celebrate their 40th anniversary in June; both of their children attended Southern. Leslie completed her undergraduate degree at Northwestern University before attaining a master's at Southern. Nigel is also an SIU graduate.

"I wanted to be a doctor as far back as I can remember," Wrophas says. "This dream was instilled in me by my mother because she had always wanted to be a nurse. However, my mother grew up during the Depression and couldn't fulfill her dream. Therefore, I guess she was living vicariously through me."

While they are from different parts of the country, both learned the relevance of



Dianne and Wrophas Meeks enjoyed a formal evening of celebration when SIU kicked off its Opportunity Through Excellence Campaign.

helping others during their upbringing.

"I learned the importance of sharing as I was growing up. People seemed to care about each other more in the past," Dianne says. "My mother's friend would call and ask what she was cooking on a particular day and we would share.

"That is the way it should be. There are too many occasions that people learn of someone's misfortune and go on during their business. If I have something, it should be shared with others."

Wrophas says his childhood also plays a role in his aspirations to help others. He recalls receiving support from

community members; in particular, a married couple that would assist his family financially on occasion.

"Sometimes, I didn't have gas money or bus fare to get to SIU. This couple would drop off \$25 or \$30 on occasion," he says. "When I asked how I could repay them, they responded by saying that someday when you're older, you do something for others. That was repayment enough for them and I have tried to live by that.

"This area has been good to us and we want to make a difference."

The Meeks established a student emergency loan fund at nearby John A.

Logan Community College based on this principle. Wrophas, a member of JALC's foundation board, says that need is the only qualification. While there isn't a requirement to repay the loan, students are encouraged to contribute to the fund in the future.

"We hope this gets the students in a habit of giving back," he says. "It has worked out well. I'm proud of the fact that a number of students have supported the fund."

Champions For Children

Anna Jackson, a lecturer in the English department at SIU who coordinates the Southern Illinois Regional Career Preparation Program, has witnessed the Meeks' generosity first-hand. Dianne works closely with Jackson as a volunteer for Career Prep, a student development program for students in grades six through 12.

"If Dianne is concerned about students, she will urge me to find out if they need anything," Jackson says. "She will typically ask me to deliver whatever is needed; she doesn't necessarily want them to know it came from her. She just wants our students to be comfortable. If Dianne sees a need, she is going to help."

Career Prep, directed by Bryson, seeks to educate students who are members of groups under-represented in specific careers. Counselors also assist students in developing social skills and successful study patterns, focusing primarily in math, reading,

and writing. Students throughout the region converge in Carbondale one Saturday each month.

Jackson says Career Prep is important to Dianne.

"I've never known Dianne to miss a Career Prep. She gives of her time and is willing to do whatever needs to be done," Jackson says. "If a student needs books, clothes, or food, Dianne is willing to take that next step to help and has done so many times. She is that type of person."

Jackson says Wrophas is equally committed to children.

"Dr. Meeks is quiet, but listens. If he hears something needs to be done, the next thing you know it's taken care of," she says. "In addition, he has spoken to our kids at Career Prep many times."

Kappy Scates, a family friend and Shawneetown, Ill., resident, says the Meeks have an impact on children.

"When you talk to the kids, their demeanor and confidence is better. They are happy that someone cares and their parents are thankful for such great leaders in the community," Scates says. "The Meeks are active in several circles, but always think of others. They are quiet, but serve as fine examples in the community."

Dianne, who estimates that she's worked for the program for close to 20 years, is devoted to children. She is a retired board member of the Voices for Illinois Children, which strives to foster the full development of children in the state. Dianne is still active with the organization.

"It's about sharing with kids in the community whether they're in elemen-

tary, high school or college," she says. "We don't limit our support to minorities; we try to help children from different groups throughout the community. They are *all* our future."


"Students have a lot of choices these days, but I think Career Prep is the best," she says. "We have a curriculum, teach them how to conduct themselves in public, and expose them to things they need going forward in life. We treat them like they are our children."

The Meeks say they are especially thankful that their own children never voiced objections to their volunteer work growing up. "They knew we were helping other children in the community through various programs and scholarships, but never complained about it," Wrophas says.

The Meeks are also leaders on a national scale. Dianne is a four-time delegate to the Democratic National Convention and will serve as a delegate for presidential candidate Barack Obama this year. Influenced by her mother and aunt at an early age, she has been active on the political scene since the early 1980s.

Her leadership further accentuates a point Wrophas says he makes to students.

"I come from an active period in the 1960s and get frustrated with the apathy we see nowadays. Young people don't realize that there was a struggle to get us to this point," he says. "I try to tell them that they can make a difference."

In the case of Wrophas and Dianne Meeks, their quiet leadership has made the difference for many young people in this region. 

"When I asked how I could repay them, they said I should do something for others. That was repayment enough for them and I have tried to live by that..."

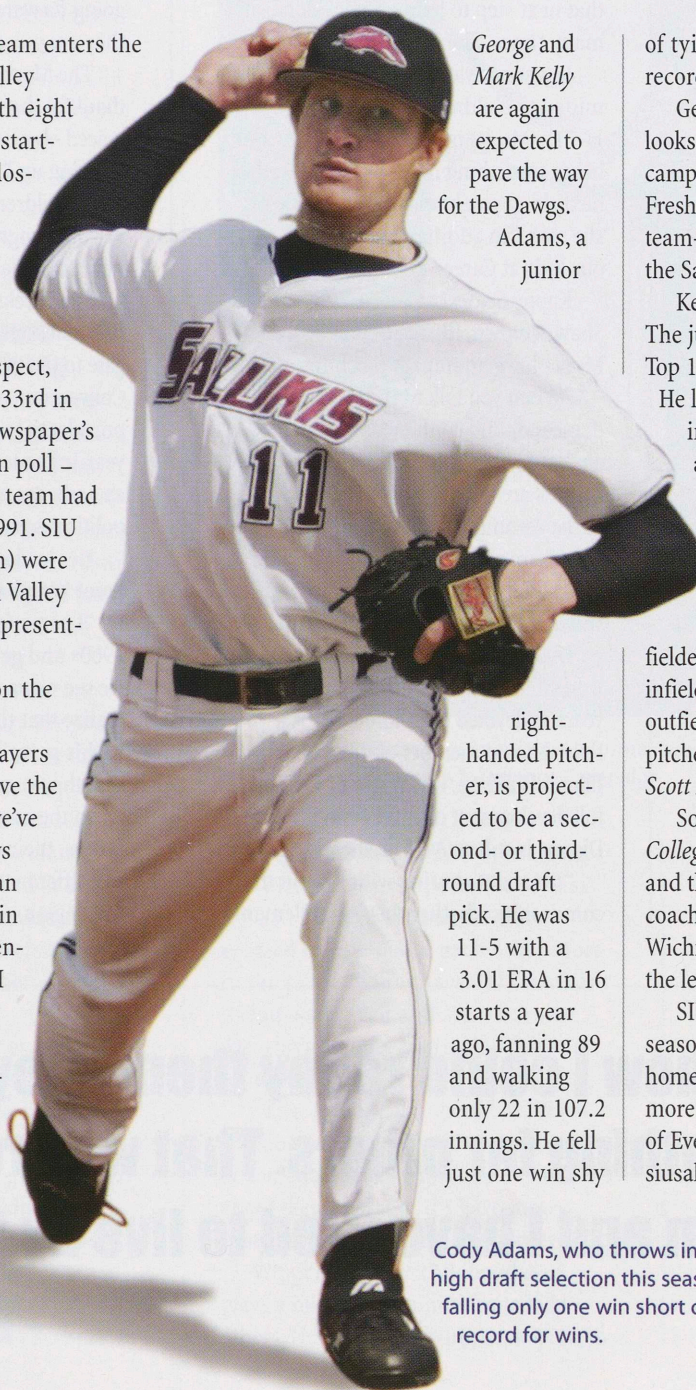
— Wrophas Meeks

Baseball Enters 2008 MVC Season With National Attention

The SIU baseball team enters the 2008 Missouri Valley Conference season with eight position starters, two starting pitchers, and its closer back from a team that went 34-22 and tied for third in the league last year. And in a poll illustrating increased national respect, Southern was ranked 33rd in *Collegiate Baseball* newspaper's Fabulous 40 preseason poll – the first time a Saluki team had made this list since 1991. SIU and Wichita State (9th) were the only two Missouri Valley Conference schools represented in this ranking.

“We will be good on the mound, have several important position players return, and should have the best defensive team we’ve had in four years,” says Saluki Head Coach Dan Callahan. “By mixing in what should be a potentially strong bullpen, I feel good about the 2008 squad.”

Wallace Award (presented to the top collegiate player in the nation) candidates *Cody Adams, Bryant*



George and Mark Kelly are again expected to pave the way for the Dawgs.

Adams, a junior

right-handed pitcher, is projected to be a second- or third-round draft pick. He was 11-5 with a 3.01 ERA in 16 starts a year ago, fanning 89 and walking only 22 in 107.2 innings. He fell just one win shy

Cody Adams, who throws in the mid-90s, is projected to be a high draft selection this season. Last year he was 11-5 for SIU, falling only one win short of tying the team's single-season record for wins.

of tying Southern's single-season record for wins.

George, a sophomore right-hander, looks to build on a strong freshman campaign. A 2007 Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American, he garnered a team-high 11 saves in 27 appearances as the Salukis' closer.

Kelly returns as the Saluki catcher. The junior was rated among the nation's Top 15 catchers, according to *rivals.com*. He led the Salukis and ranked second in the MVC with a .379 batting average en route to first-team all-conference and American Baseball Coaches Association all-region honors in 2007.

Other key returnees for the Dawgs include sophomore outfielder *Aaron Roberts*, senior infielder/outfielder *Adam Hills*, senior outfielder *Dean Cademartori*, senior pitcher *Shawn Joy*, and junior infielder *Scott Elmendorf*.

Southern was ranked second in *Collegiate Baseball's* MVC preseason poll and third in the league's preseason coaches poll. Defending MVC Champion Wichita State is heavily favored to win the league.

SIU was scheduled to open its MVC season on March 21 with a three-game home series versus Indiana State. For more on the 2008 schedule, see Calendar of Events on page 39, or go to sialukis.com.

Eight Starters Return For Softball Dawgs

The 2008 Saluki softball team features a combination of experience and youth brought together by one common factor: a tradition of winning.

The Salukis are one of only 25 teams in the country to have appeared in five NCAA Regionals in the past five seasons and are coming off of their third 40-win season in their last four years with a 41-16 campaign in 2007. They were picked third in the Missouri Valley Conference preseason coaches' poll, with Creighton the choice in the voting.

SIU returns 14 letter-winners from last year's team, including eight players who started in at least 40 of the Saluki games.

Saluki Head Coach *Kerri Blaylock* is excited about the experience and depth. "I think we're in great shape with having a majority of our position players returning," she says. "The key will be getting our young pitching staff adjusted."

Among the strong units at her disposal is the return of starting outfielders *Krystal Stein*, *Tiffanie Dismore*, and *Katie Wilson*. Stein started 45 games last season and compiled a .979 fielding percentage with 44 put-outs. Dismore returns after starting all 57 games last season and was named Second-Team All-MVC after hitting .296 and scoring 32 runs. Wilson, who hit .272 last year, rounds out the returning trio.

The infield will have a similar look, but will have a newcomer step in to contribute as well. Senior *Lauren Haas*, the most versatile of the infielders returns at first, although she can also play third and shortstop. At second, sophomore *Alicia Garza* returns after a First-Team All-MVC season where she hit a team best .368. Shortstop remains in the hands of *Becky Wegmann*, a senior who had 78 assists and hit .275 last year. At the hot corner, junior *Katie Wagner* returns with her .317 batting average and

team-high 112 assists.

After splitting time at catcher last year with *Amanda Clifton*, the starting role this season goes to *Jayme Wamsley*. A strong defender, she also contributed at the plate on offense, posting the team's third-best batting average (.303) and second-most home runs (10).

On the mound is where the Salukis have the least experience returning following the departure of *Cassidy Scoggins* and *Ashley Hamby*. The lone returning pitcher is *Katie McNamara*, who saw action in four games with two starts a season ago.

Two freshman, *Danielle Glosson* and *Niki Waters*, played at championship-caliber high schools and must make the adjustment to Division I softball quickly. Glosson recorded the second most career strikeouts in North Carolina high school softball history (1,346) and posted a career high school record of 92-13. Waters was equally impressive with a 113-12 record and 1,070 strikeouts.

The Salukis, who were scheduled to open MVC action March 15 hosting



Alicia Garza

Northern Iowa, feature a schedule made up of seven teams that made the 2007 NCAA Tournament and two that claimed regional championships and advanced to the College World Series last season (Northwestern and Washington).

For more on the 2008 schedule, see Calendar of Events on page 39 or go to siousalukis.com.

SIU Second In MVC Swimming Championships

After three days of tough competition at the 2008 State Farm/Missouri Valley Conference Swimming and Diving Championships, Southern's women were able to upset favored Missouri State University recently for the league title.

The Bears won the event with 942 points, with SIU second with 774.5, Illinois State third with 715.5, Northern Iowa fourth with 346, and Evansville fifth with 335.

The Salukis did claim various conference individual titles. Those were as follows: 500-yard freestyle - Julie Ju (4:58.33), 100-yard breaststroke - Julie Ju (1:02.34 setting a pool record, MVC record and MVC Championship Meet Record), 200-yard freestyle - Therese Mattsson (1:50.86 setting an MVC Championship Meet Record), 200-yard backstroke - Kelly Dvorak (2:02.28), 100-yard freestyle - Therese Mattsson (51.24), 200-yard breaststroke - Julie Ju (2:15.99 setting an MVC Record and MVC Championship Meet Record), 200-yard freestyle relay - Julie Ju, Therese Mattsson, Isabel Madeira, and Tovah Gasparovich (1:34.50 setting MVC Record and MVC Championship Meet Record), 400-yard medley relay - Kelly Dvorak, Julie Ju, Lisa Jaquez, and Isabel Madeira (3:48.77 setting pool record, MVC Record and MVC Championship Meet Record), 400-yard freestyle relay - Isabel Madeira, Tovah Gasparovich, Therese Mattsson, and Julie Ju (3:27.06 setting MVC Record and MVC Championship Meet Record), and 800-yard freestyle relay - Isabel Madeira, Emily Duerringer, Therese Mattsson, and Julie Ju (7:34.35).

The Saluki men were scheduled at press time to compete in the Sunbelt Championships Feb. 28-March 1 in Nashville, Tenn.

Kill Takes Post At Northern

Lennon Named SIU Football Coach

Dale Lennon was named football head coach at Southern Illinois University in late December, replacing Jerry Kill, who left earlier in the month after seven years to become head coach at Northern Illinois University.

Under Kill, the Salukis qualified for the playoffs five consecutive seasons from 2003-07, advancing to the NCAA 1AA Final Four this past season before losing to Delaware 20-17 in the semifinals. His successor has compiled a 90-24 record during the last nine years as head coach at North Dakota, including seven playoff appearances, one NCAA II National Championship, and five North Central Conference Championships.

Kill's National Award Adds \$20,000 To SIU Alumni Association Scholarships

Since former head coach Jerry Kill connected with Southern alumni in such a special way, it was perhaps only fitting that his recent departure to Northern Illinois University coincided with a unique gift to the SIU Alumni Association.

Thanks in part to votes cast across the country by SIU alumni and friends, Kill was named the 2007 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year. As a result of winning the award, \$50,000 was donated to a charity of Kill's choice (The Coach Kill Cancer Fund), and an additional \$20,000 was given to the SIU Alumni Association. The money will be used to fund scholarship opportunities presented through the Association.

The Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year is awarded to the college football coach who best demonstrates responsibility, integrity, and excellence on and off the field. Kill topped the Citadel's Kevin Higgins, Northern Iowa's Mark Farley, South Dakota State's John Stiegelmeier, and Morehead State University's Matt Ballard in the overall voting at the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA) level. The award was presented on ABC-TV.

"I really appreciate all the alumni who took the time to vote for me and am delighted that the SIU Alumni Association is one of the groups to benefit from this award," Kill says. "The University will always mean a great deal to me, and funding scholarships there puts the money to good use."

"I am thrilled that we were able to attract a coach of Dale Lennon's caliber," says Saluki Director of Athletics Moccia. "He has experienced tremendous success both on and off the field throughout his coaching career, and I feel confident in saying he is the total package. We reviewed a staggering amount of candidates at all levels, and I felt that Coach Lennon was the best fit for Southern."

A native of Knox, N.D., the 47-year-old Lennon guided his team to the 2001 Division II National Championship and earned American Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year honors. He has won NCC Coach of the Year laurels three times.

"I am excited and honored to have the opportunity to coach at Southern Illinois University," says Lennon. "The Saluki football program has established itself as one of the nation's premier FCS programs, and the potential for future success is impressive."

After graduating from UND in 1985, Lennon earned his master's degree while coaching at Northern State (S.D.) in 1986. Lennon also served as an assistant coach at Valley City State (1986) and Dickinson State (1987) before returning to UND as defensive line coach in 1988. He was promoted to defensive coordinator for the Fighting Sioux and served in that capacity from 1990-96. He then accepted his first head coaching position at the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D., and coached there for two seasons before being named UND's head coach in 1999.



New Saluki Head Coach Dale Lennon is all smiles as he speaks to members of the media at a press conference announcing his hiring. Lennon's North Dakota teams won an NCAA Division II national title and sported a 90-24 record during his years as head coach.

Since the start of the 2003 season, Lennon's teams have compiled a 54-12 record, including five consecutive 10-win seasons. Last year, UND finished 10-2 record and the Fighting Sioux advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division II playoffs.

Lennon has already accomplished something no Saluki head coach has done in 11 tries since 1983: beaten SIU's Gateway Conference rival Northern Iowa at the UNI Dome. His squad defeated the Panthers 35-31 in 2006 when UNI was ranked third in the country.

Like Kill's squads at Southern, academic success is another hallmark of Lennon-coached teams. In eight of his nine seasons, the team grade point average was better than 3.0. In all, more than 50 Sioux players earned academic all-conference honors during his tenure.

In the next issue of *Southern Alumni*, we will introduce Lennon's staff.

SIU Adds Five To Saluki Hall Of Fame

Southern Illinois University announced its 2008 Saluki Athletics Hall of Fame Class. The five-person group was inducted during a ceremony on Feb. 29, features a pair of football greats in NFL All-Pro Bart Scott and former NCAA IAA Player-of-the-Year Cornell Craig, nine-time All-America swimmer Chris Galley, All-America pitcher Erin (Stremsterfer) Campbell, and Scott Waltemate, the winningest baseball pitcher in SIU history.

Here is a look at the newest inductees:

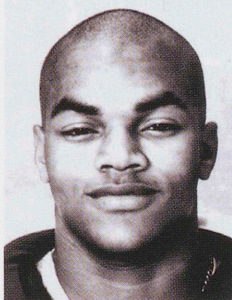
• **Scott** recently completed his sixth year as a linebacker for the Baltimore Ravens. He was selected to play in the Pro Bowl in 2006 after a season in which he recorded 10 sacks and two interceptions.



At SIU, Scott lettered from 1998 to 2001 and was a First-Team All-Gateway Conference pick in 2001. He ranks among the school's career

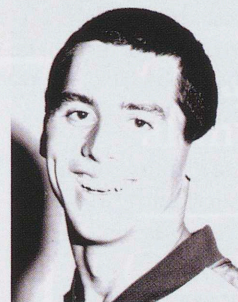
leaders in various categories, including tackles (6th), sacks (7th), tackles for loss (6th), and fumble recoveries (2nd). He is regarded as one of the top linebackers in pro football.

• **Craig**, who played at SIU from 1996-99, holds numerous career receiving records at Southern, including most receptions (207), most receiving yards (3,508), and most touchdown catches



(37). He had a phenomenal senior season, in which he caught 77 passes for 1,419 yards and 15 touchdowns, earning him national recognition as the Division IAA Player of the Year. Craig also holds the school record for catches in a game (13) and receiving yards in a game (219). He was an all-American in 1999 and a three-time all-conference honoree (1997-99). He currently works at Bellarmine University as the director of minority student programs.

• **Galley** was a nine-time all-America swimmer who earned national honors in the 400 Free Relay (1987), the 100 Fly, 200 and 400 Free Relay (1989), the 100 Fly, 400 and 800 Free Relay (1990) and the 100 & 200 Fly (1991). He finished 5th in the 100 Butterfly at the 1990 NCAA Meet and 7th in the 200 Butterfly at the 1991 NCAA Meet. Galley was a member



of the U.S. National Team and competed in the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Trials. At the World University Games in

1991, he finished 4th in the 100 Butterfly. He resides in Carbondale and works at Aisin Manufacturing Illinois.

• **Stremsterfer**, who lettered at SIU from 1998-2001, was a Louisville Slugger All-American pitcher her senior year and set the school record for wins (28) and complete games (30) that season. She was a three-time First-Team All-MVC selection (1999-2001) and the league's pitcher of the year in 2001. Stremsterfer pitched a no-hitter against New Mexico State in 2001. Also an offensive threat, she still ranks among SIU's career leaders in numerous cate-

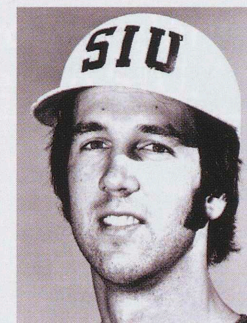
gories: hits (5th), runs scored (6th), home runs (3rd), RBI (9th), stolen bases (6th). Her pitching marks are



equally impressive as she ranks among SIU's career best in innings pitched (2nd), wins (2nd), complete games (5th), strike-

outs (2nd) and ERA (3rd). Stremsterfer resides in O'Fallon, Mo., where she works as a sales representative for Ikon Office Solutions.

• **Waltemate** was a dominant pitcher for the Salukis from 1971-74. More than 30 years later, he is still Southern's career leader in wins with 28. Waltemate ranks among the school's career leaders in earned run average (5th), games started



(6th), complete games (2nd), innings pitched (9th), and strikeouts (7th). He was a great player on some of Southern's

top squads, as the 1971 team finished with a 43-9 record and won three games in the NCAA College World Series, and the 1974 team won 50 games and also advanced to the College World Series. During Waltemate's four-year career, SIU posted a remarkable 162-35-1 record. He was drafted by the Montreal Expos in 1974. He currently resides in Shreveport, La., where he is the owner of Waltemate Wellness Center. ■

SIU Grad Comes Up Big With 'Gamble For A Cure'

by Bonnie Marx

It takes a lot to make Brandon Steven nervous.

When the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society asked him to head its fund-raising efforts in his city, the Wichita, Kan., businessman didn't think twice about jumping on board. There was even a tasty little incentive to sweeten the pot: the two who raised the most among the 42 cities in competition would be named the organization's "Man and Woman of the Year."

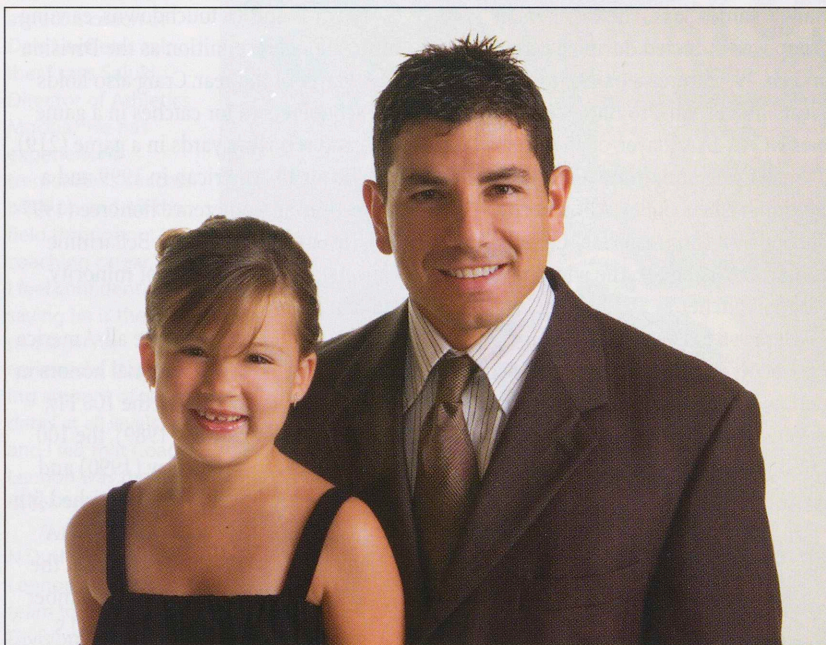
A goal-setter and achiever like Brandon never dreams small. The 1995 Southern Illinois University graduate set his sights on no less than breaking the *national* record. There was only one problem: "I was nervous about asking for donations," he recalls.

In ordinary life, Brandon and his brother/partner, Rodney Steven '94, run a string of businesses in and around Wichita: four car dealerships (Brandon Steven Motors, Subaru of Wichita, Ford-Mercury of Augusta, and Suzuki of Wichita), commercial real estate, five full-facility health clubs, car washes, and more.

The brothers were raised in Wichita, part of a large Syrian-Lebanese family that encouraged competition, self-motivation, entrepreneurship, and health and fitness, among other things. When he was only 13, the duo began their first business: snow removal.

With this new challenge, however, Brandon (and his fellow competitors) had only eight weeks to get the donations.

"I was getting slammed," he says, until he came up with an answer. Brandon, who enjoys playing poker for fun, organized a poker tournament,



Brandon Steven, 2007 Man of the Year for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, is shown with Kaylin Watkins, Girl of the Year. They both are part of the organization's Kansas chapter.

"Gamble for the Cure," with a committee he called the "Dream Team." Participants competed for the chance to win a brand new Mercedes convertible.

"I didn't ask for money from any family or friends," he says. "I've never asked any member of my family for donations in my life. I was nervous asking for donations, but I'm amazed at how easy it can be. *No one* told me no."

When it was time to tally up the results, Brandon had raised a whopping \$178,020, \$14,000 more than his nearest competitor. All the competitors, including the Woman of the Year, who raised \$52,048, amassed more than \$468,000.

As Man of the Year, Brandon was recognized in *USA Today* ads and on billboards. When the winners were being photographed, he took particular inter-

est in the youngster named Girl of the Year, who is afflicted with leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's Disease, and myeloma.

"She was the same age as my oldest," says the dad of four girls, Lexi, Lauren, Lainie, and Landry, with wife Karen.

"I learned some amazing facts and numbers," Brandon notes. "Twenty years from now, if there's a cure – when there's a cure – I'll be proud to say that all I gave was my time, with none taken from the company."

If you visit brandonstevencars.com, you can get a full helping of this Saluki's words of wisdom. His employees report that the advice they hear from him each day is, "Whatever the mind can conceive, and your heart believes, your body will achieve." ■

Week Of Welcome To Begin Aug. 15

Mark your calendars now for “Week of Welcome 2008” presented by New Student Programs and the entire SIUC campus. When your student returns to campus after the summer, make sure he or she attend a variety of Southern traditions, which will begin on Aug. 15.



Jo and Glenn Poshard meet with new students at last year's watermelon feed.

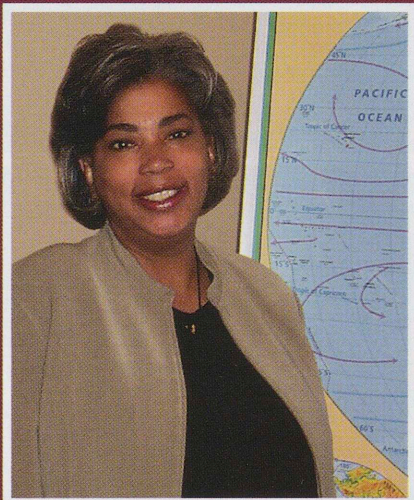
Some of the activities include:

- Return student move-in
- Campus & Community Welcome Fest
- Academic orientation programs
- University housing area picnics
- “Meet Me on Main” with Carbondale Main Street
- Hypnotist with University Programming Office
- Making College Count program
- Campus tours
- Free film with Student Programming Council
- First Thursday

Catch the Saluki spirit and join us for this 2008 Week of Welcome program! We look forward to seeing you and helping you make the most out of your Saluki Experience! Student Life Advisers are here to make your student's transition an easy one. For additional information, visit newstudent.siu.edu/wow.



Students attending 2007 WOW activities enjoy the interactive displays.



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“Thanks to members like me, alumni around the globe stay connected to SIU.”

Communication with alumni is crucial to the organization's mission. Thanks to membership dues there are several resources in place to stay connected to the Association's vast audience. The biannual *Saluki Pride* newsletter and the award-winning *Southern Alumni* magazine features successful alumni, standout students, campus programs, and news. Timely events, news releases, and online registration are offered at sialumni.com, plugging members into the World Wide Web. Are you connected?

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A PASSION TO SERVE FELLOW SALUKIS

BY GENE GREEN

Shown at left speaking to an alumni gathering, Buerger encountered thousands of Salukis during nearly two decades as head of the SIU Alumni Association. Never using notes when addressing groups, he sincerely enjoyed just about any event that brought SIU brethren together. "We're all Salukis," he once said, "so it doesn't take long to get reacquainted."

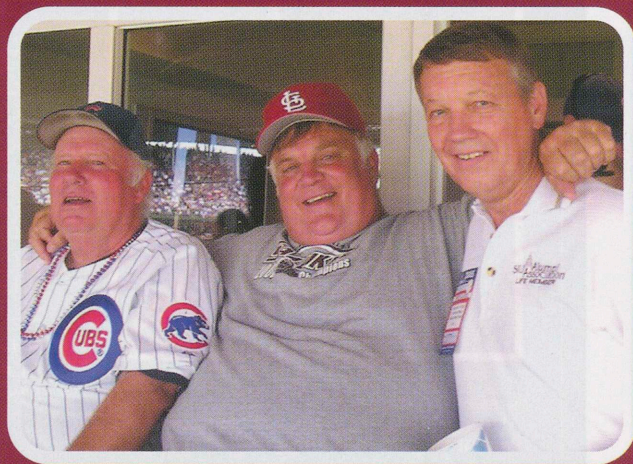
Editor's Note: SIU Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger retired in December after almost 25 years of service to his alma mater. The 1970 Southern graduate, who led the University's Alumni Services area and SIU Alumni Association since 1989, recently sat down to discuss his years at the SIU.

Southern Alumni: What is your first real memory of arriving in Carbondale as a student in 1963?

Ed Buerger: I came here as a freshman and stayed at a place called The House of Troy, a three-story structure on South Marion Street, an area close to where the SIU Rec Center now stands. I lived there with an elderly couple, Arlie and Fay Cagle – and 20 guys! I didn't know any of them when I arrived from my home in Decatur, but as is often the case, many of those men are still my best friends.

SA: I've heard you say that you were on an "extended plan" as far as graduation was concerned.

EB: Actually it was a seven-year plan (he says, laughing), but there was a method to my madness. I dropped out of school twice during that span to return home and work as a railroad brakeman. I wanted to earn some money to help out with school costs,



One of many special moments that Buerger cherishes was the day in Chicago in 2005 when "Wild Bill" Holden arrived at Wrigley Field to finish his 2,100-mile cross-country walk that raised \$250,000 for the fight against juvenile diabetes. From left, a weary Holden is all smiles sitting in the press box with SIU Hall of Famer Carl Mauck and Buerger.



Ed and Jan Buerger had the opportunity to meet "The Most Trusted Man In TV News," when the Association co-hosted Walter Cronkite's visit to the University in 2003.

and I probably wasn't as mature as I needed to be. Doing "real labor" helped convince me that I wanted a degree. My parents had three children at SIU at one time or another, so it was important that I help out and start taking school more seriously.

SA: In addition to two of your siblings, you also have 12 members of your family who attended Southern. Who was the first?

EB: My grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Sutton, graduated in 1918. I used to think of her a great deal when I would walk in Old Main. When I strolled up those well worn steps, I remembered that she had used those same steps decades earlier. That was always special to me.

SA: So was it a given that you would attend SIU?

EB: Not really. I visited the University of Illinois and was an alternate at the U.S. Naval Academy. Since I was so close to the Illini growing up, I decided to branch out a bit and take a senior visit to Southern. When I arrived something clicked. I loved the campus and knew immediately I wanted to go to school here.

SA: You were a student during former President Delyte Morris' campus leadership. What was that like?

EB: It was amazing – buildings were going up all over campus. About the best way for me to describe Dr. Morris is this: In my eyes, he was the kind of person I expected to be president of my University, as he was dynamic and a true friend to students. One of my prize possessions is my diploma, and not just for what it represents. I graduated in 1970, which was the last group of diplomas signed by Dr. Morris. That still means a great deal to me.

SA: What was your first job after graduation?

EB: I had earned a degree in business management, and had

THEY SAID IT ...

"I probably worked for him longer than any other assistant director, so I can attest that it would be hard to find someone as devoted and loyal to Southern Illinois University as Ed Buerger. He expected his staff to exhibit this same commitment to the Association and the University, and I always respected that. Ed surrounded himself with people who bled Saluki maroon and strived to make this University prosper. In addition to providing me with a great opportunity to work at my alma mater, I always appreciated his willingness to invite and welcome my family to campus for Saluki basketball games and other functions – I'll never forget that."

—**SIU Foundation Director of Development Communication Greg Scott**

"With his tireless energy and love for Southern and its alumni, Ed was the most generous ambassador for SIU and the Association that I have met. He never met a fellow alum with whom he did not share a memory of Southern. Recognized by alumni all over the United States, he and his wife, Jan, exhibit unbridled enthusiasm and love for our University."

—**SIU Alumni Association Immediate Past President Sheri Hunter**

"When Ed Buerger and then-Assistant Director Pat McNeill came to Du Quoin in 1990 asking me if I would be interested in being on the Board of Directors of the SIU Alumni Association, how could I refuse someone who appeared to be so committed and passionate about the Association, our alma mater, and the thousands of alumni throughout the world?"

"When they wanted more communication with the University, Ed was instrumental in pushing for the alumni Web site, Saluki Pride newsletter, and the expansion of the Southern Alumni magazine. Alumni Appreciation functions were expanded to cultural events at Shryock and McLeod, and more chapters were created in major cities."

"There was another side of Ed Buerger that I know and cherish. When he replaced the silk tie and business suit with jeans and a maroon sweat-shirt, the son, husband, and grandfather of three exhibited the same loyalty and devotion to family that he did to Southern for almost 25 years. SIU is a better place because of Ed, I am a better person for knowing and working with him, and I remain quite happy that I said 'yes' almost two decade ago when he came to Du Quoin"

—**Current SIU Alumni Association President Doris Rottschalk**

"Under Ed's innovative leadership as executive director, he and his staff expanded and developed several new programs and services to keep alumni in touch and involved with their University. I have enjoyed working with him and following the success, growth, and development of the Alumni Association and SIU."

—**Former SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Bob Odaniell (1951-83)**

an interest in men's retail. I interviewed with a retail firm in Springfield, Ill., but there was no job opening at the time. I must have had a good interview, however, as the woman I spoke with told her husband to give me a call. He was a regional director with the Division of Children and Family Services, and I became an investigator with them in Springfield.

SA: That certainly wasn't men's retail – just how challenging was that vocation?

EB: It was dangerous and often frustrating, but I was 24 years

old and thought nothing could happen to me. I did my best at whatever situations they assigned me and had a 13-year career with DCFS.

SA: Where were you based?

EB: Initially in Springfield, but I wanted to get closer to Carbondale since I still visited SIU a lot for sporting events and to see friends. After about a year, I decided to see if DCFS had any openings in southern Illinois, and I had immediate success. I went to the field office in Murphysboro in 1971, interviewed for an opening, and accepted it. I worked there until I started at SIU in 1983.

SA: What was your first job at Southern?

EB: I was dating my wife, Jan, at the time, and she saw an ad in the local newspaper for a position at the SIU Alumni Association. She called me and said, "This job is you!" I looked into it,



From left, Buerger watches an SIU basketball game with grandsons Devyn and Braxton Wright.

became one of 107 applicants, and somehow had the good fortune to go to work as an assistant director in September 1983 for longtime director Bob Odaniell. I worked for Bob, then J.C.

Garavalia, and briefly for Tom Busch before transferring in 1986 to accept the position as associate director at University Relations.

SA: But you weren't away from the Association long, were you?

EB: No, when Busch left SIU in 1988, I was asked to apply as Director at the Association and was thrilled to get the job and begin those duties in

THE PERFECT BLEND OF HUMILITY AND DIGNITY

In 1983 when Ed Buerger inquired about an opening at the SIU Alumni Association, he strolled into the office without an appointment. Hoping for a few minutes of director Bob Odaniell's time, he waited in the front office and began to converse with Odaniell's administrative assistant, Nadine Lucas.

"I didn't know her," Buerger recalls, "but after just a few minutes I was *so impressed*. She was the most wonderful, engaging person I had ever met. I thought at the time – this must be a great place to work if a lady like her wants to be here."

Lucas, who retired in 2006 after serving the Association for more than 35 years under four different directors, was invaluable to Buerger.

"You can't overstate Nadine's role in the growth of the SIU Alumni Association over the years," he says. "She set the tone for making me realize what a special place it was, and I remain indebted to her for that and *so many* other things. She wasn't afraid to tell me something I didn't want to hear – if she disagreed with me, she would tell me."

By constantly dealing with the public, Buerger says Lucas's demeanor was a perfect fit to accomplish any mission.

"Alumni knew what kind of person she was, blending humility and dignity in a way that you rarely saw," he says. "She was a real source of strength for all the directors she worked with. Every organization needs an anchor to keep things in place, and she indeed did that."

Lucas says the respect is mutual.

"I don't know of *anyone* more committed and devoted to the University and Association than Ed Buerger," she says. "He was a joy to work with, and always had time for alumni and students who wanted to visit with him. That always impressed me, because whoever it was, he really enjoyed the interaction."

Buerger says those who worked with Lucas reaped untold benefits of her years of phenomenal good will,

which SIU alumni, students, and friends came to count on for decades.

"Nadine is a treasure," he says with a smile, "and she probably helped me more than I'll ever know."



For almost 25 years, Nadine Lucas was Buerger's right hand when it came to handling the Association's daily duties. "I remain indebted to her more than she realizes," he says.



A younger Buerger is shown with three people who helped guide him throughout his University career. From left, are former directors J.C. Garavalia, Bob Odaniell, and administrative assistant Nadine Lucas.

—Gene Green

January 1989. Later that year, Jan and I got married.

SA: Did you immediately sense you had made the right move?

EB: Without a doubt. Every once in awhile you are blessed to be able to do something that you feel you were meant to do, and working with our alumni was what I found I enjoyed the most. It is important that our alumni connect to Southern, and I tried to always reach out to each person.

It's not just the "heavy hitters" who deserve SIU's attention. It's also the regular guy, the alum who is proud to be a Saluki, even though he/she maybe hasn't accomplished what they thought they would in the world. I wanted all alumni to feel the University still cared about them. I never screened my calls in 24 years on the job, and that was one reason why. I was here to serve anyone who took the time to call SIU.

SA: What are some of the things you are most proud of as you look back on your long career at the Association?

EB: One of my goals when I became executive director was to place the Association on more solid footing financially. I felt that was what our alumni wanted, and knew being more self-sufficient would give us a more independent voice while being less of a strain on the University budget.

We soon got things moving in that direction thanks to the financial leadership of our controller at the time, Nick Goh. We were able to balance the budget and became less dependent of SIU.

When I arrived, the Association had about \$400,000 and when I left it was over \$6 million, so we did a good job of generating revenue to support our programs, services, and scholarships.

This all came about through the good work of countless talented staff members. Their diligence over the years has allowed us to expand off-campus programs, alumni chapters, the Student Alumni Council, the Extern Program, the SIU Distinguished Alumni recognition program, and many other offerings to

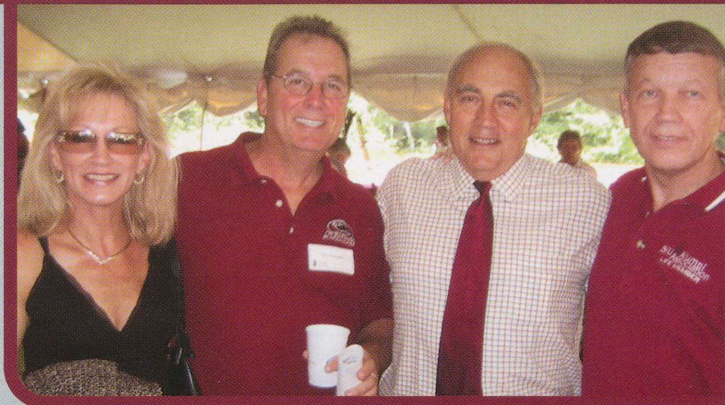
serve alumni and help foster a strong national board of directors.

Alumni responded to our programs, and membership grew from 7,000 to more than 18,000 today.

Those are just a few of many things that I look back with great pride and satisfaction.


SA: As you start retirement, you can enjoy just *being* an alumnus instead of trying to lead them. With that in mind, what do you see SIU alumni's role being in the years ahead?

EB: There is an ongoing role we can play in the success of this institution. Alumni must be allowed an independent



The Association's "Big Tent" on Homecoming Weekend is always a great place to renew old acquaintances. Here Buerger catches up with Elaine and Pete Wittman, and 2005 SIU Distinguished Alumni recipient Walt Rodgers.

voice to truly serve.

To truly engage alumni in supporting our alma mater, we must always place as much value in what alumni hold in their hearts, as how much they carry in their wallets. This is how we can build a great University. 

A SPECIAL MOMENT

Family has always been important to Ed Buerger, and few times were more special than the day in 1996 when he watched his stepson become a U.S. Olympian. He and his wife, Jan, traveled to Atlanta during a blistering summer more than a decade ago, hoping to witness something remarkable.

Cameron Wright would not let them down.

A five-time NCAA All-American in the high jump and a four-time Missouri Valley Conference high jump champion, Cameron had all the credentials to take that next step. As a three-year SIU track and field team captain, he had always been a leader, and now he was about to battle the best his sport had to offer for a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team.

On the last day of trials, 29 Americans jumpers remained for only three spots on the squad. Limited to only three tries, athletes soon began to drop out of the competition. Cameron took his first jump at 7-5.5, but missed. The next time that height was offered, he passed, deciding instead to go for 7-6.5. On his second jump – at the higher level – he appeared to make it, but grazed the bar with his rear and watched it thud to the ground. He had just one try remaining.

"He went off by himself in that terrible heat, sitting under an umbrella trying to psych himself up," Ed says. "I've seen just about every jump the kid has taken since the seventh grade, so when he went for his final try, I knew *immediately* that he was approaching the jump too slow. Somehow when he jumped he kept going went up, up, up, arched his back, and rolled over the bar."

A glance at the bar showed it still firmly in place. A glance at the scoreboard showed only two other athletes had made 7-6.5. Cameron was now on the U.S. Olympic Team.

After a victory lap around the stadium with roses in hand, he came over and extended them to his mother, Jan. Ed soon called his parents to tell them the news.

"You have to realize that my Dad is a tough, no-nonsense man of German descent," Ed recalls with a grin. "But when Mom told him that his grandson was an Olympian, tears started to run down his cheeks.

"That entire experience is probably the most emotion I've ever felt."



Member Appreciation Basketball Games

Members of the SIU Alumni Association showed their Saluki spirit at recent Saluki basketball games. On Jan. 8, members and their guests attended a reception in Lingle Hall before the Southern men won 77-64 against the Bradley Braves. The Student Alumni Council and the Jackson County Alumni Chapter joined the Association in hosting this event, which is one of the Association's member appreciation activities. Alumni enjoyed appetizers and beverages along with discounted tickets to the game.

Jackson County chapter members in attendance included Linda Benz, Joyce Hayes, Dede and Bill Ittner, and Kitty Mabus. Representing the Association were Doris and Richard Rottschalk, Sheri and Richard Hunter, Doreen Hees, Gene Green, Lorrie Lefler, Tina Shingleton, Michelle Suarez, Argus Tong, and Kathy Dillard.

Members also cheered on the SIU women on Jan. 20 as they won 75-74 in overtime against the Creighton Bluejays. Members received free admission, drinks, and hot dogs.



Hundreds of alumni members enjoyed events as part of the SIU Alumni Appreciation basketball games. Bob Campbell and Barb Smith are shown enjoying themselves at one of the appreciation games.

Hampton University Football Gathering

A total of 115 alumni and friends attended the pregame gathering in Hampton, Va. Interim Executive Director Michelle Suarez welcomed the crowd and introduced Associate Director of Athletics for External Operations Chet Savage. She also introduced alumni volunteers Al Welcher and Ed Roberts, who are interested in initiating chapters in the Virginia Beach and Baltimore/Washington, D.C., area respectively. Following the gathering, the fans went to Armstrong Stadium where the Salukis pulled off a 45-27 victory to finish the regular season at 10-1. Also representing the Association were Directors Gene Green and Argus Tong.



More than 100 Southern alumni gathered to cheer on the Saluki football team to a win at Hampton University. This group is shown enjoying the pregame meal.

SIU Salukis vs. Indiana Hoosiers Watch Party

The Greater Phoenix Club of the SIU Alumni Association hosted a Saluki Social before the Salukis-Hoosiers game. More than 75 alumni and friends gathered to cheer on the Salukis. Club Representative Dave Barger '91, M.S. '93 was instrumental in coordinating this event. More than 2,800 alumni reside in the Greater Phoenix area. If you would like to meet fellow SIU alumni and participate in future activities, contact him at go_salukis@cox.net.

Springfield Night With Saluki Basketball

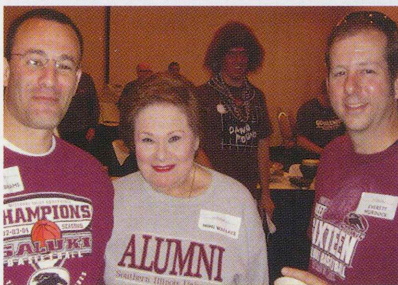
The Central Illinois and the Prairie Capital Chapters of the SIU Alumni Association assisted with the highly successful "Springfield Night With Saluki Basketball," featuring the basketball coaches including reigning MVC Coach of the Year Chris Lowery. This event was organized by alumnus Paul Povse and SIU Assistant Basketball Coach Rodney Watson. Representing the Alumni Association were President-Elect Randy Ragan; National Board Member Ray Serati; and Director Argus Tong. Prairie Capital Chapter President Don Magee and Central Illinois Chapter Representative Wayne Carter were also in attendance.

SIU Alumni Member Appreciation Baseball Event

Members of the SIU Alumni Association are invited to enjoy a complimentary lunch and mingle with fellow Salukis under the Association tent prior to the May 3 Saluki baseball game against the Creighton Bluejays. Lunch will begin at noon, with SIU's game against Creighton following at 2 p.m. To RSVP for the lunch, go to www.sialumni.com or call 618-453-2408 during regular business hours.

Anaheim Classic Basketball Reception

Together with the SIU Foundation and Saluki Athletics, the SIU Alumni Association cosponsored a reception with more than 110 alumni, friends and fans in attendance. Interim Executive Director Michelle Suarez welcomed the crowd. SIU Board of Trustees Chairman Roger Tedrick spoke to those in attendance at the event. In attendance from the Association were Los Angeles Chapter President Mimi Wallace and Director for Off-Campus Programs Argus Tong.



From left, Todd Abrams, Mimi Wallace, and Everett Murdock enjoy a pregame reception.

Calling Austin/San Antonio, Quad City, & Chicagoland Alums

Alumni clubs and chapters bring together the efforts of alumni to establish an SIU presence in their areas, to encourage participation with the University, and to facilitate involvement and camaraderie among Salukis.

Don Miller '67 volunteered to establish the Quad City Club and is seeking other alumni volunteers in Rock Island, Henry, Mercer, Whiteside, and Knox counties in Illinois, as well as the following ZIP codes 52700-52899 in Iowa. If you are interested in volunteering or want to be informed of upcoming events, contact Miller at drmiller@mchsi.com before April 30.

SIU Alumni volunteers Paul '00 and Donna Lecocq '97 are seeking other alumni in the area to bring together alumni to establish an SIU presence in the Austin/San Antonio, Texas, areas. To be involved, help organize or participate in future

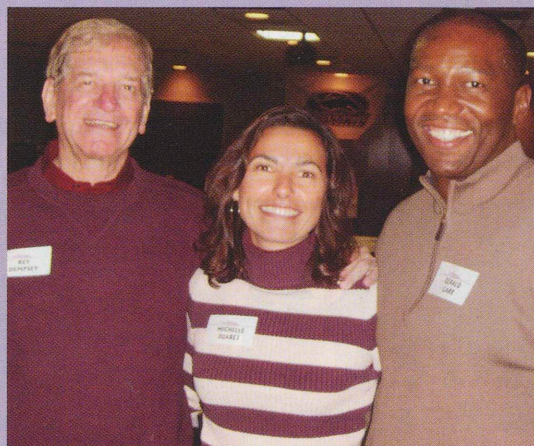
activities, contact the Lecocqs at dlecocq@austin.rr.com.

SIU Alumnus Denis "Doc" Kane '96 is taking an active role in revitalizing the Chicagoland Chapter. If interested in assisting or to be informed of upcoming activities, contact Kane at doc@roscommon.com.

Alums See Dawgs In Charlotte, Bloomington

The SIU Alumni Association hosted 87 alumni and friends at the Cone Center in Charlotte, N.C., for a pregame reception for the game against UNC-Charlotte. The short program included a welcome by Interim Executive Director Michelle Suarez. Also in attendance was SIU's 1983 National Championship Coach Ray Dempsey, and former Southern quarterback Gerald Carr who played for Dempsey. Also representing the Alumni Association was Director for Off-Campus Programs Argus Tong.

A similar reception took place in Bloomington, Ill., prior to the game against Illinois State. Interim Executive Director Michelle Suarez welcomed the crowd and introduced Associate Vice Chancellor Jeff Lorber for some comments. Representing the University were Associate Director of Institutional Advancement for the Chicago Region Mary Carroll, while representing the Alumni Association were Board Member Howard Spiegel, Director Argus Tong; and Prairie Capital Alumni Chapter President Don Magee. Alumni volunteers Chuck Bernardes, Mike Holley, Grant Holley, Ben Holley, Ron Rice, and Dave Saladino assisted with the event. Also in attendance was 2005 Saluki Hall of Fame inductee Bill Hancock.



From left, former SIU Head Football Coach Rey Dempsey, SIU Alumni Association Interim Executive Director Michelle Suarez, and former Saluki quarterback Gerald Carr pose during the pregame event before the SIU basketball game at UNC-Charlotte.

Presidential Scholarship Golf Scramble May 16

The Presidential Scholarship Golf Scramble, hosted by SIU President Glenn Poshard, will be Friday, May 16, 2008, at Hickory Ridge Public Golf Center in Carbondale. Lunch will be available at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$150, with all proceeds going to scholarships to attract Illinois' best and brightest students to Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Sponsorships are available. For additional information, contact Barb Bogard via e-mail at bbogard@siu.edu or at 618-453-4914.

St. Louis Chapter Events

The St. Louis Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted more than 360 alumni and friends at J Bucks prior to the Salukis-Billikens men's basketball game at the Scottrade Center. Interim Executive Director Michelle Suarez welcomed the crowd and introduced SIU Athletics Director Mario Moccia.

Representing the University were Associate Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Jeff Lorber and Associate Director of Development Tanna Morgan. Representing the SIU Alumni Association were Board Member Harry Fanning and Director Argus Tong. The St. Louis Chapter Board of Ann Eberlin, Leslie Tepen, Kimberly Omelson, Anna Vani, and Tracy Abbott coordinated the event.

One hundred and fourteen alumni and friends gathered at the Fabulous Fox Theatre for lunch prior to the performance of *Wicked*. It was an entertaining performance and provided an opportunity for the attendees to mingle.

More than 120 alumni and friends attended the third annual trivia night at the Shrewsbury City Center hosted by the Chapter. Proceeds from the event benefited the St. Louis Alumni Scholarship fund. The scholarship is awarded to a deserving

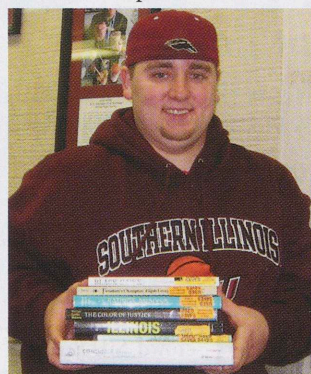


More than 100 alumni and friends enjoyed the St. Louis performance of *Wicked*, held at the Fabulous Fox. Here a group has lunch prior to the afternoon show.

high school senior who will be attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale upon graduation from a high school in the St. Louis or Metro East area. More than \$2,000 was raised at the event. Visit www.sialumni.com/stlsalukis or myspace.com/stlsalukis or e-mail sialum06@yahoo.com for more information about the chapter or upcoming events.

Alumni Association Textbook Scholarships

Two SIU students won textbook scholarships at Saluki athletic events. As a result of his performance in the Punt, Pass, and Kick competition, Eric Konicek won a textbook scholarship. He is a senior from Rochester, Minn., majoring in radio-television.



Eric Konicek, a senior at Southern, was excited to receive one of the two textbook scholarships from the Association.

Ryan Kelly, a freshman from Pontiac, Ill., won a textbook scholarship during halftime at ESPN Game Day, during the Saluki men's basketball game against the Creighton Bluejays. Kelly was one of four contestants chosen from more than 1,200 students in attendance at the morning ESPN Game Day broadcast at the SIU Arena.

The Alumni Association, in conjunction with sponsors of its pregame tailgates, sponsored a Punt, Pass, and Kick competition at halftime of each Saluki home football game. Participants who successfully scored a field goal won a textbook scholarship for the spring semester. The textbook scholarships are sponsored by Pepsi MidAmerica, River Radio, Venegoni Distributing, Regions Bank, *Southern Illinoisan* newspaper, Tres Hombres Mexican Restaurant, and the SIU Alumni Association. All competitors received a T-shirt and a gift certificate, compliments of Tres Hombres Mexican Restaurant.

Saluki Coaches Caravan

Mark your calendars in late spring for the 2008 Saluki Coaches Caravan, sponsored by Saluki Athletics and the SIU Alumni Association. The caravan will feature various Saluki head coaches. The 2007 Caravan included stops in Lincolnshire, Ill., Springfield, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo., and drew more than 100 alumni and fans at each venue. For more information, visit www.sialumni.com/events or www.siusalukis.com.

Jackson County Awards Banquet Honors Sam Goldman

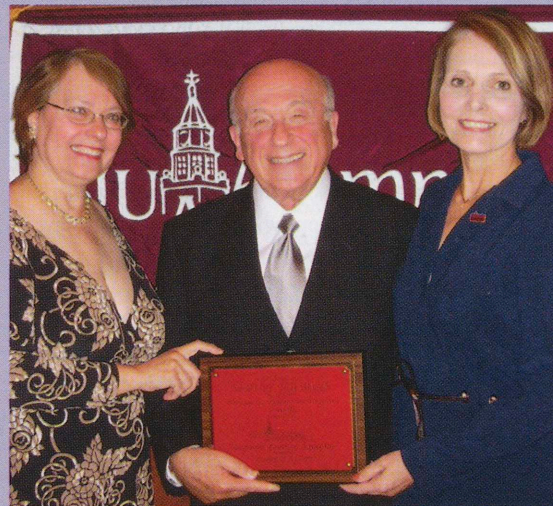
The Jackson County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted the 36th annual awards banquet at the Student Center with 80 alumni and friends attending. Sam Goldman was honored as the 2007 recipient of the "Service to Southern Illinois Award" for his dedicated community involvement.

Goldman is a member of the Jewish Federation Board of Directors and acts as a certified clergy volunteer at the Illinois Youth Center, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, the Veterans' Affairs Medical Center in Marion, St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro and Herrin Hospital. Currently, Goldman is president of the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau board of directors. He is a past chairman of the City of Carbondale Human Relations Committee. The *Southern Business Journal* recently recognized him as a "Leader Among Us."

In the past, Goldman participated in fund-raising and marketing activities for the Hospice of Southern Illinois and the Southern Illinois Regional Social Services. Goldman also served as an SIU professor in the Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education in the College of Education and Human Services. Though he retired in 2003, his commitment to Southern and the region continues. Goldman was a member of the committee that drafted Southern's strategic plan, *Southern at 150: Building Excellence Through Commitment*, and accepted an appointment to the SIU Board of Trustees in August 2005, a position he will hold through January 2011.

Five Jackson County scholarship awards winners were recognized. They are Bryan Jennings, Tavon Pourboghrat, Amanda Johnson, Emily Jones, and Rebekah Stegmann. Erin Wilson, a senior in elementary education, was honored as the Jackson County Family YMCA Scholarship recipient.

The Jackson County Chapter was instrumental in coordinating the program. As in previous years, Old National Bank of Carbondale graciously supported the recipients by covering their guests and their meals that evening. Representing the University was SIUC Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry. Representing the Association were President Doris Rottschalk, Past President Sheri Hunter, Board Members J.C. Garavalia and Dede Ittner, staff members Tina Shingleton and Argus Tong.



"Service To Southern" winner Sam Goldman is flanked by Jackson County President Kitty Mabus (left) and SIU Alumni Association President Doris Rottschalk.

Chapters Host Bus Trip To Carbondale

The Central Illinois and the Prairie Capital Chapters of the SIU Alumni Association sponsored a bus trip to Carbondale for 50 alumni and friends for the Saluki-Indiana game. Proceeds above the cost of the trip, \$550, were donated to Saluki Way.

SIU Days At Wrigley And Busch

The date for the 24th annual SIU Day at Busch will be Sat., May 3. The date for the 31st annual SIU Day at Wrigley will be Sat., Sept. 20. Both games feature the Cubs and the Cardinals, and limited tickets are available to SIU Alumni Association members only. Online, walk-in at Colyer Hall office, and phone

orders for the Busch event will begin at 8 a.m. April 3 (two tickets per member), while Wrigley tickets will be sold beginning at 8 a.m. April 17 (four tickets per member). For more information about these two popular events, visit www.siu alumni.com/events.

Jim Hart Golf Scramble

The 16th Annual Jim Hart Saluki Golf Scramble will be Friday, June 6, at Cardinal Creek Golf Course at Scott Air Force Base. There will be a shotgun start at noon, with dinner to follow the event. The entry fee is \$100, and all proceeds benefit Saluki Athletics.

For more information, contact Mike Zipfel at 618-282-4623 or by e-mail at chia@htc.net.

SIU Alumni Members Can See Emanuel Ax



Emanuel Ax

Emanuel Ax, one of the world's greatest pianists, will perform Beethoven's "Emperor" piano concerto with the Southern Illinois Symphony at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at Shryock Auditorium. Prior to the concert, please join the SIU Alumni Association for a reception in the upper lobby of Shryock Auditorium. Visit

www.sialumni.com or call 618-453-2408 during regular business hours for ticket and reception details.

Ax has emerged as one of the most versatile, brilliant, and universally respected pianists on the international concert scene. His regular collaborations with cellist Yo-Yo Ma have earned the pair three Grammy Awards.

7th Annual SIU Saluki Family Day

Alumni, students, faculty, and friends are invited to gather at U.S. Cellular Field on Saturday, June 7, to watch the Chicago White Sox host the Minnesota Twins. There will be a tailgate

prior to the game, which is currently scheduled for a 6:05 p.m. start, with a fireworks display following the game. The tailgate party features special visits by the SIU team mascot and live Saluki dogs. Tickets are in the lower reserved section and are limited, so please order early. For more details, visit www.sialumni.com/events.

Saluki Chicagoland Golf Scramble July 25

The 19th Annual Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble will be Friday, July 25, at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling, Ill. There will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m., with a meal following the event. The golf committee has decided to pledge the majority of the receipts for the next 10 years to help finance Saluki Way. An estimated \$150,000 will go towards construction that includes a new football stadium. For additional information, contact Brad Taylor at 618-453-7251 or by e-mail at btaylor@siu.edu.

Woody Hall Reunion Planned

Plans continue for an unstructured, one-time, all-class reunion for former residents or cafeteria employees at Woody Hall to be held during the 2008 Homecoming Weekend. If you are interested in attending or want more information, send an e-mail to woodyhallreunion@yahoo.com.



Board of Directors Ballot

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

Only the votes of dues-paying alumni who are members are valid in this election. Ballots must reach the Alumni Association offices no later than noon on **April 11, 2008**.

Director For Election (four year term)

A B **Lee Beneze J.D. '85, Springfield, Ill.** – Beneze has served as the legal services developer in the Office of Elder Rights at the Illinois Department on Aging for almost 20 years. Prior to this position he worked for the Springfield law firm of Morse, Giganti and Appleton. Beneze has been an active member of the SIU Law School Alumni Association's Board of Directors and served as president from 1991-92. He is a life member of the SIU Alumni Association.

A B **Winston Calvert '02, St. Louis, Mo.** – Calvert, a native of Carterville, Ill., is an attorney at Armstrong Teasdale LLP in St. Louis, concentrating in the areas of business litigation. Active in many organizations, he served on the *Southern at 150* Financial Resources Committee, Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra Patrons Committee, Washington University School of Law Alumni Executive Committee, Washington University Distinguished Faculty Award Selection Committee, and event committees for the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis and Opera Theatre of Saint Louis. He and his wife, Amanda '02, '04, are life members of the Association.

A B **Cleveland Hammonds '58, M.S. '63, Belleville, Ill.** – Hammonds has served as a representative of the College of Education and Human Services on the SIU Alumni Association National Board. He retired in 2003 as superintendent of St. Louis Public Schools, and earlier while working in North Carolina was named "Superintendent of the Year." He and his wife, Yvonne '58, are life members of the SIU Alumni Association and have three children and three grandchildren.

A B **Michael Kasser '78, Carbondale, Ill.** – Kasser is a certified public accountant and controller of Southern Illinois Healthcare in Carbondale. He also serves as treasurer for the SIU Alumni Association's National Board. He is certified as a fellow of HFMA. Mike and his wife, Jill '79, '00, M.S. '01, are life members of the SIU Alumni Association. They have two daughters, the eldest of whom currently attends SIU.

A B **Todd Martin '86, La Grange, Ill.** – Martin is a cosmetic and general dentist in the southwest suburbs of Chicago. The owner of various dental practices throughout Illinois during the last 15 years, he was in 1990 the only Navy dentist who was backseat qualified in A-7 Corsairs and F/18 Hornets. Martin currently makes the mouth guards used by the SIU men's basketball team. He is a life member of the SIU Alumni Association.

A B **Ben Weinberger '01, Durham, N.C.** – Weinberger is cofounder and CEO of DigitalSmiths, a market-leading technology company. DigitalSmiths entered the entertainment industry in 2001 when it introduced its proprietary technology platform, Media Access Pro® and later InScene™, a ground-breaking software platform allowing clients to search massive amounts of film and television content in a simple way. Weinberger serves on the board of directors for the Honors Program at Southern, and while a student at SIU, worked at the Association and designed the organization's Web site. He and his wife, Jill '99, are life members of the SIU Alumni Association.

Director For Re-Election (four year term)

A B **Dorothy "Dede" Ittner '61, Carbondale, Ill.** – Ittner provided literacy instruction and learning style assessment in the John A. Logan College Adult Education program before her retirement several years ago. Five generations of her family have attended Southern, and her father was longtime SIU coach "Doc" Lingle. She and her husband, Bill '61 are SIU Alumni Association life members. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

A B **Ray Serati '59, Springfield, Ill.** – Serati is a veteran journalist who for many years worked in the Illinois Capitol Press Corps. He won the Bell Ringer Award in a Copley News Writing Contest and was recognized for his coverage of the birth of the Fisher quintuplets in South Dakota while working for United Press International. He is now a spokesman for the City of Springfield Police Department and is a life member of the Association. He and his wife, Margaret, have three children and five grandchildren.

For full bios and pictures of the candidates, go to sialumni.com.

Please return this ballot or photocopy to:

SIU Alumni Association • Attn: Board of Directors Election • Colyer Hall • Southern Illinois University • Carbondale, IL 62901-6809

Name of person(s) voting / address / city / state:

APRIL

- 1 Saluki Baseball vs. Illinois, Rent One Park, Marion, Ill., 6 p.m.
Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra presents: *Emanuel Ax*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 2 Saluki Baseball at Arkansas State, 6:30 p.m.
Saluki Softball vs. Saint Louis, (DH) 4 p.m.
- 3-6 *The Fastest Woman Alive*, Christian H. Moe Theater, Tues.-Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m.
- 4 **Saluki Baseball vs. UW-Milwaukee, 2 p.m.**
- 5 **Saluki Baseball vs. UW-Milwaukee, 2 p.m.**
Saluki Softball vs. Indiana State, (DH) noon
Shryock Auditorium presents: *Cherryholmes*, 7:30 p.m.
- 6 **Saluki Baseball vs. UW-Milwaukee, 1 p.m.**
Saluki Softball vs. Indiana State, noon
- 7 SIU Percussion Ensemble, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Saluki Baseball at SE Missouri State, 3 p.m.
- 9 Saluki Softball at Evansville, 5 p.m.
- 10 The SIU School of Music presents: the Civic Orchestra, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 **Saluki Baseball vs. Bradley, 3 p.m.**
SIU Class Ring Ceremony, TBA
- 12 **Saluki Baseball vs. Bradley, 2 p.m.**
Saluki Softball at Drake, (DH) noon
Theta Xi Variety Show, Shryock Auditorium, 5 p.m.
Super Student Honors Banquet, Student Center Ballrooms, TBA
- 13 **Saluki Baseball vs. Bradley, 1 p.m.**
Saluki Softball at Drake, noon
- 15 **Saluki Baseball vs. SE Missouri State, 3 p.m.**
Shryock Auditorium presents: *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 **Saluki Softball vs. Evansville, (DH) 4 p.m.**
- 17 The SIU School of Music presents: the Symphonic Band, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Saluki Baseball at Wichita State, 7 p.m.
- 19 Saluki Baseball at Wichita State, 2 p.m.
Saluki Softball vs. Creighton, (DH) noon
Shryock Auditorium presents: *Gypsy*, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Saluki Baseball at Wichita State, 1 p.m.
Saluki Softball vs. Creighton, noon
- 22 **Saluki Softball vs. Tennessee-Martin, (DH) 3 p.m.**
The SIU School of Music Faculty Piano Recital featuring Jungwha Lee, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Saluki Baseball vs. Missouri, T.R. Hughes Stadium, O'Fallon, Mo., 6:30 p.m.
- 23-27 *The Full Monty*, McLeod Theatre, Wed.-Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.
- 24-26 *Why Not Rule the World: An American Romance*, Kleinau Theatre, TBA
- 25 Saluki Baseball at Northern Iowa, 6:30 p.m.
AGO: Annual Artist Subscription Recital, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Saluki Baseball at Northern Iowa, 2 p.m.
Saluki Softball at Missouri State, (DH) noon
Lincoln Academy of Illinois Convocation, Shryock Auditorium, free, 5:30 p.m.
- 27 Saluki Baseball at Northern Iowa, 1 p.m.
Saluki Softball at Missouri State, 2 p.m.

- 29 Saluki Baseball at Illinois, 6 p.m.
- 30 Saluki Baseball at Murray State, 3 p.m.
Saluki Softball at Illinois, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Performing Culture Spotlight Performances, Kleinau Theatre, TBA

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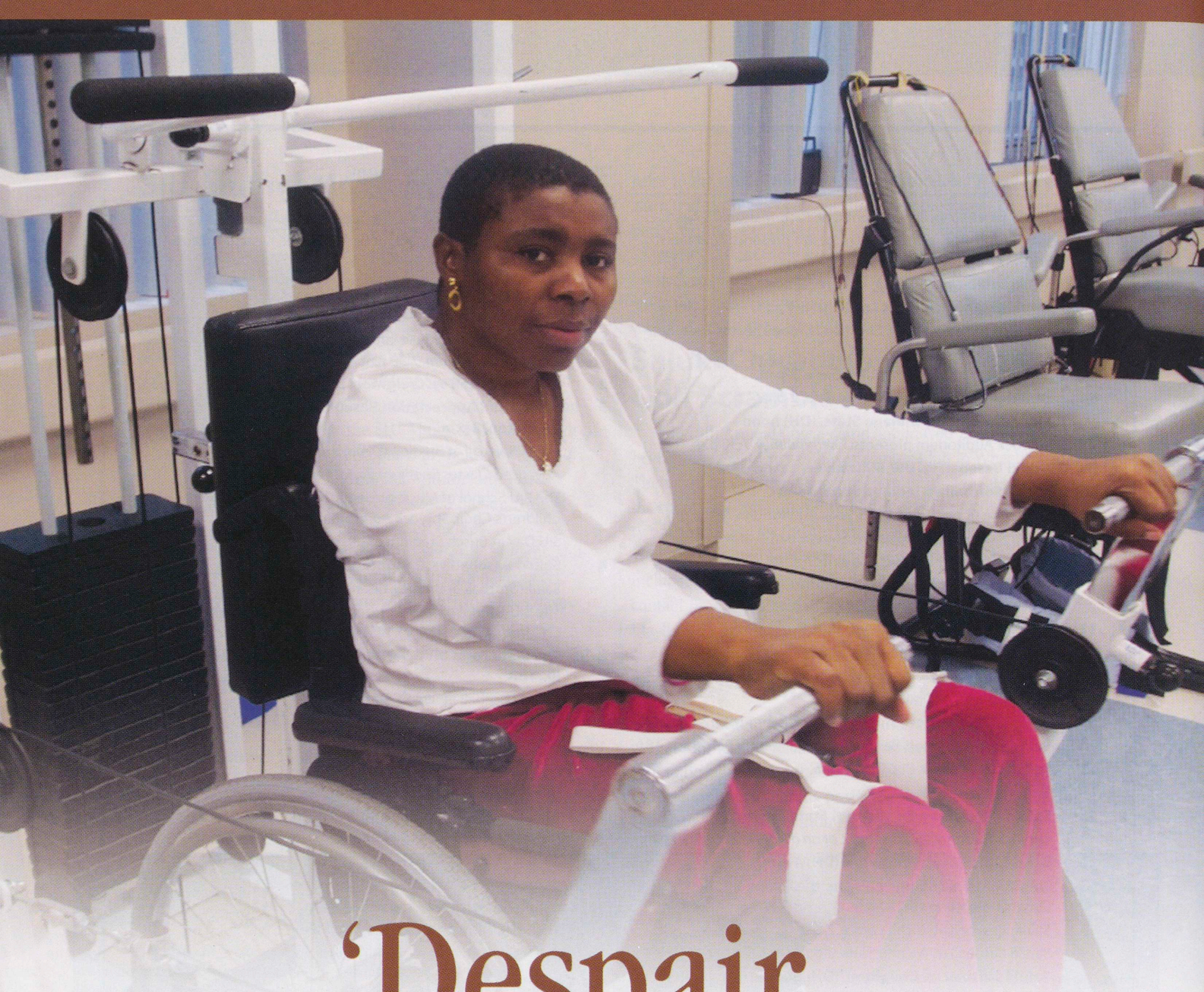
- 1 The SIU School of Music presents: The SIU Choral Union, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 2 **Saluki Baseball vs. Creighton, 3 p.m.**
- 3 **SIU Alumni Appreciation Baseball Game, Salukis vs. Creighton, 2 p.m.**
Saluki Softball at Bradley, (DH) noon
Advanced Classes Spotlight Performances, Kleinau Theatre, TBA
The SIU School of Music presents: The Southern Illinois Children's Choir, Shryock Auditorium, 3 p.m.
SIU Day at Busch Stadium
- 4 **Saluki Baseball vs. Creighton, 1 p.m.**
Saluki Softball at Bradley, noon
- 5 The SIU School of Music presents: The Southern Illinois Children's Choir, Shryock Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- 8-10 **The State Farm MVC Softball Tournament, Carbondale, Ill., TBA**
- 9 Saluki Baseball at Illinois State, 6 p.m.
Commencement, TBA
- 10 Saluki Baseball at Illinois State, 2 p.m., CT
Commencement, TBA
- 11 Saluki Baseball at Illinois State, 1 p.m.
- 13 Saluki Baseball vs. St. Louis, GCS Ballpark, Sauget, Ill., 7 p.m., pre-game alumni event planned
- 15 **Saluki Baseball vs. Evansville, 3 p.m.**
- 16 **Saluki Baseball vs. Evansville, 3 p.m.**
- 17 **Saluki Baseball vs. Evansville, 1 p.m.**
- 21-24 The State Farm MVC Baseball Tournament, Wichita, Kan.

JUNE

- 7 7th Annual SIU Family Day, White Sox vs. Minnesota, U.S. Cellular Field, Chicago, Ill., Game time 6:05 p.m., pre-game event time TBA
- 12 2nd Annual SIU Day with the Miners, Miners vs. Midwest, Rent One Park, Marion, Ill., Game time 7:05 p.m., pre-game event time TBA

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 26 Greater Michigan Picnic
- Aug. 8-17 Illinois State Fair, Springfield, Ill.
- Aug. 15 Saluki Oasis
- Aug. 22-Sept. 1 Du Quoin State Fair
- Sept. 13 Saluki Football at Northwestern Tailgate
- Sept. 20 31st Annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field
- Sept. 27 Saluki Family Weekend
- Oct. 11 Homecoming Weekend
- Nov. 22 Saluki Football at Illinois State Tailgate



‘Despair Takes Too Much Energy’

SIU Doctoral Candidate Counts Blessings
While Trying To Overcome Spinal Injury

by Bonnie Marx

Stella Iwuagwu works on a motorized electrical bicycle that sends electrical stimuli to the legs, helping to revitalize neural pathways and redevelop atrophied muscle. Obtaining the piece of machinery, which is not available in the Carbondale area, is one of the goals of the fund-raising effort to help her after a near-fatal auto accident in Nigeria.

Fresh out of school in her native Nigeria, Stella Iwuagwu years ago plunged into the real world eager to fulfill her childhood dream – nursing.

A “sickly” child, Stella grew up the oldest of eight children and poor in inner-city Abuja, “a very poor place,” she says. “But poor is relative.”

Her family considered themselves fortunate to live in their tiny home with one bathroom and 20 occupants. Her father, she says, instilled in each of his children the belief that, “If you are rich and your neighbor is poor, then *you* are poor.”

All of Stella’s siblings except one earned college degrees. But she was the oldest, the first one out of the gate, the one who was determined to be the kind of nurturing healer that she had encountered in childhood, when she suffered from a chronic condition that caused other children to ridicule her.

At her first job, Stella found deplorable, unimaginable conditions – no running water, patients being threatened and beaten by the staff, garbage piled in the halls, hospitals that had no drugs or surgical gloves, workers who hadn’t been paid in nine months. Patients who expected amenities like soap or cotton balls were expected to furnish their own or go without.

“I saw mean, horrible, unprofessional things,” Stella recalls, but she would later discover the hospital was no different from other public hospitals in the country. The rest of the staff (80 percent of the nurses were untrained) didn’t take kindly to her trying to disturb the status quo and set about making her life miserable.

Stella transferred to one of the scarce private hospitals where there was air conditioning and “it didn’t smell,” but she found that patients’ rights were still nonexistent and the medical staff unprofessional.

Although, she was earning enough

money every month “to take care of the entire health care needs of several villages,” Stella was desperately unhappy. Conditions were more sanitary, but only the wealthiest could buy treatment for HIV. Doctors turned the rest away for fear of infection.

Nigeria, one of the world’s poorest countries, is home to nearly one out of every 11 people who have HIV or AIDS. “Poverty is to blame (for the HIV problem),” Stella says. “There are no effective systems of health information, health education, and health care.”

Forty percent of the health professionals there believe that it’s possible to determine a person’s HIV status by looking at him or her. People are tested for HIV without their permission and confidential medical information is freely spread. Condoms are inaccessible or unaffordable, thanks largely to the government ruling that says that promoting condoms indirectly legalizes fornication and adultery.

Stella took as many of those rejected patients to her own home as she could, “because they had nowhere else to go.” But even humanitarians are ultimately only human, and eventually Stella says she “broke down. I couldn’t cope.”

Instead of going crazy, Stella got going and created the Center for the Right to Health, a nongovernmental organization dedicated to changing the way health care is delivered in Nigeria by promoting respect for ethics and human rights in health care policies and procedures. (See a comprehensive look at the Center for the Right to Health at www.crhonline.org.)

Opportunity came knocking in the form of an award funded by Oprah Winfrey: a full scholarship to earn her master’s degree in health education at New York University.

In 2003, Stella and her two children, now ages 13 and 15, arrived in Carbondale to continue her quest in higher education.

Since arriving at Southern, Stella has traveled the world seeking funding for “my child,” the CRH, the entity that will be her life’s work. During her periodic trips to Nigeria, she is so engulfed in running the center, which now has three locations, and researching her dissertation, which concerns women living with HIV and what kinds of decisions they’re making, that she doesn’t even have time to visit family.

‘The Best Ph.D. In The Country’

As Stella Iwuagwu completed her master’s degree at New York University, she began searching for a university to work on her Ph.D. in health education.

She had traveled from her homeland under the auspices of the Oprah Winfrey Scholars Program for African women. The need-based scholarship allowed her to study at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University.

The Nigerian native checked out both Harvard and Penn State for doctoral programs, but didn’t bother submitting applications once she heard about Southern Illinois University. “SIU has the best Ph.D. in the country,” she says.

Trouble was, she had no idea where Carbondale was located, other than in Illinois. She enlisted the help of a friend – a professor in Michigan – who offered to meet her in Chicago and drive her down.

He thought they were going to the University of Illinois.

They discovered that once they reached Champaign, they still had another three to four hours of travel time. But as they neared Carbondale, Stella began to fall in love with the beautiful country she saw all around her. A student here since 2003, she and her children are living in the first home they’ve ever owned. One of her brothers lives with her as well and is a student at SIU.



It was a day for celebration when Iwuagwu completed a two-month stint at the St. Louis Rehabilitation Institute.

When Stella went to Nigeria last September, she was particularly concerned about the center's latest project, one that she calls "Health on Wheels." She wants to outfit an RV to travel to remote areas, providing health care at rural and hard-to-reach locations, and she needs money to do that.

Then came the awful irony: there was a horrible, roll-over-multiple-times crash and Stella's spine was severely injured. The good Samaritans who came to her aid followed her instructions about moving her. By the time she was admitted to a general hospital a couple of days later, she could still raise her legs.

At the national hospital in Abuja, a doctor confirmed her fears – a paralyzing injury to the spine. The doctor admitted she needed surgery, but the hospital had no neurosurgery equipment. The paralysis had grown to chest-high.

The surgery that might have averted the tragedy didn't happen until almost a week after the accident, after friends, family, and colleagues rallied to send her

to Ghana, where hospitals actually had neurosurgery equipment and doctors to perform surgery. There were four more surgeries before they were able to get Stella back home to Carbondale and into a St. Louis hospital.

Today Stella spends most of her time in her small bedroom, straps attached to her legs so she can move them, although it exhausts her to do so. In the face of staggering medical costs, she is nearing

the lifetime limit on her only insurance policy – the one offered to students – and still is responsible for the 20 percent co-pay.

She pays the entire cost for her pharmaceuticals, which only slightly abate the constant pain. She goes to physical therapy often, but some equipment she needs isn't available in southern Illinois.

Stella has the potential and the commitment to walk again (with a body brace), but it's going to take intense therapy. The piece of equipment she needs most is a motorized electrical bicycle, the RT300, a device that send electrical stimuli to the legs, helping to revitalize neural pathways and redevelop atrophied muscle. It costs about \$15,000.

There are bright spots and hope for some recovery. Stella delightedly wiggles the toes on one foot for a visitor to see, proving that her back muscles are healing.

"The nerves are waking up," she says. "I need to get my muscles strong and ready. If I had the money, I'd be doing rehab full-time."

Sometimes even Stella, who says she's never lacked optimism, finds tears springing to her eyes. She briefly allows them to take over, but then shakes herself out of it: "I'm *not* going to cry," she declares. "I'm going to count my blessings. Despair takes too much of your energy."

You Can Help ...

Stella's continuing recovery will require resources – to allow ongoing therapy, to retrofit her home, to pay massive medical bills, to purchase specialized equipment, such as an adaptive vehicle she can drive with her hands, and to cover living costs for her and her two children.

If you are interested in contributing to her cause, monetary contributions may be mailed to the Stella Recovery Fund, c/o The Bank of Carbondale, 216 E. Main St., Carbondale, IL 62901, telephone 618-529-8734.

If you're interested in helping with the effort, call John Holmes at 618-529-8734 (home), 997-9196, ext. 838, or e-mail him at Holmes35@msn.com. Interested parties also may contact Khaleelah Muta-Ali, at 618-203-2825 (cell) or 618-549-2181 (home), or at khaleelahma@juno.com.

Stella herself may be reached at 618-203-0926 (cell), 618-351-9291 (home), or e-mail at iwuagwu@yahoo.co.uk

Alumni Deaths Spring 2008

DODSON, Ruth S., '26
11/07/07, West Frankfort, Ill.

MUSGROVES, Luella F., '28
12/09/07, Murphysboro, Ill.

PRIBBLE, Olive E., '28
11/05/07, Lansing, Mich.

BAKER, Louise Abbott, '31
12/13/07, Golconda, Ill.

HECKEL, G. Phil, ex '36
01/28/08, Carterville, Ill.

HOLDEN, William W., ex '37
04/01/82, Carterville, Ill.

BURNISKI, Adam A., '38
05/04/96, Collinsville, Ill.

DOWNEN, Max R., '38; M.S.Ed. '62
12/28/07, Ridgeway, Ill.

SCHERRER, Ruby, ex '38
12/04/07, Shawneetown, Ill.

TAYLOR, Mabel S., '38
10/26/07, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

JUNGERS, Sarah L., '39; M.S.Ed. '61
10/29/07, Anna, Ill.

SCHULZ, Harriette B., ex '39
11/16/07, Naples, Fla.

SCHWARZTRAUER, George E., ex '39
01/07/08, O'Fallon, Ill.

KLEIN, Betty L. Morris, '40
10/02/07, West Chester, Pa.

RATHJEN, Elizabeth E., ex '40
01/15/08, Big Rapids, Mich.

ARMISTEAD, Joseph D., '41
01/20/08, E. St. Louis, Ill.

MCNEILL, Dorothy A., '41
12/03/07, Shelby Township, Mich.

RELLEKE, Carrie M., '41
12/26/07, Fairfield, Ill.

HARRIS, Rev. Sampson H., '42
11/19/07, Nashville, Tenn.

HOUGH, Howard E., '42
12/11/07, Glen Carbon, Ill.

JOHNSON, Julian, ex '42
11/27/07, Glenview, Ill.

MARTIN, Josephine McCall, '42
12/03/07, Goreville, Ill.

ZIMMER, James R., ex '42
01/18/08, Carbondale, Ill.

BUTLER, Walter W., ex '43
12/22/07, Mascoutah, Ill.

LIGON O.D., Dr. Ralph, '43
10/15/07, Discovery Bay, Calif.

NEWCOM, Myrl E., '43
11/04/07, Fairfield, Ill.

TAYLOR, Helen M., ex '43
11/06/07, Vienna, Ill.

CAVENDER JR., Drue E., '44
01/02/08, Raritan Township, NJ

HENDERSON, Margaret K., '46
05/14/07, Alexandria, Va.

PIERSALL, Claude F., '46
12/11/07, Marion, Ill.

HARKER, Carol T., '47
11/16/07, Murphysboro, Ill.

HICKAM, Barbara L., ex '47
08/01/06, Washington, Ill.

LUTTRELL, Georgia B. Gher, '47
12/08/07, Springfield, Ill.

SAUERBRUNN, Ph.D., Robert D., '47
11/13/07, Seaford, Del.

SNYDER, William E., ex '47
01/26/08, Marion, Ill.

THOMASSON, Shirley S., '47
01/19/08, Carbondale, Ill.

TREECE, Robert M. "Bob," '47
01/30/08, West Frankfort, Ill.

WISEK, Elizabeth A., ex '47
11/05/07, Marion, Ill.

BARGER, William J., ex '48
10/28/07, Red Bud, Ill.

ROWE, Mildred Bayliss, '48
01/26/07, Eldorado, Ill.

GETTINGS, Norman K., '49
08/29/04, Lakewood, Colo.

LEVREAU, Rosemary B., '49
11/29/07, New Cumberland, Pa.

STONE, Ph.D., Bob D., '49
11/04/07, Ballwin, Mo.

CARMODY SR., Robert W., '50
01/19/08, Springfield, Ill.

DUNCAN, Mayon L., ex '50
11/14/07, Colp, Ill.

CRAIG JR., John H., '50; M.A. '55
04/12/07, Marion, Ill.

DYCUS, Charles E., '50
12/28/07, Upper St. Clair, Pa.

MONTGOMERY, Aubrey A. "Bud," M.S.Ed. '50
11/29/07, Naylor, Mo.

WEBB, Margaret, ex '50
11/15/07, Jefferson City, Mo.

DICKERMAN, Dr. Charles E., '51; M.A. '52
12/26/07, Downers Grove, Ill.

MIDDENDORF, Robert L., '51
10/21/07, Paris, Mo.

PROCTOR, Robert L. "Bob," ex '51
01/18/08, Zeigler, Ill.

VERBLE, Carl E., '51
01/02/08, Fortville, Ind.

BUNTING, Dallas R., ex '52
12/17/07, Lubbock, Texas

SPANGLER, Col. Billy E., '52
11/19/07, Boerne, Texas

BROWN, Robert "Bob" Wilson, '55
01/10/08, Carbondale, Ill.

FINKE, Carris R., '55
12/17/07, Metropolis, Ill.

BONER, Charles H., '56
10/22/07, Parkville, Mo.

BROCK, Ph.D., Larry D., '56; Ph.D. '67
12/25/07, Scottsdale, Ariz.

McGOVERN, Rebecca M., '56
11/17/07, San Juan Bautista, Calif.

MOORE, Merwin W., '56
01/21/08, East St. Louis, Ill.

MORRIS, Evelyn M., ex '56
10/19/07, Benton, Ky.

MOYE, Rev. Harold William, '56
10/31/07, Athens, Texas

SLIMACK, Joe, '56
05/01/04, Belleville, Ill.

BEASLEY, Mary B., '57
09/10/07, Galesburg, Ill.

CRUISS, Mildred "Judy," '57
07/25/07, St. Petersburg, Fla.

FOLEY, Donald F., '57
10/19/07, Clearwater, Fla.

MEYER, Evelyn L., '57
11/19/07, Lincoln, Ill.

QUAYLE, Robert W., '57
11/27/07, Olney, Ill.

STOTLAR, Emily L., M.S.Ed. '57
01/11/08, Marion, Ill.

ROWDEN, Albert W., '58; M.S.Ed. '59
12/29/07, Granite City, Ill.

VON TUNGELN, Marilyn Burris, ex '58
12/10/07, El Paso, Texas

GADERT, Larry D., '59
06/07/99, Springfield, Ill.

STEGMAN, Jerry L., M.S. '59
12/01/03, Albuquerque, N.M.

KOCH, Mary B., '60
12/10/07, Centralia, Ill.

MESSAMORE, Alice Gladson, M.S.Ed. '60
01/18/08, Pinckneyville, Ill.

SAUERWEIN, Charles "Charlie" W., '60
08/18/07, Brimfield, Ill.

SCHIMPF, Charles D., '60
11/25/07, Du Quoin, Ill.

TALFORD, Mary L., '60
01/22/08, Sherman, Ill.

BULLOCK, Ronald R., '61
01/09/08, Carlyle, Ill.

DOUGLASS, Tedra M., '61
08/03/01, Norris City, Ill.

FOLKERTS, George W., '61; M.A. '63
12/14/07, Auburn, Ala.

HILL, Rosalind E., '61
01/28/08, Colp, Ill.

JENKINS, Lois D., '61; M.S.Ed. '71
10/28/07, Benton, Ill.

LORTON, F. Jay, '61
11/16/07, New Berlin, Ill.

MACE, Donald R., '61
01/23/08, Benton, Ill.

ROTHMAN, Glenn S., M.A. '61
11/28/07, Delaware, Ohio

RUSSELL, Capt. Paul D., '61; M.S. '69
11/27/07, Makanda, Ill.

SKELTON, William R., '61; M.S. '64; Ph.D. '86
01/03/08, Marion, Ill.

VANLANDINGHAM, Gerald D., '61
2001, Carlsbad, N.M.

WOOLDRIDGE, James "Mike," '61
12/19/07, Conroe, Texas

ANDERSON, Mary R., '62
12/27/07, McClure, Ill.

HUGHES, Thomas R., '62
01/01/08, Collinsville, Ill.

KESSEL, Louise M., '62
01/27/08, Campbell Hill, Ill.

Howard Hough, 87, Former Board Member

Former SIU Alumni Association National Board Member Howard Hough died recently at age 87 in St. Louis. The 1942 Southern



graduate served the Association Board in various capacities from 1984-93. He was chairman of the organization's publications committee and a member of the athletic committee during his full tenure.

Hough, a former football player at Southern, was presented the "2001 Alumni Achievement Award For Service at Southern." This honor each year recognizes exemplary service to the Association and the University.

Col. Bryan Gallagher, 46, Edwards Air Force Base

Air Force Col. Bryan Gallagher, 46, commander of California's 95th Air Base Wing at Edwards Air Force Base, died recently after losing consciousness outside the base fitness center. The 1986 SIU alumnus earned a bachelor's degree in industrial technology from SIU Extension in Cambridge, England.

The 28-year military veteran served in the Persian Gulf during the 1991 Gulf War and in Afghanistan after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. He was awarded the Bronze Star medal.

LAM, Larry M., '62
12/11/07, Winchester, Va.

VANDOREN, Arley L., '62; M.S. '69
12/11/07, Medora, Ill.

KINDER, Merrill J., '63
06/02/03, Kingston, N.C.

KWENSKI, Bradley J., M.S.Ed. '63
03/19/07, Sarasota, Fla.

PEPLOW, Jolyn "Jody" Underwood, '63
11/16/07, Buffalo Grove, Ill.

ANDERSON, James R., '64
04/25/07, Vienna, Ill.

DYKEMA, Dorothy E., M.S. '64; M.M. '84
12/17/07, Lisle, Ill.

FIGARI, Richard L., '64
07/10/06, Worth, Ill.

HOLLAND, James D., '65
12/30/07, Indianapolis, Ind.

KEELER, Max E., M.F.A. '66
05/19/07, Columbia, Mo.

KELLY, David M., '65
1996, De Soto, Ill.

OEXEMAN, JoAnn E., '65
09/09/07, Willowbrook, Ill.

TEASDALE, Robert L., '65
10/09/07, Framingham, Mass.

FORREST, Ronald J., '66; M.S. '69
11/16/07, Beaver, Utah

OLTMAN, Darrell L., ex '66
11/26/07, Bartonville, Ill.

PEDTKE, Dorothy A. Holston, M.S.Ed. '66; Ph.D. '79
01/16/08, Centralia, Ill.

WELLS, David M., '66
11/30/07, Carbondale, Ill.

REITZ, Stanley J., '67
11/30/07, Kentwood, Mich.

DEWESE, Larry A., M.A. '68
10/21/07, East Alton, Ill.

HESS, Ronald D., '68
12/9/07, Wichita Falls, Texas

KEETON, Dennis C., '68; M.S.Ed. '71
05/03/02, Spring, Texas

BARRY JR., Lawrence E., M.S. '69; Ph.D. '70
10/10/07, Malden, Mo.

REYNOLDS, Faye Davis, '69
01/08/08, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

GORTON, Alfred A., '70
07/24/07, Cape Coral, Fla.

GRAUL, Marjorie "Margie" J., '70
12/02/07, Carterville, Ill.

RICHARDS, Daniel C., '70
04/18/06, River Forest, Ill.

SMYERS JR., Cmdr. Charles W., M.S.Ed. '70
10/03/07, Northfield, Vt.

STIEGMAN, Finas L., M.S.Ed. '70
12/18/07, Murphysboro, Ill.

BARBOUR II, Fredric L., '71; M.B.A. '73
01/22/08, Champaign, Ill.

MCHEWITT, Earl R., M.A. '69; Ph.D. '71
11/05/07, Huntington, W.V.

OSTEWIG, Patricia M. "Pat," '71
12/19/07, West Dundee, Ill.

SONNTAG, Vance R., '71
11/27/07, Manhattan, Ill.

BYRUM, Mark M., '72
01/07/06, McKees Rock, Pa.

POWERS, Ruth A., '72
11/26/07, Manito, Ill.

REIMAN, Dale W., '72, M.B.A. '85
11/24/07, Murphysboro, Ill.

BAAAS, Roxy J. Mitchell, '73
09/29/07, Newburgh, Ind.

BUSCH, Keith W., '73
01/05/08, Tucson, Ariz.

CONNELLY III, Archie L., '73
1998, San Francisco, Calif.

FRANKLIN, Barbara J., '73; M.A. '78
10/23/07, Los Angeles, Calif.

KOONTZ, Joseph H., '73
01/26/08, Carbondale, Ill.

KRAUSS, Nancy J. Hayes, '73
11/22/07, Belleville, Ill.

POPE, Richard, M.B.A. '73
11/25/07, Opelika, Ala.

REIMAN, Susan J., '73
12/12/07, Chester, Ill.

SINKS, Norma "Lee," '73
11/15/07, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

BOOKER, James L., '74
11/05/07, Du Quoin, Ill.

COOPER, Raymond H., '74
01/16/08, Marion, Ill.

DOLGOVSKIJ, Annemarie, '74
05/29/07, Moundsville, W.V.

HAIRE, James B., '74; M.S.Ed. '76; Ph.D. '81
10/28/07, Springfield, Ill.

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

1960s

John Paul Eddy Ph.D. '68 hosts a five-day-a-week local television program on Channel 25, a public access channel in Denton, Texas. He interviews national, state, county and city leaders on important civic and political issues. Eddy is a professor emeritus of counseling, development and higher education at the University of North Texas.

Bill Moss '68, M.P.A.D. '80, who has been Marcos Island's (Fla.) first and only city manager for 10 years, has accepted an invitation to become city manager of the city of Naples, Fla. While in Carbondale, Bill served as assistant city manager and later went on to become city manager for North Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Atlantic Beach, Fla.

Steve Hancock '69 is director and editor of *The Road Beacon* (www.roadbeacon.org) and also a sales executive with Travelers Insurance. He'll be retiring from the insurance business in the next 18 months, but continuing with The Road



Beacon, a non-profit corporation dedicated to the promotion of motor vehicle and highway driving safety, with the goal of helping to reduce fatalities and injuries and to show compassion to families and friends who lose loved ones in the crashes. The publication goes to members of Congress and state legislatures, the White House, departments of transportation, state and local police chiefs, governors and mayors, traffic engineers, urban planners, professors, and the news media.

Jimmy E. Michael '69, M.S. '71 is CEO and founder of the

Sunflower Land Trust, a not-for-profit trust for land that promotes, for the benefit of the general public of the state of Kansas, the acquisition, preservation, conservation and management of resources that

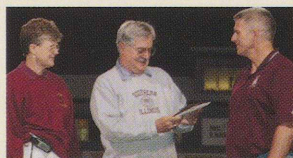


encourage preservation of natural resources in the state. He is also the creator of the first In

Lieu Fee Mitigation Program in Kansas. That program is a one-of-a-kind agreement between Sunflower Land Trust and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that allows the applicant to use the SLT as an agent for mitigation associated with wetlands and streams that fall under the jurisdiction of the corps. Jimmy and his wife, Patricia, live in Wichita.

1970s

Last fall Mount Carmel (Ill.) High School honored **Bob Livingston '73, M.A. '76**, sports editor at the *Mount Carmel Daily Republican-Register*, for 25 years of covering the school's athletic activities. Livingston began his career in 1978 at his hometown paper, the *Flora Daily News-Record*, and was retained when



that paper was purchased by the *Daily Clay County Advocate Press*. He also worked in Sidney, Neb., before going to Mount Carmel. He is shown here (center) with his wife receiving the award during a presentation at a Mt. Carmel sporting event.

John Eyth '74 is a partner at Zumbahlen, Eyth, Surratt, Foote, Flynn LTD, Certified Public Accountants in Jacksonville, Ill. Last October Eyth was appointed to serve on

the MacMurray College Board of Trustees in Jacksonville; he continues to serve on the board of directors of Jacksonville Savings Bank and the government executive committee of the Illinois CPA Society. He and his wife, **Linda Eyth '73**, live in Jacksonville.

Wayne Wiegand Ph.D. '74, a professor in the College of Information at Florida State University, has published a

book, *Books on Trial: Red Scare in the Heartland*, co-authored by his wife, Shirley Wiegand. The book is published by University of Oklahoma Press. During the 2008-2009 academic year, Wayne will be using a recently awarded National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship to write a book tentatively titled, *A People's History of the American Public Library*. The couple lives in Tallahassee.

Tally Named CEO Of The Year By Atlanta Publication

Through his team-building, values-based management style, **James E. Tally '65, M.S.Ed. '71, Ph.D. '77**, "an executive who has made Children's Healthcare of Atlanta a model of compassion, excellence and unparalleled care," is being honored as CEO of the Year by *Business to Business* magazine, one of Atlanta's leading business publications.

Child magazine ranks Children's Healthcare as one of the nation's top 10 children's hospitals. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks it among the top pediatric hospitals, and Children's is the first and only pediatric health care system in the nation to rank among *Fortune* magazine's "100 Best" employers.

Much of the credit for that successful venture goes to Tally, a three-degree graduate of SIU, a distinguished alumnus, and a proud life member of the SIU Alumni Association. As president and CEO of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Tally oversaw the merger of Egleston Children's Health Care System and Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center in February 1998. He led a successful integration of key system support areas, including financial and satellite operations, a call center, human resources, marketing, public relations, and care support.

Tally also oversaw the agreement between Children's and Grady Health System to manage operations at Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital in 2006.



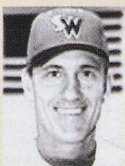
From left, Aflac CEO Daniel Amos presents the award to Jim Tally.

Mary Whitler Baskerville

'75, Will County bureau chief at *The Daily Journal*, a newspaper in Peotone, Ill., writes that she's managed to have a 30-year career in journalism while raising four children on a cattle and grain farm in Manhattan, Ill. She credits her journalism instructors – Bill Harmon, George Brown, Harry Stonecipher – for preparing her well. Mary's youngest daughter is an SIUC freshman who plans to major in geography and environmental science.

When viewers hear a mention of the Salukis on Tampa Bay's WTSP-TV Channel 10, it's probably coming from **Dave Wirth '76**, anchor and reporter for WTSP since 1984. Wirth co-hosts "Life Around the Bay," a daily 4 p.m. newscast that features offbeat features and community news. One of his fans, another Saluki, wrote to tell us about Wirth. **David Steck '92**, who works in marketing for United Health Care in Tampa, tells us that Wirth "is very well known here and is rather popular. Just this evening (Jan. 3) he mentioned the Salukis on TV."

Former Saluki baseball standout **Neil Fiala '78** was recently inducted into two halls of fame in a one-month period. The current Southwestern Illinois College head baseball coach was inducted into the St.



Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame and then later last summer was honored as one of only 21 players

on the All-Time Junior College World Series Team. He also is a member of the Southwest Kiwanis of St. Louis Hall of Fame and the Vianney High School Hall of Fame. Fiala played in the College World Series for SIU in 1977 and then played in the Major Leagues for the St. Louis Cardinals and Cincinnati Reds in 1981. He recently completed his 15th season as head baseball coach and assistant athlet-

ics director at SWIC and has a 554-283 record, the most wins by any coach in school history.

For the second year in a row, *Radio Ink*, one of the most respected magazines in the radio industry, has named **Brad Dubow '79** one of the best managers in radio. Dubow, vice president and general manager of Regent Broadcasting in El Paso, Texas, is one of 10 selected nationwide in the medium market category. Dubow, a native of the Chicago area, lives in El Paso with his wife, Susan. They are the parents of five children.

1980s

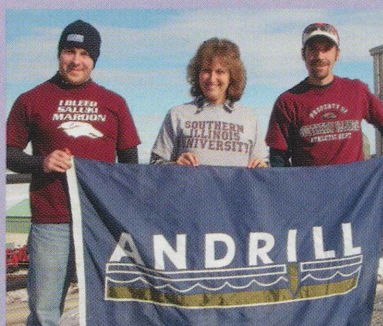
Landscape architects and contractors from Hursthouse Inc., a residential design/build landscape architecture firm in Bolingbrook, Ill., were featured on a segment of "Landscapers' Challenge" on the Home and



Garden Television network (HGTV) in November. **Bob Hursthouse '80**, president of Hursthouse Inc., competed on the show by designing a landscape for a single-family home in Arlington Heights, Ill. Hursthouse Inc. is an award-winning landscape architecture and contracting firm that has served clients in Illinois and the Midwest since 1990. Bob and **Robbi (Yoss) Hursthouse '80** live in Naperville. Robbi, co-founder of Hursthouse Inc., is a horticultural therapist. The two met when both were plant and soil science students at SIU and have been married for more than 25 years.

Salukis In The Antarctic

Antarctica is the coldest, driest place on the planet with temperatures that can plummet to -90° Fahrenheit, but never let it be said that Salukis can't be found at the farthest reaches of the earth. The multinational group of more than 200 scientists, students, and educators are part of the



ANDRILL SMS (Antarctic geological DRILLING at Southern McMurdo Sound) studying Antarctic climate evolution. Pictured are (from left), **Phillip Szymcek '03**,

M.S. '05, a doctoral candidate in geology at Florida State University and an assistant curator for ANDRILL; **Louise Huffman '73** of Naperville, retired teacher in Illinois public schools and ANDRILL coordinator for education and public outreach; and **Scott Ishman**, associate professor of geology. Not shown but also working in Antarctica are **Kevin Bliss '88** and **Michael Madigan**, professor and distinguished scholar of microbiology.

Michael Wynne '81 has been named a partner in Reed Smith's state tax practice in its Chicago office. Reed Smith, one of the 15 largest law firms in the world, has 1,500 lawyers in 21 offices on three continents (www.reedsmith.com). Wynne brings 23 years of experience in state and local tax litigation planning, policy, and regulatory matters, and previously headed the state and local tax practices at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, Baker & McKenzie LLP, and Deloitte & Touche LLP. Wynne also served as general counsel to the Illinois Department of Revenue, acting chief, and deputy chief of the Illinois Attorney General's Revenue Litigation Division.

Sheri Luecking '82, M.S.W. '88 was named the Illinois School Social Worker of the Year for 2007. She has been a social worker for 18 years and assistant director of a statewide network, Positive Behavior

Interventions and Support. She is a social worker at Perandoe Special Education District in Red Bud, Ill. She lives in Belleville and is part of a family of Salukis, including her daughter, **Jennifer Brenningmeyer '02**; her parents, **Maxine '54** and **Don Hood '54, M.A. '57**; her maternal grandfather, the **Rev. Martin P. Schroedel '48, M.S.Ed. '50**; and her uncle, **Martin R. Schroedel '54**.

Rick Navarre '82 has been named president and chief commercial officer of Peabody Energy Corp., the world's largest private sector coal company. Navarre has been chief



financial officer since 1999 and has 25 years of varied financial and business management experience. In his new role, Navarre has executive responsibility for Peabody's global sales and trading; business develop-

ment; strategic planning, generation and BTU conversion initiatives; resource development opportunities; international growth initiatives, including China; business performance and investor relations and corporate communications. With corporate offices based in St. Louis, Peabody coal products fuel approximately 10 percent of all U.S. electricity generation and more than 2 percent of worldwide electricity. Rick and his wife, Judy, live in Chesterfield, Mo.

Robin Bartolo A.A.S. '83, '84 is an account executive for the new World Jewelry Center in Las Vegas, Nev. The center, with about one million square



feet of mixed-use space, will be one of the largest jewelry hubs on the planet. The Las Vegas center will combine corporate offices of domestic and international gem and jewelry companies in an iconic, state-of-the-art trade tower adjacent to a spectacular freestanding gallery of retail jewelry stores. Bartolo, a native of Belgium, previously was director of sales and marketing for Gemological Institute of America Instruments.

Carolyn Vieth Boyles M.B.A. '84, a long-term spinal cord injury survivor, has written a book that will be an invaluable resource for anyone



touched by spinal cord injury, *A Complete Plain-English Guide to Living With a Spinal Cord Injury*. It offers a survivor's perspective on the physical and emotional journey from the time of injury, through the entire recovery process, and on to living a full and happy life. Boyles lives in Arkansas and is a consultant to the Traumatic Brain Injury and Spinal Cord

Injury Team of the Delaware Coalition for Injury Prevention. The book is available at www.Amazon.com.

Leo Bodensteiner M.A. '86, Ph.D. '91, an associate professor of environmental science in the Huxley College of the Environment at Western Washington University in Bellingham, was recognized with an Excellence in Teaching Award during WWU commencement ceremonies in June. Bodensteiner's area of expertise is fish, their habitats and stream ecology. Last summer, for the fourth consecutive year, he co-taught a class on the art, science, and ethics of fly fishing for both university students and middle-schoolers.

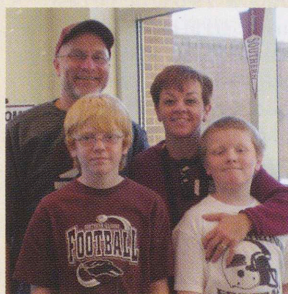
Marnie (Bullock) Dresser '86, M.A. '90, professor of English at the University of Wisconsin-Richland, has been named a UW System Wisconsin Teaching Scholar for 2008-2009, the only faculty



member from the 13-campus UW system to receive the competitive award. As a recipient, Dresser will undertake a scholarly project aimed at advancing understanding of what works to improve student learning. She plans to complete a book now in progress, *Playing With Academic Freedom*, which will include her original one-act play, "Academic Freedom," short essays, and discussion questions related to the play, and a recommended reading list. Among themes addressed in the play are professional ethics, student ethics, and issues related to the free and open exchange of ideas. Dresser, a native of Opdyke, Ill., has taught English composition, literature and creative writing at UW-Richland since 1992. She and her husband, Nathanael, live in Spring Green, Wis., as do her parents,

Everett '76, M.P.A. '86, and **Ann Bullock '86, M.S.Ed. '88.**

Joel Lovelace '86, M.P.A. '88 got to watch the football Salukis romp to a 45-27 win at Hampton, Va., on Nov. 17, ending their regular season with a



10-1 record and heading to the playoffs. Joel, his wife, Beth Arthur, and their sons, Kenneth and Stephen, also attended pregame festivities.

1990s

Kenneth H. Hannah '90, chief financial officer for MEMC Electronic Materials in St. Louis, Mo., was featured on the cover of the September issue of *Treasury and Risk* magazine



and named one of the magazine's "Top 40 Executives Under 40." Hannah is a member of the SIU College of Business Hall of Fame and serves on the dean's external advisory board there. A Royalton native, Hannah lives in St. Louis with his wife, Amy, and their five children.

Brent Buzbee '91 is director of communications and



technology for USA Volleyball, overseeing all Internet and network communications, external publications, and media relations. The U.S. Volleyball Association, which hopes to be recognized as the world leader in volleyball, is

the national governing body for the sport in the U.S. and is recognized by the Federation International de Volleyball and the United State Olympic Committee. Brent and his wife, Stacey, live in Colorado Springs, Colo., with their three children Logan, Kelsey, and Anderson. Brent joined the organization, which is responsible for the development of U.S. national volleyball teams, in 1998. He was formerly assistant director for membership services at the Volleyball Coaches Association.

Adel Al-Waguyan M.B.A. '92 has been named Kuwait's secretary general for the Supreme Council for Planning and Development. He will also continue his work as vice dean for consultation, training and labs and director of the Center of Excellence at the College of Business Administration at Kuwait University. Al-Waguyan joined Kuwait University in 1998 and was promoted to dean in 2002.

Danette (Cook) Craig '92 is an accounting manager in the St. Louis office of Clayco, a full-service real estate development, design and construction firm with annual revenues of \$640 million. In her new position, Craig handles monthly accounting functions for several construction projects, manages cash and prepares financial statements, and handles monthly accounting, assisting with audits, tax returns, and budgets. Craig, who has more than 14 years of accounting experience, was previously a senior staff accountant with Taylor Morley Homes. She and her husband, **Gary Craig '86**, live in St. Charles.

Carol Burkhead-Fox '93 teaches seventh and eighth grade special education at



Central Junior High in Belleville, Ill. Carol is married to Davanon Fox and they are

the parents of two sons, Dalton, 9, and Dylan, 6.

Tim Kratochvil '96 has been a teacher and head baseball coach at Taylorville (Ill.) High School for the past nine years. The former Saluki baseball all-conference catcher played two years of professional baseball in the Boston Red Sox organization before beginning his teaching and coaching career at Genoa Kingston High School. Tim and his wife, **Wendy (Maroscia) '96**, have two children, Jack, 5, and Luke, 3. Wendy is an emergency room

nurse at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. They live in Taylorville.

Jane Kratochvil M.B.A. '97 works out of both Los Angeles and Chicago. She's a consultant in technology for the Los Angeles school system and also works with consulting company Infinite Connections Inc. She lives in Mount Olive, Ill.

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Christopher Kleinlein '04 is interactive sales manager for Regent Communications of El Paso, Texas, which includes KLAQ-FM, KSII-FM, and KROD-AM. His job responsibilities include monetizing radio station Web sites and managing streaming audio content. He previously worked with



DiscoverPlaces at SIU's Dunn-Richmond Center, the company that built the DiscoverSIL

Web portal for WSIL-TV. Chris' boss is Saluki **Brad Dubow '79**.

Mallory Flinn '05 is a designer for Directions in Design Inc. in St. Louis. In her new position, Flinn works in the company's residential and commercial groups, handling design scheme coordination and selections, space planning, budgeting and specifications.

Before joining DID, Flinn was an architectural technician with Eggenmeyer Associate Architects

in Carbondale. She also has worked with Crawford Design and Brady Design in Philadelphia.

Julie Hoscheidt '06 is a media planner at HIP Advertising in Springfield, Ill. Hoscheidt, a native of Aledo, Ill.,



formerly was a media associate for Starcom Worldwide in Chicago, where she worked on such accounts

as Kellogg's Frosted Flakes and ESPN. She is the daughter of **John Hoscheidt '76**, general manager and owner of WRMJ radio in Aledo and a star on SIU baseball teams in the early 1970s, and **Joann Hoscheidt '79**, a teacher in the Rockridge school district in Taylor Ridge.

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HISER, David M., '74
11/13/07, Murphysboro, Ill.

LUCAS, Thomas G., '74
06/17/07, Raleigh, N.C.

WEBER, Leonard A., '74
10/11/07, Sun City West, Ariz.

MAREK, Mark L., '75
10/8/07, Valparaiso, Ind.

PARRAN, Gregory A., '75
10/30/07, Oak Park, Ill.

STORTZ, Leslie A., '75; M.S. '76
09/09/03, Longmont, Colo.

ARNOLD, Michael S., '76
12/01/07, Wentzville, Mo.

BRANDT, Deborah L., '76
12/07/07, Gurnee, Ill.

GENZ, Michael G., '76; M.S. '78
10/12/07, West Des Moines, Iowa

HENDERSON PH.D., Robbye J. Robinson, Ph.D. '76
10/06/07, Itta Bena, Miss.

HOLDING, Bruce J., '76
11/9/07, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

SNIPES, Charles W., '77
10/23/06, Ridgeville, S.C.

CARLSON, Claire L., '78
12/20/07, Missoula, Mont.

DAVIS, Edward L., '78; M.S. '87; R.H.D. '97
12/07/07, Murphysboro, Ill.

SIGLER JR., William F., '78
11/11/07, Winter Haven, Fla.

WILLIQUETTE, Brian A., '78
01/05/07, Chicago, Ill.

FRANKE-HAIDA, Lisa K., '79; J.D. '82
12/28/07, Belleville, Ill.

GILES JR., Ethridge "Billy" J., '79
12/6/07, Willingboro, N.J.

PITTS, Howard J., J.D. '79
10/29/07, Wausau, Wis.

ANDREWS, Paul E., Ph.D. '80
01/08/08, Chattanooga, Tenn.

GASSER, Arthur R., '80
12/01/06, Sparta, Ill.

RAI JR., Pradeep B., '80
07/28/07, Jamaica, N.Y.

HALL, Gerald T., '81; M.S.Ed. '86
01/05/08, Caseyville, Ill.

JIBBEN, John J., '81
11/04/07, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

JONES, Theodore "Ted" B., '81
08/24/07, Bonney Lake, Wash.

KAAEKUAWHIWI, Capt. Ronald Y., '81
03/02/04, Mission Viejo, Calif.

MILLER, William H., '81
10/21/07, Wautoma, Wis.

WILCOX, Matthew T., '81
12/24/07, St. Louis, Mo.

CRAMER, Brent M., ex '82
11/27/07, Chicago, Ill.

DELFANI, Jamshid, '82
2004, Highland Park, Ill.

HINSON, Steven D., '82
10/5/07, McCook, Neb.

JOHNSTON, William C., '82
11/06/07, Anchorage, Alaska

DAUGHERTY, Marty J., '83
12/31/07, Peachtree City, Ga.

PATTON, Annabelle L., Ph.D. '83
01/16/08, Springfield, Ill.

COUNSELL, Lee A., M.A. '84
12/31/07, Carbondale, Ill.

MELVIN, Paul R., '84
12/09/07, Du Quoin, Ill.

SCHULTZ, Jeffrey P., ex '84
12/27/07, Bellvue, Colo.

SYMONDS, John S., '86
11/23/07, Highland Park, Ill.

ALLEN, Nathaniel "Joe," ex '87
12/07/07, Joliet, Ill.

DOWER, James H., '87
05/01/05, Antioch, Ill.

HALE, Stanley J., M.A. '90
11/13/07, Carbondale, Ill.

NORTHROP JR., Dr. Lawrence E., '90
04/01/07, Starke, Fla.

PERRIN, Steven W., Ph.D. '90
10/25/92, East Alton, Ill.

WELSH, Ernest M., '91
12/25/07, Norwich, Conn.

APIGO, Arthur C., '92
11/01/94, San Diego, Calif.

CLARK, Johnny M., '92
05/23/05, Byers, Colo.

RENELLA III, Carmen J., '92
10/18/07, Highland, Calif.

WARD, Cynthia S., '92
11/02/07, Harrisburg, Ill.

OLDHAM, Ruth H. Gray, '93
10/28/07, Eldorado, Ill.

GLUS, Kimberly J., '94
01/12/08, St. Charles, Mo.

WALKNER, Pamela J., '96
12/6/07, Sacramento, Calif.

ALIGOOD, Cdr. Joseph W., '97
12/14/07, St. Mary's, Ga.

IMES-RARDIN, Melissa A. M.M. '97
04/15/99, Discovery Bay, Calif.

EBERHARDT, Mitchell E., '00
12/22/07, Sullivan, Ill.

HUSK III, Floyd A., '02
10/01/07, Orange Park, Fla.

CRAIG, Michael G., '06
01/15/08, Lake Villa, Ill.

HORTON, Julie A., '06
12/21/07, Antioch, Ill.

BOOTH, Alex J.
10/18/07, Quincy, Ill.

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University Housing, Bldg. Service Worker
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01/18/08, Murphysboro, Ill.

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10/17/07, Carterville, Ill.

DAVIS, Judith Ann
Emerita Civil Service, Acct. Tech III
01/20/08, Jacob, Ill.

HIGGERSON, Lillian M.
Emerita Civil Service, Linguistics
Stenographic Secretary IV
12/30/07, Cartersville, Ill.

HIGHLEY, Evelyn M.
Emerita, School of Medicine
10/25/07, Springfield, Ill.

INGRAM, Lillian L.
Emerita Civil Service
Physical Plant, Bldg. Service Worker
01/18/08, Murphysboro, Ill.

JACOBSON, Judith J., Ph.D. '07
Counseling Center, Professional Psychology Intern
12/15/07, Galveston, Texas

KINSEY, William "Alfred"
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University Housing, Bldg. Service Worker
01/08/08, Marion, Ill.

KRAMER, Jeanette A.
Civil Service, Medical Assistant
School of Medicine
10/26/07, Springfield, Ill.

LACEY, Vestrice P. Jeffro, ex '88
Counseling Center, Typing Clerk
12/14/07, Carbondale, Ill.

MARCEC, Mona R., '65; M.S.Ed. '78
University School, Assistant
10/29/07, Carbondale, Ill.

MC GEE, Dausie L.
Emeritus Civil Service
Physical Plant, Maintenance Laborer
11/22/07, Marion, Ill.

MOORE, Violet, '53; M.S. '62; Ph.D. '73
Instructor & Academic Advisor
11/14/07, Bankston, Fla.

ROBINSON, Leona Edna Miller
Student Health Programs, Medical Radiographer
10/30/07, Decatur, Ill.

THOMPSON, Dr. Julius E.
Black American Studies, Associate Professor
10/26/07, Columbia, Mo.

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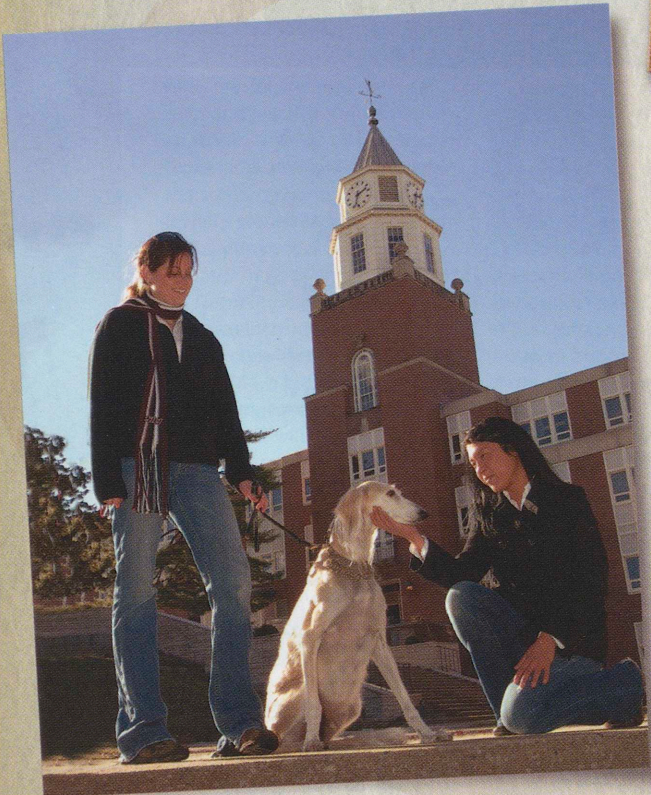
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In 1951, the newly named Southern Illinois University voted to adopt the Saluki as its official mascot, replacing the “maroons.” King Tut, shown here with Marilyn Leibig (left) and Norma Jo Rushing on the steps of what was then known as University School, became the first mascot for SIU.

These days Salukis still have the run of campus. Here Shannon Roth (left) and Lori Trevino cozy up to “Durango” on the steps of Pulliam Hall.



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The Life Member Who Once Proved Bucky Wrong

There may be no more intoxicating feeling in the universe than having a genius admit he is wrong and you are right. That's precisely what happened to Joe Clinton M.S. '66, a design scientist who counts himself among R. Buckminster Fuller's former friends and colleagues.

Clinton didn't even know Fuller when he first came to SIU on an assistantship with engineering and applied sciences. But he needed more money, so he signed on for a NASA research grant at SIU. "I managed to get involved with that," Clinton says. "Bucky was the adviser, and eventually I took over the whole project."

During his six years at Southern as a graduate assistant and instructor, Clinton spent a lot of time trying to convince Fuller of a concept relating to "the close packing of spheres." (*Southern Alumni*, for the record, does not pretend that we – word people that we are – fully understand most anything Clinton endeavored to explain about this concept!)

According to Clinton, it has something to do with "polyhedrons as single planes, so when you make a connection from one plane to another, by rotating and translating the form, the tetrahedron will not give you a closed circuit."

Hugely inaccurate as that quote may be, the fact remains that Clinton was not deterred in his belief that this tetrahedron rightfully belonged in a group that Fuller had identified. He "got into a very long discussion" with Fuller on the subject in the early 1960s, his first year on campus.

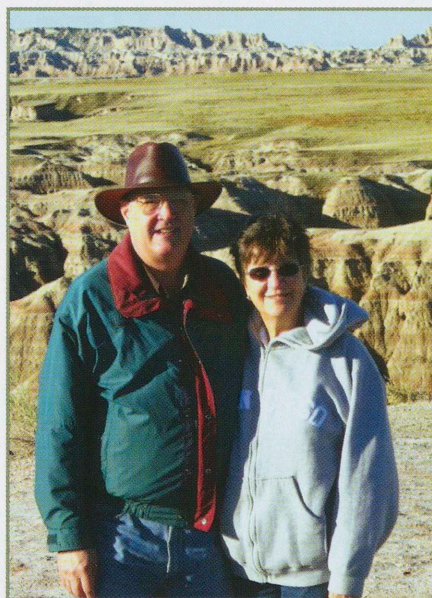
"I tried to explain it verbally, but it was difficult to communicate. So I went to the archives and got material from Bucky Fuller and Duncan Stewart and took them home and studied them," he remembers. Then he walled himself away at the NASA lab to build a model that demonstrated his concept. Once it was completed, he called Fuller to come over for a demonstration.

"When he saw the model, he looked at it and told me, *'You're absolutely right!'*"

"He had me in his grasp from then on," Clinton admits.

The SIU Alumni Association salutes this life member, who as a design scientist, has proven to be a star in his own right. Bucky Fuller and Joe Clinton – two free thinkers who both identify SIU as a major source of inspiration.

"SIU was one of the major influences in my life," Clinton says. "They were soft and wonderful experiences and I was fortunate to be a part of that. I've pretty well lost touch with most of the people I went to school with, but I'm more than interested in knowing where SIU is going, what it has done, and what directions it is taking."



Joe and Elberta Clinton are shown relaxing on vacation. Their family includes three daughters, three sons-in-law, and a "bunch of grandchildren."

Joe Clinton M.S. '66
Life Member
West Chester, Pa.



GameDay Goes To The Dawgs

With raucous SIU students on display – and a giant Chris Lowery head looming in the background – members of ESPN's College GameDay crew are shown having fun during a live telecast from the SIU Arena. The GameDay activity, featuring Southern's basketball game with Creighton, put the University on the national stage on Jan. 26. From left, ESPN's Rece Davis, Hubert Davis, Digger Phelps, and Jay Bilas appear to enjoy the wild atmosphere, which was later accentuated with a 48-44 Saluki win. This was the first time ESPN had ever originated GameDay from a non-BCS school, but it appeared to be a great decision. "SIU's crowd was as good as any group we ever see," Phelps said after the game. "It was fun to see the excitement in Carbondale this weekend."


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