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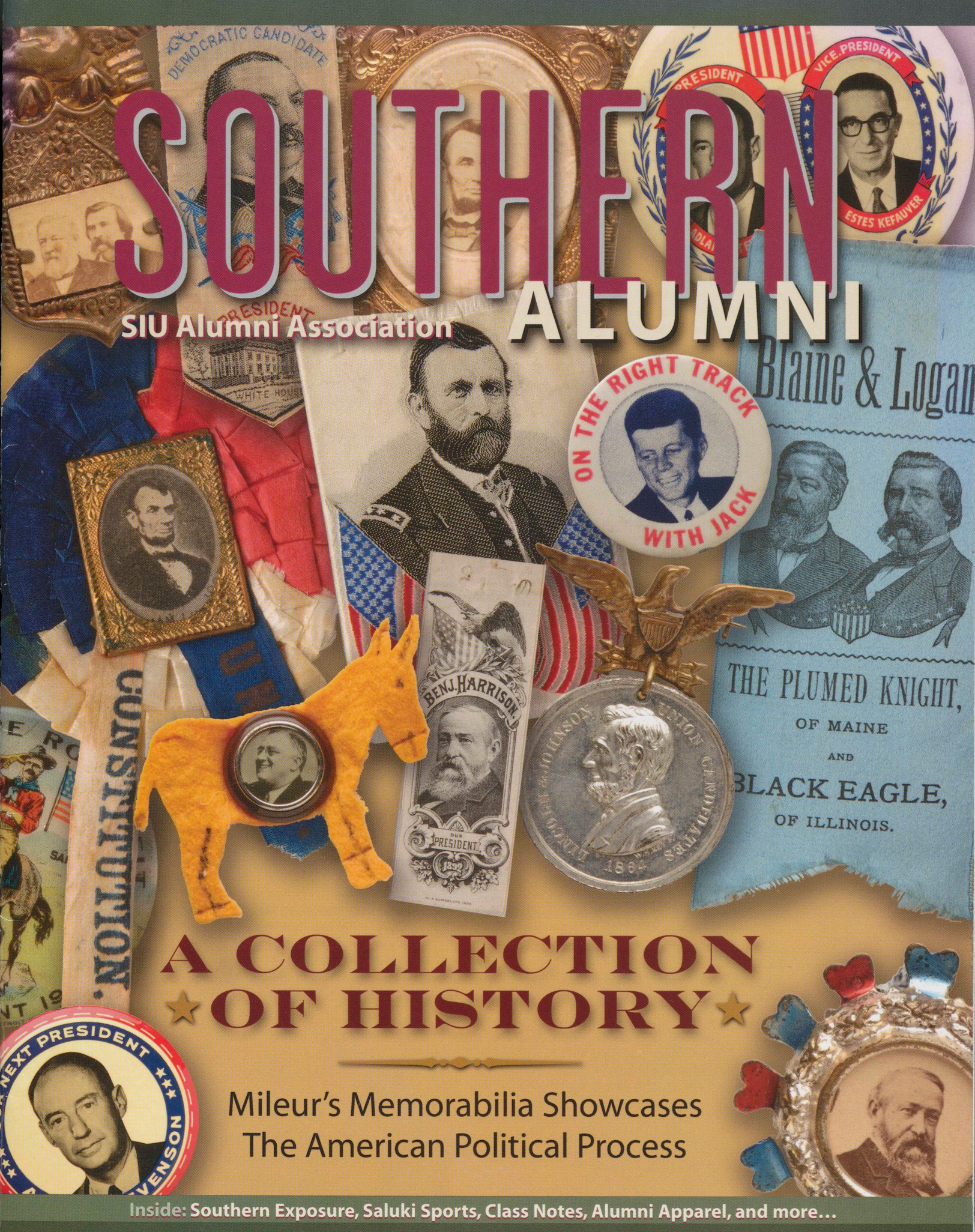
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# SOUTHERN ALUMNI

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## A COLLECTION OF HISTORY

Mileur's Memorabilia Showcases  
The American Political Process

Inside: Southern Exposure, Saluki Sports, Class Notes, Alumni Apparel, and more...

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# Campaign Success Marks A Beginning... Not An End

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Carbondale's first-ever comprehensive campaign was historic on many fronts. The University constructed its first building with private funds – Truett-Wittmann Academic and Training Center – with funds from Wittmann's \$4.5 million donation. The SIU School of Medicine opened the state-of-the-art SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute aided by a \$10.2 million commitment from John and Jayne Simmons and the SimmonsCooper, LLC.

Additionally, more than 67,000 donors contributed to the Opportunity Through Excellence Campaign for Southern, a six-year fundraising drive in support of the University's people, programs, and places. The campaign, which commenced in July 2002, successfully concluded six years later by raising more than \$100 million from private sources to create additional scholarships and graduate assistantships for students, embellish faculty positions, and enhance University programs and facilities.

"Everyone contributed to the success of this Campaign. Everyone had a role to play. From the students who appeared in our campaign video to the President and Chancellor who visited with alumni and donors to our deans and faculty who encourage former students to give," says Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation. "Our advancement staff worked diligently throughout this effort, and members of the University community served as volunteers and made donations through the family phase of the Campaign.

"Obviously, SIU alumni and friends responded in a big way to our first major effort to raise private funds. At a time when state support is diminishing, private support is required to fill the gaps. Our alumni, donors, volunteers, and advancement staff really came through. But we *still* have more work to do."

University officials echo McCurry's sentiment. Roger Tedrick, chair of the SIU Board of Trustees and a 1970 SIU Carbondale graduate, says alumni, donors, and volunteers must continue their support for the University to thrive in the future.

"Everyone who contributed to this successful Campaign can take pride in knowing they are making a difference at Southern. It truly takes all of us to move this University forward," he says. "We have a strong base of supporters who care deeply about this institution. SIU will continue to prosper as a result."

Marsha Ryan, a 1987 SIU Carbondale law graduate, served as national chair of Opportunity Through Excellence. Ryan says the Campaign's success demonstrates the difference alumni and donors can make at Southern. She encourages their continued generosity. "The success of this – our first major campaign – is due to the willingness of our alumni and friends to donate to a school near and dear to their hearts. They see the successes of the university and have stepped up generously to support it," Ryan says. "State funding continues to dwindle, so private support remains the best and surest way of guaranteeing that the university can do its work of education and research.

"The end of this campaign marks the beginning of the next. We must continue to raise friends and funds so the university can work its magic for generations of students to come."



The SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute consolidates most of the SIU Medical School's multidisciplinary cancer clinics, along with research and outreach services.

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## ON THE COVER

Some pieces from the Mileur Collection grace the cover of this edition. The collection can be viewed by alumni and friends at the University Museum through Nov. 4.

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### A Collection Of History

Jerome "Jerry" Mileur '55, Ph.D. '71, professor emeritus of political science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, spent most of his adult life compiling artifacts from every presidential election dating back to Andrew Jackson so he could use the material in the political science classes he taught. Now retired, he has donated the impressive collection to Southern. "It was going to U Mass or SIU," Mileur explains, "but U Mass has nothing like the Simon Institute and it made a lot more sense - besides, I'd rather have it at my alma mater."



### Leaving A Lasting Impression

Robert Paulson's landscape painting class at Southern Illinois University has been a fixture during the late spring in Union County since the 1970s. But this was the year he retired his paintbrush. He hopes, however, that the curriculum will continue without him, noting "the course never failed to have a lasting impact on those who experienced it."

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### No Stranger To Success

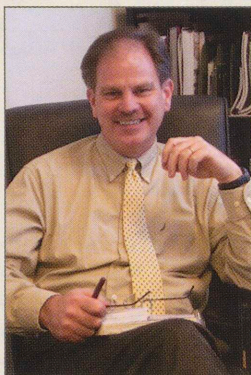
Dale Lennon has worked overtime to learn everything he can about Southern Illinois University football. Hired to replace Jerry Kill, the former University of North Dakota head coach hit the ground running in an effort to make a good program even better. "Saluki Football isn't broken," he points out. "I want to build on the success this program has already enjoyed and hopefully make it stronger."



### Giving Back To Southern

As a former statewide-appointed official, Randy Daniels is fully aware of budget issues facing public institutions. The former New York Secretary of State recently announced a commitment to assist his alma mater in conquering this challenge, donating \$100,000 to fund scholarships in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts. "My goal is to address two issues ... need and excellence," he says. "This is the basis upon which scholarships should be presented."

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by Gene Green

It's not often one has the opportunity to hold almost 200 years of history in one's hands, but recently I did just that. In preparation for this issue's cover story, staff writer Bonnie Marx and I went to the University Museum for a sneak peek at the Jerry Mileur Political Memorabilia Collection that was donated to Southern.

It was an experience I will long remember.

Museum Director Dona Bachman had the collection under lock and key, leading us to an archival room where such treasures are stored. As she began to pull out box after box of Mileur's vast collection, the scope of his compilation came into sharper focus.

My charge that morning was to sift through and select just a few of the buttons, ribbons, and lapel pins for transfer across campus, where they could be photographed for this issue of the magazine. Holding pristine items associated with elections from John A. Logan, to U.S. Grant, to Abraham Lincoln, my hands began to shake a bit. For a few hours, it would be my responsibility to make certain nothing happened to these irreplaceable items – some of which could be easily damaged.

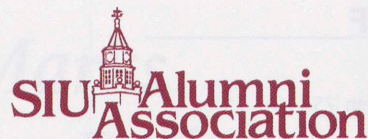
While such campaign buttons and the like are still produced today, they now serve more as souvenirs than a driving force of spreading the word about a candidate. That was, however, not always the case.

"These items were *extremely* important many years ago before modern forms of communication came into play," Mileur explained recently at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, the beneficiary of the collection. "This kind of thing served as a key marketing tool in the political process."

For Mileur, the donation stands as another act of generosity shown to his alma mater. A former board member for both the SIU Alumni Association and the SIU Foundation, he established the annual Morton-Kenney Public Affairs Lecture more than a decade ago to bring speakers to campus each year. He did so to honor two of his political science professors – Ward Morton and David Kenney – who inspired him as a student.

With the 2008 presidential election less than two months away, I hope you enjoy this gaze into political history through the story and images in your magazine. If you enjoy it and would like to see more, the collection will be on display free of charge at the University Museum through Nov. 4.

"It's a wonderful gift from one of the finest people I know," says PPI Director Mike Lawrence, "and reflects Mileur's great passion for politics and his love for this University."



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## An Old Arab Saluki Proverb

Our daughter, Sharon Kay Wilson '84, M.B.A. '87, presently lives in Saudi Arabia and is employed by Aramco (an energy corporation). Since she has been there, we have been receiving *Saudi Aramco World* magazine, and in a recent issue there was an article of particular interest to us, and we thought it might be of interest to other members of the Saluki family.

The article entitled "A King and Two Salukis," discussed Saudi Arabia's King Abd al-Aziz and his fondness for the breed. Although our interest in the dogs is based on their connection to Little Egypt and SIU, we found the article offered depth into the origin of the University's mascot.

As an old Arab proverb reads, "He is a gentleman. He grew up with the Saluki." *Nola Wilson Ex '46*  
*Robert Wilson '56*  
*Life Member*  
*Pearl Harbor, Fla.*

**Editor's Note:** To read the story, go to [www.saudiaramcoworld.com/issue/200803/a.king.and.two.salukis.htm](http://www.saudiaramcoworld.com/issue/200803/a.king.and.two.salukis.htm).

## Kelley Finds A Way To Make A Difference

Although it is always nice to read about SIU alumni excelling in their professions, it is even more satisfying to hear of one who changes the

lives of those around him. While the recent story on New Orleans Hornets announcer Sean Kelley featured a wonderful profile on this radio-television alum, I thought the best was saved for last.

The sidebar piece Gene Green wrote on Kelley reaching out to children battling serious health issues was one of the most touching articles I've seen in the magazine. If you didn't take the time to read "Mitch's Spot" in the June issue of *Southern Alumni*, I urge you to take a moment to revisit the publication and do so; you'll be glad you did.

A tip of my cap to Sean for taking the time to make a difference in the world around him. He made a lot of Salukis proud.  
*Charles Williams Ex '71*  
*Miami, Fla.*

## Burriss Story Brings Back Memories For Alumna

Reading recently in *Southern Alumni* about Roland Burriss, many memories came back to me. I taught with Roland's brother, Earl, for four years and taught one of his children during the late 1950s. Roland's roommate at SIU was my brother-in-law, Floyd Smith, who gave his all, but was unable to continue his education due to financial hardships.

I really appreciate the mentioning of his struggle and hope others can profit

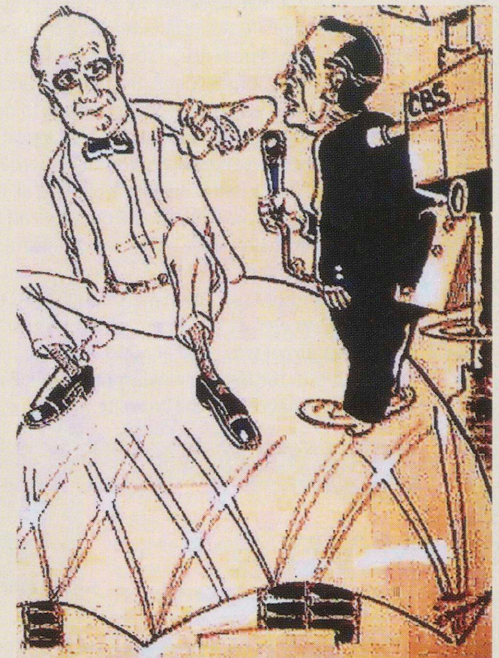
## Johnson Cartoon Illustrated The Cronkite-Fuller Interview

I am enclosing a photograph that I took of an original cartoon board drawn by SIU alumnus Charles Johnson when we were at the University in the 1960s. I was probably a senior when he was a freshman.

When Walter Cronkite was in town to interview Fuller for the show *21st Century*, I wrote an article for the *Daily Egyptian* and Charles did the cartoon for the publication.

I would be interested in seeing an archived copy of the article, and also would like more information on what has happened to Dr. Johnson. I still have this original drawing and would enjoy tracing the history of his current work and accomplishments back to this drawing.  
*Laurel "Fuzz" Werth '67*  
*Lincoln, Ill.*

**Editor's Note:** The accomplishments by Johnson '71, M.A. '73 are many. The 2004 SIU Distinguished Alumni winner is a literary critic, screenwriter, philosopher, international lecturer and cartoonist with more than 1,000 drawings published. He is currently the S. Wilson and Grace M. Pollock Endowed Professor of English at the University of Washington in Seattle, and you may visit his Web site at [www.oxherdingtale.com](http://www.oxherdingtale.com), or find additional information at [www.siualumni.com/distinguishedalumni](http://www.siualumni.com/distinguishedalumni) and [www.charlesjohnson.wlu.edu](http://www.charlesjohnson.wlu.edu). Southern continues to annually present "The Charles Johnson Student Fiction Award," a competition intended to encourage increased artistic and intellectual growth among SIU students, as well as reward excellence and diversity in creative writing. Each September, \$1,000 and a signed copy of a Charles Johnson book is awarded to the winner. The award is co-sponsored by Johnson, the Crab Orchard Review, and the SIU Department of English and College of Liberal Arts.



Charles Johnson's illustration shows Bucky Fuller being interviewed by Walter Cronkite, with the geodesic dome as the backdrop of the conversation.

from the importance of an education. SIU has come a long way, and with alumni members like Roland and

by working with diverse populations, it shall continue to grow!

*Louise Stewart '42*  
*Du Quoin, Ill.*

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Whether it's a romantic dinner for two or an important business meeting for 100, Mary's Restaurant in Herrin is the place to go for an elegant gourmet dining experience in southern Illinois. Located in one of Herrin's historic Victorian homes, Mary's Restaurant features a unique menu of items made fresh each day, from appetizers to desserts, that changes so often (depending on the variables of the season and market) that it is never written down and always presented verbally. Next door to the restaurant is Mary's Bed & Breakfast, offering all the services and amenities that upscale travelers expect. One suite and three rooms are available at the Bed & Breakfast, which are delightful combinations of antique and modern, comfort and luxuriousness. Owner **David Hays '97** offers SIU Alumni Association members 10 percent off on lunch or dinner entrees, as well as 10 percent off the regular room rate at the B & B. Mary's Restaurant is located at 509 S. Park Ave., Herrin, telephone 618-942-2742, with the Bed & Breakfast next door. E-mail [marysrestaurant@verizon.net](mailto:marysrestaurant@verizon.net) or visit the Web site, [marysfinedining.com](http://marysfinedining.com).



## The Bike Surgeon Wants To Earn Your Business

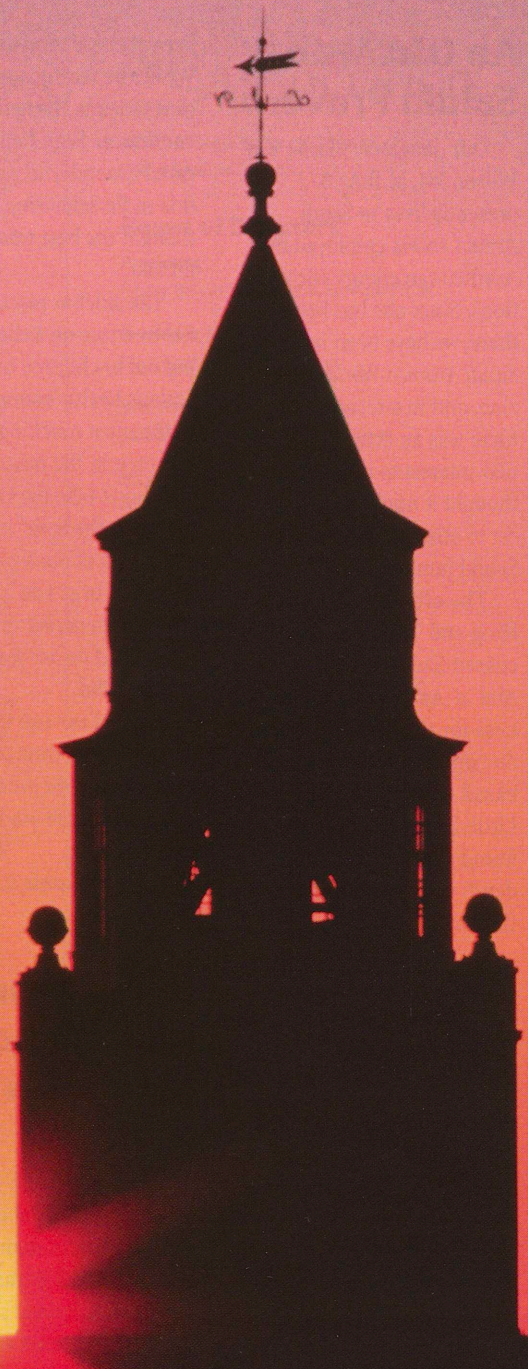
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David M. Wilson and Mary S. Wilson  
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## Bryson Retires From Southern

by Christi Mathis

**A** basketball scholarship brought Seymour Bryson to Southern Illinois University in 1955. He enjoyed a record-setting playing career and still holds the University's rebounding record. But, when he retired as associate chancellor for diversity on Sept. 1, Bryson hoped people will remember him for a legacy well beyond the basketball court.

"While I'm proud of my achievements in the area of athletics, I want my grandchildren and other people to know me for much more than that," says Bryson, three-year MVP, two-year team captain and one of the first few African-Americans to letter in basketball at Southern. "I've helped bring at least \$50 million in external grants to this University. I'm one of three African-Americans to progress from assistant professor to full professor here, the first African-American to serve as associate dean of a college, and the second of three African-American deans on this campus.

"I've been able to see the University from the traditional academic side as a professor and a collegiate dean and on the other hand, from the nontraditional side of diversity and equity," Bryson adds. "But what I'm proudest of is when I see students I've worked with over the years be successful. I'm excited to see many students leave here after going through our programs and be successful."

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When Interim Chancellor Samuel Goldman came to Southern in 1980, Bryson was the first person with whom he worked. "We have been friends and colleagues ever since," Goldman says. "He is a most devoted and dedicated Saluki and he has made significant contributions to the University and beyond."

A native of Quincy, Bryson is a three-degree alumnus of SIU, earning his bachelor's degree in social work in 1959, his master's in rehabilitation counseling in 1961

and his doctorate in educational psychology in 1972.

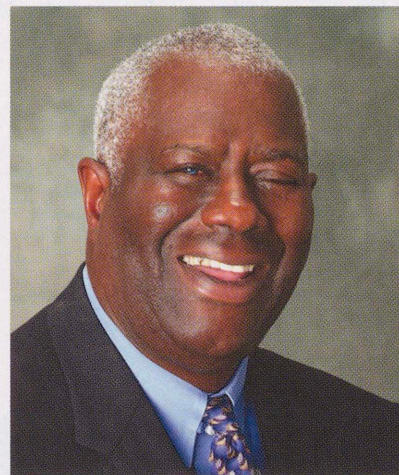
Bryson's tenure at the University encompasses numerous faculty and administrative positions. He served as assistant professor, associate professor, and professor at the Rehabilitation Institute; acting coordinator and coordinator of the Developmental Skills Program; and associate dean, acting dean, and dean of the College of Human Resources before it was disbanded in the 1990s.

The SIU Alumni Association life member has been the campus acting affirmative action officer, special assistant to the president for affirmative action, and director of the Center for Basic Skills, now the Center for Academic Success. He's been executive assistant to the chancellor and the president, and since May 1999, associate chancellor for diversity. As associate chancellor, Bryson has overseen affirmative action, the Center for Academic Success, the Career Preparation Program, Upward Bound, Future Scholars, Student Support Services, Head Start Program, Black Resource Center, Office of Diversity and Equity, and University Women's Professional Advancement.

Numerous awards and honors recognize Bryson's contributions. Winner of the 2007 Senator Emil Jones Mentoring Award, Bryson's honors also include the Introspect Access Award, the Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education, the School of Social Work

Alumni Achievement Award, and the Black Affairs Council Roby Given Award. The Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame inducted Bryson in 1992 and he's an inductee into the Quincy High School and SIU Halls of Fame. Bryson is a perennial honoree of "Who's Who Among Black Americans" since 1977.

The days of legal segregation and Jim Crow remain vivid memories for Bryson but he proudly notes, "Even then, SIU was proactive in addressing the principles of diversity and inclusion. I still see evidence



Seymour Bryson has been connected to SIU since 1955 when he first arrived on campus as a student.

today of that principle. Southern was a leader with a national reputation for diversity, particularly racial and ethnic diversity. Although change has come throughout the country, SIU remains a leader."

Bryson says retiring this fall seems quite apropos, as it nearly coincides with son Todd earning his master's, bringing to nine the number of Southern degrees earned by the immediate Bryson family. Wife Marjorie has two, daughter Keri Young has two, and children Todd and Robin each have one.

A connection that's grown for more than a half-century won't just end when Bryson retires though, he says. He plans to continue to work on behalf of the University in some capacity. Details are uncertain as yet regarding his new role, but he anticipates being involved with Project Hope and Opportunity, raising scholarship funds for students.

"I want to still be a part of SIU and help it retain its national reputation for being supportive of inclusion," Bryson says. "I approach my retirement with some ambivalence. There's a season and a time for all things and it's time for me to spend more time with my own family. But, all of my associations with this University have been positive.

"I'm pleased with what SIU has done for my family and me. I've had the benefit of being blessed to work with administrators who have encouraged and supported me and who have allowed me to implement and work in the areas I've found to be productive. They've let me do my job, and we've achieved a lot. I'm proud of this University and my association with it." ■

## Recent Graduates Give High Marks To SIU

**R**ecent graduates of Southern Illinois University Carbondale are finding well-paying, full-time work and give the University overwhelmingly good marks, according to a survey released this week.

The annual Baccalaureate Alumni Survey is accomplished through a cooperative relationship with the Provost's Office, Alumni Services, Institutional Research and Studies, Printing/Duplicating, and the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The survey asked graduates who received their bachelor's degrees in calendar year 2006 various questions about their experience at the University. The survey polled 3,681 former students one year after their graduation. Of that number, 1,212, or about 33 percent, completed the survey.

Of the returned surveys, 83 percent reported a "strongly positive" or "positive" attitude toward their alma mater, with 76 percent reporting similar feelings toward their major degree program in particular.

The respondents also indicated a great willingness to recommend Southern to others, with 96 percent reporting that sentiment. Fully 80 percent of those surveyed also reported they had achieved full-time employment. Their reported salaries equaled a median annual income of \$42,000.

The newly employed graduates also reported being satisfied with their careers. Of those surveyed, 90 percent said they were "very satisfied," "satisfied" or "somewhat satisfied" with their jobs. Almost three-quarters said their positions were either "closely related" or "related" to their majors, indicating most found work in their chosen fields. Another 14 said percent they were working in an unrelated field by choice.

Here is a percentage summary of responses to state-



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ments about the majors in which those surveyed either "strongly agreed" or "agreed":

- 95 percent: In general, the size of my classes in my major program was conducive to a quality educational experience.

- 94 percent: The faculty in my major program effectively communicated the subject matter.

- 94 percent: The faculty in my major program were very good instructors.

- 92 percent: Courses in my major helped me develop my ability to think critically.

- 92 percent: Courses in my major helped me develop my ability to communicate my ideas to others.

- 95 percent: The number of required courses in my major program could be completed in a reasonable amount of time.

- 92 percent: Classes in my major program were offered in a logical sequence.

- 89 percent: Classes in my major program were offered at convenient times.

- 92 percent: My program of study challenged me.

- 89 percent: There was improvement in my ability to write more clearly and effectively.

- 87 percent: Courses in my major helped me develop my ability to understand other people.

## On The Side

### Pfeffer Again Elected Foundation Board President

**P**amela Pfeffer, a Nashville, Tenn., resident, was recently elected to a second term as the SIU Foundation Board of Directors president. She began her service on the SIU Foundation board in 1995.



Pfeffer has also served on the steering committee for the "Opportunity Through Excellence Campaign for Southern." The capital campaign raised more than \$100 million in support of Southern, and she says raising private funds will continue to be a priority during her second term as Foundation president.

"Public funds are getting more limited, and the cost of education is escalating," Pfeffer says. "The only way to create more opportunities for students is to generate revenue via private donations. Alumni and friends of SIU are stepping up as this continues to be a major need."

Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and CEO of the SIU Foundation, says the organization is fortunate to have a leader like Pfeffer.

"Pam continues to serve as an outstanding leader on many fronts, including her involvement in this University's first-ever comprehensive campaign," McCurry says. "We are truly pleased and excited that she will continue serving as president for a second year."

Pfeffer and her husband, Phil, a former Foundation and Alumni Association board member, are life members of the SIU Alumni Association. They have three grown children, John-Lindell, James, and David, and three grandchildren.

### Merrill-Fink Named Director Of Honors Program

**L**ori Merrill-Fink, associate professor in the Department of Theater, is the new director of the Honors Program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The Honors Program at Southern is for students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Students in the program must take at least one honors course or seminar per semester and, those pursuing the "Honors Degree" option, must also prepare a senior honors project or thesis.



Among the benefits of Honors Program participation are honors designation on transcripts, access to specialized and graduate level courses, and such perks as first choice in University Housing and early registration.

Merrill-Fink was the associate director of the SIU Honors Program beginning in July 2006. She was the director of Outreach and Summer Programs for the theater department from 2000 to 2002 and served as chair of the department in 2002 and in 1999. She was also the managing director of the McLeod Summer

Playhouse in 1999. She remains active as a theater professional. In fact, she reprised a popular role as the lead in *Always, Patsy Cline* with the McLeod Summer Playhouse this season.

### Wife Of Late SIU President Walker Dies

Gwendolyn Walker, 66, whose late husband, James Walker was president of Southern Illinois University from 2000-06, died recently at the Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C. She had moved to Hillsborough, N.C., a year after her husband's death to be closer to family.

Walker was a board member of the Carbondale Women's Center, a supporter of the Southern Illinois Symphony, and had headed the University's "A Book in Every Home" program for several years. She also served as a Big Sister in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program at Southern Illinois Regional Social Services.

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## HOMECOMING 2008

### Main Events

#### Wednesday, October 8

7:00P Lecture with Ted Sorenson, author and speech writer for President John F. Kennedy, *Student Center, Ballrooms*

#### Thursday, October 9

4:00P – 7:00P Reception honoring alumnus Jerry Mileur, *University Museum, Faner Hall.*

#### Friday, October 10

8:00A – 12N SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting, *Student Center, Ballroom A.*

10:00A – 11:30A Class of 1958 Registration, *Student Center, Ballroom C.*

12N – 1:30P Lunch – SIU Alumni Association, SIU Foundation, 50 Year Class Reunion, *Student Center, Ballroom D.*

1:30P – 2:30P Class of 1958 - Guided Tour of Campus and Carbondale, *meet at front of Student Center.*

2:30P – 3:30P **Distinguished Alumni Recognition Reception**, *Student Recreation Center, 2nd floor, Alumni Lounge. Everyone Invited.* (A program of the SIU Alumni Association)

5:30P Half-Century Club/Class of 1958 Reception, *Student Center, John Corker Lounge.*

6:15P Half-Century Club Dinner, *Student Center, Ballroom D.*

7:00P Alumni Band Group. Marching Saluki Alumni invited to attend a reception in the *Student Center, Cambria Room, 1st Floor.*

#### Saturday, October 11

9:00A Homecoming Parade, *Downtown Carbondale.*

11:00A – 1:00P **Alumni Tailgate**, *SIU Alumni Association Tent, lawn east of McAndrew Stadium. EVERYONE INVITED!!*

**REGISTER AT THE TENT TO ENJOY A COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH PROVIDED BY THE SIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND SIU COLLEGES.**

1:30P **Homecoming Football Game – Salukis vs. Indiana State University**, *McAndrew Stadium. GO DAWGS!* Tickets \$19 adults, \$8 children and can be purchased by visiting the ticket window at Lingle Hall, Student Center 2nd floor, at the game, or by visiting [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

6:30P 37th Annual Miss Eboness Pageant, *Shryock Auditorium.* For tickets call 618-453-3478. (Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha)

**VISIT THE SIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TENT prior to the football game! Go to [sialumni.com](http://sialumni.com) for the complete and latest homecoming schedule.**

#### **University Bookstore:**

Hours are Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Discounts on SIU apparel with your Association membership card.

#### **Student Recreation Center:**

Alumni Special! FREE use of facilities. Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Free boat rental at Campus Boat Dock. For more information: 618-536-5531 or check out the Web site at [www.siu.edu/rss](http://www.siu.edu/rss).

#### **Student Center Bowling & Billiards:**

Alumni Specials! Bowling for \$1.75 per game, \$1.00 shoe rental and \$2.75 per hour billiards games. Friday, 9 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.; and Sunday, 12 noon – 11 p.m. For more information: 618-453-2803.

#### **University Museum:**

Thursday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Friday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

"Winners and Losers: The Presidential Campaign Memorabilia of Jerome M. Mileur"; The Quilts of Bessie Lutes; Josef Albers: Formulation, Articulation; A Warrior's Story: An Oglala Sioux Painted Buffalo Robe; SIMS' 1st Annual "Form, Fabricate, Forge"; Celebrating Latino Art, Carbondale Community Arts' 11th Biennial Exhibit [www.museum.siu.edu/current.html](http://www.museum.siu.edu/current.html)

# The Saluki Lumberjack

by Les Winkeler

Semantically, it doesn't seem like much of a leap from lumberjack to forester. The reality, however, is much different. Ben Vandermyde graduated from Southern Illinois University in June with degrees in forestry and administration of justice and put his lumberjack days behind him in order to pursue a career in forestry.

While an undergraduate at SIU, Vandermyde was an eager participant in the Forestry Club's lumberjack competition. "They asked me to help them out with an event," he says. "I wasn't really sure what I was getting into. I got out there and saw them chopping wood and running chain saws. I was hooked right away and started traveling with them."

The lumberjack skills Vandermyde honed through his years at SIU were more nostalgic than practical.

"I've learned about all these skills and techniques that sawyers and foresters would have to do," he says. "The skill and technique that lumberjacking takes is what everyone in the profession had to know."

It seems logical that the Morrison, Ill., native would put some of those skills to use in his new position as a Mississippi River forester for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Not so.

"There really is nothing I'm utilizing at work," Vandermyde explains. "I probably won't ever touch a saw on duty. I'm a land manager. I'm going out there and doing inventory." However, he doesn't feel learning the lumberjacking skills or competing in contests was a waste of time.

"When I'm up there doing that, I'm keeping the legacy around," he says. "Cutting through a tree with a long bow saw, that's unheard of any more. It's like a lost art. It really appealed to me."

Although Vandermyde plans to do a few exhibitions in the future, he put his competitive days behind him June 28 when he competed in the Stihl Timbersports Collegiate Series Championship in Columbus, Ga.

He qualified for the event last October while competing in the Collegiate Foresters Conclave.

Vandermyde was one of just six college students to advance to the competition. Although he finished sixth, Vandermyde was thrilled with his effort in the stock chain saw.

"I was really happy and excited about that," he says. "I was running within a second of what the pros were doing. It was like 10-11 seconds. I actually beat a handful of the pros. I was pretty excited about that."

"The competition was just incredible at the pro level. Just watching them rip through that wood, it was just amazing. How often do you get to go to a pro event and they are willing to talk to you and help you out? They were so laid back and so willing to share skills and techniques."

Vandermyde also competed in the underhand chop and single buck saw. "I love the competition," he says. "It is a sport I'm very interested in, alongside the history that goes with it."

"I really enjoy competing and cutting



Vandermyde makes sawdust out of a large log during competition in the Collegiate Series Championships held this summer.

through that wood. It really is an enjoyment. Every time I'm up there, I'm trying to beat my previous time."

Vandermyde says the competition was intense, but so was his first assignment with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was assigned to Mississippi River flood duty at Quincy.

"I put all my energy on the flood alert," he says. "This area down here was of very high concern. It was only a foot or two under what the 1993 flood did. I'll be doing flood clean-up for the rest of the summer, inspecting levees and recreational areas, picking up what the flood has done." ■

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## New Technology Will Enhance Coal Mine Safety

by Tim Crosby

Working in coal mines can be back-breaking labor, not to mention dangerous. But a new technology invented by researchers at Southern Illinois University Carbondale will make it easier for miners to ensure their safety as they brace the roofs of mine shafts.

The new method involves simple but specially designed stackable wood braces that are lighter and stronger than the conventional wooden blocks used by miners for centuries. Yoginder Paul Chugh, professor of mining and mineral resources engineering in the SIU College of Engineering, devised the materials with the help of several others.

The technology, which several area mines are testing, represents a major improvement over bracing and cribbing methods used by miners for more than 200 years, even though it uses the same materials and builds on the same concepts involved. If all goes as planned, the new technology will mean more jobs for southern Illinois, where some lumberyards already are experimenting with manufacturing the devices.

The new braces, called Atlas Cribs, are comprised of a mix of hardwoods and include a main lateral element made from a board with shorter boards nailed on both sides at both ends. The engineered braces hold many advantages over current methods for bracing roofs and seals.

First, Atlas Cribs are much lighter than the traditional six-inch square blocks of wood miners use now, making it easier for the miners to handle and stack them. Also, the wood grain orientation in the braces makes them stronger than the traditional methods. The new



Pulliam demonstrates the ease with which miners can handle the new support system.

brace design also makes it easier to circulate air around the cribs, which could cut down on one of a mine's biggest operating costs, circulating fresh air.

"Air has to circulate in a mine to dilute the methane gases and provide fresh air (to breathe)," Chugh explains. "Moving air through a mine is the sec-

ond largest energy consumer for a mine, next only to the transportation of coal out of the mine. That's a pretty substantial amount of energy you're spending on moving air."

The new cribbing system takes up 41 percent less area than existing ones and may be up to 50 percent more efficient in terms of airflow, Chugh says.

The new braces weigh 18 pounds, about half what a traditional cribbing timber weighs, meaning miners can also work faster. The lighter weight also means lighter work for the miners charged with building the cribs. Several former miners, Bill Bell, Harrold

Gurley, and John Pulliam, worked with Chugh on the design, with that perspective in mind. "Sometimes miners have to carry the timbers a couple of hundred feet before stacking them," Chugh notes. "So this will be easier on their backs."

Chugh began working on the concept about one year ago after experimenting with a brace made from manufactured wood products such as plywood. The economics of that concept did not work out, and driving back from a meeting in Harrisburg, Pa., the idea for an engineered natural hardwood brace took hold.

"I told the team to stop the car, I had an idea here," Chugh recalls. A year later, several mines are either testing or plan to test the method, using it to brace mine seals, which are critical stability points. At the same time, several local sawmills also are putting in bids to manufacture the braces, which they could then sell under license to mines throughout the Midwest.

Chugh feels the market potential – and potential to create more local jobs – is huge. "One local mining company uses 400,000 of these each year," he says. "The total demand within Illinois, Indiana, and western Kentucky is about 1.5 million a year." ■



Shown with Southern Professor Yoginder Paul Chugh (center) are, from left, Bill Bell, researcher, mining and mineral resources engineering; Joe Hirschi, project manager with the Illinois Clean Coal Institute; Harrold Gurley and John Pulliam, both researchers, mining and mineral resources engineering; Anna Harrington, specialist, SIU Coal Extraction and Utilization Research Center; and Francois Botha, director of the Illinois Clean Coal Institute.



# A COLLECTION ★ OF HISTORY ★

FOR SIU'S JERRY MILEUR,  
A DAZZLING COLLECTION OF POLITICAL MEMORABILIA  
HAS SERVED AS A GREAT TEACHING TOOL.

BY BONNIE MARX

Among the more than 1,500 items in the collection dating back to 1832 are a red, white and blue ribbon with a portrait of 16th president Abraham Lincoln that deals with his elections in 1860 and 1864, a vertical ribbon with likenesses of James G. Blaine and John A. Logan, Republican candidates for president and vice president in 1884, and a sentimental favorite for Mileur: the Adlai Stevenson for president button, which represents the candidate he supported the first time he voted. (Stevenson ran for president in 1952 and 1956.)



Jerry Mileur displays a handful of the items in his political memorabilia collection that he donated to the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at SIU. The University Museum will manage the collection for the Institute.

Collectors of political memorabilia most likely have a variety of reasons for amassing large collections of buttons, ribbons, posters, and the like. There are probably few, however, who do so because they want to use them as a teaching tool.

Jerome "Jerry" Mileur '55, Ph.D. '71, professor emeritus of political science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, spent most of his adult life compiling artifacts from every presidential election dating back to Andrew Jackson so he could use the material in the political science classes he taught.



## POLITICS AND BASEBALL – TWO OF MILEUR’S PASSIONS

As a professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Jerry Mileur taught courses on party and electoral politics in the United States and on 20th century American politics and thought.

The Salem, Ill., native earned a bachelor’s degree in speech communication from SIU in 1955, a master’s degree from the University of Illinois in 1958, and his Ph.D. in government from Southern in 1971.

Before joining the faculty at U Mass in 1967, Mileur taught at the Rochester Institute of Technology, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and at SIU. During his time at U Mass, he attained the rank of professor and chaired the Department of Political Science.

He also served as editor of *Polity*, the journal of the New England Political Science Association, and as president of that association. In 1997, U Mass awarded him a chancellor’s medal.

But government and politics was *not* to be his entire life.

Mileur is the former owner of the Harrisburg (Pa.) Senators, a minor league baseball team for the Pittsburgh Pirates. After 13 years of ownership, he donated 13 boxes of financial and operating papers pertaining to the team for historical research purposes at the Baseball Hall of Fame’s Cooperstown (N.Y.) library. The papers are the first of their kind in the Hall’s archive.

The Southern product has served on SIU Alumni Association board of directors, the SIU Foundation board of directors, and the SIU Liberal Arts Advisory Council. He is responsible for establishing the Ward Morton and David Kenney public affairs lecture series at the University, honoring his two favorite professors at SIU.

Now retired, Mileur is currently co-editor of a U Mass Press series on the political development of the American nation.

This Jerry Mileur bobblehead was created as a tribute for his retirement from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. It represents his two lifelong obsessions – politics and baseball.

After his retirement from U Mass, Mileur decided to donate his impressive collection so others could enjoy it and learn from it.

“They were either going to U Mass or SIU,” Mileur says, “but U Mass has nothing like the Simon Institute. It makes a lot more sense and besides, I’d rather have it at my alma mater.”

And at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, which is the recipient of the SIU Alumni Association life member’s

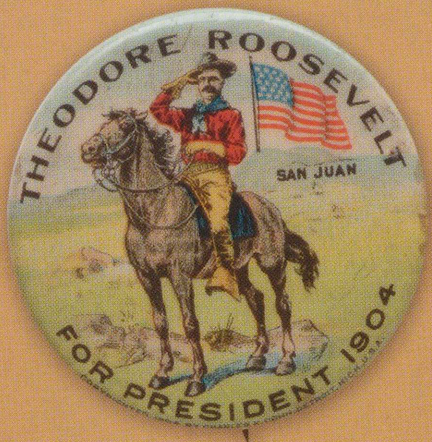
generosity, Director Mike Lawrence says, “Jerry Mileur is one of the finest, most generous people I know. We are honored and thrilled to be a part of bringing his fascinating collection to his alma mater.”

### STARTING THE COLLECTION

Mileur says he began his political memorabilia collection in earnest after joining the University of Massachusetts

Amherst in 1967 as an instructor of government. Before that, his collection basically consisted of two buttons: a 1936 Franklin D. Roosevelt campaign button that his grandfather, who was active in Democrat Party politics, gave him during his childhood, and a “Students for Stevenson” button that he acquired during Adlai Stevenson’s first presidential bid in 1952. Stevenson had won the Illinois governorship in 1948 by the largest plurality in the state’s history.



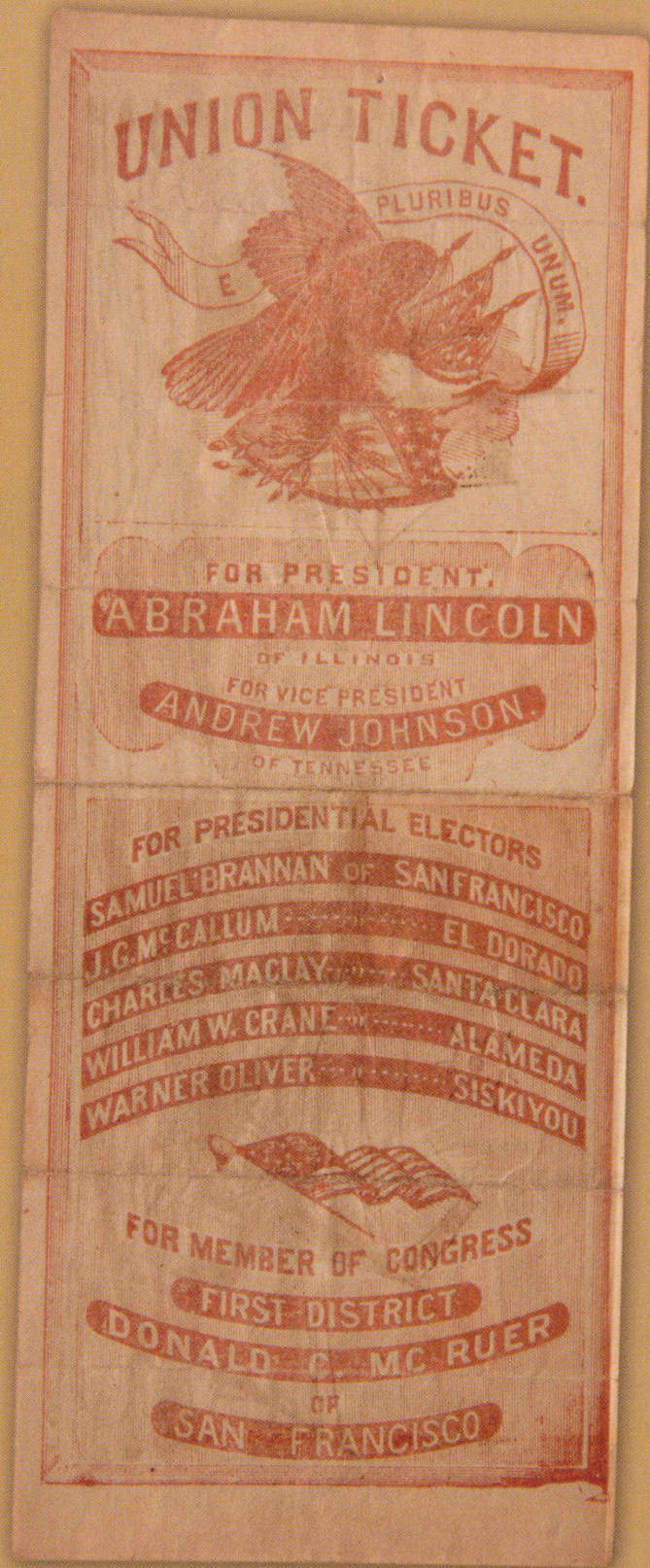


He scoured antique sales and junk shops before becoming aware of the American Political Items Collectors Association, a nonprofit that began in 1945 and now has more than 2,000 members, including former presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter. There he found members and dealers who allowed him to expand his holdings enormously.

Collecting such items can be an expensive proposition, but it's also not difficult to find buttons and such selling for less than a dollar. While Mileur has never had the value of his collection estimated, he's aware that some of the rare pieces in it are valuable. One button that is a duplicate of one he owns recently sold for \$5,000.

In addition to using the items in class – “Some buttons illustrate points I wanted to make” – Mileur filled his Hadley, Mass. home with “quite a few of the showier pieces and a lot of framed items. It was like walking into a museum,” he says.

As the collecting obsession grew, Mileur found himself wanting to get at



At top left, a Teddy Roosevelt button showcasing the candidate's service as a “Rough Rider,” a member of the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry Regiment in the Spanish-American War; left, “Miss Liberty” is depicted with Ronald Reagan, who was elected in 1980 and again in 1984; above, the full slate of the National Union Party is listed on this ticket for the election of 1864, the first election ever held during a civil war.

## SLOGANS AND MUDSLINGING – BOTH PART OF THE PROCESS

In the 1884 presidential campaign, notable for its nastiness, candidate Grover Cleveland was charged with fathering an illegitimate child. His opponents heckled him by chanting, “Ma, Ma, where’s my pa?”

After he admitted to the paternity, Cleveland went on to win the race, inspiring his supporters to add a line to the ditty: “Gone to the White House, ha, ha, ha.”

Politics may never have been a friendly business, but it was Andrew Jackson’s bitter loss to John Quincy Adams in 1824 that led him to plan political assaults and win against Adams in 1828 and Henry Clay in 1832. A few items, such as snuff boxes, thread boxes, clothing buttons, tokens, ribbons, and ceramic plates were made to appeal to the electorate.

But 1840 is considered the year that campaign trinkets really began to flourish. “Tippecanoe and Tyler Too” was the slogan for William Henry Harrison and John Tyler, Whigs. Their party generated enthusiastic support with political rallies, parades, and souvenirs that were intended to get them elected.

Over the years, the variety of campaign giveaways multiplied: buttons, ribbons, pins, watch fobs, medalets, post cards, sheet music, bumper stickers, posters, toys for children, sewing notions, hand-held fans, paperweights, hand mirrors, pocket combs, potholders, posters, calendars, pens and pencils, refrigerator magnets, stamped-metal dinner pails, whiskey bottles stamped with a candidate’s face, FDR shot glasses that read “Happy Days Are Here Again” after the repeal of prohibition, packs of cigarettes with Dwight Eisenhower’s likeness, and bubble gum cigars for Nixon.

Mudslinging has always been a part of the election process, often broad and vulgar. A writer in the 1800 election assailed then-President John Adams as a “repulsive pedant” and a “hideous hermaphroditical character.” In the 19th century, Martin Van Buren was accused of wearing women’s corsets – by Davy Crockett, no less. And James Buchanan, who had a congenital condition that caused his head to tilt to the left, was accused of unsuccessfully trying to hang himself.

Oh. And Abraham Lincoln reportedly had stinky feet.

least one piece for every political election dating back to Andrew Jackson, which was the first campaign in which buttons appeared. That’s because it was the first really popular election, he says. Before that, Congress nominated the presidential candidates, who then remained out of sight until after the election because it was considered unseemly for a candidate to try to muster votes.

The most difficult president to add to the collection was William Henry

Harrison, the country’s ninth president, died of pneumonia after less than a month in office.

### ILLUSTRATION OF ISSUES

In the Mileur collection, one can find a lot of issues represented that were important in various elections. At the end of the 19th century, for instance, the Ku Klux Klan was really an anti-Catholic organization, not one opposed to minori-



Above, a “Stand Pat!” Theodore Roosevelt button of 1904 emphasizing points from his platform with a winning poker hand; middle, a cardboard piece from the 1892 election with Grover Cleveland for president and Adlai E. Stevenson for vice president. At left, this button from the 1952 election tells voters to “Go Forward” with Adlai Stevenson II and John Sparkman.

ties. Their buttons read “Keep a Christian in the White House.”

Although the Mileur collection of buttons and memorabilia continues up through the present, he says that the production of such items began to dwindle about the time Bill Clinton ran for president.

Many of the items once produced – cigar wrappers, whiskey bottles, imprinted cigarette packages – are no longer considered acceptable as advertising. But



the real culprit for such items trickling away is probably television, Mileur notes.

“Students now learn about politics from TV,” he says. “As TV became more important, parties began selling buttons instead of giving them away.”

When it came right down to it, however, it wasn’t particularly easy for Mileur to let go of his lifetime collection.

“It was hard at first,” he says. “I had trouble getting started. It looked like a big job and I began having second thoughts. But as I was bundling things up, I started getting excited about it because it was going to Southern and would be on display where others could enjoy the collection.”



## MILEUR COLLECTION NOW ON DISPLAY AT UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

Jerry Mileur’s political memorabilia collection, covering presidential elections and politics from Andrew Jackson to George W. Bush, is now on display at the University Museum. The exhibit, “Winners and Losers: The Presidential Campaign Memorabilia of Jerome M. Mileur,” features close to 1,500 objects, including historic buttons and ribbons, 135 framed works from political cartoons to posters, and other items.

The exhibit runs through Nov. 4. A reception honoring Mileur and featuring the exhibit is set from 4 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9, at the museum. He will be present to deliver brief remarks about the collection.

The exhibit offers viewers a chance to reflect on the nation’s political past, Mileur says.

“I would hope they would be reminded that we really do have popular politics in America, and that there was a time when voters were proud to display their party favorites,” he explains. “I most like them to realize that political parties are critical to democratic politics, even now in an age when buttons are not so lavishly distributed.”

University Museum is responsible for archival housing the collection, and will be purchasing acid-free boxes and other archival materials for storing the collection. The museum staff is looking forward to working with the Public Policy Institute to make the exhibit available to others, particularly as an online exhibit in the future.

University Museum’s fall hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, 1-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Museum hours will be extended from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, which is Homecoming Weekend. The museum is closed during University breaks and holidays. Admission is free.

For more information, contact the museum at 618/453-5388 or visit [www.museum.siu.edu](http://www.museum.siu.edu), and the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at 618/453-4009 or visit [www.paulsimoninstitute.siu.edu](http://www.paulsimoninstitute.siu.edu).

Relishing SIU’s newly acquired collection of political memorabilia are, from left, Mike Lawrence, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute; Dona Bachman, director of the University Museum; John Jackson, Linda Renee Baker and Jarel Loveless, all staff members at the Public Policy Institute; and Jerry Mileur. At bottom, a John F. Kennedy-Lyndon Johnson button from the 1960 elections.



## Association Board Member Roe Maintains A Deep Appreciation For Morris Library

by Gordon Pruett

**H**er roots within the region and with the University run deep, as she first enrolled at Southern Illinois University more than 40 years ago. During the past 30 years, Mary Roe '65, M.S. '66, has graciously devoted her time and talents to a variety of organizations including the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors, the Morris Library Campaign Committee, and the Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board.

The SIU Alumni Association life member's altruism begins at home, as she has been giving of her time to the Pinckneyville High School Board of Education, St. Bruno's church, the Shagbark Girl Scout Council, Man-Tra-Con (an employment facilitator), and myriad other community organizations. In 2005, she and her husband, Bill, were named "Outstanding Persons of the Year" by the Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce. After 16 years of service, she recently retired as vice president of student services at Rend Lake College in Ina, Ill.



Shown here as Mary Middleton, she earned her first degree from SIU in mathematics in 1965.

Morris Library has been the focus of her protective gaze, and she sees the facility as the intellectual crossroads of campus. "Morris Library is the heart and soul of the University," she says. "Students, faculty, researchers, graduate fellows, and the communities in the region all need a great research library as a source of information — their window to the world of knowledge."

A high school mathematics competition first brought Roe to campus as a freshman from Pinckneyville. "My first impressions of the University were positive and have remained so since I first attended," she recalls. Her college career actually began at St. Louis University, but "in the spring of my freshmen year, I spent a weekend on SIU's campus and was hooked."

Attending SIU at the height of Delyte Morris' vision for growth and expansion in the early 1960s was an experience in itself. Roe recalls, "Delyte Morris was president, the campus was growing, and the energy could be felt. Classes were varied and interesting. The faculty had open doors, and they were available to students. The world was in front of us."

Roe recalls fondly a particular instructor who left his mark. "One of my favorite instructors was Mr. Cassidy who taught English literature. In his lilting Irish accent, he would make the poems, verses, and literature come alive. He had the ability to transport us back to the time and place of the characters on the page and make us feel a part of that imagery.



Roe readily admits that Morris Library was her "second home" during her college days.

"While my classes in literature were such a departure from the rigors of math classes like analytical geometry and linear algebra, my major instructors were of exceptional quality and had credentials as practicing mathematicians, space program veterans, and visiting professors from Princeton."

A friendship with another Pinckneyville native and SIU donor, Virginia Marmaduke, prompted Roe's activism for Morris Library.

"Morris Library has always been a special place for me from the first time I entered the Hall of Presidents, to the endless hours of studying there, to the Friends' galas held on the roof terrace, to annual dinners with treasures from special collections, and now to the present day renovation and addition. Morris Library is for everyone." ■

**Editor's Note:** This profile on Mary Roe first appeared in the spring 2008 edition of *Cornerstones*, a quarterly newsletter produced by SIU Library Affairs.

# Rebecca And Jerry Kill Alumni Association Scholarship Announced

The Southern Illinois University Alumni Association recently announced the formation of the Rebecca and Jerry Kill Alumni Association Scholarship.

The SIU Alumni Association received a \$20,000 donation from Liberty Mutual during the 2007 Coach of the Year awards presentation held this summer in conjunction with the Coach Kill Cancer Fund Golf Scramble. That event was hosted by Southern Illinois Healthcare at Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carbondale.

"I am excited to announce that with this donation, we have created a brand new scholarship in honor of Rebecca and Jerry Kill," said SIU Alumni Association Past President Doris Rottschalk at the event. "A big thank you goes to Liberty



From left, Tasha, Krystal, Jerry, and Rebecca Kill hold the \$20,000 check that was presented to the SIU Alumni Association.

Mutual for this gracious donation, and I am also glad to announce that the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors has voted to donate an additional \$5,000 to the fund, creating a \$25,000 scholarship endowment."

The Rebecca and Jerry Kill Alumni

Association Scholarship will be awarded for the first time in the spring 2009 semester. Transfer students are eligible for the award to aid in college tuition expenses. Students interested in applying for the scholarship can find more information online at [www.siu alumni.com/killscholarship](http://www.siu alumni.com/killscholarship).

Liberty Mutual awarded \$20,000 to the SIU Alumni Association for its efforts in engaging alumni and SIU supporters to vote for Kill as the FCS (formerly 1-AA) National Coach of the Year. The former Saluki head coach also received the FCS 2007 Coach of the Year trophy and \$50,000 donation to the charity of his choice. That donation was made to his personal charity, The Coach Kill Cancer Fund. ■

## Join Us On Saluki Row!

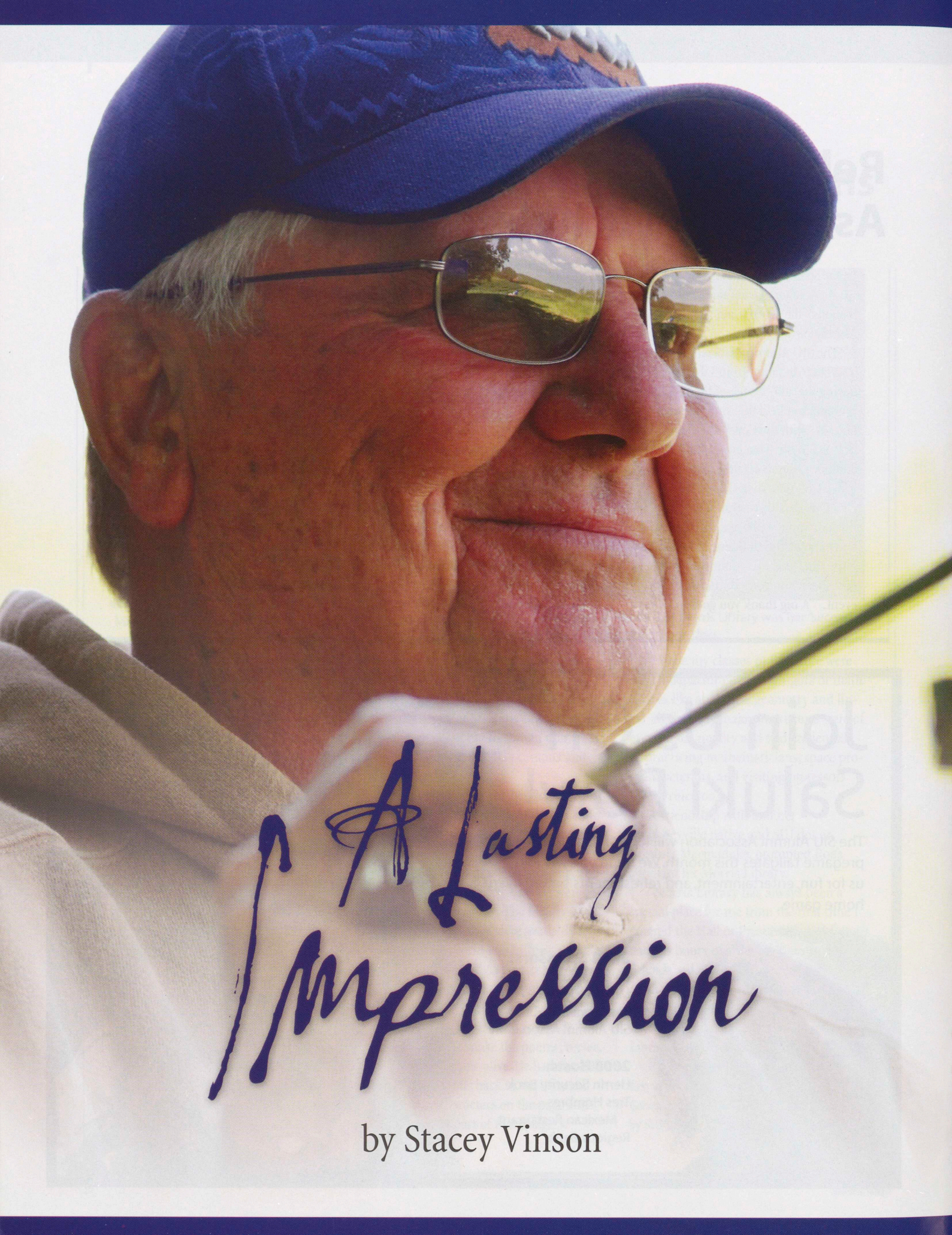
The SIU Alumni Association will kickoff its annual pregame tailgates this month. We hope you will join us for fun, entertainment, and refreshments before every home game.



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*A Lasting  
Impression*

by Stacey Vinson



Robert Paulson, left, was always an active participant during his outdoor painting classes. Above, with the scenery of Alto Pass in front of him, this SIU student enjoys a near perfect summer morning to produce his work of art.

**R**obert Paulson's landscape painting class at Southern Illinois University has been a fixture during the late spring in Union County since the 1970s. But 2008 was the year he retired his paintbrush. He hopes, however, that the course will continue without him.

Toward this end, Paulson auctioned more than 40 of his works, along with work produced by students during the two weeks of open-air painting this year. The proceeds will form the basis of a trust fund for the continuation of the course.

"This is my ultimate contribution to my legacy at SIU," Paulson says. "The course has never failed, to my knowledge, to have a lasting impact on those who have experienced it."

Paulson hopes that if there is outside funding, the University will be more likely to match funds. He would like for alumni as well as the University to support the continuation of this experience for students. The professor emeritus joined the SIU faculty in 1967 as a drawing instructor, and then served as director of the School of Art and Design from 1994 until his retirement in 1999.



Paulson, a resident of Cobden when he taught at Southern, finds rural sites in southern Illinois the perfect place to be inspired. "We get out there bright and early and paint all day," he notes.



According to Paulson, the auction netted approximately \$15,000, which is more than halfway to the initial goal of \$25,000. He says, "Ultimately, I would

like to see alumni of the course be sponsored in their return to the program as visiting artists to paint along with the new students. The businesses who have

participated in the program to date want to continue the relationship into the future. I can also see providing a source to provide the students outdoor easels and other supplies at a major discount, as materials are so expensive.

"I've talked with some people about creating an executive board that will work with University personnel in the School of Art. There are also ideas about a permanent residence in Cobden, perhaps a 'Southern Illinois School of Plein Air Landscape Painting,' which would capitalize on the growing interest in the area."

The landscape painting class usually runs for two weeks in May and is taught outside in locations around Union County. "We get out there bright and early and paint all day," Paulson says. A resident of Cobden, he loves the people and way of life in the area. "You can't find a finer place to live the good life," he says.

Two-degree Southern alumnus Dennis Wojtkiewicz, now an instructor at Bowling Green State University, first took Paulson's open-air class in 1980. He relates that when one of his former students, who came to SIU for his MFA, told him that this was Paulson's last year teaching the class, "I wanted to be a part of it." Wojtkiewicz adds that he believes that current and former students keep coming back for the class because of "Bob's personality and his teaching style. If it wasn't such a positive experience, you wouldn't see people coming back."

For Wil Maring of Cobden, a two-degree SIU alumnus, the open-air class was one she wanted to take as an undergraduate, but never was able to fit into her schedule. Now that the songwriter and musician has the time, Maring wanted to take it because she grew up in the area and "it's like rediscovering where you're from. You can't get more intimate with the landscape than to be outside and paint it."

Graduate student Ben Cohan of Sullivan, Ill., says of his experience in the class, "Bob's class was an excellent opportunity to learn by doing. One of Bob's strengths as an instructor is he let us work in our own ways." Cohan is also Paulson's graduate assistant and spent the summer restoring some of Paulson's donated art that was damaged during the recent renovations at Morris Library. He hopes that the class continues because "even people who come out here without any expectations end up learning quite a bit."

Current student Sam Howard of Mt. Vernon, Ill., adds, "It's like a marathon. I would definitely take it again."

Several of the returning students in the open-air class came from as far as Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Brooklyn, New York. They ranged from community members to current undergraduates to alumni who were returning 30 years after graduating. In all, 55 students experienced the Plein Air Landscape Painting class this year.

St. Louis-based alumnus Robert Hilpert shares, "I studied with Bob 15

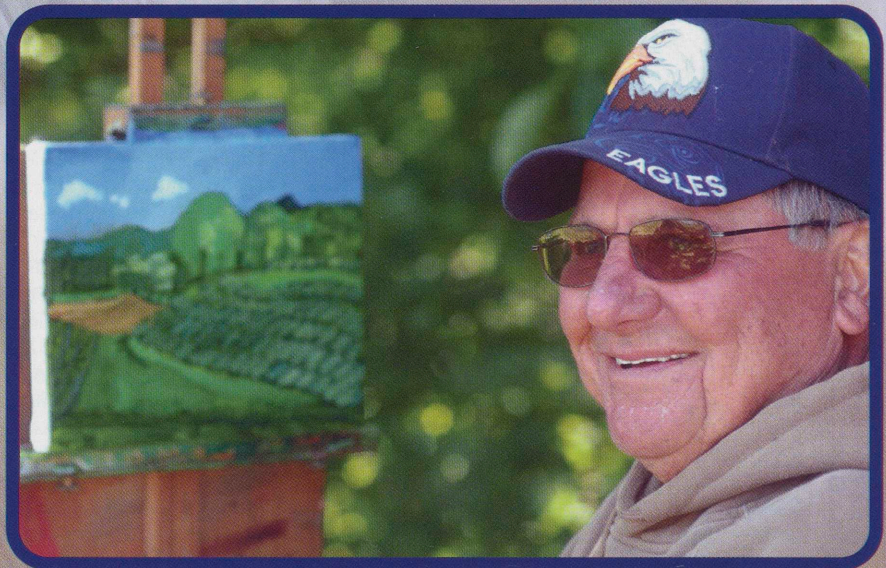


Two students are shown working with an easel set up in a field. As one of the painters explained, "you can't get more intimate with the landscape than to be outside and paint it."

years ago when I was an art major. I came back this year because I heard that it was his last year. I'd forgotten how fun it was to paint outside. The format helps you get your focus and not worry so much about the end product. It's all

about the act of doing. Over the course of the two weeks everyone gets at least one good piece."

Contact the SIU School of Art and Design at 618-453-4315 to donate to the fund or obtain more information.



Paulson feels this class serves as his legacy at Southern. "The class never failed to have an impact on those who experienced it," he says.



## SIU Women Announce 2008-09 Schedule

Entering her fifth season at the helm of the Saluki women's basketball program, head coach *Dana Eikenberg* will guide Southern Illinois against a competitive 2008-09 schedule.

The schedule features seven non-conference games, plus a trip to the Grand Bahama Island for the Junkanoo Jam Tournament Nov. 28-29. Southern will open the regular season against Saint Louis on Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. in Carbondale, and also host Arkansas State (Nov. 19), Tennessee Tech (Dec. 21) and Northern Illinois (Dec. 28) in non-league play. Non-conference road games include

Big East member DePaul (Dec. 5), Chicago State (Dec. 14), and Central Arkansas (Dec. 16)

"With our non-conference schedule, we really wanted to renew some regional rivalries," says Eikenberg. "We're excited about being able to play regionally against some teams that are doing well in their own conferences."

At the Junkanoo Jam, SIU will face Florida (Nov. 28), and play either Hofstra or Arizona State (Nov. 29). The latter made it to the second round of the Women's NCAA Tournament last season. "It is a prestigious and well-

established tournament, and we're honored to be one of the four teams participating," notes Eikenberg. "Our first game against Florida will give us an early barometer for where we are and what we need to."

The Salukis will open MVC competition on the road at Evansville on Jan. 1. Following the conference regular season, all 10 teams will take part in the MVC Tournament, which will be held at The Family Arena in St. Charles, Mo. (March 12-15) for the second-straight year.

The 2008-09 SIU women's basketball schedule may be found at [siusalukis.com](http://siusalukis.com).

### Southern Men Release Tentative Hoop Schedule

At press time, the SIU men's basketball team had released a tentative version of the 2008-09 schedule. Game times and some tournament opponents were still to be decided, as were television dates set by the Missouri Valley Conference office.

Southern was also able to make a summer trip to Canada to play three games against Canadian club teams over Labor Day weekend in Windsor, which is located just east of Detroit, Mich. With five freshmen on the 2008-09 roster, Saluki Head Coach *Chris Lowery* (below) hopes the trip helps his young squad get a head start on the regular season.

"Playing these early games in Canada was great for all of the young kids in our program," says Lowery. "Besides the game experience, we had a chance to practice, evaluate, and build our team chemistry."



Date	Opponent	Site
Nov. 3	Mo. Southern at SIU (Exhibition)	Carbondale, Ill.
Nov. 6	SW Baptist at SIU (Exhibition)	Carbondale, Ill.
<i>2K Sports College Hoops Classic at SIU Arena</i>		
Nov. 11	TBA at SIU	Carbondale, Ill.
Nov. 12	TBA at SIU	Carbondale, Ill.
Nov. 16	California (Pa.) at Southern Illinois	Carbondale, Ill.
<i>2K Sports College Hoops Classic at Madison Square Garden</i>		
Nov. 20	SIU vs. TBA	New York, N.Y.
Nov. 21	SIU vs. TBA	New York, N.Y.
Nov. 26	SIU at Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, Ky.
Dec. 2	Saint Louis at SIU	Carbondale, Ill.
Dec. 6	Charlotte at SIU	Carbondale, Ill.
Dec. 14	SIU at Nevada	Reno, Nev.
Dec. 17	SIU at Northern Illinois	DeKalb, Ill.
<i>John R. Wooden Tradition at Conseco Fieldhouse</i>		
Dec. 20	SIU vs. TBA	Indianapolis, Ind.
Dec. 22	Western Michigan at SIU	Carbondale, Ill.
Dec. 28	*SIU at Bradley	Peoria, Ill.
Dec. 31	*Northern Iowa at SIU	Carbondale, Ill.
Jan. 4	*Drake at SIU	Carbondale, Ill.
Jan. 7	*SIU at Wichita State	Wichita, Kan.
Jan. 10	*Evansville at SIU	Carbondale, Ill.
Jan. 14	*SIU at Creighton	Omaha, Neb.
Jan. 18	*Bradley at SIU	Carbondale, Ill.
Jan. 21	*SIU at Indiana State	Terre Haute, Ind.
Jan. 24	*SIU at Illinois State	Normal, Ill.
Jan. 28	*Missouri State at SIU	Carbondale, Ill.
Jan. 31	*SIU at Evansville	Evansville, Ind.
Feb. 3	*Illinois State at Southern Illinois	Carbondale, Ill.
Feb. 7	*SIU at Missouri State	Springfield, Mo.
Feb. 11	*SIU at Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls, Iowa
Feb. 14	*Creighton at SIU	Carbondale, Ill.
Feb. 18	*Indiana State at SIU	Carbondale, Ill.
Feb. 21	SIU at ESPNU BracketBusters	Away
Feb. 25	*SIU at Drake	Des Moines, Iowa
Feb. 28	*Wichita State at SIU	Carbondale, Ill.
March 5-8	State Farm MVC Tournament	St. Louis, Mo.

\*Denotes Missouri Valley Conference game

# 'Mad Backer' Begins 7th NFL Season

by Gene Green

**W**hen former Saluki linebacker Bart Scott returned last year to be inducted into the SIU Athletics Hall of Fame, little was on display that illustrated his Sunday afternoon personality. The NFL All-Pro defender was all smiles as he spoke to the crowd at the SIU Student Center, stopping only to pick up his young son who had strolled to the podium and jumped into his father's arms.

Known in the NFL as "The Mad Backer," the Baltimore Ravens' star linebacker enters the 2008 season as one of the best at his position. The former Saluki is known as a player who exhibits an over-the-top attitude and unbridled toughness on the field.

"I like to be turned loose, trash talk, play hard, and get the quarterback," Scott explains. "When I'm allowed to be off the leash a bit, that's when I think I'm at my best."

While that attitude serves his purpose on the field, many may not realize that there is quite a different persona away from the gridiron. A 2006 Southern graduate with a degree in economics, Scott is a devoted family man who lectures Baltimore-area youngsters on the dangers of drugs and gangs.

He tells them that their success in life can be attained through education, and he can look them squarely in the eyes when he says it.

Earning a degree was important to Scott, who signed for only \$500 with the Ravens as an undrafted free agent after the 2001 SIU season. Although he would soon begin to make a name for himself in the pros and see a considerable salary jump (he is entering the final year of a \$13.5 million contract this season that included a \$6.5 million signing bonus), there still was some unfinished business in Carbondale, Ill.

Unlike many professional athletes who leave school early and *claim* they will return to to earn a diploma, the Detroit, Mich., native turned words into action.

In the 2004 off season, Scott returned to SIU to work on his degree, adding a couple of off-campus courses that rounded out his requirements. Following through on his pledge to get his diploma did not surprise SIU Assistant Athletics Director Kristina Therriault, who directs the academic services area at SIU Athletics.

"We had no doubt Bart would earn a degree," Therriault says. "It was important to him and his family, and he had always



Scott is shown applying "the hit" on Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. (Photo courtesy of the Pittsburgh Steelers)

shown a lot of loyalty to the University. Others in his shoes often say the same thing, but then do nothing to make it happen. With Bart, we knew he would take care of business."

Scott, who lettered at Southern from 1998 to 2001 and was a First-Team All-Gateway Conference pick in 2001, continues to feed off being a dominant force despite entering pro football as a virtual unknown.

"Bart is hungry," Ravens defensive coordinator Rex Ryan told *The Associated Press*. "He wants to be the best, and when he is doing things right, he is as good as any linebacker in the league. I'm excited to see him flying around and being the explosive hitter that he is."

Probably no hit placed Scott higher on the nation's radar screen than a 2007 sack of Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

"That put me in the minds of everybody," Scott explained recently from Ravens training camp. "(ESPN) ran it all the time, and I think people had a great appreciation for it because of Ben's stature and how big he is and what he has accomplished."

AP's coverage of "the sack" was described as follows:

*Trailing 14-0, the Steelers lined up in the shotgun with a second-and-8 at their 14.*

*Amid a savage rush – the Ravens would record a team record-tying nine sacks in a 27-0 victory – the Steelers failed to account for Scott, who raced in untouched from the far left. Roethlisberger was looking in the opposite direction.*

*Listen hard enough, and you can still hear Steelers fans yelling at their television for Big Ben to duck. He didn't, and Scott nearly cut him in half.*

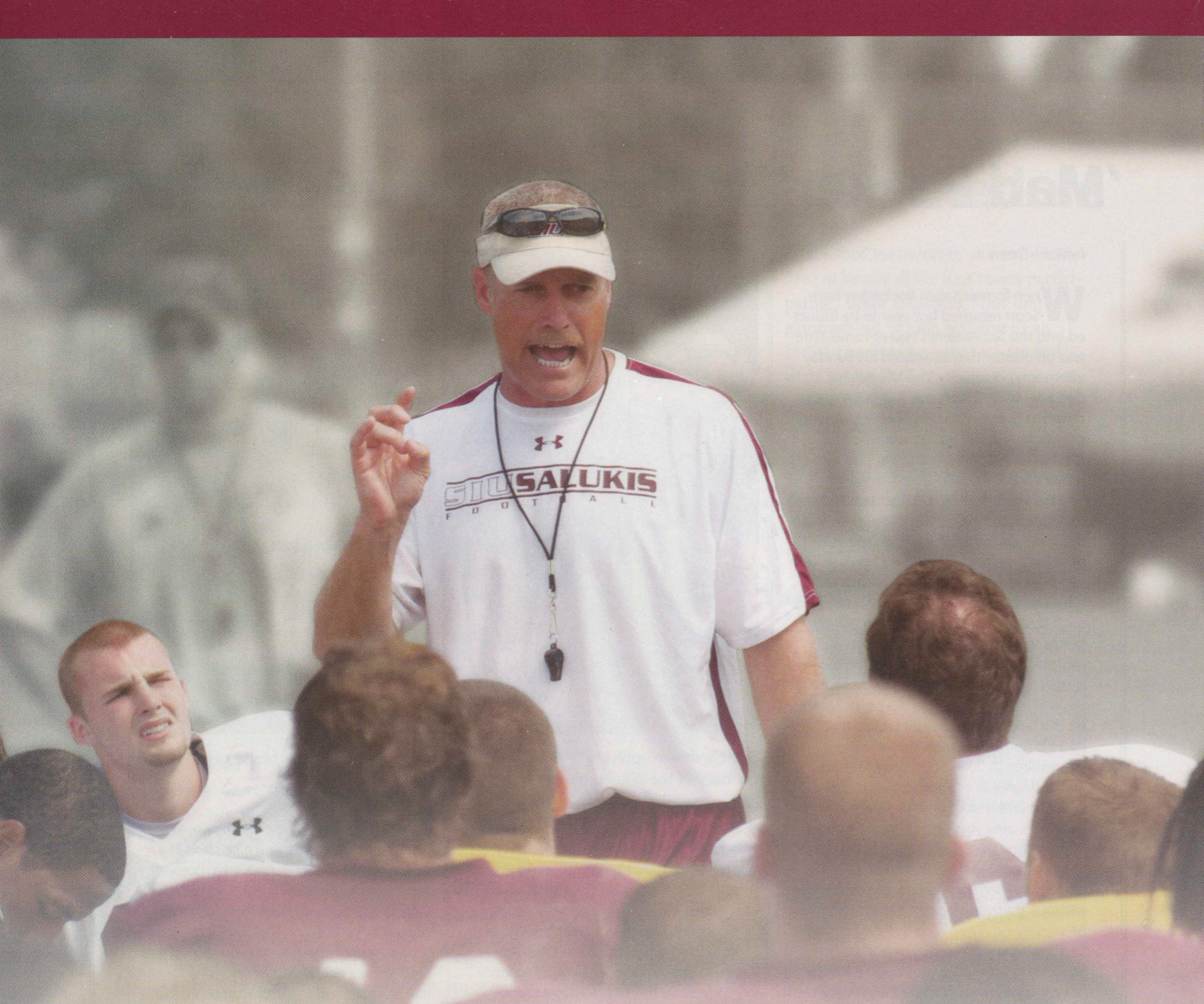
*Roethlisberger stayed down for several minutes before leaving the game briefly with a bruised chest. He later said it was a clean hit – and probably the hardest he'd ever absorbed.*

Scott remains a man of many faces, and the hyperactive NFL star even has with his own Web site appropriately housed at [www.madbacker.net](http://www.madbacker.net).

Although Scott has accomplished a great deal – and hopes to do much more – he says his against-all-odds trek through the NFL has only made him a better player.

"I wasn't supposed to make it out of Detroit," he once explained. "I wasn't supposed to get a scholarship to play college football. And once I got to the NFL, I was supposed to be on kickoff coverage for the rest of my life.

"But here I am and I'm playing with the house's money – now *that's* a dangerous man." ■



New Saluki Head Football Coach Dale Lennon makes a point during a pre-season practice session. "To a man," he says of his squad, "they have done what we have asked them to do."

# NO STRANGER TO SUCCESS

For new SIU Football Coach Dale Lennon, winning has been his constant companion.

BY GENE GREEN

**F**or more than nine months, Dale Lennon has been working overtime to learn everything he can about Southern Illinois University football and the region that embraces it. Hired to replace Jerry Kill in late December, the former University of North Dakota head coach hit the ground running in an effort to make a good program even better.

"Saluki Football isn't broken," he pointed out when he was hired. "I want to build on the success this program has already enjoyed and hopefully make it stronger."

Lennon is no stranger to success. In nine years at his alma mater, he led UND to a 90-24 record and an NCAA II National Championship in 2001. Since the start of the 2003 season, his teams compiled a 54-12 record, including five consecutive 10-win seasons. Last year, UND was 10-2, as the Fighting Sioux advanced to the second round of the NCAA playoffs.

He has already accomplished something no Saluki head coach has done in 11 tries since 1983: defeating SIU arch rival Northern Iowa at the UNI Dome. Lennon did it in 2006, guiding his team past the Panthers 35-31 when UNI was ranked third in the nation.

Recently *Southern Alumni* sat down with Lennon to discuss his transition to SIU.

**Southern Alumni:** After so much success as both a player and a coach at UND, why were you interested in making the move to SIU?

**Dale Lennon:** I had a nice run at UND and had lived in that area of the country my entire life, but I was starting to feel the need to find that next challenge. I might not have been con-

science of it at the time, but when I was contacted by SIU, it triggered something in me. I came to visit the campus out of curiosity more than anything else, but the more I looked at the school and the community of Carbondale, the more I liked it.

**SA:** Did you like it because it reminded you in some ways of where you were coming from?

**DL:** Actually, yes. I saw a lot of similarities. The program itself was in good shape, there was a real focus on academics – which is quite important to me – and I like the small-town life for my family.

**SA:** That being said, many people probably felt you would never leave North Dakota.

**DL:** From the outside looking in, there was probably good reason for some to think that I wasn't going anywhere. But actually I was at a point in my coaching journey where I needed to re-establish myself. By coming here I feel like a young coach again. The challenges are great, but I needed something new.

**SA:** What are the biggest challenges?

**DL:** Winning over a new team and establishing myself in a new league is probably at the top of the list. It's also tough to meet and get to know so many new people in a short amount of time, but everyone has been great and made the transition a smooth one.

**SA:** How has it gone, specifically, with the players?

**DL:** Everything has gone as well as I had hoped. I knew there would be a few bumps along the way – just from some philosophical differences compared to the other coaching staff – but I was respectful that there was already a winning tradition in place and that these guys were a big reason why. It was not my goal to walk in here and disrupt everything that had been going on. I can put my own stamp on the program without doing that.

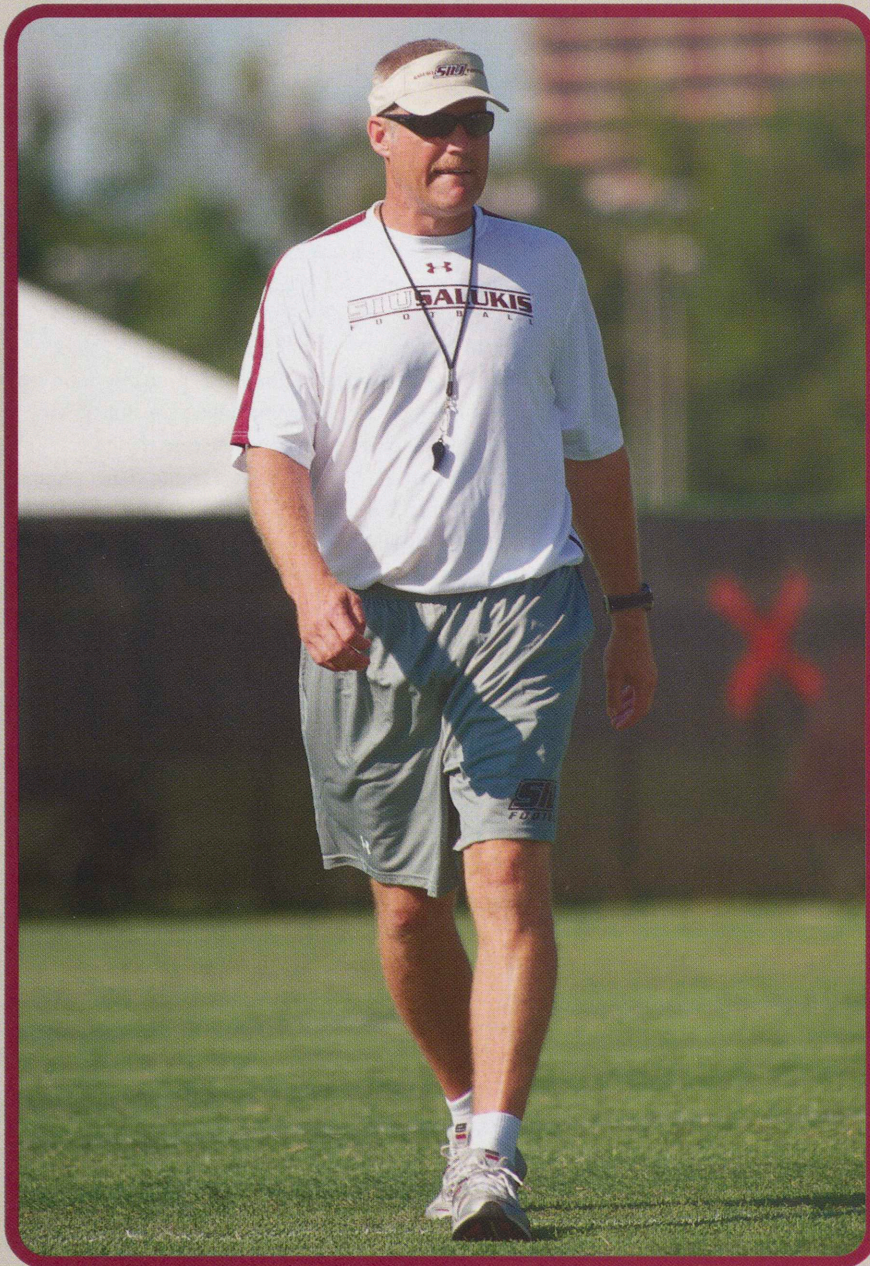
**SA:** Spring ball was no doubt a good opportunity to get everyone on the same page.

**DL:** It was. The players got a chance to get used to my coaching style and see how I handle myself on the sidelines. That was a huge hurdle to get over. Most of the team was also here over the summer, so by now we've had a good amount of time to get to know one another, and there isn't too much that's new anymore.

**SA:** You have said this move has re-energized you, but would you have considered it without facility upgrades to look forward to?

**DL:** Probably not. Seeing what will happen with Saluki Way really piqued my interest and made me think the timing was right to come here. With a new stadium right around the corner, this was just too good of an opportunity to pass up. It's similar to when I took the job at UND, as we were playing in a facility much like McAndrew Stadium. But two years later we moved into the Alerus Center (an indoor facility), and that was the year we won a national championship. From community and alumni interest to recruiting and fundraising, a new stadium can be a great catalyst to take a program where it needs to go.

**SA:** With South Dakota State and North Dakota State entering the new Missouri Valley Football Conference, the timing is also



Lennon strides across the practice field to keep a watchful eye on various drills. He says the change of scenery at Southern has revitalized him as a head coach.

right to say that a good league just got even better.

**DL:** I certainly know those two teams well, and each will bring a high level of physical play to the MVC. The only way to win will be to line up and beat them – they won't lose because of a lack of strength or execution. Those two programs might not be real fancy or try to outscheme you, but

they will physically take it to a high level. If you make a key mistake against either, you probably lose the game.

**SA:** But I sense you welcome how challenging this league should be this season?

**DL:** That is what I want to be a part of. – plain and simple. When I was at UND, I felt the North Central Conference was the best NCAA II league in the coun-

try, and now I've moved up a level to a conference that is one of the best in the nation as well. Once again I'm in a situation where if the team is good enough to win the conference, it's probably good enough to have a legitimate chance at a national championship.

**SA:** And you accomplished that in 2001, leading North Dakota to a 14-1 record and a national title. That had to be a thrill as a head coach.

**DL:** It was exciting, and since I have been at SIU it has given me some instant credibility with this team. I can tell a player that I have been a part of reaching that ultimate team goal. Winning it all is the carrot – Southern Illinois has almost been there the last few years, and we need to find a way to help this program take the next step.

**SA:** You were a running back as a player, but coached on the defensive side as a coach. How did that come about?

**DL:** The first spot that opened up for me as a graduate assistant was on defense. I took it, and it turned out to be a great fit. As an offensive player, I found that I had a good idea of what was needed to defend the other side of the ball. In my first five years on the sidelines, I ended up coaching every position on defense, eventually leading to me being named defensive coordinator at UND in 1990. The progression for me has been ideal.

**SA:** Will you focus more of your efforts on defense with the Salukis?

**DL:** No – I want to be a true head coach this year, seeing both sides of the ball and making sure we make the progress needed to get better each week. Sometimes as a position coach you get too locked in to that one area and can't see the big picture clearly enough. As head coach, I have to take it all in and tweak things as we go along.

**SA:** And you can be a true head coach if you have assistants you trust to do their jobs well. Quickly putting a quality staff in place is always a challenge, but you appear to have gathered a talented group. (See sidebar story.)



Lennon was all smiles when he was introduced to the media late last year. He brings a 102-33 record as a head coach with him, leading the University of North Dakota to seven NCAA II post-season berths and one national championship.

**DL:** Putting this staff together was exciting. When I was making some calls and gauging the interest in coming to Carbondale with me, it was exhilarating that some key people wanted to be

Salukis, too. That solidified my commitment to coming here. This staff has a great deal of experience, including some common experience with one another that is really valuable.

## THE LENNON FILE

**Born:** Dec. 13, 1960  
**College:** University of North Dakota, 1983  
**Family:** He and his wife, Chris, have three sons: Jared (19), Trevor (17), and Cody (13).

### Head Coaching Record:

1997	University of Mary	4-6	No post-season
1998	University of Mary	8-3	NAIA Playoffs
1999	University of North Dakota	9-2	NCAA II 1st Round
2000	University of North Dakota	8-3	No post-season
2001	University of North Dakota	14-1	NCAA II Champions
2002	University of North Dakota	5-6	No post-season
2003	University of North Dakota	12-2	NCAA II Runner-Up
2004	University of North Dakota	113	NCAA II Semifinals
2005	University of North Dakota	10-3	NCAA II 2nd Round
2006	University of North Dakota	11-2	NCAA II Quarterfinals
2007	University of North Dakota	10-2	NCAA II 2nd Round
<b>11 Years</b>			<b>102-33 (.760 winning percentage)</b>

**SA:** Many of your staff already know you well, but SIU alumni do not. Describe what they will see on the sidelines.

**DL:** I'm an even-keeled guy. If you look at me you won't know if we just had a turnover or scored a touchdown. I will work the officials when the time calls for it, but I'm not a guy who is out there begging for every call. I want to have the type of demeanor that players can feed off of by staying level-headed and not overreacting to every situation. My message to them before every game will be "There is nothing going to happen out there that we cannot handle." We have a better chance of accomplishing that if they are in the proper mental state and focused on each play.

**SA:** What has impressed you the most about the 2008 Salukis?

**DL:** The first thing that jumped out to me immediately was the team's great work ethic. We have asked them to do certain things that are needed for them to be successful this year, and *to a man* they have stepped up and done it.

**SA:** Under Jerry Kill there was a major commitment to academics. That also appears to be a focus for your teams as well, as in eight of the nine years you coached at UND the team GPA was better than 3.0.

**DL:** It remains an important part of the plan. I believe you make players accountable to each other in the classroom just like you do on the playing field. If someone misses a study table, their teammates may end up running because of it. We make this an important part of the college experience and a priority for every player wearing that uniform.

**SA:** You appear to fit in well with your new surroundings. Does it now feel a little bit more like home?

**DL:** Each day is a bit more natural. Humans are creatures of habit who thrive on a routine. I've adjusted just fine to everything around here, and the hospitality has been great. Carbondale is starting to have a pretty familiar feel to it.

# MEET SOUTHERN'S FULLTIME ASSISTANTS...

## RANDY HEDBERG

Hedberg is SIU's co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. He spent the last nine seasons as head coach at St. Cloud State, where he posted a 47-51 record. In 18 years as a collegiate head coach, he has compiled an overall record of 92-74-2. Hedberg was drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1977 and started five games as a rookie. He was with Tampa Bay through 1978, Oakland in 1979, and Green Bay in 1980. He was named by *Sports Illustrated* as one of the top 50 North Dakota sports figures of the 20th century.

**Lennon says:** "Randy probably has as many wins against me as a head coach as anyone," Lennon says. "He is a terrific football mind who should do great things here."

## PHIL LONGO

Longo is co-offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach. He joins the Saluki staff from the University of Minnesota-Duluth, where he was offensive coordinator under Bubba Schweigert in 2007. Prior to UMD, Longo was head coach at LaSalle for two seasons, producing two MAAC Offensive Player of the Year award winners, five All-Americans (a first for the LaSalle football program), and 13 All-MAAC selections. Longo played three years of football at Rowan University (1988-89 and 1991).

**Lennon says:** "Another former head coach, Phil is cutting-edge on offense, and his schemes are hard to defend."

## BUBBA SCHWEIGERT

Schweigert is defensive coordinator and joins the SIU staff after compiling a 22-21 record as head coach at Division II Minnesota-Duluth the last four seasons. The 2005 North Central Conference Coach of the Year earlier spent 15 seasons at the University of North Dakota, where he helped guide the Fighting Sioux to six NCC titles, eight playoff berths and a National Championship. He was Lennon's defensive coordinator from 1999-2003 and was named the AFCA Division II Assistant Coach of the Year in 2000.

**Lennon says:** "I have a great deal of confidence in Bubba, who is one of the best coaches I have ever coached with and against."

## KENNI BURNS

Burns serves as the tight ends coach at SIU. He was the running backs coach at Millersville University in 2007 and played in the backfield for four years at Indiana University. In 2004, he received the Indiana University Iron Man Award, given to the player with the most snaps taken during the spring.

**Lennon says:** "Kenni is a young coach who will be a great head coach one of these days. He has great rapport with players and will do well in this profession."

## STEVE CRUTCHLEY

Crutchley will coach the running backs at SIU, and comes to the program after spending the last six years at St. Cloud State. He joined the St. Cloud State staff as the wide receivers coach in 2002 and was promoted to co-offensive coordinator in 2007. Crutchley played football and competed in track and field at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, where he was a three-year starter at wide receiver.

**Lennon says:** "Steve was with Coach Hedberg at St. Cloud State and has already shown to be a great fit for our staff."

## TOM DOSCH

Dosch will coach the inside linebackers and serve as special teams coordinator at Southern. He compiled a 25-17 record in four seasons as head coach

at Jamestown from 2003-07, as the team qualified for the NAIA playoffs the last two seasons and were ranked sixth in the nation in 2007. Prior to taking over the helm at Jamestown, Dosch was the defensive line/outside linebackers coach at the University of North Dakota for eight seasons. He played collegiately at Dickinson State.

**Lennon says:** "I've known Tom since high school. He is a talented coach, a real steady influence on a team, and someone you can always count on."

## SCOTT FUCHS

Fuchs is the offensive line coach at SIU, serving last season in the same capacity at Grand Valley State. A graduate of North Dakota State, he was the offensive line coach from 2003-06 at Nebraska-Omaha where he tutored 13 all-North Central Conference offensive linemen, including four All-Americans. Fuchs was a Kodak/AFCA All-American offensive lineman at NDSU, where he lettered from 1990-93. The Bison won a National Championship and three NCC titles teams during his career.

**Lennon says:** "Being from North Dakota State, we played against Scott a number of times at UND. He also coached for UNO and GVS teams that I had a difficult time beating, so adding him to the staff is exciting."

## JARED NESSLAND

Nessland and his staff oversee the training of more than 350 student-athletes in SIU's state-of-the-art Troutt-Wittmann Academic and Training Center. He directly supervises the football, men's basketball, and baseball programs. Prior to joining Southern, Nessland was the strength coach at Montana (2006-07) and North Dakota (2002-06). He also served as an assistant at Nebraska (2002) and North Dakota (2001-02). He began his career as a student intern at

Montana State 1998 and received his master's from UND.

**Lennon says:** "Jared was my strength coach at UND and was a key hire for me here at Southern. Often the strength coach spends more time with the players than anyone else, and he was replacing a popular coach in Eric Klein. I'm delighted that the team has taken so quickly to Jared's direction."

## ERIC SCHMIDT

Schmidt will coach outside linebackers and defensive lineman at SIU. A former standout linebacker at the University of North Dakota, Schmidt returned to his alma mater in 2005 and coached there the last two seasons. He played for the Fighting Sioux from 1998 to

2001 and was a captain of UND's 2001 national championship team. A two-time All-North Central Conference selection, Schmidt earned All-America honors as a senior in 2001.

**Lennon says:** "Eric just has it! He has natural instincts and the kind of demeanor you look for in a college coach."

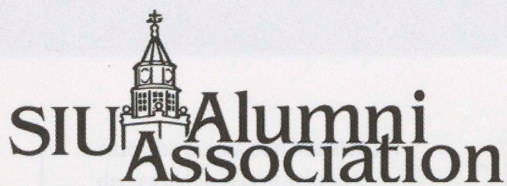
## TRAVIS STEPPS

Stepps begins his fifth year on the coaching staff at Southern and is in his third year as a full-time assistant as the lone holdover from the Jerry Kill staff. He coaches the defensive backs and has mentored five all-conference players in his tenure, including All-Americans Alexis Moreland and Craig Turner. Prior to SIU, Stepps spent two seasons on the staff at Washburn University and was a two-time All-American defensive back at Pittsburg State University.

**Lennon says:** "Travis helped us keep stability when we arrived, keeping that connection with our staff and Coach Kill's staff. He has certainly been a big asset to the transition and a great sounding board when we were stubbing our toes a bit early on."



Back row, from left: Kenni Burns, Bubba Schweigert, Phil Longo, Tom Dosch, Randy Hedberg, Scott Fuchs, Austin Flyger (graduate assistant) and Sharon Lipe (football secretary). Front row: Roger Lipe (team chaplain), Jason Hopkins (graduate assistant), Eric Schmidt, Dale Lennon, Steve Crutchley, Travis Stepps, and Jared Nessland (strength and conditioning).



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## Daniels' \$100,000 Gift Will Fund SIU Scholarships

**A**s a former statewide-appointed official, Southern Illinois University Carbondale alumnus Randy Daniels is fully aware of budget issues facing public institutions.

The 1973 SIU radio-television graduate, who served as New York's secretary of state from 2001 to 2005, recently announced a commitment to assist his alma mater in conquering this challenge.

Daniels has donated \$100,000 to fund scholarships in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts at Southern. The gift will be evenly split to provide awards to students in financial

need, and others who have attained academic excellence, respectively.

"My goal is to address two issues ... need and excellence. This is the basis upon which scholarships should be presented," Daniels says. "Therefore, we're addressing students in need, and additionally, rewarding young people for academic excellence."

The New York resident is seeking to create opportunities for deserving students.

"We don't live in a world with a level playing field. Some students struggle because they haven't received excellent

preparatory education, but they are capable of succeeding at the college level," he says. "Others are high achievers academically, but require financial assistance to attain a college education. I want to help both types of student."

### *Private Funds Needed For Education*

Daniels, vice chairman of the State University of New York board, says public institutions, including SIU, are becoming more reliant on private fundraising to offer quality education to students. State support of public univer-



Daniels, who served as New York's Secretary of State from 2001 to 2005, wants to create opportunities for deserving students to attend college. "We don't live in a world with a level playing field," he says.



sities, he points out, has steadily decreased in recent years.

“Those who have benefited from an excellent public education have a responsibility to give something back. This has to become a part of our culture; much like it is for private schools,” he says. “It should be a strong component of any university’s long-term strategic plan. We can’t rely on the government; therefore, we have to raise private funds. Public institutions must be creative and aggressive to keep pace.

“That’s why SIU’s current comprehensive campaign to raise \$100 million in support of University initiatives is extremely important.”

Daniels was the keynote speaker for the dinner that launched the campaign in 2005. He said then that Southern’s campaign represented the inherent power of public-private partnerships.

“In New York state we became aware of just what these partnerships could do when we saw them fuel a renaissance in Harlem,” he told the gathering at the SIU Arena. “They accomplished what the government could not do alone and they accomplished what the private sector could not do on its own.”

Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor of institutional advancement and chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation, says Daniels’ gift is a testament to his loyalty for Southern.

“Randy Daniels is setting a wonderful example with a gift of this nature. He has been a leader in the state of New York and is exhibiting similar attributes in our efforts to enhance private funding at SIU,” McCurry says.

“We appreciate Randy’s knowledge and understanding of the challenges public institutions encounter. Furthermore, we hope Randy’s fellow SIU alumni follow suit when they become aware of his generosity and willingness to take action.”

## ***The Road To Success***

Daniels grew up in the Altgeld Gardens housing project on the south side of Chicago. He was one of 10 children in a working-class family. His father owned a small business, while his moth-

er worked as a nurse’s aide. Although the Thornton High School graduate hailed from humble surroundings, he proceeded to become a college graduate, a CBS News war correspondent and a high-ranking official in the state of New York.

The Southern product spent 14 years in various broadcast reporting positions, ranging from WVON radio in Chicago to national correspondent for CBS News based in New York City.

Daniels has been a member of the State University of New York Board of Trustees since 1997. From 1995 to 1999, he served as senior vice president and deputy commissioner of economic revitalization of the Empire State Development Corp.

Appointed secretary of state by Gov. George Pataki in 2001, is currently vice chairman of Gilford Securities, Inc., in New York, an investment bank that focuses on the Middle East and Asia in addition to the United States.

“The access and affordability of a high-quality public university was critical to my development,” he says. “SIU made a profound difference in my life. It introduced the world to me in a way that I could not have imagined. SIU provided me with the tools necessary to compete and it’s a gift that has lasted a lifetime.

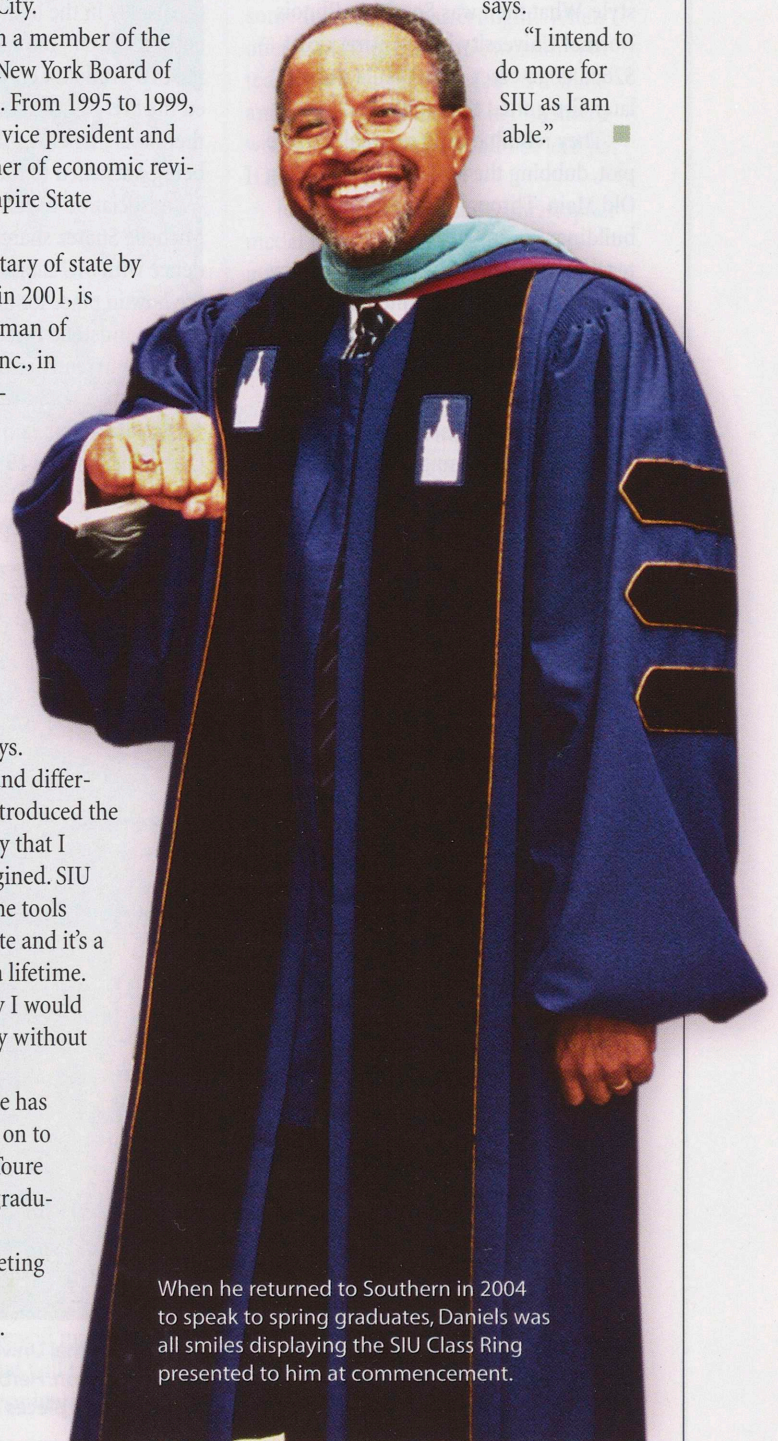
“There is no way I would be where I am today without SIU.”

The SIU graduate has passed these values on to his two daughters, Toure and Asha. Toure, a graduate of Hampton University, is completing her MBA at Baruch College in New York. Asha, a graduate of

Spellman College, is beginning work toward her master’s degree at the Fashion Institute of Technology. Both are attending highly rated public institutions in the City University of New York system.

“If you are willing and able to do the work, there should be a seat in a public university setting for you. I want every kid who is prepared to work to have that opportunity,” he says.

“I intend to do more for SIU as I am able.” ■



When he returned to Southern in 2004 to speak to spring graduates, Daniels was all smiles displaying the SIU Class Ring presented to him at commencement.

## Pieces Of First Campus Building Donated To Library

**I**t all began in 1874 in a rather ornate 215-foot by 109-foot, four-story building of Romanesque-Gothic architectural style. What then was Southern Illinois Normal University in its entirety cost \$265,000 to erect. Less than a decade later, fire gutted the building.

They rebuilt on the original 20-acre plot, dubbing the replacement building Old Main. Through the years, other buildings sprang up as the small teacher's college evolved into Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The inaugural building on the Carbondale campus is long gone, as is Old Main, which an arsonist's flames consumed in 1969.

Herb Rieke of Dunlap, Ill., has donated some special remnants of that first building to Morris Library.

Rieke had returned to campus last

year to attend the Half Century Club events during SIU Homecoming Weekend, and had noticed similar stones on display in the hallway outside the entrance to the Old Main Restaurant in the SIU Student Center. He later contacted the SIU Alumni Association to see if there was interest in the cornice stones being presented to the University.

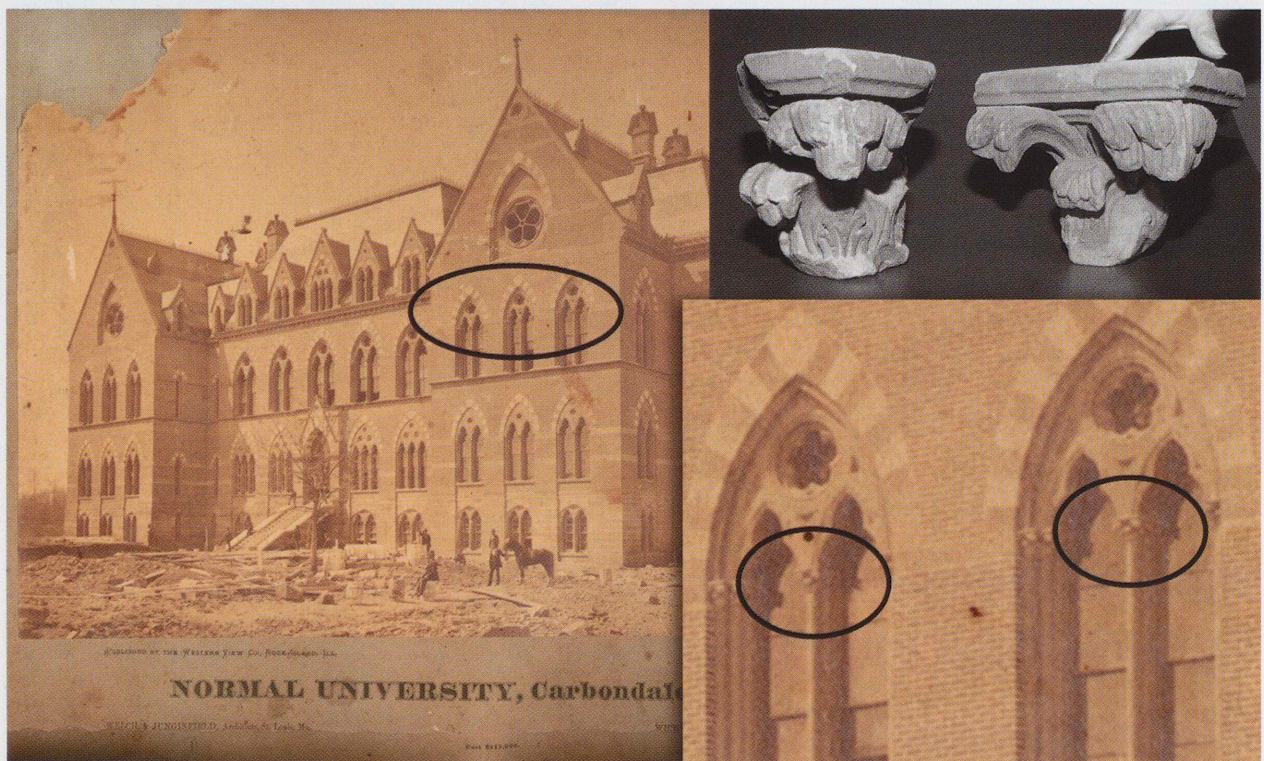
Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez shared the correspondence with SIU Library Affairs, and plans are now in place for an eventual display of the sandstone pieces in Morris Library, currently in the midst of a massive expansion and renovation project.

Rieke and his family resided in Carbondale in the 1930s and 1940s. Sometime after the turn of the century, his grandfather, Joseph Davis, served as

Murphysboro mayor. Davis received a variety of items from his constituents, including some carved sandstone pieces that formed the tops of the columns of the Corinthian capitals that separated the arched windows on the second and third floors of that very first University building.

"Even as Old Main is fading in the memory of many alumni, we're delighted to have these remnants of Old Main's predecessor," says David Carlson, dean of Library Affairs at Southern.

According to Gail White, a founding member of the Carbondale architectural firm White and Borgognoni Architects, which specializes in historic preservation, the stone used in the construction reportedly came from a quarry located a few miles south of Carbondale. ■



Southern Illinois University began as Southern Illinois Normal University in 1874 with the opening of what was then its one and only building. This picture depicts the building's construction. Herb Rieke donated some of the original sandstone pieces that once flanked the windows of that building. The photo shows the pieces and their original location.

# St. Christopher Is A Saluki

by Mike Murray M.S. '81, Ph.D. '93

It was 3:30 a.m. on July 24, and the medivac helicopter had restarted its engine in preparation for another lifesaving mission. My eldest daughter, Meghan, and I stood transfixed in the predawn hours staring at the roof of Memorial Hospital of Carbondale from the parking lot below.

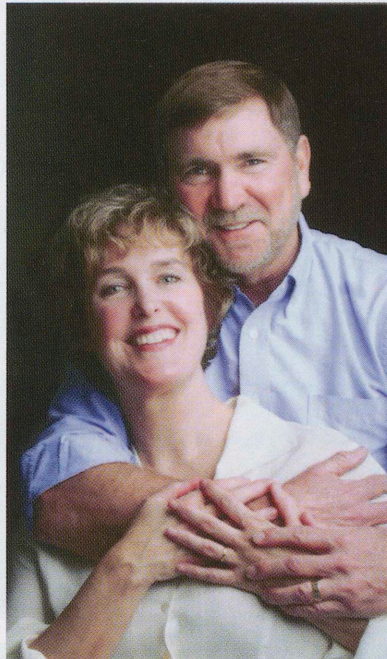
The “whoomp-whoomp-whoomp” sound of the idling copter soon changed into the drone of a machine ready for lift-off. Slowly it rose from its pad, hesitated momentarily and then banked off into the early morning sky.

*Its destination:* Saint Louis University Hospital. *Its patient:* Meghan’s mother and my wife of nearly 39 years, Susan.

As the twinkling light of the helicopter quickly disappeared, Meghan and I stood stunned, trying to grasp what had just happened. The handful of words spoken an hour or so earlier by the emergency room doctor still echoed through our heads. “Susan has had a cerebral hemorrhage. She has to go! We must get her to St. Louis!” I quickly placed the immediate decision making challenges into the hands of the medical team ... and God.

We drove in disbelief to my home to pack for the two-hour trip to St. Louis and to break the heartbreaking news to the other children: Sarah in Makanda and Matthew in Nashville, Tenn. It was shortly after 4 a.m. when I looked into Meghan’s blue-grey eyes and asked, “Before I call your brother and sister and change their lives forever, tell me – did this really happen?” In a steady, affirming voice her answer was short and to the point, “Yes, Dad. It really did happen.”

I called the other children to deliver the news that their mother was facing a life and death struggle and we all must give her and each other the strength necessary to get us all through this family crisis. Meghan, Matthew, and Sarah



Susan and Mike Murray

soon proved not only to be our loving children but also our best friends.

For the next nine days Susan fought for survival in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of Saint Louis University Hospital. During that time, the children and I were given a crash course on what can go terribly wrong in the regions of our brain and the dire consequences. We now know what an angiogram is as well as the difference between a CT angio and a CT angio with profusion.

We learned that, if given a choice, we would choose an intraventricular hemorrhage rather than a devastating aneurysm or an arterio-venous malformation. Susan’s first angiogram revealed the “good news” that she had had the least damaging.

Eleven days after her helicopter ride to St. Louis, Susan came back home to Carbondale. No one knows why the hemorrhage occurred, as she had no risk factors. It looks like she will make a full recovery, however that will take months of patience and determination.

During one of the darkest days of this ordeal, I stopped to have a beer at Riley’s Pub near Grand and Arsenal after I left the hospital. Just outside the pub I noticed a young couple searching for something under a street light. When I offered to help, the young woman spotted my SIU shirt. She beamed a smile and told me that she and her husband were SIU graduates named Lee and Jeff Harris.

Jeff had dropped his St. Christopher medal in the darkness and was determined to find it. As we all searched, his wife asked what I was doing in St. Louis. I choked back tears as I told her of Susan’s struggle for survival.

Moments later Jeff found his lucky medal, then quietly walked over to me and extended his hand. In it was the medal. “Here, take this to your wife – and good luck,” he said, placing it in my palm.

Meeting these two kindred spirits from SIU was comforting, and before long Susan’s road to recovery and return home would become a reality.

I’m convinced that St. Christopher is a Saluki too.



**Editor’s Note:** Mike Murray and his wife Susan ’83, M.S. ’92 are life members of the SIU Alumni Association. He recently retired from the SIU Foundation following a 28-year career with the University.

## 19th Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble

The 19th Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble was held at the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling, Ill., this summer, cosponsored by Saluki Athletics and the Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble Committee. The event has raised more than \$296,500 since 1989. The committee has also decided to pledge the majority of receipts, estimated at \$150,000 for the next 10 years, to help finance Saluki Way. After the 18 holes of golf, everyone was treated to a dinner, silent auction, and raffle prizes. A special thanks to alumnus George Loukas who was the main event sponsor.



From left, Chet Savage, Dale Lennon, Jim Roman, Mickey Levitt, Sam Goldman, and Jeff Lorber enjoy the golf event, sponsored by Saluki Athletics and the Chicagoland Golf Scramble Committee.

## 'Always... Patsy Cline' Enjoyed By Alumni

More than 80 alumni and friends attended a performance at McLeod Theater of the hit show, *Always... Patsy Cline*. The tribute to the legendary country singer was headlined by Southern faculty member Lori Merrill-Fink, who put on a tremendous performance to a packed house. Prior to the show, more than 30 Salukis enjoyed a catered meal at



From left, Sharon Benton, Lora Lee Nugent, Lea Ann Kuehl, Betty McLeod, and Jeannie Caldwell chat during the pre-show reception.

McLeod sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association. Director of Communications Gene Green hosted the event, while immediate past president Doris Rottschalk addressed the gathering.

## 7th Annual SIU Saluki Chicago And Lake County Chapters Host Socials

The Chicagoland and Lake County Chapters of the SIU Alumni Association hosted socials at Wellington's Tavern and Mickey Finn's brewery, respectively. The attendees gathered to socialize, share ideas, and network. The chapters are seeking more alumni volunteers, and information about how you can become involved is available online. Visit the Chicagoland Chapter at [www.siualumni.com/chicago](http://www.siualumni.com/chicago) and the Lake County Chapter at [www.siualumni.com/lakecounty](http://www.siualumni.com/lakecounty).

## Family Day Held In Chicago

More than 360 alumni and friends attended the 7th annual SIU Saluki Family Day at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago. Attendees enjoyed a tailgate prior to watching the White Sox

defeat the Minnesota Twins. The tailgate featured a silent auction, and the late afternoon of food, fun, and baseball was coordinated by a committee of Chicago-area alumni.

## SIU Days In Los Angeles

Alumnus Todd Abrams hosted "SIU Days at the Dodger Stadium" featuring Dodgers-Cubs and Dodgers-White Sox match-ups over the summer, with the events drawing more than 60 alumni and friends. To be informed of upcoming events, contact Abrams at [toddabrams@sbcglobal.net](mailto:toddabrams@sbcglobal.net).



This group of Salukis on the west coast has enjoyed getting together for games at Dodger Stadium this summer.

## SIU Evening At Ravinia

Forty-five alumni and friends enjoyed an outdoor concert featuring a performance by John Hiatt at the Ravinia hosted by the Chicagoland and Lake County Alumni Chapters. Representing the University were Associate Director of Institutional Advancement for the Chicago Region Mary Carroll, SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez, and Director for Off-Campus Programs Argus Tong.

## Quad Cities Baseball Outing

Thirty-three alumni and friends attended the pregame picnic and baseball game featuring the Quad Cities River Bandits. It was the first event hosted by the Quad Cities Club of the SIU Alumni



From left, Don Miller, Rae Miller, Anna Philhower and Mike Philhower relax before the game.

Association. Attendees enjoyed the meal at the Sky Deck. For more information regarding the Quad Cities Alumni Club, visit [www.siualumni.com/quadcities](http://www.siualumni.com/quadcities).

## 2nd SIU Day With The Miners Draws More Than 160 Salukis

One hundred and sixty-one alumni and friends attended the 2nd annual SIU Day with the Southern Illinois Miners event hosted by the Williamson County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association. Attendees enjoyed the meal at 17th Street Bar & Grill in Marion. SIUC Interim Chancellor Sam Goldman, Executive Director Michelle Suarez, and Williamson County Chapter President Kari Sanders addressed the crowd. The Salukis then watched the Miners take on the Traverse City Beach Bums. Representing the SIU Alumni Association were staff members Argus Tong and Tina Shingleton.

## Make Your MVC Hotel Reservations Now

Make your reservations for the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Men's Basketball Championship March 5-8, 2009. Join the SIU Alumni Association at Hilton at the Ballpark in St. Louis. For online reservations, please visit [www.siualumni.com/mvc](http://www.siualumni.com/mvc). A two-night minimum stay and payment required. The SIU Alumni Association cannot guarantee room reservations, so please make your reservations early. Details on pregame and postgame gatherings for alumni and fans will be available after the tournament pairings have been determined. Check [www.siualumni.com/mvc](http://www.siualumni.com/mvc) for updated information.

## Texas Alumni Picnic

The Austin-San Antonio Club of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 23 alumni and friends at the home of Bill and Mary Szlag. The group enjoyed the fun-filled day with lunch and games. Club representative Donna Lecocq was instrumental in coordinating the event. Representing the SIU Alumni Association was Director for Student, College, and Constituent Relations Tuesday Ashner. For more information about the Austin-San Antonio Club, visit [www.siualumni.com/txsalukis](http://www.siualumni.com/txsalukis) or [www.texassalukis.blogspot.com](http://www.texassalukis.blogspot.com).



Texas Salukis are all smiles at the home of Bill and Mary Szlag (at the left side of the group) this summer.

## Perry County And Randolph County Scholarship Banquets

The Perry County Scholarship Banquet drew 40 attendees at Alongi's Restaurant in Du Quoin recently. Retired SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger addressed the group. Representing the SIU Alumni Association were Executive Director Michelle Suarez and Director for Off-Campus Programs Argus



From left, John Alongi Sr. poses with Perry County scholarship recipients Kyle Fisher, Alex Coleman, Olivia Pittmann, Brittany Winder, and Hannah Kellerman.

Tong, Perry County Chapter President Doris Rottschalk was instrumental in coordinating the event. The recipients honored were:

Alongi Legacy Scholarship: Alex Coleman; Baker Family PCHS Scholarship: Brittany Winder; Perry County High School Scholarship: Kyle Fisher, Hannah Kellerman, and Olivia Pittman.

The Randolph County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association also hosted its scholarship banquet. Executive Director Michelle Suarez was guest speaker for the 49 attendees. For a complete list of the Randolph County scholarship recipients, visit [www.siualumni.com/randolph](http://www.siualumni.com/randolph). Representing the SIU Alumni Association was Director for Off-Campus Programs Argus Tong. Randolph County Chapter President Barb Brown helped coordinated the event.



Top row from left, SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez poses with Randolph County scholarship recipients Bradley Gielow, Corey Fulkerson, Chris Kern, and chapter representatives Barb Brown and Betty Luthy. Front row recipients, from left, are Rachel Wolters, Lauriel Wingerter, Sean Goodin, Michelle Rust, and Kaylyn Gimber.

## 9th Annual Greater Michigan Picnic

The Greater Michigan Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted alumni and friends at the Kensington Metro Park. The group enjoyed a fun-filled day with lunch and volleyball. At the picnic, Marita Smith contributed the funds for an annual SIU Alumni Association membership, which was presented via a drawing to an alumnus in attendance at the event.



The Greater Michigan Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted a large group of Salukis at its ninth annual picnic.

In attendance from the University were chair of the Automotive Technology department Jack Greer, associate professor in the Automotive Technology program Mike Behrmann, constituent development officer for College of Applied Science & Arts Michael Ellis, SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez, and SIU Alumni Association Director Argus Tong.

## 4th Annual SIU Evening At The Muny

Twenty-two alumni attended an evening at the Muny to see *The Producers*, hosted by the St. Louis Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association. In addition to the performance, the attendees were treated to a backstage tour of the Muny, the largest and oldest outdoor theater in St. Louis, and a buffet dinner at the Bank of America Pavilion. Representing the Association was Off-Campus Director Argus Tong. Alumni volunteers Ann Eberlin, Marianne Klein, Kimberly Omelson, Leslie Tepen, and Anna Vani assisted with the event.



A group of SIU alumni and friends attending the event at The Muny had an opportunity to take a backstage tour and stand on the stage before the show began.

## SIU Evening At Chase Field In Arizona

More than 80 alumni and friends in Arizona attended the "SIU Evening at Chase Field" pregame gathering at Slider's American Grill hosted by the Greater Phoenix Club of the SIU Alumni Association. Alumni and friends then watched the Arizona Diamondbacks take on the Chicago Cubs. Alumnus volunteer Sean Hetzman coordinated the gathering.

## SIU Salukis At Illinois State Football Tailgate

The SIU Alumni Association, together with alumni volunteers, will be hosting the pregame football tailgate at the Redbird Tent Zone, north of Hancock Stadium on Nov. 22. The tailgate will start at 11:15 a.m., with game time at 1:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.sialumni.com/events](http://www.sialumni.com/events).

## Basketball Pregame Receptions Planned

The San Francisco Bay area chapter and the Greater Rockford club of the SIU Alumni Association are planning pregame receptions for the men's basketball games against University of Nevada (Dec. 14) and Northern Illinois University (Dec. 17). Details are being finalized. For more information, visit [www.sialumni.com/events](http://www.sialumni.com/events).

## SIU Alumni Association Employee Makes History



Timasha Udugama is the recipient of the 2008 Peter Buchanan Scholarship, the first student in the state of Illinois to win the prestigious award. The Association of Student Advancement Programs (ASAP) recently announced Udugama as the

winner of the scholarship while simultaneously informing him that no other student in the state of Illinois has won before.

"I was truly honored to find out that I won. The scholarship usually goes to students at Big Ten schools," says Udugama, who is a student employee at the SIU Alumni Association and president of the Student Alumni Council.

## Get Involved With Fellow Salukis!

### *Central Illinois Alumni Chapter*

SIU Alumnus Wayne Carter is seeking other alumni volunteers to revitalize the Central Illinois Chapter. If interested in volunteering for the Central Illinois Chapter or to be informed of upcoming events, please contact Carter at [siudawg77@insightbb.com](mailto:siudawg77@insightbb.com).

### *Chicagoland Alumni Chapter*

SIU Alumnus Denis "Doc" Kane will take an active role in revitalizing the Chicagoland Chapter. If interested in assisting or to be informed of upcoming activities, please contact Kane at [doc.kane@gmail.com](mailto:doc.kane@gmail.com).

### *Colorado Alumni Club*

SIU Alumnus Jeff Ratajczak is seeking volunteers to revitalize the Colorado Alumni Club and organize activities for SIU alumni and friends in the area. If interested, please contact Mr. Ratajczak at [znuff5@hotmail.com](mailto:znuff5@hotmail.com).

### *Greater Cincinnati Tri-State Alumni Club*

SIU Alumnus Mark Holhubner is seeking other alumni volunteers to establish the Greater Cincinnati Tri-State Alumni Club (includes Louisville-Lexington-Cincinnati) and organize activities for SIU alumni and friends in the area. If interested, contact Holhubner at [mholhubner@basconinc.com](mailto:mholhubner@basconinc.com) or [holhubner@insightbb.com](mailto:holhubner@insightbb.com).

### *Greater Rockford Alumni Club*

SIU Alumnus Dale Sanders is seeking more volunteers to establish the Greater Rockford Alumni Club and organize activities for SIU alumni and friends in the area. If interested, please contact Sanders at [bdsanders@ameritech.net](mailto:bdsanders@ameritech.net).

### *Lake County Alumni Chapter*

More than 3,500 alumni reside in Lake County. To meet fellow SIU alumni, participate in future activities, and support the efforts to revitalize the chapter, please e-mail alumni Suzi Schmidt and Lou Archbold at [lakecountysalukis@gmail.com](mailto:lakecountysalukis@gmail.com) or Director of Chapter Development Argus Tong at [argus@siu.edu](mailto:argus@siu.edu).

### *South Florida Alumni Club*

SIU Alumni Todd Kalas and Norm Seavers are seeking other alumni volunteers to establish the South Florida Alumni Club to bring together the efforts of alumni to establish an SIU presence in the area. To be involved or help organize or participate in future activities, contact Kalas at [tfmk24@yahoo.com](mailto:tfmk24@yahoo.com) or Seavers at [nseavers@bellsouth.net](mailto:nseavers@bellsouth.net).

### *New York Alumni Club*

The SIU Alumni Association is looking for alumni volunteers to assist with the New York Alumni Club. If interested, contact Director of Chapter Development Argus Tong at [argus@siu.edu](mailto:argus@siu.edu).

## Don S. Davis, 'Stargate: SG-1' Star

**D**on S. Davis, a two-degree Southern graduate who starred as a character actor in hundreds of television shows and motion pictures, died this summer at age 65 at his home in Canada.



Davis, M.S. '70, Ph.D. '82, began his career teaching theater arts in the early 1980s before deciding to pursue acting as a profession. He soon gained acclaim for his roles in TV's *Stargate: SG-1* and *Twin Peaks*, and also appeared in several movies such as *A League of Their Own* and *Best in Show*.

A Missouri Ozarks native who served in the U.S. Army before attending SIU, Davis was featured on the cover of the June 2004 issue of *Southern Alumni* magazine.

### Alumni Deaths

Fall 2008

**HALL**, Nora Marie, '25

05/10/08, Cartersville, Ill.

**SMALL**, Gladys Q., '27

05/26/08, Raleigh, Ill.

**BECKERMAN**, Marguerite E.

Ravenstein, '30  
05/04/08, Mt. Carmel, Ill.

**DICKEY**, Lillian Hudspeth, ex '33

07/23/08, Kettering, Ohio

**JONES**, Jessie B., '33

07/02/08, Chester, Ill.

**VIRGIN**, Virlin V., '33

06/21/08, Bethalto, Ill.

**WINKELMEYER**, Evelyn C., '34

04/30/08, Carbondale, Ill.

**DONHAM**, Thais P. Suprunowski, '35

06/10/08, Belleville, Ill.

**GREER**, Charlotte C., '38

01/22/07, Cleveland, Ohio

**WILLIAMSON**, Ruth A. Cochran, '41

12/05/07, Springfield, Ill.

**JONES**, Virginia L. McAfoos, ex '42

07/26/08, St. Albans, W.V.

**BURKITT**, Ruth E., '43

06/07/08, Fairfield, Ill.

**MESCHER**, Charles H., '43,

M.S.Ed. '50, Ph.D. '73

07/11/08, Metropolis, Ill.

**REAGAN**, Ray V., '43

07/25/08, Ullin, Ill.

**DOWNEY**, Robert D., ex '44

06/03/08, Carbondale, Ill.

**HALTERMAN**, Anna K., ex '44

07/10/08, Carbondale, Ill.

**DAVIS**, Mildred A. "Milanne", ex '46

06/04/08, Marion, Ill.

**MARTIN**, LaDonna J., '46

06/17/08, Golconda, Ill.

**MARGELLI**, Betty R., ex '47

07/19/08, West Frankfort, Ill.

**RHINE**, Anna R., '47

05/21/08, Wood River, Ill.

**STEPHENS**, Mary E., '48, M.S.Ed. '64

07/09/08, Royalton, Ill.

**AKIN**, Harold D., ex '49

05/01/08, Murphysboro, Ill.

**BARROW**, M.D., Jack, '49

07/05/08, St. Louis, Mo.

**ECKESS, JR.**, William S., ex '49

12/11/07, Newport Beach, Calif.

**FERGUSON**, Don H., '49

07/24/08, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

**GROSCO**, George P., '49, M.S.Ed. '73

06/28/08, West Frankfort, Ill.

**HICKS**, Josie L., ex '49

05/02/08, Harrisburg, Ill.

**RIDGEWAY**, William G., '49

06/09/08, Murphysboro, Ill.

**WOOLARD**, Charles F., '49, M.S.Ed. '50

07/23/08, Joliet, Ill.

**DAVIS, JR.**, Mont., '50, M.S.Ed. '55

06/07/08, Creal Springs, Ill.

**SANDERS, JR.**, Earl, ex '50

05/30/08, Austin, Texas

**STEPHENS**, James L. "Jack", '50,

M.S.Ed. '55

07/22/08, Streator, Ill.

**WILSON**, Kathryn B., ex '50

07/26/08, Mt. Erie, Ill.

**SMITH**, Artie, '51, M.S.Ed. '54

06/02/08, Lawrenceville, Ill.

**BADALAMENTI**, Lewis "Louie", '52

06/26/08, Edwardsville, Ill.

**BROWN**, Dorothy A. "Bunky", '52, M.A. '58

05/22/06, Nappanee, Ind.

**MOORELAND**, Lucile C., '52

05/16/08, Flint, Mich.

**NORRIS**, William D., '52, M.S.Ed. '59

06/27/08, Norris City, Ill.

**SOLLARS**, Donald E., '52

07/01/08, Armstrong, Ill.

**JONES, JR.**, III, Richard W., '54, '76;

M.S.Ed. '71

07/06/08, Pflugerville, Texas

**JAY**, Charles D., '55, M.A. '59, Ph.D. '82

06/01/08, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

**SPEES**, Janette Birch, '55

07/17/08, Arlington, Vir.

**JACKSON**, Bobbie C., A.T. '56

07/12/08, Tunnel Hill, Ill.

**KAYSON**, Harriet Stallman, '56

06/18/08, New Athens, Ill.

**CULLUM**, Shirley R., '57

06/29/08, San Antonio, Texas

**KARNS**, James E. "Eddie", '57

07/14/08, Carmi, Ill.

**MAXWELL**, James G., ex '57

07/20/08, Sparta, Ill.

**BRANGENBERG**, Roy M., '58

07/08/08, Kampsville, Ill.

**HARRISON**, Gary L., '58, M.S.Ed. '59

07/08/08, McLeansboro, Ill.

**OZMENT**, Mary S., '58

06/13/08, Harrisburg, Ill.

**SCHNEPP**, Russell A., '58

07/19/08, Orange, Calif.

**MYERS**, Charles B., '59

07/26/08, Phoenix, Ariz.

**BACKSMEIER**, Frederic H.W., '60

05/11/08, Normal, Ill.

**GRAY**, Sylvia F., '60

05/18/08, Seward, Ill.

**POTTORFF**, James E., ex '60

01/18/08, Bonita Springs, Fla.

**SEYMOUR, JR.**, Harry, M.S. '61, Ph.D. '63

07/07/08, Bridgeport, Conn.

**BAILEY, JR.**, Claire L. "Red", '62

11/15/07, Toledo, Ohio

**BERNETT**, Richard C., '62, M.S. '63

05/12/08, Quincy, Ill.

**STEINMANN**, David E., '62

06/18/08, Salem, Ill.

**YUAN**, Cecilia Cagnetto, '62

12/07/07, San Jose, Calif.

**EVANS**, David T., M.S.Ed. '63

06/05/08, Mackinaw, Ill.

**PARMLEY**, Joyce L. Lawrence, '63

06/21/08, Marion, Ill.

**BARRETT**, Sharon A. Schluter, '64

07/26/08, Heyworth, Ill.

**WHITESIDE**, Juanita L. Beggs, '64

05/23/08, Vienna, Ark.

**HENDERSON, III**, Jefferson D., M.A. '65,

Ph.D. '71

07/09/08, Weatherford, Okla.

**URBANCIC**, John J., '65

06/07/08, Scottsdale, Ariz.

**TURNER**, Ronald W., '63, M.S. '66

05/04/08, Overbrook, Kan.

**HALAT**, Cheryl S., '67

06/11/08, Huntley, Ill.

**TROWBRIDGE**, John W., '67

03/09/08, Houston, Texas

**ASHLEY**, Perry J., Ph.D. '68

07/07/08, Columbia, S.C.

**BERRY**, Larry E., M.S. '68

05/07/08, Bowling Green, Ky.

**BIGSBY**, James J., '69

05/09/08, Camillus, N.Y.

**CRAIN, Ph.D.**, Gilbert W., '69

07/01/08, Springfield, Ill.

**KLOSTERMANN**, Stanley F., '69

06/25/08, Breese, Ill.

**KOPENGA**, Kent P., ex '69

05/02/08, Riverside, Calif.

**WILLIAMS**, Dr. Wayne, Ed. Spec. '69

06/12/08, Murray, Ky.

**BOHAN, JR.**, John E., '70

05/31/08, Springfield, Ill.

**ERIKSEN, PH.D.**, Douglas C., ex '70

11/11/07, Atlanta, Ga.

**GOINGS**, James R., '70

05/22/08, Mt. Carmel, Ill.

**HUNTER**, George E., '70

06/05/08, Metamora, Ill.

**PARKER**, John A. "Jack", '70

07/05/08, Warren, Ohio

**PARR, JR.**, Guy D., '70

06/06/08, Shelbyville, Ill.

**COLLARD**, Myrteen C., '71, M.S.Ed., '77

05/08/08, Herrin, Ill.

**FLEMING**, Roy D. "Dan", '71

06/23/08, Carmi, Ill.

**CHAPLIN**, Leroy A. "Bud", '72

07/08/08, Olney, Ill.

**TYLOR**, Lindell B., '72

05/31/08, Eldorado, Ill.

**WITTENBRINK**, Stella M., '72, M.S.Ed. '76

06/23/08, Evansville, Ill.

**ELLIS**, Glenda L., '73, M.S.Ed. '78

08/08/08, Carbondale, Ill.

**HUNTLEY**, Bruce H., '73

05/09/08, Delta, Colo.

**JOHNS**, Karen S., A.A.S. '74

08/08/08, West Frankfort, Ill.

**MCGREW**, Rex O., '74

05/14/08, Flora, Ill.

**MITCHELL**, Bernice, '74

06/14/08, Benton, Ill.

**MONAHAN**, Patrick J., '74

07/14/08, Murphysboro, Ill.

**NEWMAN**, Cindy R., '74

05/29/08, Kewanee, Ill.

**JABLON**, Lawrence H., '75

09/11/07, Park Ridge, Ill.

**BIESER**, Raymond A., '76

04/22/08, Blue Springs, Mo.

**CARLSON**, Gregory, '76

04/21/08, Rock Island, Ill.

**DATTILIO**, Michael W., '76

05/19/08, Staunton, Ill.

**EDMUNDS**, Janis L. Bracken, '76

05/01/08, Birmingham, Ala.

**FLORIDA**, Bennie, '76

05/29/08, Farmington, Ark.

**FRIEDERICH**, Stanley H., "Pear", '76

07/06/08, Kansas City, Mo.

**TRAMMELL**, Gary M., '76

10/27/07, Fort Worth, Texas

**OFFERMAN**, Gary A., '77

08/02/08, Beaumont, Texas

**FIELDS**, Jay R., '78

04/03/08, Ventura, Calif.

**FLERI**, Thomas J., '78

07/30/08, Fort Smith, Ark.

**MILLIGAN**, Marcina M. Rothchild, '78

08/08/08, Herrin, Ill.

**RILEY**, Pamela S., '80

05/30/08, Vienna, Ill.

**WHITE**, Steve A., '80

05/24/08, Memphis, Tenn.

**KERR**, Joseph F., '81

06/03/08, Reno, Nev.

**MITCHELL**, Jeffrey M., '81

07/17/08, Christopher, Ill.

**ROBINSON**, Tamra D., '81

05/30/08, McDonough, Ga.

**VARNER**, Carl F., '81

05/23/08, Marion, Ill.

**DUTTON**, Cynthia A., '82 M.S.Ed. '86

08/02/08, Goreville, Ill.

**MANNING**,



## October

- 2-5 *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, McLeod Theater, Thurs.-Sat., 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.
- 4 Saluki Football at North Dakota State, 1 p.m.  
*B.B. King with special guest Joe Bonamassa*, SIU Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 SIU Homecoming Celebration, Homecoming Parade, 9 a.m.  
Pregame tailgate, SIU Alumni Association "Big Tent," east of McAndrew Stadium, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Saluki Football vs. Indiana State, 1:30 p.m.  
37th Miss Eboness Pageant, Shryock Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Saluki Football at Youngstown State, 4 p.m. ET  
Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 24-26 *The Old Maid and the Thief*, Christian H. Moe Theater, Fri. and Sat., 7:30 p.m., and Sun., 2 p.m.
- 25 Saluki Football at Missouri State, 1:30 p.m.

## November

- 1 Pregame Tailgate - Saluki Row
- 1 Saluki Football vs. North Dakota (Military Appreciation Day), 2 p.m.

- 8 Pregame Tailgate - Saluki Row
- 8 Saluki Football vs. Western Illinois (Band Day), 2 p.m.
- 14 *Vicki Lawrence and Mama: "A Two Woman Show,"* Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Pregame Tailgate - Saluki Row
- 15 Saluki Football vs. South Dakota State (Senior Day), 2 p.m.
- 20-21 *A Christmas Story*, McLeod Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Saluki Football at Illinois State, 1:30 p.m.

## December

- 5-7 *A Christmas Story*, McLeod Theater, Fri. and Sat., 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.
- 6 *Crystal Gayle - A Crystal Christmas*, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

## Looking Ahead

- December 13 Commencement
- December 14 Salukis Basketball at Nevada, pregame reception, TBA
- December 17 Salukis Basketball at Northern Illinois, pregame reception, TBA
- March 5-8 MVC Men's Basketball Tournament
- March 12-15 MVC Women's Basketball Tournament

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**JONES, Clifford E., Ph.D. '88**  
06/09/08, Auburn, Ill.

**KRESS, Joseph C., M.F.A. '88**  
04/16/08, Minneapolis, Minn.

**PRATHER, Bobby D. '88**  
06/21/08, Johnston City, Ill.

**VOSS AL-SHWAYIT, Dawn M. ex '88**  
06/17/08, Darien, Ill.

**BURNS, Larry C., '89**  
05/03/08, Marion, Ill.

**GATES, Rebecca L. Nieman, '89, M.S.'92**  
05/27/08, Marion, Ill.

**MEADOR, Richard J. "Dick," '90**  
04/20/08, Richland, Wash.

**ZALONE, Ronald L., '90**  
07/07/08, Auburn, N.Y.

**SNYDER, Michael H. '91**  
07/15/08, Murphysboro, Ill.

**BRANSON, SMSGT Rufus E., USAF, Ret., '92**  
05/17/08, Palm Harbor, Fla.

**FOSTER, JR., James A., '92**  
06/17/08, Pearl River, N.Y.

**MANTANO, Edgar J., M.A. '93**  
07/15/08, Carbondale, Ill.

**SCHIFF, Bernard "Bernie," '93**  
05/21/08, De Soto, Ill.

**MANES, Gary B., '94**  
07/11/08, Springfield, Ill.

**SCHWEITZER, Michael J., '95**  
05/14/08, Talent, Ore.

**BATES, Deidre Leek, '96, M.S.W. '04**  
06/25/08, Du Quoin, Ill.

**KRUEGER, Timothy M., ex '97**  
07/19/08, Hammond, Ind.

**SCHRAM, Monica '97**  
04/05/07, Streamwood, Ill.

**VOSS-ALSHWAYIT, Dawn, ex '98**  
6/17/08, Chicago, Ill.

**HAYS, Kelly S., '99**  
07/02/08, Herrin, Ill.

**JONES, Ramon E., '99**  
05/18/08, Carbondale, Ill.

**COMER, Keith E., '01**  
05/30/08, Casey, Ill.

**DUNAWAY, Jessica J., '01**  
05/12/08, Carterville, Ill.

**COWAN, Dustin R., '02**  
06/21/08, Springfield, Ill.

**GORDON-ROWE, Nicola A., M.S.Ed. '02**  
06/08/07, Kingston, Jamaica

**FARRIS, Matthew J., '06**  
05/28/08, Ava, Ill.

**OWINGS, Bradley C.**  
06/27/08, Murphysboro, Ill.

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05/17/08, Carterville, Ill.

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05/14/08, Carbondale, Ill.

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07/17/08, Evans, Ga.

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07/15/08, Benton, Ill.

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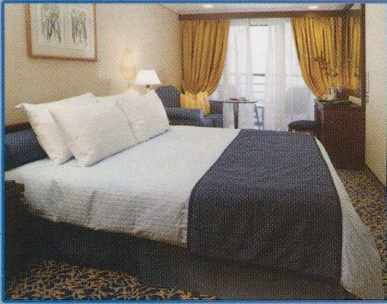
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Emerita Civil Service  
Professional Placement Counselor  
University Placement Center  
05/12/08, Murphysboro, Ill.

**WILLIAMS, J.D. "Jake"**  
Emeritus Civil Service  
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07/18/08, Johnston City, Ill.

**WISEMAN, Orval R.**  
Emeritus Civil Service  
Carpenter, Physical Plant  
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07/26/08, Neenah, Wisc.

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Marc Silverman, '93  
Radio-Television: College of Mass Communications  
and Media Arts  
Life Member - SIU Alumni Association  
"Waddle & Silvy" Show, ESPN Radio

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## 1960s

**Fred Arnold '61**, a general building contractor in Costa Mesa, Calif., has been recognized by the First Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, Calif., for organizing and operating three Injured Marine Golf



Benefits. The earnings, \$100,000, went to the Injured Marine Semper Fi fund. Arnold was captain of the 1960 SIU cross-country national championship team and served as a U.S. Marine Corps captain from 1962 to 1968. He and his wife, Karen, are shown at a ceremony recognizing his accomplishments.

Retired professor and humanitarian **Ella Phillips Lacey '64, M.S. '72, Ph.D. '79**, received the Franklin H. Williams Award at a Washington, D.C., ceremony in June. She was one of 11 returned Peace Corps volunteers of color from across the nation that were honored for continuing their Peace Corps missions through commitment to community service and promoting a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans. Lacey, who lives in Carbondale, served in the Peace Corps from 1995 to 1997 in Malawi.

**John Nickum, Ph.D. '66**, is one of the newest members of the National Fish Culture Hall of Fame. Nickum, a scientist, conservationist, educator, public servant, fish culturist, and writer, taught and conducted

research at South Dakota State University, Cornell University, and Iowa State University before his retirement. He had also served as the national aquaculture coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He lives in Fountain Hills, Ariz.

**Larry Rodkin '66**, president of Lawrence of Florida Entertainment & Events, has been selected as the 2008 Veteran Business Leader Award Winner by the Coral Springs (Fla.) Chamber of Commerce. The award is presented to an individual who has been in business for at least 10 years and has continually contributed to the chamber and the community at large. In business since 1980, Rodkin's Lawrence of Florida has evolved from being simply a DJ company to a full service entertainment and event company. Larry and his wife, Ricki, live in Coral Springs.

**Jack Carey, M.A. '67**, an attorney in Belleville, Ill., in June became the 132nd president of the Illinois State Bar Association. The 35,000-member ISBA, with offices in Springfield and Chicago, provides professional services to Illinois lawyers, and education and services to the



public. Carey's private practice concentrates in general trial work, labor law, and personal

injury law. During his term as president, Carey will continue the ISBA's strategic marketing initiative begun in 2005 to inform consumers about the value of having legal matters handled by a legal professional and to direct consumers to either ISBA's Lawyer Finder online or its phone referral service if they need help finding a lawyer.

**Janice Jacobs '68** has been sworn in as assistant secretary for the Bureau of Consular

Affairs in Washington, D.C., a promotion from her former post of principal deputy to the assistant secretary. She writes that it is a "huge responsibility that includes protecting Americans abroad, processing passports for American citizens, and processing visas for foreign

visitors." Her bureau also is the U.S. government central authority for the Hague Conventions on adoption and international child abduction.

**Dennis Roeslein '68** is senior vice president, lease banking, at MB Financial Bank in Rosemont, Ill. Born in

## Leaders Among Us

Sixteen outstanding citizens were honored as "Leaders Among Us 2008" by the *Southern Business Journal*, a publication of the *Southern Illinoisian* newspaper. The awards were presented for "their energy and spirit of giving to help make Southern Illinois a better place to live, work and play." Among those who received the awards are:

**Larry Good**, retired professor of kinesiology and physical education at SIU;

**Linda Hileman M.S. Ed. '91, and Duane Hileman** of Cobden, both lifelong educators in Anna;

**Mike Jones '67**, of Murphysboro, executive director of the Logan Museum;

**Ann Knewitz '54**, of Carbondale, registered dietician and cofounder of the annual Southern Illinois Women's Health Conference;

**Mike McClure A.A. '78**, of Chester, co-owner of Schroeder and McClure Funeral Chapel and chairman of the community's Popeye Picnic committee;

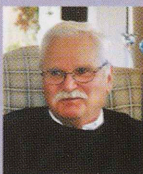
**Don Patton '73**, of Cairo, a licensed clinical professional counselor who is now a Med Prep counselor for the SIU School of Medicine;

**Larry Peterson '80, '83, M.S. Ed. '87, Ph.D. Ed. '02**, of Carbondale, longtime administrator at John A. Logan College, now president of Shawnee Community College;

**Jo Poshard '71**, of Murphysboro, 34 years as a public school teacher, now executive director of the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children;

**Julia Schroeder '76, M.S. Ed. '88, Ph.D. '95**, of Herrin, former teacher who is now vice president for instruction at John A. Logan College;

**Betty Sirls '64 and Wayne Sirls '63**, of Alto Pass, owners of Rendleman Orchards.



Good



The Hilemans



Jones



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The Sirls

Chicago, Roeslein joined MB in 1999 as vice president for lease banking. Previously he held various positions at General Electric Capital Corp., Skil Corporation, and Financial Corporation of Illinois/Knowles Leasing Corporation. He is also a certified lease professional and a certified public accountant. He lives in Mount Prospect.

**Lloyd Bockstruck, M.A. '69**, supervisor of the genealogy section at the Dallas (Texas) Public Library, was named the 2008 recipient of the Lillian M. Bradshaw Award by the Friends of the Dallas Public Library. The award honors the outstanding library staff member. Bockstruck joined the library staff in 1973.

## 1970s

**Phillip Pierpont, Ph.D. '72**, assistant provost for academic affairs at Vincennes University, retired from his position on June 30. Pierpont joined the VU English Department in 1971 and went on to serve as its chair, as dean of the humanities division, and as assistant vice president for the Community College Partnership. Pierpont taught for five years at SIUC before going to VU. In retirement, he will continue his course of study to become a deacon in the Catholic church; he expects to be ordained in August 2009.

Although they earned their degrees in theater at SIU 30 years apart, **Alex Dittmer '03** and **Chuck Stransky '73** are

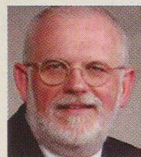


ruling the stage together at the Lake George (New York) Dinner Theatre in a production of *Greater Tuna*. The two each perform 10 different charac-

ters in the play, which features only the two actors. *Greater Tuna* is the first in a trilogy of comedic plays, each set in the fictional town of Tuna, Texas. The plays are at once an affectionate comment on small town, Southern life, and attitudes, but also a withering satire of the same. Dittmer is a native of rural Illinois and has performed in theaters all around the Midwest, in television commercials, and industrial films. His most recent works have been in independent films. Stransky has appeared on Broadway, off-Broadway, in regional theaters throughout the U.S., in feature films, and on television. Recently he has played Dr. Delanoin on *All My Children*.

**Don King, M.A. '74**, professor of English at Montreat College in North Carolina, is the author of *Hunting the Unicorn: A Critical Biography of Ruth Pitter*, a new book published by the Kent State University Press. The first treatment to discuss the entire body of Pitter's verse, the book will appeal to scholars and general readers because it places Pitter into the overall context of the 20th century British poetry and portrays a rather modest, hardworking woman who also witnessed the world through the lens of a gifted poet. In 1955, Pitter became the first woman to receive the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry. King lives in Black Mountain, N.C.

**Rudy Gostowski '75, '89, Ph.D. '92**, a chemist in the materials and processes laboratory, at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., stepped into a new role in 2005 when he was accepted into the NASA Administrator's



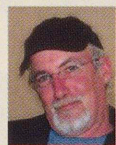
Fellowship Program. In that role he taught for two years at Fisk University, a small, predominantly minority institution, in Nashville, Tenn.

**Karen Renzaglia '75, M.S. '77, Ph.D. '81**, an associate professor in the SIU Department of Plant Biology, has been named



associate dean for undergraduate research, curriculum development, and outreach in the College of Science. She will focus on undergraduate and academic affairs, building the program and infrastructure. Renzaglia worked as a research scientist and faculty member at several universities before joining SIU in 1996. She was director and founder of the REACH program on campus in 2000 and began the McNair Scholars Program in 2003 and served as its director through 2007.

The first public showing of the artwork of **Jim Loftus '77**



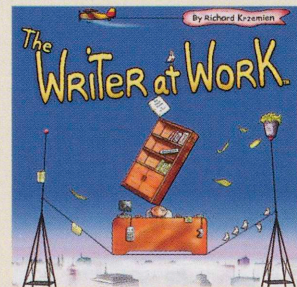
happened at Art Space International in Atlanta, Ga., in May. Loftus, who is director of special services for RTG Furniture Corp. in Duluth, Ga., shows some of his artwork on his Web site, [www.nearlynormaljim.com](http://www.nearlynormaljim.com).

The **Rev. Deborah Troester '77** and **Joe Troester '76**, both Carbondale natives, live in the Central African Republic, where they serve as missionaries in water resources development with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Deborah, who began professional life as a teacher, earned her master of divinity degree from the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico and served as an associate pastor at a church there before they moved to Garoua Boulai. Joe, who holds a Ph.D., serves as water resource manager for the church. Deborah's family includes a lot of Salukis, including her parents, **B.J. Schwegman Ex '57** and **Judy Schwegman '63**; her brothers, **William Schwegman '78, B.A. '82**, of Mountain View, Calif., and **Jeffrey Schwegman**

**A.A.S. '82, '84**, and his wife, **Suzan '78**, of Chesterfield, Mo. Her grandfather, **Dr. Ellis Crandle, 2-Year '24, '26**, practiced medicine in Carbondale for many years.

**Kathleen Bubinas, M.A. '78**, has been promoted to associate professor with tenure at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha. Bubinas began teaching at UW-Waukesha in 2002, the year after she completed her Ph.D. in anthropology at UW-Milwaukee. Her interests lie in urban ethnic communities and labor markets, Asian American studies, women in the work place, migration, transnationalism, and globalization. During summer 2008, she led a group of student and faculty researchers on a project, "Feeding the Downtown: A Study of the Economic Effects of Farmers' Markets on Local Economies in Wisconsin."

Internationally syndicated comic strip creator **Richard Krzemien '78**, has released a book that is a collection of his comics, *The Writer at Work*, published by Restless Minds Press. The comic strip, also titled *The Writer at Work*, debuted in 2001. The strip takes a humorous look at the daily fears, hopes, dreams, and disappoint-



ments that any creative person faces. As a member of the Writers Guild of America, Krzemien's TV writing credits include *War of the Worlds*, *The New Twilight Zone*, and creator of the first story that introduced the famous Ferengi on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. As an actor, he's had featured roles on *Monk* and *Grey's Anatomy* and brief appear-

ances on 24, *Entourage*, *NCIS*, *The Suite Life*, *Without a Trace*, *Criminal Minds*, and the feature, *National Treasure 2*. For more information on Krzemien, see [www.thewriteratwork.com](http://www.thewriteratwork.com).

**Mary Kay Moore '78, M.S.**

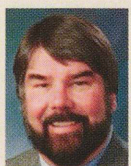
'81, is the new chairperson of the Southern Illinois Research Park Board of Directors. The election of Moore and her fellow officers occurred during the annual meeting of the organization that governs the nonprofit research park, located at the southern edge of SIUC. The SIU Board of Trustees appoints the directors, including four from the University and eight from the community. Moore formerly was the long-time chief executive officer and co-owner of the Center for Comprehensive Services in Carbondale. She's also a member of the SIU Foundation Board.

**Anthony Abate, J.D. '79**, an attorney with Abel Band, Chartered in Sarasota, Fla., has been recognized by *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine for 2008. Only five per-



cent of the lawyers in the state are named Super Lawyers each year. The winners are chosen by *Law & Politics* magazine through a rigorous, multiphase selection process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, an independent evaluation, and a peer review.

**Gene Kraus '79, M.S. '82**, vice president of cancer informatics and chief information



officer at Nevada Cancer Institute in Las Vegas, Nev., has been elected to serve on the Nevada State Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society board of directors. Kraus will serve a three-year term on the board of the international

health care industry membership-based organization that focuses on promoting the use of information technology management systems in health care organizations.

## 1980s

**John Michael Williams, Ph.D. '80**, who teaches electronic design automation topics at Silicon Valley Technical Institute in San Jose, Calif., is the author of a textbook, *Digital VLSI Design with Verilog*, published by Springer. He lives in Redwood City, Calif.

**James Zaczek '80, M.S. '82**, associate professor in the SIU



Department of Forestry, has been named interim chair of the department. He joined the

forestry faculty in 1997, coming to SIU from Pennsylvania State University. A forest ecologist, Zaczek's recent research has focused on the restoration, management, and uses of native giant cane, and on botland forest regeneration with a particular emphasis on oaks.

Former SIU gymnast **Kevin Mazeika ex '84** led the Men's Olympic Gymnastics team program at this year's Olympics in Beijing for the second time. His first was in Athens in 2004, where the U.S. team quenched a



20-year dry spell by snagging a silver medal, the best finish by the men's team since a gold medal-winning performance in 1984. Mazeika was a Saluki gymnast from 1980-1984 and credits his former coach, Bill Meade, for inspiring him to join the coaching ranks. (Meade coached the

program from its inception in 1956 until it was canceled in 1989, turning out 55 NCAA All-Americans and 15 NCAA individual champions.) Currently Mazeika is the men's program manager at the Houston Gymnastics Academy and owner of Mazeika's Elite Gymnastics.

**Jim Sassorossi, A.A.S. '84, '86**, has been named director of customer relations and service retention at Chrysler LLC in Auburn Hills, Mich. He joined Chrysler in 1986 and has held several positions within the sales and marketing departments. Most recently, he was senior manager for technical service publications for service and parts. He lives in Oakland, Mich.

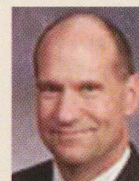
Eastern Illinois University has named **Gary Canivez, M.S. Ed. '85, Ph.D. Ed. '87**, as its 2008 recipient of the College of Sciences' Ringenberg Award. The award, presented annually,



is the highest faculty honor bestowed by the college, and is given to tenured faculty members for

"exceptional performance during their academic careers" at the university. Canivez, a professor of psychology, has taught at the university since 1995. Previously he served as a school psychologist in Arizona. He lives in Champaign.

**Kenneth Hawkinson, Ph.D. '86**, has been named to the newly created position of asso-



ciate provost for budget, planning, and personnel at Western Illinois University in

Macomb. Hawkinson joined the WIU faculty in 1988 as an assistant professor in the communication arts and sciences department. He earned the rank of professor in 1997 and was named chair of the department in 1998. He was appointed associate dean in July 2005.

**Berl Jones '86** has been promoted to director of the Individual Assistance Division within the Disaster Assistance



Directorate of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He was formerly assis-

tant director of the division and has more than 25 years of emergency management and volunteer coordinator experience. He and his wife live in Ashburn, Va.

**Tony Kahtz '86, M.S. '93** is the author of a just-released book, *Perennials for Midwestern Gardens: Proven Plants for the Heartland*. He was inspired to do the book while working at the Royal Horticulture Society's Wisley Gardens, which is about 25 miles from London, England. Kahtz has traveled and lived all over the world; he now lives in Mount Vernon, Ill

## White Named Duke Athletics Director



**Kevin White, Ph.D. '83**, director of athletics at the University of Notre Dame since 2001, in May became Duke University's seventh director of athletics and a vice president.

In making the announcement, Duke President Richard Brodhead said, "Kevin White is in the first rank of athletic directors nationally and will make a perfect fit for Duke. He has led coaches and players to the highest levels of athletic attainment while always remembering the larger goals of education. He is a passionate, inspiring leader."

In addition to leading Notre Dame's athletics programs to success on the playing field and in the classroom, White has also held a number of prominent national leadership roles within intercollegiate athletics, including his service in 2006-2007 as president of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and in 2005-2006 as president of the Division I-A Athletic Directors Association.

**John Medwedeff '86, M.F.A. '91**, a metalsmith by trade, has designed many works of art for public places, but for the first time, he has created a new city park in Murphysboro, where he lives and works. Medwedeff and his wife, **Cynthia Roth, M.F.A. '97, M.F.A. '01**, are co-owners of Medwedeff Forge & Design in Murphysboro. The new park, tentatively named Towne



Center Park, is located outside the Sallie Logan Library. Although it is currently still under construction, the new park will feature green space, a pavilion, and a small band shell. The centerpiece, however, will be a fountain designed by Medwedeff.

After being without a local neurosurgeon for two years, Carbondale and the region welcomed **Dr. Jeff Jones Ex '88** to town in July, when he started his practice at the Trinity Neuroscience Center at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. Jones lived in Carbondale 20 years ago and attended SIU on a gymnastics scholarship. When the gymnastics program was discontinued, he went to the University of Oklahoma, where he earned a chemistry degree. Before coming to southern Illinois, Jones worked in Philadelphia, where he completed his residency.

**Padma Devkota, Ph.D. '89**, a professor of English in his native Nepal, is president of the Mahakavi Laxmi Prasad Devkota Study and Research Center in Nepal. Padma is a son of Laxmi Prasad Devkota, who is called "Nepal's No. 1 poet and writer." Mahakavi (or Great Poet), who died in 1959, is known for his great body of powerful poetry and significant writings in Nepali and English. See more of his story at the Web site [www.dsrg.org.np](http://www.dsrg.org.np).

**Charley Holstein Jr. '89**, vice president of student services at Rend Lake College in Ina since January, will serve as interim president at the college as the search for a new president continues. Holstein spent 18 years in the U.S. Army, retiring as a lieutenant



colonel, before joining RLC. Rend Lake College trustees said Holstein has "proven himself capable of resolving complex issues, building teams to resolve issues, and serving the best interests of the college."

## 1990s

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Troy Bounds '90** returned in July from a five-month deployment to Iraq, assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit 6, which is based out of Charleston, S.C. Bounds' unit protected Coalition Forces against improvised explosive devices, conducting more than 1,850 missions, which led to the safe disposal of 417 IEDs. The unit's members are experts in explosives, diving, and parachuting, and it is their responsibility to analyze and handle foreign, domestic, and homemade explosives.

The Illinois State Bar Association conferred honors on three persons affiliated with the SIU School of Law: **Alice Noble-Allgire, J.D. '90**, and SIU law professor; **Gene Basanta**, SIU professor of law; and Fourth Circuit Judge **Ronald Spears, J.D. '77**. Noble-Allgire and Spears received the organization's Board of Governors Awards. Noble-Allgire, a past chair of the organization's Committee on Minority and Women Participation, headed an effort that resulted in the formation of a task force to improve diversity in the legal community. Spears, a retired



Noble-Allgire



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Illinois National Guard lieutenant colonel, headed efforts in providing legal assistance to members of the guard and reserve called to active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. Basanta, co-director of the law school's Center for Health Law and Policy, received the ISBA's Austin Fleming Award, the highest honor given to newsletter editors. For 20 years, Basanta had edited *Health Care Lawyer*, the organization's newsletter of the Health Care Law Section,

producing 75 issues of "timely substantive information on important developments in the practice." Also, Simmons Cooper of East Alton received one of two John C. McAndrews Pro Bono Service Awards that were presented. Simmons Cooper lawyers have represented about 100 pro bono clients in the past year through an in-house program. Its major focus has been on a guardian ad litem program and with organizations that provide legal assistance to veterans of military service. **John Simmons**, founding partner of SimmonsCooper LLC, is a member of the SIU Board of Trustees and is a 1991 graduate of SIUE.

**Jeff Cooper '91, M.Acc. '92**, has been promoted to finance director at Shawnee Health Services. He replaces **Karen**

**Parrish '91**, who retired as finance director at Shawnee Health Services in December 2007.

**Mattie White '92, M.D. '98**, has joined the part-time faculty at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine as an assistant professor of education and curriculum and year one doctoring director.



Most recently she was on staff at Family First Care, part of Southern Illinois Dermatology and Murphysboro Health Center. Her administrative assignments have included serving as chief of staff at St. Joseph's Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro and medical director of Grand Tower Health Center. White, who is board certified in family medicine, completed her family medicine residency at the SIU family medicine program in Carbondale.

**Jeffrey King '93** and his wife, Sherry, welcomed a daughter, Jordyn Brianna, in November 2007. The couple lives in Matthews, N.C., where Jeff recently became real estate counsel to longtime client Harris Teeter Inc., which operates a regional chain of upscale grocery stores in eight states and the District of Columbia.

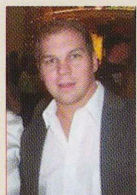
Carbondale Mayor **Brad Cole '94, M.L.S. '06**, has been re-elected to the International Board of Directors of Sister Cities International, and also was elected its vice president. He is scheduled to assume the international presidency in two years. Sister Cities represents more than 2,500 partnerships in 134 countries, promoting international understanding.

**Georgia Costello, M.S.Ed. '94, Ph.D. Ed. '07**, became the new president of Southwestern Illinois College in mid-July. Costello began her teaching career in the Belleville Grade School District, then moved

into the administrative side as principal of Belleville Central Junior High and then assistant superintendent at the St. Clair County Regional Office of Education. During her career, she has served on the Illinois Governor's Education Accountability and Education Excellence Task Forces, and she is currently on the board of trustees at McKendree University. Costello is the wife of U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello (D-Ill.).

**Richard Keyes '99** has launched an online directory to help pet owners find pet care, Find Me A Pet Sitter Inc. ([www.findmeapetsitter.com](http://www.findmeapetsitter.com)). The free service collects information about available pet services and arranges them according to geographic location. Keyes, who is a professional pet sitter, has listed pet sitters in more than 500 cities across the country, and the information expands daily.

**Jeff Ratajczak '99** is executive director for the Bennett



Parks and Recreation District in Bennett, Colo., just east of Denver. Among his accomplish-

ments in that position is securing a \$1.5 million grant for the construction of a new indoor aquatics facility for Bennett. Jeff also has taken over as the main contact for the Colorado SIU Alumni Association and is working to revitalize the chapter.

## 2000s

After two years in Anchorage, Alaska, **Matthew Nordin '00** landed in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where he'll be an early evening anchor at WMBF-TV, Raycom's new NBC affiliate. In Anchorage, Nordin was weekend anchor/investigative reporter at KTVA-TV (CBS). WMBF-TV launched on the first day of

NBC's Olympic coverage, Aug. 8. Nordin will contribute investigative stories on-air and at [wmbfnews.com](http://wmbfnews.com). While working a few years ago in the Greenville/Spartanburg market in South Carolina, Nordin earned an Edward R. Murrow Award and an Emmy nomination for his reporting. He's a native of Mount Vernon, Ill.

**Clay Nielsen, Ph.D. '01**, assistant scientist at SIUC's Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory, was featured on a Discovery Channel program that aired on Aug. 3 as part of a show on animal attacks. Nielsen addressed the series of human-deer encounters that occurred on campus during the summers of 2005 and 2006. During those times, several people reported deer acting aggressively, kicking or flailing at them, as they traversed several areas on campus. The show featuring SIUC also included segments focusing on alligators, bears, coyotes, mountain lions, and bees.

**Justin Reppy '01, M.Acc.'03**, senior accountant at Larson Allen LLP in St. Louis, has been promoted to tax manager at the professional service firm. LarsonAllen provides assurance, accounting, tax, consulting, and advisory services to organizations and individuals managing business ventures and finance.

**Jason Dorris '03**, a clinical assistant professor at the SIU School of Allied Health, is the new interim director of the physician assistant program at SIUC. Dorris, who lives in West Frankfort, Ill., also has worked as a certified physician assistant at the VA Medical Center in Marion and as a urological medical office assistant for a doctor in Herrin.

**Chris McHugh '03** is a producer for the new Fox Business Network, a channel that broadcasts to 40 million homes across the U.S. via cable and satellite. At SIU, McHugh worked on WSIU-TV student-produced programs

and in the station's post-production department. After graduating, McHugh worked as a producer for WSIL-TV in Carterville, the local ABC affiliate, and for a regional news network covering New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey before joining the Fox Business Network in New York City. He and his wife, a video editor and producer, live in Yonkers.

**Elizabeth Schuerman, J.D. '06**, is an associate with the Indianapolis-based law firm of Tabbert Hahn Earnest & Weddle



LLP. She will practice in the areas of medical malpractice, construction litigation, and general litigation. She was previously an associate in a private law firm in Indianapolis. At the SIU School of Law, Schuerman was a staff writer and articles editor for the *SIU Law Journal*, and a member of Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity.

**Erica Bania '08 and Kelly Pottorf '08** capped their col-

lege careers with a nice reward for work completed in their dental hygiene studies. The two took the top prize in the Illinois Department of Public Health's Oral Health Student Scholarship Awards contest for lesson plans they had created and taught to fifth- and sixth-graders. Bania and Pottorf presented their lesson plans at Carbondale Middle School, teaching youngsters about oral health, tobacco, brushing, flossing, and more. Their instructor in the senior-level community oral health class was **Sherri Lukes '84, M.S. Ed. '91**, dental hygiene associate professor.

**Ilesha Wilson '08** became a member of VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) in July. VISTA is a 40-year-old national service program with the aim of fighting poverty. Wilson, who spent time in Americorps as a tutor and mentor to area youth, will be assigned to the SIU Student Development Office, where she will promote volunteer service among new SIU students.

## Medalia's Film Nominated For Best Emmy Documentary



A poignant documentary that explores one of the many tragedies of the Middle East conflict earned three Emmy nominations in July for **Hilla Medalia '01, M.A. '04**.

Medalia's national and international award-winning film, *To Die in Jerusalem*, is one of seven films nominated for Best Documentary in the 29th annual News & Documentary Emmy Awards. The film, which already earned a George Foster

Peabody Award in April, is one of five pieces nominated for "Outstanding Informational Programming - Long Form," and is one of five nominees for "Outstanding Individual Achievement in a Craft: Music and Sound."

Medalia is pleased with the nominations, particularly when considering the quality of entrants. "In general, there are so many great films," she said in an interview from Amsterdam. "And this year there have been so many great films in the same categories. There have been a lot of meaningful and great Iraq films."

The National Academy of Arts & Sciences announced the nominations July 17. The Emmy presentations were set to take place Sept. 22 in New York City.

The film began as a thesis project while Medalia was at SIU. Jan Thompson, an associate professor in radio-television, chaired Medalia's thesis committee. "It's absolutely astounding to have a former student's thesis reach this level," Thompson says.

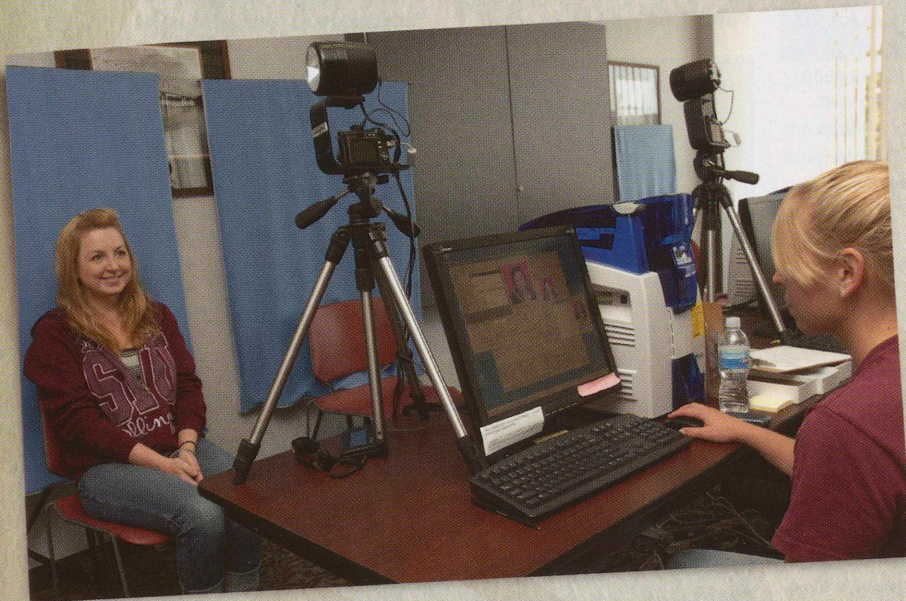
The film is now available on DVD at <http://www.todieinjerusalem.com/>.

# SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

*Then*



*...and now*



Back in 1948, a record 2,998 “Maroons” attended classes at Southern, including Arlene Beaulieu shown here posing for her student ID card. Sixty years later, Kirsten Kratz gets her photo ID from Emily Gauch at the SIU Student Center. On the first day of the 2008-09 school term, approximately 1,500 ID cards were made. Since the new Dawg Tag program began in June (eliminating the use of Social Security numbers) more than 17,000 Salukis have received their tags. That’s more than five times the entire 1948 student population!



The “Legacy of SIU” honors those who came before us, encourages us to be proud of our history, and inspires each of us to continue to be a part of the rich legacy of SIU. Visit us at [www.siuc.edu/legacy](http://www.siuc.edu/legacy)



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# An Association Friend Who Bleeds Maroon

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University  
Photographer  
Steve Buhman  
"bleeds maroon" more  
than most.

At any one time, you can find about 40 SIU shirts in his closet, and for the last quarter-century, many of his photos have documented the great milestones and daily affairs on Southern's campus. His knowledge of the University, its history, and its people is near-encyclopedic.

Buhman is a Saluki through and through – even though he's not an

SIU graduate. He's one of those people the SIU Alumni Association proudly classifies as a "friend."

The third oldest of 10 children from a farm family in St. Joseph, Mo., he earned a degree in history at the local Missouri Western State College (now Missouri Western State University), planning to teach middle-schoolers. After discovering that teaching didn't pay so well, he decided to go back to school – this time in journalism.

While working on his education degree, Buhman was serving as editor of the student newspaper. After an argument with the newspaper's adviser, he says he was told his "services were no longer required." So he walked across the hall to the yearbook office to look for work.

"They handed me a camera," he recalls, "and it was the first time I'd ever held a 35 mm."

Never one to shrink from a challenge, Buhman started reading photography books and managed to teach himself photography. "It only took a couple of weeks," he says with smile.

When he came to SIU in 1984, Buhman never realized that he could become a member of the Association as a friend. "But Nadine Lucas (former administrative secretary at the SIU Alumni Association) soon let me know it and kept after me to join." The two became so close that he affectionately called her "Mom."

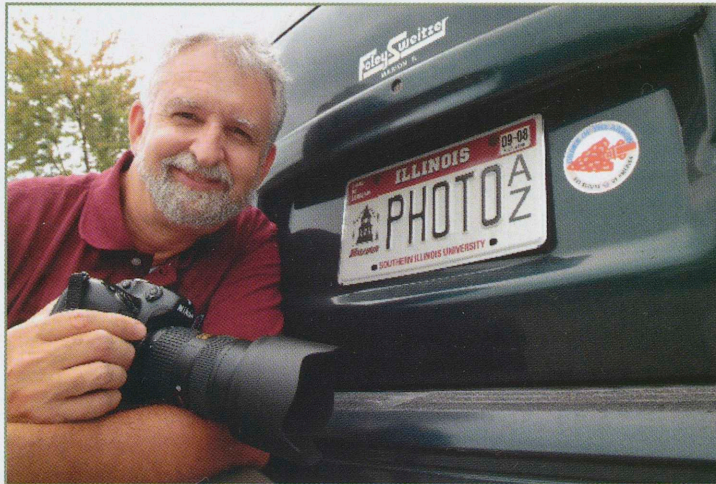
For years, Lucas arranged with Buhman to shoot the photographs for alumni events, and many of the pictures in the alumnus magazine for the past two decades have been shot through his lens.

Today, his son Michael is a freshman at SIU, hoping to major in information technology. Also in the family are wife Linda, and daughter Amy, a seventh-grader who already has plans to begin her college career at Southern on the road to becoming a marine biologist.

Buhman was the first one in his large family to graduate from college, and while his allegiance to Missouri Western is still important, it doesn't hold a candle to the way he feels about his adopted alma mater, Southern Illinois University.

From the underground steam tunnels to hanging out the doorway of a helicopter as it soars over campus, this likable pro has seen SIU from every angle. There is a good chance you have spotted him a time or two walking to a photo shoot or driving around town in a van that is easy to spot – his SIU license plate simply reads "Photo."

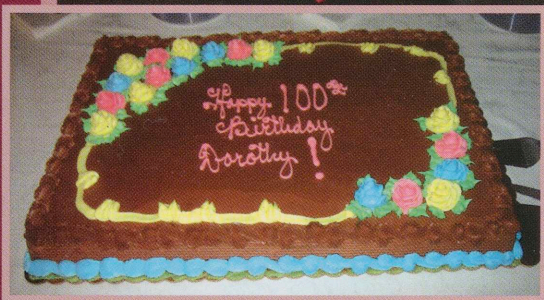
*The SIU Alumni Association is proud to be an organization for alumni and friends. We salute Steve Buhman for being one of those loyal members who has adopted Southern as his own. He says he isn't puzzled by many things in life, but he does sometimes wonder why he waited so long to become an SIU Alumni Association member. "There are a lot of perks associated with it," he says, "and I'm **always** at alumni events – it was a natural."*




Steve Buhman

## Happy Birthday Dorothy Morris!

SIU Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry (left) joined Southern Chancellor Sam Goldman last month in honoring former SIU first lady Dorothy Morris at her 100th birthday celebration. The SIU Foundation presented Mrs. Morris with its Medallion of Distinction, making her only the second recipient of this medal. The celebration was held at her residence in North Carolina and was coordinated by family members. McCurry, Goldman, and Dean David Carlson represented the University at the event.



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