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Michelle Suarez '85, M.E.'04
Executive Director, SIU Alumni Association

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A Time To Celebrate
It may have seemed the impossible dream, the idea that Southern Illinois University Carbondale could raise millions of dollars for its people, programs, and places. But recently the dream came true. On Oct. 3 it was announced that not only had Southern met its goal, but had exceeded it for a grand total of $106.2 million in its first-ever comprehensive campaign, "Opportunity Through Excellence."

Gus Bode – The Inside Story!
Did you ever wonder how Gus Bode became a mysterious icon at Southern? Gus, who still appears on the pages of the Daily Egyptian as the perennial student, would be 50-something today and entertaining offers from A.A.R.P. if he were a real person. This year at the SIU Homecoming celebration of the Half-Century Club (those who graduated from Southern 50 years ago), Southern Alumni found the man who helped bring Gus to life five decades ago.

SIU Education Paved The Way
Randy Ragan has immersed himself in a role he has found to be challenging, consuming, and extremely rewarding – serving as president of the SIU Alumni Association. "I never imagined myself in this position, and now that I'm here it is a humbling experience," he says.

Remembering The 1983 National Champs
It's hard to believe more than a quarter of a century has rushed by since the Rey Dempsey-led Salukis outclassed Western Carolina to claim one of the finest honors in school history – the 1983 1-AA National Football Championship. Retired SIU Sports Information Director Fred Huff takes a nostalgic look back at that special season, and highlights the team's recent 25th year reunion at the University.
Y
ears ago when planning first began for "Opportunity Through Excellence," Southern's first-ever comprehensive campaign, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry realized the challenges ahead were great.

The goal was a lofty one — raise $100 million to fund scholarships, faculty positions, programs, and facility renovations. With dwindling state support for higher education, the endeavor was crucial to the University's future. Rocky economic times ahead would make the campaign's success even more critical.

As the cover story of this issue of *Southern Alumni* attests, the goal was met and exceeded. Although the work to raise needed funds for your alma mater never really ends, we should take a few moments to collectively celebrate the manner in which thousands of alumni and friends came together for Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

"More than 68,000 total gifts made up the $106,200,000 raised in the campaign," McCurry says. "Of that, 66,000 gifts were $10,000 or less, and 14 gifts were $1 million and above. As you can see, people donated in a variety of ways, and collectively it all made the difference."

McCurry is quick to point out that the success of the capital campaign is not a conclusion, or even the real story. The accomplishments noted on the pages ahead create a foundation for what Southern must now build on.

"I think in many ways, the campaign created a culture of major giving at the University," he says. "I told several people at the recent celebration that we would allow ourselves to enjoy exceeding our goal for a day or so, but by the next Monday we would have to start all over again."

Whether you made a seven-figure gift or sent in seven dollars, take a moment to take pride in knowing that you have made a difference in the future of your University.

"Most contributors were SIU alumni — a critical part of the overall puzzle," McCurry points out. "Fundraising is the end product of good alumni relations, good communications, and good stewardship.

"I want to thank everyone who stepped forward to support Southern during this campaign. It is something we can all be proud of in the years ahead."
Tour Of Facility A Reunion Highlight

The first-ever Woody Hall All-Class reunion for anyone who had lived or worked at that location was held during Homecoming weekend. Former dorm residents came from as far away as California, Utah, and Pennsylvania to attend this event.

An escorted tour of Woody was arranged by SIU Alumni Association Director of Communications Gene Green, and we all enjoyed seeing the hallways that are now lined with University offices. The former dishwashers immediately recognized where the food serving line and dishwashing areas use to be, although the cafeteria is now part of the student recruitment center.

In the evening the group met at Mackie's Pizza in Marion for drinks and dinner, and many lingered long after the scheduled end time to reminisce and enjoy the camaraderie. Many had not seen one other for more than 50 years, and post-reunion feedback has been enthusiastic; many want to do this again.

I would like to thank those who supported and worked to make the reunion a success, especially Ken Walker, Jane (Herr) Talley, Sharon Askew, and Len Missavage.

Thank you all for helping us stroll down memory lane again.

Pete Dunn '57
Life Member
Columbia, Mo.

Enjoying the tour were, front row from left, Dot (Hamilton) Hooning, Jane (Herr) Talley, Phyllis (Ragsdale) Edwards, Kay Sue (Eadie) Nagle, Harriet Dehlinger, Doris (Ellis) Shaftron, Betty (Baughn) Gholson, Cheryl (Stilabower) Sugent, and Cindy (Cox) Massie. Middle row: Jim Haas, Judy (Smiddy) Haas, Madge Williams, Kathy (Ohren) Harrison, Marjorie (Severance) Conway, and Reta Moser. Top row: Tom Gholson, Pat (Cook) Hunsaker, Dick Hunsaker, Bill Lindenberg, Pete Dunn, and Joe Yusko. Tom and Sharon Askew, Lee and Ellen (Floyd) Spalt, Jerry and Helen Middkeke, Len Missavage, and several spouses attended the reunion held in Marion later in the day but were not present for the photo. A special thanks to Victoria Valle of the Office of Enrollment Management for helping make the tour a reality.

After living there from 1953-54, I was married in August and transferred to Murray State University where I would graduate in 1957. My husband, Charles (a 1956 MSU graduate) and I were the Murray State University Grand Marshalls at that school's Homecoming parade Oct. 11, and although I'm not a Southern grad, I'm proud to say that SIU did play a part in my college education and that my year in Woody Hall still brings back fond memories.

I want to commend the SIU Alumni Association for helping organize the Woody Hall Reunion. Please publish a picture of the group that came back; I'm looking forward to seeing it.

Marlene Rann Johnson
Carrier Mills, Ill.
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Du Quoin Red Hawk Country Club: $25 for 18 holes with cart
Enterprise Rent-a-Car: Carmel – 10%
Fazoli's: Carmel – Free soft drink with entree
Fish Net Pet Shop: Carmel – 10% off
Furniture King: Carmel – 15% off accessories
Gamblit Golf Club: Vienna – 10% off
Garfield's Restaurant: Carmel – 20% off (not available on lunch specials)
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Hampton Inn: Carmel – 10% off standard room rate
Harbaugh's Restaurant: Du Quoin – 10% off
Hound's: Carmel – 10% off (not available on lunch specials)
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An innovative program to assist law school students participating in the legal profession is under way at Southern Illinois University School of Law. "Law Suits," an initiative sponsored by Carbondale-based law firm Rhode & Jackson PC, provides donated and "gently used" women's and men's professional clothing and accessories for law students at reduced costs. The law school recently launched the program, which is housed in Kaplan Hall, across from the law school.

Law school graduates Shari Rhode, Martine Jackson, and Kristen Glasford comprise the law firm. Rhode says she and Jackson were discussing what to do with some of their "power suit" clothes when they recalled being back in the law school and the need for appropriate business attire for court and other professional settings.

Dean Peter Alexander says he is grateful for the program, which he says is "the brainchild" of Rhode and Jackson. Students will be able to pick up items, possibly an entire wardrobe, at little cost, he notes.

"They thought there had to be a way to make professional clothing affordable to law students so that they have a wardrobe in which to interview, or go to court, or make presentations," he explains. "They should be able to have access to professional clothes at an affordable price."

The law school is an affordable, high-quality source of legal education in the country. The estimated cost for in-state residents attending the law school for the 2008-2009 academic year is $26,359, which includes tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and living expenses. The cost for non-Illinois residents is $44,653. But still, there can be hidden costs not always considered.

"I'm not sure that every student appreciates how soon in his or her law school career they will be required to be in a business suit," Alexander says. "Sometimes students have not set aside money for that; some students do not own business clothing. This gives those students an opportunity to put together a wardrobe relatively inexpensively."

Rhode, a member of the law school's inaugural class, says the firm is "big about mentoring and giving back to the law school because but for the law school, we wouldn't be in the positions we are in. This is a good use for the suits, and it also gets law students into the practice of giving back."

In exchange for buying items at lower costs, students understand they are to give back to the program in some way. "When you personally benefit from a program you are more inclined to support it for the next generation," says Rhode, who earned her law degree in 1976. Jackson earned her law degree in 1997, Glasford in 2003.

For more information about Law Suits and how to donate, contact Billie Donas with the law school's alumni affairs office at 618-453-8710, or by e-mail at lawalum@siu.edu.
Sarvela Named Vice President For Academic Affairs

Paul Sarvela

SIU President Glenn Poshard has announced that Paul Sarvela, dean of the SIU College of Applied Sciences and Arts, has been selected as the University's next vice president for academic affairs. "Dean Sarvela is an educational innovator with an impressive administrative track record of developing nationally recognized programs," Poshard says.

The vice president for academic affairs functions as the chief academic officer of the University, providing university-wide leadership and consultation to campus chancellors and the president on all academic matters.

"The opportunity to work with this institution's dedicated faculty and administrators, who each and every day help grow and strengthen the educational and research programs of this great University, is truly an honor," Sarvela says.

Fuller Exhibit Planned At Museum Of Contemporary Art In Chicago

An exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago will soon present "Buckminster Fuller: Starting with the Universe." The event runs from March 14 to June 21, celebrating the various talents of the former Southern Illinois University professor best known for the geodesic dome and books popularizing terms such as "spaceship earth" and "synergetics."

Fuller, who was in Carbondale from 1960-71, had a life mission to create design solutions that benefited the largest segment of humanity while consuming the fewest resources. This exhibition explores his extraordinary body of work, focusing on his wide-ranging and sometimes controversial role within the worlds of art, architecture, and utopian thought. He passed away in 1983 at the age of 87.

In addition to the exhibit there will be a series of free gallery discussions held on Saturdays during the exhibit's run. In partnership with the museum and the SIU Alumni Association, discussion groups following the gallery talks will be open to all SIU alumni, students, and friends. Exact dates for these talks have not yet been determined. Information will appear on siualumni.com as soon as they are available.

For general event information go to: www.mcachicago.org.

SIU and Morris Library have contributed models from its Fuller collection for display at this exhibit, and representatives at the library invite those interested to learn more about these collected works. If you are a Buckminster Fuller enthusiast, please visit: http://archives.lib.siu.edu/index.php?p=ollections/controlcard&id=8&q=Buckminster+Fuller.

Those wishing to donate any Fuller/SIU related materials to the SIU Special Collections Research Center should contact archivist Leah Broadus at broadus@lib.siu.edu.

"When you donate historical material to the University Archives," Broadus says, "your history becomes a part of Fuller's and SIU's collective memory."

Business College Names Margolis To New Post

Donna Margolis '83, M.A. '84, director of career services and placement at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's College of Business, has been named assistant dean of student affairs.

"I'm honored to be chosen for this role," says Margolis. "My first priority has always been the students, and I look forward to implementing initiatives that should tremendously improve the college experience for them."

In the new role, the SIU Alumni Association life member will continue to serve as career services and placement director but will also oversee all aspects of undergraduate student services at the business college, including academic advisement, career services, enrollment management, and minority affairs.

Health Association Names Fetro Its Top Scholar

Joyce Fetro M.S. '85, Ph.D. '87, a professor in the Department of Health Education and Recreation at Southern, has been named the American Association for Health Education's 2009 scholar.

"This is the largest health education professional organization in the United States, and this is its top scholarship award, given to only one person each year," says department head David Birch. Fetro, a member of the SIU Alumni Association, has been a faculty member at SIU since 1997. She focuses her research on youth development and health risk behaviors.

Bonan Appointed To SIU Board Of Trustees

Bill Bonan II, the Southern Illinois Community Bank President for the Southern Region of Peoples National Bank, was recently appointed by Gov. Rod Blagojevich to serve on the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees.

Bonan, who fills the vacancy created by former trustee and current SIUC Interim Chancellor Samuel Goldman, holds a 2005 bachelor's degree from Southern, an M.B.A., and advanced banking training.

"Southern Illinois University's continued success is important, not only to the faculty, staff, and students that keep this University strong, but also to the overall economic prospects of this region," Bonan says. SIU Board Chair Roger Tedrick says he is delighted with the news.

"Bill's civic involvement, his dedication, loyalty to his alma mater, and strong desire to help move this institution forward make him an excellent choice."
Bagel Man Shows No Signs Of Slowing Down

Winston Celebrates 25 Years Of Bagels

by Justin Lange

Many students know him simply as the bagel man. But to others, Winston Mezo is best known as a source of support for the community.

For the past 25 years, Mezo has served up unconventional bagels to hungry bar patrons late into the night. However, he does not only want to be known for his bagels.

The Carbondale legend wants to provide people with more than just midnight snacks. Mezo feels his experiences with alcoholism and path to sobriety have allowed him to help others.

"I'm a recovering alcoholic," Mezo notes. "If you're going to know about me, you'll know that."

The 66-year-old Herrin native attended SIU, graduating in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in social work. From 1971 to 1983, Mezo worked for several security companies suppressing labor disputes at major industrial sites.

Mezo says his alcoholism took everything from him, including his wife and job. He started attending Alcoholics Anonymous in 1982 when he realized his drinking had gotten out of control.

He still attends A.A. meetings several times a week and is proud to have been sober for the past 26 years. He sponsors another person in recovery and has helped several others during the past 20 years, considering all of them friends. In his free time, Mezo runs an emergency hotline from his house to help others suffering from addiction.

Part of Mezo's own recovery process included the creation of the business that has made him famous with students, alumni, and Carbondale residents for a quarter-century.

Mezo says he was introduced to street vending by a friend and used it as a tool to occupy time during recovery. The crowds kept growing during the 1980s, and the

Winston Mezo is shown in action doing what he has been doing for more than a quarter of a century - producing hot bagels on the Carbondale strip.
business turned into a full-time job.

"I got the bagel cart just to mess around," Mezo explains. "It got so big that after 10 years I bought my partner out and got another cart."

Assistant City Manager Kevin Baity says Mezo's relationship with the city has always been positive. Baity is no stranger to Winston's Bagels, as he purchased them when he came to Southern as a transfer student in 1986. He thinks Winston's Bagels has added character to the city as well as contributing to its economy. Through sales tax, the city receives almost two cents for every bagel sold.

"Winston always has a story," Baity says. "He’s a personable character who will talk to anybody and everybody."

Much has changed during the past 25 years of business, Mezo admits. His original five ingredients recently expanded to 10, including bacon bits, apples, cinnamon, and garlic salt. The crowds have become smaller and split between the strip and the area by Pinch Penny Pub. Responding to the changes, Mezo has added a second cart to accommodate patrons.

Mezo's slogan used to advertise a "bagel for a buck," but inflation has increased the cost to $2.25.

Baity says when Mezo went into business, there were no city restrictions on street vendors. In 1990, an ordinance was created that charged vendors $100 per year for each cart. Mezo says the restrictions helped business as his competition slowly declined.

Students feel Winston's is an important staple for the city. The atmosphere it adds to Carbondale and the convenience of an after-the-bar snack continue to make Mezo's operation a success.

Cristina Enea, a sophomore from Elk Grove, Ill., studying public relations, says she has come to Winston's for the past two years and likes the bagels because of the different combinations of ingredients. "I think its cool because he's unique," she says. "When I visit other schools I've never seen anyone randomly on the streets selling food."

Paul McEntee, a junior from Nioita, Ill., studying plant and soil science, says he enjoys Winston's because of the convenience and the atmosphere a street vendor creates. "Winston's creates a bigger city feel," he explains, "I'm from a small town so I'm not used to something like that."

Mezo has no immediate plans for retirement, but when he does retire, he wants to travel and settle someplace warm. "I'll be here as long as I'm in good health and able to do it," Mezo says. "It's like A.A. – one day at a time."

Lange is a reporter for The Daily Egyptian, where this feature originally appeared.

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Cardboard Boat Regatta Looking For New Leadership

In 1974, Richard Archer, a professor at the time in Southern's Department of Design, dreamed up a final examination for students for his freshman design class. Buckminster Fuller, then a Distinguished Professor at Southern, had espoused the principle of "doing the most with the least," and faculty members found it intriguing to apply these principles in their classes.

Archer felt it would be a real test of students' creativity and three-dimensional design skills to build human-sized boats made only of cardboard. The SIU Cardboard Boat Regatta on campus lake was born.

More than 30 years later, it is still happening, but the event's legacy is in limbo and could benefit from some involvement from alumni and friends. When Archer retired years ago, fellow design professors Larry "Skip" Briggs and Larry Busch stepped forward to oversee the annual spring event. Now they have retired as well, leading to a search for new people to lead the event into the future.

"Larry Busch and I, with the cooperation of Rec Center staffers Jeff Goelz and Kathy Hollister, will coordinate the April 25, 2009, event," Briggs recently explained. "But after this 35th annual regatta, we hope someone at the University or in the community will step forward to keep this wonderful program afloat for years to come."

Briggs said some funding is already in place from both the University and the City of Carbondale so that the next event can serve as a launching pad to 2010 and beyond. Anyone wishing to get involved is asked to contact Briggs at bbriggs@siu.edu or Busch at buschwl@aol.com.

The event's legacy is attached to SIU. Busch says, "Basketball was first played at a YMCA, cheerleaders were first formalized at the University of Illinois, and the Cardboard Boat Regatta was invented at SIU," he points out. "The event is now copied more then 2,000 times a year worldwide."

"The Cardboard Board Regatta is one of the most positive events that happen on the SIU campus," Briggs adds. "I would hate to see it fade away."

Some information for this story courtesy of The Great Cardboard Regatta FAQ site at www.gcbregatta.org.
Fireworks festooned the sky as nearly 400 guests celebrated the successful conclusion of Southern's first-ever comprehensive campaign, "Opportunity Through Excellence."

To some, it may have seemed the impossible dream, the idea that Southern Illinois University Carbondale could raise millions of dollars for its people, programs, and places. But recently the dream came true. While the Marching Salukis played heartily and fireworks burst over McAndrew Stadium, Campaign Chair Marsha Ryan happily announced on Oct. 3 that not only had SIU met its goal of $100 million, but had exceeded it for a grand total of $106.2 million in its first-ever comprehensive campaign, "Opportunity Through Excellence."

Some 375 guests in tuxedos and evening gowns came together to celebrate the comprehensive campaign's dazzling success. Saluki pride bubbled through the evening like a freshly opened bottle of champagne.

The evening began in the grand opera splendor of Shyrock Auditorium with a wine and cheese reception, then segued to speakers, music, and video in the auditorium itself.

Southern Meets, Exceeds Goal
In First-Ever Comprehensive Campaign
by Bonnie Marx

It was a night to celebrate after years of hard work for some of those most intimately involved in the campaign. From left are Philip Pfeffer '65, M.A. '66, former president of the SIU Foundation's national board; Dr. Marsha Ryan J.D. '87, campaign chairman; Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement and chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation; and Pamela Pfeffer '67, president of the SIU Foundation's national board.
Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement and chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation, welcomed the guests, introduced speakers, and paid tribute to Dorothy Morris as honorary chair of the campaign. Morris is the widow of Delyte Morris, SIU’s legendary president. She celebrated her 100th birthday in August and lives in Chapel Hill, N.C.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said that when McCurry was interviewed for his job, he was told he would “face the most difficult of obstacles, because the culture of giving is lacking here. He met this challenge.”

Interim Chancellor Samuel Goldman couldn’t find enough adjectives to describe his happiness: “committed, dedicated, devoted. I’m filled with enormous Saluki pride. It’s the people who make this University so great.”

University Photocommunications produced a video, “A Time to Celebrate,” that featured people who will be helped by the campaign. The final segment of the video featured shots of guests arriving at Shryock Auditorium only an hour or so before.

Perhaps the crowning moment of the Shryock portion of the evening came with a performance of “Saluki Salute,” an original celebration score composed and conducted by Maestro Glen Daum ’62, M.M. ’64, with the SIU Symphony Orchestra.

From Shryock, the party moved to McAndrew Stadium, to a giant tent erected on the 50-yard line. Food and drink flowed while the Marching Salukis performed and fireworks burst in the sky.

McCurry earlier noted that Marsha Ryan “is the best we could expect from a volunteer leader. She led by example.” And Ryan, who co-chaired the campaign with him, talked about what the end of the campaign meant to her. “This evening’s festivities represents 100 million acts of kindness” she explained. “It was a real pleasure to lead the campaign, and this is a wonderful opportunity to think about what we accomplished.”
They Said It...

Here is what some of the honored guests that evening had to say:

"Marsha's word was 'monumental'; mine is 'overwhelming.' I was involved in some of the early stages of planning, but it was very professionally done. They had it pegged. It proves persistence is a virtue."
—*Kevin Dorsey* '78, dean and provost of the SIU School of Medicine

"This is exciting. It's something we've all wanted to have happen for a long time. And it shows that the University is moving ahead. It shows we have a quality institution, and that people agree with us that it is a quality institution. We're supported by people who agree with us."
—*Roger Tedrick*, chairman of the SIU Board of Trustees

"I came here in 1957 as a scared freshman from Benton. Not in my wildest dreams did I ever think I'd get to come to Shryock and celebrate a $100 million campaign. It is beyond any dream I might have had as a kid growing up in those days."
—*Keith Sanders* '61, M.S. '62, member of the SIU Board of Trustees

"The important thing is a lot of people close to the University don't understand how well-renowned the University is. What we are thought of worldwide is unbelievable. We have to make sure the message goes out locally. We have an institution we can be proud of that is world class, and to have something like this come about just shows it more and more every day."
—*Bill Norwood*. '59, former member of the SIU Board of Trustees

"Elegant, wonderful, quite appropriate. It is simple enough but celebratory enough to make people feel good. The video this evening was quite clever, and I wondered if one of the political campaigns had organized it, ending with saying that people should do more. Should we do more? Now that we know how to do this, let's do it."
—*Father Joseph Brown*, director, Black American Studies Program

"It's great, fabulous that we hit our goal the first time out. It's a wonderful celebration tonight."
—*Chris Micha A.A. '81, '83*, Foundation Board member

"I was on one of the committees for Student Affairs. We achieved our goal relatively early. I've been impressed by the leadership of Marsha Ryan and Rickey McCurry. I'm surprised at the outpouring of support from our alumni and I believe if we ask them for more, they will give us more. This could mean the return of SIU to the glory we had and when we were truly about helping students. We lost our focus when we tried to be like the U of I or "the second jewel." We're refocusing. The word was that we didn't have well-heeled alumni, but when you get large numbers giving small amounts, it's the beginning of something really great for our University."
—*Harvey Welch* '55, M.S. Ed. '58,emeritus vice chancellor of student affairs

"This had made me so proud tonight. Daddy (Leland Lingle) brought the first Saluki to SIU. To all of you Salukis, it's just like having Dad here. So many students will benefit from this. It's absolutely wonderful. I'm so proud of the work everyone did."
—*Dede Ittner '61*, SIU Alumni Association Board Member

"This is a dream come true for a lot of people. It's been a long time, a lot of work for a lot of people. I appreciate the University. Aren't we blessed to have this?"
—*Patti Simon*, widow of Paul Simon

"It's a wonderful event and it's wonderful that the University has made its goal. My hope is that they immediately begin another campaign, $100 million is a nice start, but we have to continue to climb upward. We have the capacity, the will, and the people to do it. We have wonderful alumni. There's no reason we can't achieve it."
—*John Haller*, emeritus vice president for academic affairs

"It's a wonderful evening, a time to celebrate our foundation. Everyone has done a great job. This is one of the most significant milestones in our history. The only thing is, tomorrow we start all over."
—*Glenn Poshard* '70, MS. Ed. '75, Ph.D Ed. '84, SIU president

"It's a great event. I thought Marsha Ryan did a fabulous job recognizing the University and everyone who's been a part of making this happen. I'm pleased we had a little part of it and pleased to share in this great event to move the University along and support students."
—*Fred Isberner*. '79, '84, emeritus associate dean at the College of Applied Sciences and Arts

"When you set a goal and you accomplish it, it's fantastic. Nothing is better than achievement. Nothing's better than achieving what you need to reach. We understand the importance of this. What I like most is pulling the town and SIU together to make everything work. When we do that, everybody wins."
—*George Sheffer*, owner of Murdale True Value

"Having been a former president of the Alumni Association and SIU Foundation, what we did tonight is just the start of many, many good things to come. It took a lot of hard work and it was a risk, as far as the University and the Foundation are concerned. But everybody is so dedicated to the University. For 38 years I've been sitting here at McAndrew. Tonight I'm seeing 400 people celebrate $100 million. It doesn't get much better than that."
—*Paul Conti* '72, M.B.A. '74
Creating Gus Bode – The Inside Story!

by Bonnie Marx

During the World War II era, one didn’t have to look far to find the image of a little cartoon bald head, peering over a fence that hid everything except his eyes and his long, U-shaped nose. And it was always with the proclamation that, “Kilroy was here.”

The popular story was that a single person was somehow responsible for the scrawls, but however it began, the mischievous face and the phrase became a national joke, turning up everywhere and anywhere – the torch of the Statue of Liberty, the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, the Marco Polo Bridge in China, huts in Polynesia, and a girder on the George Washington Bridge in New York. There were contests in the Air Force to beat Kilroy to isolated and uninhabited places around the globe.

Whether consciously or not, it was likely the Kilroy craze that gave birth to Southern Illinois University’s iconic figure, Gus Bode, who still appears today on the pages of the student newspaper, the Daily Egyptian, as the perennial student, often sharp-tongued and smart-mouthed. Were Gus real, he’d be 50-something today and entertaining offers from A.A.R.P.

This year at the SIU Homecoming celebration of the Half-Century Club (those who graduated from SIU 50 years ago), Southern Alumni caught up with one of Gus’ progenitors. Jim Stumpf, who earned his 1958 B.S. in industrial technology and went on to a career in the U.S. Air Force, retired as a major after earning his commission through Southern’s AFROTC program.

Many years ago he and a group of friends (Ross Schneider ’57, M.S. ’59, Roger Bryson ‘58; Dee Alexander ‘60, M.A. ‘62; Roy Reeb Jr. A.T. ’59; and George Ehrich A.T. ’58) came up with the idea of creating Gus Bode.

They named the character Gus after a friend from his hometown of Valmeyer, Ill. That friend was a church janitor named Phillip August “Gus” Bade (pronounced bah-dee). To protect Bade’s privacy, Stumpf says, they changed the name to Bode (pronounced bo-dee).

They chose Bade as their namesake because of a long-running joke among the group of friends. Bade always wore a flat, snap-bill hat. Stumpf had found a cast-off hat behind UD’s (University Drugs) and took to wearing it. The others would tell him that it was his “Gus Bade hat.”

Stumpf says the group, working under “stealth of night,” would gather at UD’s and make signs using crayons, then tie the signs to trees.

The group peppered mirrors and sur-
faces on campus with the notation, "Gus Bode was here." Eventually, "Approved by Gus Bode" stickers emerged, mimicking the University's "Approved by the Office of Student Affairs" real versions, but Stumpf says he knew Gus had gone legitimate when the message, "Gus Bode says beat Eastern" appeared on a University marquee.

On April 13, 1956, Gus moved onto the pages of The Egyptian (it wasn't a daily then) and he's rarely had a day off since. Charlie Clayton, the newspaper's faculty adviser at the time, thought Gus' witty opinions would spice up the editorial page and provide an outlet for diverse opinions. He was only a comment in the newspaper until 1962, when he got his physical persona, the shaggy-haired, bespectacled character that everyone knows today.

Stumpf says that in the early days, Gus' name was always pronounced Bo-dee and that he's not sure when it became Bode, but he does know that it must have happened "because some folks don't know how to pronounce German."

Gus has had his share of controversy. In the 1970s, he once made the enormous mistake of referring to women as "chicks," and saying that "If God had meant women to be equal, he'd have made 'em men." Angry women released a live chicken in the newsroom and flung chicken parts onto desks as a protest.

But he's also learned respect in the intervening years, sometimes disappearing amidst the tragedy of the moment, when flippant comments might be unseemly. Gus was absent on Sept. 12, 2001, for instance, and remained silent the day after several international students died in an arson fire at the Pyramids apartments in 1995.

But he seems to have adapted nicely to the realities of the 21st century. These days, Gus has his own blog and a partner in crime - his "cousin," Gloria Bode, a pony-tailed, bespectacled, earphone-wearing coed. Gloria, according to the Daily Egyptian's Web site, is "less rough around the edges, but equally as nerdy."

While the relentless smart alec that Stumpf helped created more than 50 years ago can still be found every day at SIU, don't be surprised if Gus Bode continues to turn up in unexpected places around the globe. Stumpf says that on Oct. 13, 2008, Gus turned up in a bathroom in Woodstock, N.Y., courtesy of one of his creators, Ross Schneider.

Proof once again that although Kilroy has been many places, he has nothing on Mr. Bode.

Although he has been drawn by various artists over the years, the modern version of Gus Bode can still salute Jim Stumpf, one of the students who gave him life more than 50 years ago.
For Randy Ragan, being the first member of his family to earn a college degree changed his direction in life.

By Gene Green

A True First Generation Saluki

Like many graduates at Southern Illinois University, Ragan was the first member of his family to graduate from college. And in his case, the feat carries a bit of an explanation point.

"I never imagined myself in this position, and now that I'm here it is a humbling experience," he says. "It really is a real honor to represent more than 220,000 SIU alumni worldwide, and when I look back at the journey that I took to get here, that really makes it special."

Ragan, a CPA, a partner with McGladrey & Pullen, and a managing director of RSM McGladrey in Springfield, Ill., says his education at Southern paved the way to a successful life.

"I looked at both institutions, knowing that I wanted to be an accountant, and that two schools were close enough to attend and would be the most affordable," he recalls. "The cost was a major issue, as I had no resources to speak of and was not on any financial aid – although my family would have certainly qualified. Growing up, we were as poor as church mice."

Ragan, who had helped his father with the bookkeeping chores for the small corner grocery store his family owned in Mount Vernon, yearned to expand his knowledge in the accounting field. Although he had interest in the vocation since he was a young boy, the pursuit escalated during his late teen years.

"Murray State made the cut. When it came time to finish his undergraduate degree, SIU and Murray State made the cut."
Ragan is the proud grandfather of 10, including Cashton Pate Krippel who was born on Oct. 13 this year. They are shown above when Cashton was a mere 12 hours old.

A Look Ahead

There will be several items on Randy Ragan’s agenda while he serves as president of the Association. Here are just three areas he hopes to guide in the years ahead:

- Ragan wants the SIU Alumni Association to become a major player regarding the recruitment and retention of students to the Carbondale campus. “This can be facilitated in part,” he says, “by ramping up efforts to establish and grow alumni networks for this purpose.”

- Expand and grow alumni chapters and clubs. Ragan wants to provide even more opportunities for alumni and friends to stay connected and interact for the good of the University.

- Promote scholarships. “Some chapters are already providing scholarship assistance for prospective students from their geographic area, and that is wonderful,” he notes. “But those that are not doing so can hopefully be helped to accomplish the same thing.” Ragan adds that at the April 2008 SIU Alumni Association Board Meeting, investment earnings from $1 million of Association investments were earmarked to support scholarship opportunities.

Ragan knows that in many ways, the above items are intertwined. “We are trying to demonstrate to the campus leaders, faculty, students, alumni, and friends that we intend to be a big part of making SIU even better in the years ahead. With our actions and with our financial commitment, we are literally putting our money where our mouth is.”

The Carbondale Years

Ragan found a place to stay in a house on Schwartz Street. In a home featuring a walkout basement that an elderly couple had built just three years before, the new Saluki dropped off his belongings in the crowded quarters.

“There were six of us in the basement and one more student living on the first floor with the two adults,” he says with a laugh. “One of the students was my nephew, a person I had met in community college. It was close quarters, but we did just fine there, and in fact I stayed there until I got married at the end of my senior year.”

Although the roommates have “scattered to who knows where,” one of Ragan’s basement mates would enjoy a long career at Southern. Don Wilson, who for years was the budget officer for the Carbondale campus, was one of the six Salukis living in the underground quarters.

Ragan, who would graduate with highest honors from SIU as an undergrad, was a willing recipient for mentoring, and several SIU professors readily stepped forward to fill the role.

“Dr. Tom Hedges was an accounting instructor who oversaw me when I was teaching in grad school, and he was a real mentor — sympathetic to my needs and helpful in so many ways,” he says. “And Dr. Ed Schmidlein was a cost accounting professor who made a major impact on those around him. He was a short, German gentleman who featured a livewire personality.”

Always dressed in a suit, white shirt, and bow tie, Schmidlein nurtured Ragan with a wealth of knowledge that helped him prepare for life after college.

“Everyone in accounting gravitated to Doc Schmidlein, who offered real world advice that you didn’t find in too many places.”
When he was presented his college diploma in 1967, his father (Omer) and mother (Florence) were filled with pride. “And not only my parents were thrilled that day,” he notes. “I had aunts, uncles, and cousins at graduation. The fact that someone from our family had graduated from a university was an important event for all of us.”

**Getting His MBA**

After earning his bachelor’s degree, Ragan received a graduate assistantship to help him fund his goal of earning an M.B.A. As part of the agreement, he was to teach a class in accounting, something he would soon find was a natural for him.

“A fellowship was also available at the School of Business, and at the last minute the recipient decided to enter law school instead,” Ragan recalls. “That opened up the fellowship again, and I was able to receive it, which was a huge help for me financially.”

Even though Ragan received the fellowship, he decided to still pursue teaching a class.

“I didn’t have access to many of the things one needed to succeed in a graduate program – things like a typewriter and other various items just weren’t in my price range,” he says. “So I talked Department Chairman Roland Wright into letting me go ahead and teach as planned, but without a salary. That gave me an office on campus, a secretary, access to a typewriter, and a blue parking sticker. Combined, those things meant a great deal to me at the time.”

Teaching ended up being a joy for Ragan, who would continue to teach in the evening program at Lincoln Land Community College long after he left Southern. He initially considered going back to school for his doctorate to facilitate a career in teaching, but once he entered the public accounting field, he knew he had found his true calling.

**Real World Experience**

After earning his M.B.A. in 1968, Ragan took a job with Ernst & Young in Springfield, eventually becoming senior manager of the firm over the next 13 years. He was a partner at Deloitte & Touche (1981-96) and Geo. S. Oliver & Co. (1996-98), before joining McGladrey & Pullen as a partner in 1998.

RSM McGladrey and McGladrey & Pullen opened up an office in St. Louis in 2004, and Ragan found himself spending more and more time there trying to develop clients for that location. It was also an area where five of his eight children and six of his 10 grandchildren resided.

With the combination of work and family interests in St. Louis, he was “able to justify to my wife that we needed a place in the city in addition to our home in Springfield.” He purchased a loft downtown, and now relishes in the ability to see family more often as well as attending Cardinal and Ram sporting events and cultural offerings in the city.

Between dealing with his professional responsibilities and enjoying personal interests with his large family, Ragan still has somehow found time to be an active and vocal advocate for the SIU Alumni Association and the University.

“Randy’s business experience has already proven invaluable to our organization, and he makes himself accessible whenever we need him,” says SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez. “He has nothing but the best interests of his alma mater at heart – and it shows.”

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**The Ragan File.**

**WIFE:** Donna (B.S. Finance, Illinois State University). Currently a community volunteer and stay-at-home mom.

**CHILDREN:**
- Creston (Caroline) Ragan. Grandchildren: Davis and Whitaker. They live in Webster Groves, Mo.
- Dow Ragan. He lives in St. Louis, Mo.
- Sarah Fitch (deceased).
- Evan Ragan. He lives in St. Louis, Mo.
- John Fitch. He lives in St. Louis, Mo.

**CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

- 1976-2006 Baseball Coach for Rochester (Ill.) Youth Athletic Association
- 1979-1995 Elected member for Rochester (Ill.) Board of Education (served 10 years as President of the Board)
- 1985 Co-Chair of Gov. James Thompson’s Cost Control Task Force on Education
- 1989-2005 Member and treasurer for Springfield Old Capitol Art Fair
- 1998-Current Member and treasurer for Springfield Muni Opera Association
- 2001-Current SIU Alumni Association (Joint Life Member)
  - 2001-07, Treasurer
  - 2007-08, President-Elect
  - 2008, President
The Southern Illinois University Alumni Association honored three prominent graduates as Distinguished Alumni during the University's homecoming activities Oct. 10.

They honored the alumni at a public reception and wall unveiling in the Student Recreation Center's Alumni Lounge, and their framed photos are now a part of the University's Distinguished Alumni Wall in the Student Recreation Center.

The 2008 SIU Distinguished Alumni are:

- **Thomas Baker**, a former lieutenant general in the United States Air Force, whose recognitions include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, and one oak leaf cluster Air Medal representing second and subsequent entitlements of awards; Beth Boggs, managing and founding partner of Boggs, Avellino, Lach and Boggs, LLC, and an adjunct professor at Webster University and frequent speaker and author on insurance and legal/medical topics; and Keith Sanders, a member of the SIU Board of Trustees who has also served SIU as a faculty member, dean and chief governmental relations officer.

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

- **Baker** of Williamsburg, Va., was born in Golconda, Ill., in 1935, and became the first of his family to attend college. He graduated from SIU in 1957 with a bachelor of science in business administration, later earning an M.B.A. from Arizona State University ('68). He was also a graduate of the Royal Air Force Staff College ('70) and the National War College ('75).

  Following graduation from SIU, Baker was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, and upon the completion of undergraduate pilot training began a career as a fighter pilot. He had a series of assignments in Europe, the Middle East and Asia, including a combat tour in Vietnam in 1966.

  Upon promotion to general officer in 1982, he began a series of assignments to key command and staff positions across the Air Force, culminating in his final assignment in 1993 as Commander of the 12th Air Force.

  In his more than 35 years of service, Baker accumulated more than 5,000 flying hours in a variety of tactical aircraft. His military decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, and an Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster. Upon his return to civilian life, Baker was chosen as the first director of the new Texas State Jail System.

  Baker and his wife, Beverly, have two children and four grandchildren and reside in Williamsburg, Va. They are lifetime members of the SIU Alumni Association.

- **Boggs** of St. Louis, Mo., is the managing and founding partner of Boggs, Avellino, Lach and Boggs, LLC. She received her juris doctor, magna cum laude, from Southern Illinois University School of Law in 1991, where she was a member of the Law Journal staff. She received a bachelor of arts from Governors State University in University Park, Ill. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

  Boggs is admitted to practice law in the state and federal courts of Missouri and Illinois. She served for many years as an adjunct professor at Webster University teaching in the area of health care law. She is a frequent speaker and author on insurance and legal/medical topics. She has published extensively, including in the SIU Law Journal, the Illinois Bar Journal, The Journal of the Missouri Bar, and the American Bar Association magazine, Coverage. She also speaks in the area of cultural diversity for local employers.

  She is also the founder of Step It Up, a charitable organization in the St. Louis area devoted to providing free shoes and socks to underprivileged children. Step It Up has partnered with Head Start in the St. Louis area and through this partnership, visits centers each month to provide distributions of free shoes and socks to various needy children. Boggs serves as president of the organization.

  Boggs also runs an organization, www.shearyoursheep.org, dedicated to promoting the purchase of American-
made goods by American companies. As part of that goal, the organization encourages American retailers to set aside portions of their stores designated solely for goods made in America.

She met her husband, Darin ('90), during law school. The couple competed in various competitions at the Student Recreation Center, including mixed doubles ping pong. They have endowed a scholarship to the School of Law for the winner of the annual Boggs, Avellino, Lach & Boggs Law School Ping Pong Tournament. They are lifetime members of the SIU Alumni Association.

- Sanders, a native of Benton, IL., entered SIU on a scholarship in 1957 and soon became a prominent member of the University's championship debate team. He won the Illinois State Intercollegiate Debating Championship, the Illinois State Oratorical Championship, and was designated one of the top 10 debaters in the United States at the National Debate Tournament.

Sanders earned a bachelor of science from SIU in 1961 and a master of science in 1962, both in speech communication. He was granted a research fellowship to attend the University of Pittsburgh, where he earned a doctorate in communication in 1968. Early next year he will receive a master of liberal arts from the University of Chicago.

His commitment to education has been exemplary, holding posts of assistant professor of speech at George Washington University, serving SIU as an instructor, assistant professor, and associate professor of speech before becoming a professor of speech communication, and also serving the University as the governmental relations officer in the Office of the Chancellor (now the Office of the President) and as dean of the College of Communication and Fine Arts.

Sanders also held the post of chancellor at University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, and was later promoted to senior vice president and chief operating officer of the entire University of Wisconsin system. He was elected president of the prestigious Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters.

The commitment continued when he returned to Illinois in 1998 to become executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, a post he held until his retirement in 2002. During his tenure, Illinois was cited by the National Commission on Public Policy and Higher Education as having the best system of higher education in the nation.

In October 2006, he and his wife, Carol '61, endowed a scholarship to support high-achieving, low-income students from Benton Community High School or Rend Lake College in Ina.

Sanders was a member of the national board of directors for the SIU Alumni Association and served as its president from 1977 to 1978. In 1996, he proudly received the Alumni Achievement Award for Service. Currently, he is a member of the SIU Board of Trustees. He and Carol are lifetime members of the SIU Alumni Association.

[Image of Robert Pulliam and Dede Ittner presenting an award]

**Pulliam Receives Alumni Achievement Award**

A Makanda man with strong, lifelong connections to the University is the 2008 recipient of the SIU Alumni Association Alumni Achievement Award for Service.

Robert Pulliam, a two-degree graduate of Southern and loyal supporter of the University, was introduced to Southern at a young age when his father, Roscoe Pulliam, became president of Southern Illinois Normal University.

He began work on his SINU degree in 1941 but was drafted the next year and served in the United States Air Force during World War II as a cryptographer. His tour of duty took him to Africa, India, Burma, and China as he gathered field information for a C46 transport group. He would become a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Pulliam returned to SINU in 1946, where he met his wife of 60 years, Jean Armentrout. He completed his bachelor's and master's degrees in English, teaching in public schools and at Scott Air Force Base before returning to the Air Force in 1952 to serve his country during the Cold War.

During the 1960s and '70s, while at the Pentagon, Pulliam was president of the SIU alumni chapter in Washington, D.C. He and Jean represented SIU at White House affairs.

That was just the beginning of Pulliam's dedication to SIU. He participated in the drive for Southern to gain university status, and from 1976-84, committed across the country to provide eight years of service on the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors. He also was a member of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors.

Pulliam has represented SIU at numerous military commencements and inaugurals worldwide, and after recovering from a stroke in the late 1970s, showed the world what an SIU graduate can do when he ran in the Annual Marine Marathon wearing a Saluki maroon t-shirt. He listened with pride as bystanders cheered, "Go Salukis."

The couple reactivated the Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarship (winners will be feature in the March issue of the magazine) and are also supporters of WSUI, the symphony, and the Public Policy Institute. He is currently on the SIU Friends of the Museum Board.
Lawrence Retires From Institute To Return To His Journalistic Roots

by Blackwell Thomas

A fter 11 years administering and teaching at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Mike Lawrence recently retired to return to his roots.

Lawrence, who has spent the last four years as the Institute's director, said recently that it's been a rewarding experience, but Nov. 1 was his last day in that role. For the man who started publishing his own newspaper when he was 11 years old, the call to return to journalism is too strong to resist.

"I feel most comfortable being a journalist, and I am really at the point in my life where I am ready to return to my roots," he says. "I also think the state of Illinois is in a precarious situation and I think there are a lot of important decisions ahead for the state and I'd like to offer some of my views."

Those views happen to be among the most respected in all of Illinois politics, says former Chicago Sun-Times reporter Charlie Wheeler III, who has covered Illinois politics and government for four decades and worked with Lawrence when the two reported from the Capitol in Springfield.

"I think Mike's one of the best reporters I ever met," notes Wheeler. "Mike was someone who was respected by Republicans and Democrats as a reporter because he was seen as somebody who took the time to understand the issues."

Wheeler, who now directs the Public Affairs Reporting Program at University of Illinois Springfield, adds, "Mike wanted the solid meat and potato stuff, and that's what he presented to his readers."

Many of those who know Lawrence say it's difficult to sum up his career and do his accomplishments proper justice. Some say it speaks volumes that legendary U.S. Senator Paul Simon handpicked Lawrence to assist him at the Institute.

Reporters compliment Lawrence for maintaining his renowned reputation for integrity even after making the leap from journalism to the "dark side" when he became press secretary and senior advisor to Governor Jim Edgar. Academics commended him for his leadership in successfully guiding the institute on its path toward "finding new ways of solving some old problems" after Simon's unexpected death in 2003.

When asked what people might not know about Lawrence, Edgar responded quickly. "Mike would never skip a meal," he said. "You could have crisis, but Mike was going to lunch. I always had a great deal of respect for that priority."

That priority came about after Lawrence began suffering stomach problems and, to combat the ailment, his doctor instructed him to start eating lunch away from his desk.

Professor John Jackson has known Lawrence for 25 years and has worked with him at the Institute. He says it was Lawrence's smooth leadership that helped guide the school in the wake of Simon's death.

"We reached a critical crossroad when Paul Simon died," he explains. "But (Lawrence) did an extraordinary job executing what Paul put in place and putting his own stamp on the job and the direction of the Institute."

Simon's daughter, Sheila, who is a professor at SIU's School of Law, says her father held Lawrence in high esteem and that the sentiment was well placed.

"Dad trusted him a great deal, and I think this is what Dad had in mind, picking someone who could step in and do the work," she says. "Dad wanted to have continuity at The Policy Institute and I think it says a whole lot about Mike that he's been able to accomplish that and more."

She adds: "Dad had it easy being a U.S. senator. Mike did all the things he's done without that in his pocket and because of that, he's solidified the Institute and made it that much easier for the next person to take over."

Lawrence says that while he's looking forward to resuming his career in journalism, he will miss working with students, particularly those he's mentored and those who "overcame so many obstacles just to get here."

"As a journalist, you write for thousands of people, but you don't really have a great opportunity to make the difference on a one-on-one basis. 'I've had that opportunity here."

Blackwell Thomas is a reporter for The Southern Illinoisan, where this story originally was published.
Southern's 2008 Grand Marshal

Marilyn Eckert reigned as Southern Illinois University Carbondale's 1957 homecoming queen. Half a century later, Marilyn Eckert Church again played a starring role in the University's homecoming festivities, serving as the 2008 grand marshal.

Church, now of Geneva, Ill., graduated from Southern in 1958 with a degree in early childhood education. She and husband Wynn Church, also an SIU alumnus, have two sons, Scott and Craig. She is a lifetime member of the SIU Alumni Association.
Saluki Athletics has announced the dates of its “Celebrating SIU Women's Athletics” festivities. On Jan 17-18, former female student-athletes who competed at SIU prior to 1980 and did not receive a traditional letter award at the time, will be honored.

The weekend will feature a Saturday brunch at 11 a.m., preceded by a reception at 10:30 a.m. The former female student-athletes will be recognized during halftime of the women's basketball game that day when SIU hosts Drake at 3 p.m.

Afterward the SIU Alumni Association will host a postgame reception for those returning for the event. The honorees will again be recognized during halftime of the men's basketball game the next day, when Southern hosts Bradley at 6:05 p.m.

The project is the work of a dedicated committee including Charlotte West, Julie Illner, Kay Brechtsbauer, Judy Auld, Claudia Blackman, and Sarah Haas. The committee identified individuals who represented SIU in competition against other schools prior to 1980. More than 750 athletes were contacted to gauge interest, and the initial mailing produced more than 200 responses.

For questions, or for additional information, please contact Associate Athletics Director Kathy Jones in SIU Intercollegiate Athletics at 618-453-5279, at ckjones@siu.edu, or visit www.siusalukis.com
Calendar Of Events

JANUARY

2  Saluki Women's Basketball at Evansville, 7 p.m.
Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Drake, 6:05 p.m.
Saluki Men's Basketball at Wichita State, 7:05 p.m. (Mediacom)
2  Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Bradley, 7 p.m.
Saluki Women's Basketball at Evansville, 7:05 p.m.
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9  Saluki Women's Basketball at Bradley, 7 p.m.
Saluki Women's Basketball at Northern Iowa, 3 p.m.
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18 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Bradley, 6:05 p.m. ESPNU
"White Out"
Saluki Men's Basketball at Indiana State, 6 p.m.
Saluki Women's Basketball at Indiana State, 6 p.m.
Saluki Men's Basketball at Illinois State, 4:05 p.m. pregame reception.
24 Saluki Women's Basketball at Illinois State, 7 p.m.
An Evening of Faculty Performance, Kleinau Theater, 8 p.m.
The Spencers: Theater of Illusion, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
28 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Missouri State, 7:05 p.m.

MARCH

1  Saluki Women's Basketball at Missouri State, 2 p.m.
5-8  Saluki Men's Basketball, State Farm MVC Championship, St. Louis, Mo.
7  4th Annual Saluki Expo and Brunch, Hilton at the Ballpark, St. Louis, Mo., 9:30 a.m.
7  Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Evansville, 2:05 p.m.
12-15 Saluki Women's Basketball, State Farm MVC Championship, St. Charles, Mo.
20  Vienna Boys Choir, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
24  Extern Ceremony, TBD
26-28 Bat on a Wire, Kleinau Theater, 8 p.m.
31  Stars of Altgeld, Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

October 10, 2009 Homecoming

All Times Listed Are CST

Reunions – Save The Date!

MEDPREP Alumni Reunion – May 1-3, 2009
To ensure you receive future reunion materials, please update your address and email with the SIU Alumni Association Office at 618-453-2417 or to flashner@siu.edu. Let them know you are a MEDPREP alumnum. Details to follow.

Saluki Patrol Reunion – Sept. 26, 2009
To ensure you receive future reunion materials, please update your address and email with the SIU Alumni Association Office at 618-453-2417 or salukipatrolreunion@yahoo.com. Let them know you are a Saluki Patrol Alumnus.

Black Alumni Group Reunion: July 10-12, 2009
Stay in touch with news relating to the 2009 summer reunion. Go to siublackalumni.org for updates and information.

Greek Reunion: 2010 plans underway. Details to come.
Enchanting Ireland (GoNext)
September 25-October 3, 2009
$1,499* per person double occupancy, plus airfare
Ireland is a country unlike anywhere else in the world, a land of constantly changing colors, magnificent and varied landscapes, a land of folklore and legend. Experience it for yourself from the colorful Camelot-like town of Killarney, and Kilkenny, one of Ireland's loveliest medieval cities. Enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Dingle Peninsula; visit historic Blarney Castle and Dublin, Ireland's capital; and tour the famous Waterford Crystal Factory. Discover this beautiful land where a hundred thousand welcomes await you.

* ALL PRICES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
Cruise the Magnificent Waterways and Canals of Holland & Belgium (AHI)
April 17-25, 2009
From approximately $2,670 per person, plus airfare and V.A.T., based on double occupancy.
There is no better way to experience the beauty, history and culture of Holland and Belgium than by cruising their legendary waterways. Enjoy Amsterdam, a beguiling city of canals and contrasts, then step into the historic town of Deventer. Visit The Hague and feel the reverberations of political history. Glimpse the scenes Vermeer immortalized in the picture-perfect vistas of Delft. Explore the renowned Zeeland coast, and learn about the Delta Works’ complex Storm Surge Barriers on Neeltje Jans Island. In Belgium, admire the amazing architecture and art of Bruges and the unrivaled charm of the important port city of Antwerp, the diamond capital of the world. Join us on this cruise through one of Europe’s most colorful and fascinating regions—and enrich your life with an educational adventure you will never forget!

Chianti in a Tuscan Villa (AHI)
May 3 - May 11, 2009
From approximately $2,490 per person, plus airfare and V.A.T., based on double occupancy.
Imagine yourself amid the rolling hills of Tuscany, blanketed with verdant vineyards, olive groves and cypress trees. From the idyllic village of Tavarnelle Val di Pesa, travel to the hilltop Etruscan town of Volterra. Visit San Gimignano, a medieval “Manhattan,” charming Castellina dominated by its imposing fortress; the market town of Greve; and Castello di Monsanto, where you’ll sip the region’s distinctive wine. Walk inside the ancient walls of Lucca, and admire the spectacular artistic and architectural wonders of Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance. In Siena, stroll along narrow cobblestone streets lined with Gothic buildings, and visit the city’s magnificent Duomo.

Alaska Discovery (AHI)
August 26 - September 2, 2009
From approximately $3,950 per person, plus airfare and V.A.T., based on double occupancy.
Alaska is a land of superlatives. Its mountains rival the Alps, its fjords surpass Norway’s in their grandeur, its glaciers are outnumbered only by Greenland’s and Antarctica’s, and its marine life is boundless! After arrival in Canada’s cosmopolitan city of Vancouver, explore southeast Alaska in a way the early pioneers could not even imagine—from the elegant environs of the Seven Seas Mariner. Cruise to Ketchikan, home of the world’s largest collection of totem poles. Explore the length of Tracy Arm and see Sawyer Glacier. Visit Juneau, Alaska’s picturesque capital city; the Yukon Gold Rush town of Skagway; and Sitka, where onion-domed churches recall its quaint Russian heritage. Marvel at the electric-blue expanse of Hubbard Glacier before concluding in Seward. The legendary coastal beauty of Alaska awaits your discovery on a fantastic journey along America’s Last Frontier.

China and the Yangtze River Discovery (AHI)
September 9 - 21, 2009
From approximately $2,950 per person, plus airfare and V.A.T., based on double occupancy.
No longer the “sleeping giant” described by Napoleon, China continues to hold its rightful place as one of the most fascinating countries in the world. Discover its finest cities, exotic countryside and storied history on this unique travel opportunity that showcases the many treasures of a fascinating land at an exceptional value. In Beijing, visit the Forbidden City palace complex, the Temple of Heaven and the Summer Palace. Admire breathtaking panoramas from the Great Wall. Discover Xi’an, home to the famous Terra Cotta Warriors that guard Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi’s tomb. Board the M.V. Yangtze President and sail through the magnificent Three Gorges region. Finally, arrive in Shanghai and experience the Bund, the prestigious Shanghai Museum, the serene Yu Garden, and an exciting acrobat show.

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In today's world, there is nothing more important to a university than recruiting and retaining students.

At Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Victoria Valle and her staff at the Office of Enrollment Management are creating a wide spectrum of strategies, and every one of those revolves around a single concept – personalization.

"We want to build relationships with students and help them navigate through a large institution," Valle says. "With technology and a personal relationship, we can break it into byte-size bits."

But they can't do it alone.

"One office does not drive recruitment or retention," says Terri Harfst, academic scholarship coordinator. "It's a total effort."

From the groundskeepers to parking service to food service workers in the residence halls, everyone needs to be on board, Valle says. She provided an example: Suppose a potential student and his family attend an open house.

There will be tours and multimedia presentations, all designed to put the University's best foot forward. But if that potential student or his parents have only one interaction with SIU staffers during that visit – and it's a negative one – they will walk away with a bad feeling.

One parent recounted the story of moving his son into his room at Thompson Point. During the move-in, a maintenance person went out of his way to spend time with the student and fill him in on his new surroundings in an attempt to make the student feel at home.

Here are some of the ideas that Valle and her staff are developing:

• Work with the SIU Alumni Association to develop a network of alumni to assist with recruitment. The network would bring alums to open houses, have them host receptions, and on the Web, match majors to alumni in the real world for online chats.

• Connect with a redesigned Web site, set for relaunch in 2009. The new site, in partnership with Hobsons, an industry leader in enrollment management technology solutions, will enable students to create individual sites tailored to their own needs and interests. Scott Dunn '93, M.S. Ed. '05, enrollment management communications coordinator, leads the effort in this area, along with the branding of all communication. If you've seen the posters of a Saluki dog in an Indiana Jones-type setting, you're seeing the work of Enrollment Management and University

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Students compete for food and shelter

The Ultimate Saluki Challenge

by Jeff Engelhardt

Michael Wilson had gone close to 36 hours without food when an unlucky lizard walked into his sight. He scooped up the little reptile, tossed it in his mouth, took a single bite, and swallowed it whole.

For Wilson, it was all part of surviving the Ultimate Saluki Challenge held at Southern earlier this year.

“I didn’t really chew it, and I could feel it caught in my chest squirming around,” says Wilson, an undecided freshman from Oak Lawn. “But I drank some water and drowned it out. It wasn’t too bad.”

The third annual Ultimate Saluki Challenge was a food-depriving, physically demanding, mentally exhausting experience for 19 SIU students brave enough to take on the CBS TV-inspired Survivor competition during the weekend. The students were split into two teams, Team Sphinx and Team Pharaoh, and it did not take long for the competitors to transform into characters worthy of the CBS version of Survivor.

There was the adventurous Wilson, the outspoken John Ratkovich, the odds-defying underdog Davie Malone, the athletic Brandon Roach, the silent giant, Joe Janowiak, and the gritty Tera Fredrick who helped turn the competition into what host Mike Skupin called the most real Survivor experience outside of the show.

Mike Wilson (left), a freshman from Oak Lawn, Ill., is shown with host Mike Skupin after he was voted off the competition.

Skupin, an alumnus from Survivor: Australia, says out of the hundreds of events he has hosted, the Southern event continues to be the most realistic with the challenges and vote-offs the competitors face.

“They allow it to be as realistic as possible by not giving them food or shelter and making the tribes earn everything they get,” Skupin explains. “This challenges you so much mentally, physically, and emotionally, but these com-
Part of the challenge was to consume a balut, which is a fertilized duck egg with a nearly-developed embryo inside. They are common, everyday food in some countries in Southeast Asia, but as Woodridge, Ill., senior Joe Janowiak's expression clearly shows, eating one in Carbondale is something else entirely.

"I had a fun-size KitKat bar, and that's all we got in the morning," Ruby says. "It was exhausting, but it's worse when we had to wait. I just wanted to get to the next challenge."

The high rope course is where team Pharaoh was ready to turn its luck around with Jason Carey, a senior recreation major, leading the way. Carey used his experience to position the team perfectly as they climbed across ropes near three stories above the ground. Team Pharaoh completed the high-rope course in less than 10 minutes and also beat the time of Team Sphinx in the low rope course, which won members of Pharaoh a roundtrip Amtrak ticket to Chicago and a Tres Hombres gift certificate.

By Sunday morning, only six competitors remained, and five of them were from the original Sphinx team. While Friday and Saturday's challenges beat up the competitors' bodies, Sunday morning's challenge beat up their taste buds.

The six remaining contestants had to eat worm-covered Snickers and balut, a duck egg with a fetus inside. The afternoon challenges included a kick-bike race around the McAndrew Stadium track and kayaking from pier to pier around Campus Lake.

Only three competitors could make it to the final tribal council, and it was Janowiak, one of Team Sphinx's most consistent performers, who got voted out by his teammates in an emotional council. He says the competition was a life-changing experience.

"There is nothing like this experience," Janowiak says. "You go through so much mentally and physically that it changes what you thought you could do."

Jeff Englehardt is a reporter at The Daily Egyptian. Photos courtesy of the SIU Rec Center.
Tradition goes hand in hand with learning at Southern Illinois University. Those of us who have strolled the hallways and pathways of our beautiful campus share a common bond, a feeling known as Saluki pride.

Southern has a longstanding tradition of encouraging academic excellence, instilling pride, and offering opportunities. Students wear the SIU ring not just because of their pride in their alma mater, but also because the ring represents an important lifelong relationship with our great University and a personal achievement.

Designed by SIU students, alumni, faculty, and staff members, rings are presented by the Chancellor to participating students and alumni every spring during the official ring ceremony. The ceremony offers family and friends the opportunity to celebrate the recipient's accomplishments.

The SIU Official Ring is available exclusively to those who have earned the right to wear them. They can only be purchased and worn by graduates and those who have completed 56 credit hours or more toward an SIU degree.

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

Opportunity Through Excellence
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The Honor Roll captures gifts made by individuals, corporations, foundations, and organizations to the SIU Foundation through its offices in Carbondale and Springfield between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008.

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

Every attempt was made to ensure accuracy in the reporting of donors in this publication as well as to honor the wishes of anonymous donors. However, we wish to apologize for any errors that may have occurred in the omission or inaccurate listing of any name. If an error is discovered, please contact the director of Advancement Services at (618) 453-4915, and we will correct the error.
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When I reflect on this year, I think of the extraordinary commitment you ... our alumni, donors, volunteers and friends ... made in support of the Opportunity Through Excellence Campaign for Southern, the University's first-ever comprehensive campaign.

This historic $100-million effort came to a successful conclusion in June. Through the contributions of more than 68,000 donors, substantial funds have been raised for additional scholarships and graduate assistantships for students, embellished faculty positions, enhanced University programs and new or renovated facilities. We couldn't have done it without you. Your contributions, no matter the amount, make an impact at SIU Carbondale. We greatly appreciated the generosity exhibited by everyone who made this important endeavor a success.

While this significant and historic achievement cannot be overstated, we can't afford to become complacent and caught up in what has already been accomplished. We are trying to create a culture of private support to Southern. As a University, we can no longer rely on state and federal government resources. The support of our alumni and friends will continue to be pertinent.

Priorities remain for our University. For instance, our Saluki Way initiative is essential to the future of Southern. The first phase of Saluki Way seeks to enhance our athletic facilities by constructing a new football stadium, renovating the SIU Arena and constructing an auxiliary building providing enhanced resources for our Saluki men's and women's basketball programs as well as the football program.

Another important initiative is Project Hope and Opportunity, which is striving to generate funds to provide financial assistance to minority students and other traditionally underrepresented populations. The drive of this goal is to raise $1 million to match money provided by the State of Illinois in memory of Dr. James E. Walker.

Your devotion to this University was exemplified through your support of the Opportunity Through Excellence Campaign. As you can see, we will continue to require your assistance as this University moves forward.

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

A year ago, I wrote to you that I was approaching my role as President of the Southern Illinois University Foundation Board of Directors with a great deal of pride. It is especially gratifying to serve as president during such an exciting period in our University's history.

During the October 3rd campaign finale celebration on the Southern Illinois University Carbondale campus, my feelings were further heightened as the University celebrated the historic completion of the Opportunity Through Excellence for Southern Campaign, our unprecedented comprehensive effort that raised more than $106,200,000 for the people, programs and places of Southern. It was six years ago that our University set out to raise at least $100 million in support of several University initiatives.

My husband, Phil, and I joined hundreds of fellow alumni and friends in reveling in this achievement during the campaign finale. I was especially pleased to learn that more than 68,000 donors stepped up to this $100-million challenge and turned this dream into a reality.

October 3rd was indeed a reason to celebrate surpassing our goal, but more importantly, it was a celebration of the devotion and commitment each of you have to this institution. I am sure you are well aware of the decreased state and federal funding in support of higher education. It is up to us - alumni and friends of Southern - to ensure that this institution continues to thrive. As you will see on the following pages of this publication, a number of you are responding in great measure to support Southern.

As a result, Southern can recruit the best and brightest students with increased scholarship opportunities, offer enhanced positions to accomplished faculty members, and improve academic programs and facilities. Southern Illinois University is moving forward - and you are making it happen!

We, as alumni and friends of Southern, will have to continue supporting the University for it to thrive well in the future. Rickey N. McCurry, our Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, has outlined two initiatives - Saluki Way and Project Hope and Opportunity - that require our support. I ask that you contribute to these projects, and other University initiatives, to the extent that you can. As evidenced by the success of our comprehensive campaign, we can make a difference for Southern. Thank you.

Pamela K. Pfeffer '67
President
SIU Foundation Board of Directors
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Motorola Executive Gives Back To SIU

by Greg Scott

A senior vice president for Motorola is supporting SIU Carbondale’s efforts to retain and recruit distinguished professors to the College of Business. Greg Lee, a 1972 SIU graduate, has pledged $250,000 toward these efforts. Lee, a Motorola executive since January 2008, is donating funds through the SIU Foundation to establish the Gregory A. Lee Professorship to fund the salaries through the SIU Foundation to establish a strong foundation for his career success.

"There were a handful of professors who truly made my learning experience both challenging and personally meaningful here at SIU. They not only got me engaged in a learning process that I’ve kept with me my entire career," he says, "but I also benefitted from instructors who sparked my imagination and challenged me to think differently and from other perspectives. As senior vice president of human resources for Motorola, the Chicago native has worldwide responsibilities for workforce development, organizational effectiveness, benefits and compensation, staff, global inclusion and diversity. Prior to joining Motorola, Lee was senior vice president of human resources at Coca-Cola Enterprises, the world’s largest marketer, producer, and distributor of Coca-Cola products. Lee has also served as a senior vice president of human resources at Sears, Roebuck and Company, and held additional leadership positions with Whirlpool Corporation, The St. Paul Companies, Inc., and PepsiCo, Inc.

SIU Carbondale College of Business Dean J. Dennis Cradit says Lee’s success has served as a motivational tool for students. “His stature and visibility in the business world have always been a source of inspiration to our students. But Greg Lee’s gift signals that the process of producing outstanding students requires that we support outstanding faculty,” Cradit says.

Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and CEO of the SIU Foundation, says: “Greg Lee has clearly enjoyed a great deal of success in the business world. This gift is his way of demonstrating the importance he values in mentors and instructors who guide our students in pursuit of their career goals.”

Lee, a College of Business Hall of Fame member and 2008 Alumni Achievement Award recipient, says funding the professorship is his way of returning the favor to Southern.

“This presented me with an opportunity to give back to the University and business school in a fashion that was sustainable over a period of time,” Lee says. “I received a very strong education at Southern. Certainly, assisting the University’s ability to attract and maintain premier instructors is essential.”

Tom Pace Establishes Endowment To Honor Daughter

An SIU Carbondale graduate with a passion for students, performing arts and scholarship is being honored through an endowment established in her memory at the Southern Illinois University Foundation to benefit students and faculty of the University.

The Patricia Pace Memorial Endowment Fund has been developed to enhance the Patricia Pace Performance Festival, which will be hosted by SIU this fall. The festival, originally organized by the late Patricia Pace at Georgia Southern University in 2000, will alternate annually among three institutions – SIU Carbondale, Louisiana State University, and Georgia Southern. Patricia Pace passed away at age 48 in 2000. Shortly after her death, colleagues named the festival for Patricia; which has been held at convention sites and sponsored by various universities, including Georgia Southern. This past winter it was sponsored by LSU.

Tom Pace, a retired SIU professor in the Department of Speech Communication, says the endowment, named in his daughter’s honor, will cover expenses for students and faculty in the Department of Speech Communication who travel to the festival when it is held at one of the alternate locations. The endowment will help offset festival costs when Southern hosts the event. “Patti very much believed in getting artists, teachers, scholars and theater professionals together so they could learn from each other,” he says. “This was the impetus behind Patti’s dream of instituting this festival.”

A Carbondale native, Pace attained her Ph.D. from SIU Carbondale, and received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Sonoma State University in California. At the time of her death, Pace was on a research sabbatical working on a book-length project which included a critical analysis of the image of children in a variety of media. The initial chapter of Pace’s project was completed by her husband, Richard Flynn, an English professor at GSU and a noted scholar on children’s literature. It was published in the September 2002 journal, The Lion and the Unicorn.

Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and CEO of the SIU Foundation, says the endowment is a fitting tribute to Patricia Pace.

“While I did not have the privilege of knowing Patricia, I could tell from my conversations with Tom and others Patricia had a deep and extraordinary commitment to her profession and the students she touched on a daily basis. She was a true educator and scholar through and through,” he says. “This endowment in her honor will support students and faculty with aspirations of thriving in the area of performing arts for several years into the future.”
What Is Planned Giving?

A planned gift, unlike an outright gift, is a charitable contribution that is realized by the charity in the future, rather than immediately.

Because some people are unable to donate a large sum of money during their lifetime as a result of family or other financial obligations, planned gifts can be a good alternative. Planned gifts are usually realized upon the death of the donor.

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

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

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

Bequest

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

Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust

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

Charitable Remainder Unitrust

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

Charitable Gift Annuity Agreement

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

Charitable Lead Trust

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

Revocable Living Trust Agreement

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

Life Estate Agreement

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

If you have questions about planned giving, contact Yvonne Spencer at the SIU Foundation by calling (618) 453-4907 or by email at yvonnem@siu.edu.
Aisin Manufacturing Supports Engineering Students

From left to right are Dr. Ramanarayan Viswanathan, Interim Dean of the College of Engineering; President Minoru Takeamura, ALM; Dr. Samuel Goldman, SIU Carbondale Interim Chancellor; President Makoto Endo, AMI; Dr. Rickey N. McCurry, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement; and President Tomoo Ishikawa, AIEL.
Jim Lightner fondly remembers his summer field geology course as an undergraduate at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. That’s why he chose to give $100,000 to establish an endowment to help ensure the continuation of the course.

The 1974 SIU graduate’s donation is a challenge gift, meaning that the Geology Department must raise an additional $100,000 in order to receive the full donation.

The main focus of the six-week field program is to teach students how to operate as field geologists. They perform collection, analysis and interpretation of geological information and apply classroom theory to real-world problems in places such as the Black Hills and Yellowstone National Park.

According to Lightner, CEO of Orion Energy Partners in Denver, the field course was instrumental in his career. “This course was the culmination of my geology education. It was a wonderful way to practically use everything I had learned in the classroom setting. The experience convinced me that I wanted to pursue a career as a working geologist. I appreciate having had the opportunity to participate in the program.”

Steven Esling, chair of the SIU Geology Department, says he appreciates and embraces the challenge set forth by Lightner.

“Like many of our alumni, Jim has fond memories of the summer field course and wanted to make a significant gift that would serve as a catalyst for supporting the course,” Esling says. “We are excited about the challenge and the gift.”

Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and CFO of the SIU Foundation, said the University is appreciative of Lightner’s generosity.

“Mr. Lightner realizes the importance of offering geology students a hands-on experience. He has stepped forward in a big way to extend support to our current and future students,” he says. “Mr. Lightner embodies what the Opportunity Through Excellence campaign is all about. SIU Carbondale has a history of loyal graduates who are willing to provide opportunities for students in all areas of study, and he is maintaining this long-standing tradition.”

The summer field program, based in the Beartooth Range near Red Lodge, Montana, has been taught annually since 1979 and draws students from many different universities nationwide and globally. The course is important to geology students because only 15 percent of universities in the U.S. offer such an opportunity.

The Beartooth Mountains boast some of the highest elevations in the lower 48 states, and have 20 peaks that are taller than 12,000 feet in elevation. The Beartooths are considered to be one of the most biologically unique mountain ranges in the U.S., with almost 400 species of plants and wildlife.

After receiving his bachelor’s degree from Southern in geology, Lightner went on to attain a Fulbright Fellowship, allowing him to earn his master’s degree in Australia.

Orion Energy is a small privately held oil and gas exploration and production company that was founded approximately three years ago with Lightner as CEO since its beginning. Prior to Orion, he served as chairman, president and CEO of Tom Brown Inc. (TBI), a public oil and gas company.

According to Lightner, he began his career as a petroleum geologist through a summer job at Amoco in Houston, which came about through an interview arranged in the Geology Department. He says, “The fact that Amoco regularly recruited at SIU is very likely the only reason that I ended up in the oil and gas industry. This demonstrates the vital importance of universities having active recruitment relationships with many companies in many industries.”

After his time in Australia, Lightner returned to Amoco. Lightner says that he feels the summer field program is even more important today with the current belief that the U.S. is losing ground to the rest of the world in science. He also energetically requests that others give back.

“I ask every geology alum to remember how much their experience at the summer field program meant to them and to help in any way they can to keep it going.”
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Just a small sample of the many companies that matched gifts in 2008.
Gus & Debra Smith Donate $1 Million To Business College

by Greg Scott

Gus Smith, a two-degree graduate of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and his wife, Debra, pride themselves on making a long-term impact on entities with which they are associated. SIU Carbondale’s College of Business is the most recent beneficiary of their generosity.

The couple has made a $1-million gift through the SIU Foundation to establish the Gus and Debra Smith Undergraduate Student Experience Endowment Fund in the College. The Smiths are working with University officials to target a variety of initiatives through this fund. Some options being discussed include establishing better communication with community college students, enhancing connection with prospective students serving in the military, and preparing students for their careers after college.

Smith, a retired managing partner of Accenture, a global management consulting firm with net revenues near $20 billion, says he is returning the favor to Southern. The McLeansboro, Ill., native was a community college student who served a stint in the Marine Corps before arriving at Southern, which, he says, laid the foundation for his success.

“The University helped open a lot of doors for me. It created opportunities for me to create a life for my family that has exceeded my expectations,” he says. “Debra and I have always wanted to give back to something that helped us become successful. The more we got involved with Southern and saw what was going on here, we became comfortable that this is the place we wanted to do that.”

The Smiths provided this support to the University through the SIU Foundation’s charitable remainder trust option. Through this agreement, their gift is set up in a charitable trust. The Smiths will receive annual payments from the SIU Foundation and a tax deduction for the Foundation’s remainder interest. When the trust matures, the College of Business will be the beneficiary of the remaining funds.

“We both like to establish plans for long-term gain. There is nothing wrong with receiving some benefit today, but we want the University to continue moving forward 10 years from now,” Debra says. “The primary objective is for us to have resources in places that allow SIU students to walk out of here in a position to make the world a better place.”

Gus adds: “One of our motivations in doing this is that we wanted to make a long-term impact as opposed to spreading pieces around. The charitable remainder trust is a great vehicle because it enables you to make a significant contribution currently while you can observe the benefit versus leaving the contribution in your estate.”

Dennis Cradit, dean of the College of Business, says students will derive substantial benefit from the Smiths’ generosity. “Gus and Debra Smith have demonstrated a true commitment to excellence in education,” Cradit says. “Through the Smiths’ million-dollar gift, they are inspiring future generations of business leaders and creating untold opportunities for young people.”

Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation, says: “The Smiths have made a commitment that demonstrates their desire to assist SIU Carbondale in maintaining a standard of excellence for years to come. Their gift will provide invaluable resources allowing the University to attain this essential objective well into its future.”

Gus Smith received a bachelor’s degree in finance in 1977, and a master’s in business administration in 1979. He was inducted into the College of Business Hall of Fame in 2004, and serves on the Dean’s External Advisory Board.

Debra, a University of Illinois graduate, urged her husband to assume this role. “I was thrilled because he has so much to contribute,” she says. “Once we started traveling to Carbondale for these annual meetings, I became quite impressed by the campus, faculty, management and overall friendliness. It was just a nice, down-home feeling.”

In 2007, the Smiths were inducted as gold distinguished patrons in the Henry J. Rehn Society, created to recognize alumni and friends who make significant financial investments in the College of Business and Administration. The Society was founded in honor of the University’s first business dean.

Smith was with Accenture for 24 years, 15 of which he was a partner in San Francisco. He says his SIU background assisted him in the corporate world.

“Graduate school really opened my eyes. It served as a foundation that provided me with a much better understanding of how to make business decisions and communicate with executives,” he says. “My education went a long way in preparing me for the business world.”

The Smiths are residents of Meadow Vista, Calif., and have a 20-year-old son, Spencer.
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Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s Department of Automotive Technology recently received a significant financial gift from Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., for the University’s Transportation Education Center.

Neil Swartz, Toyota Motor Sales corporate manager-distribution, North American Parts Operations, announced recently the $100,000 contribution during a news conference in November at Marion Toyota. Several other Toyota officials joined interim SIUC Chancellor Samuel Goldman in the announcement.

“Toyota is proud to make this $100,000 contribution to the planned Transportation Education Center at Southern Illinois University,” Swartz says. “Our company has a long-standing tradition of supporting academia and we see this monetary gift as bolstering an already nationally-recognized automotive program. Toyota has had a close working relationship with SIU’s automotive programs for more than 20 years.”

“We are delighted with the gift,” says Paul Sarvela, dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. “Toyota has been a big supporter of this program for many, many years and has provided many different types of vehicles for our students to work with in the labs and in the classrooms. This $100,000 gift is the icing on the cake. Toyota is a wonderful friend of Southern and of our automotive program. We look forward to working with them for many years to come.”

The funds are for major equipment purchases, including hand-held diagnostic equipment, according to department chair Jack Greer, who says he is “pleased Toyota stepped up to the plate before we break ground.”

Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation, adds: “Our automotive technology program has been a source of pride for this institution, and Toyota’s $100,000 gift is pertinent in supporting upgraded facilities for one of the nation’s elite automotive technology programs. We are thankful to Toyota for its ongoing generosity and assisting SIU in moving forward.”

The Transportation Education Center, or TEC, will be located at Southern Illinois Airport, between Murphysboro and Carbondale and bring together the University’s automotive technology and aviation programs in one location. Facilities on Southern’s campus in Carbondale have housed the automotive technology program since its inception in 1952.

The project awaits state funding through a capital development bill. It will add 190,000 square feet for three buildings – a main facility, engine test facility, and fleet storage. The estimated project cost is $62.8 million.

Swartz has served on the automotive technology department’s advisory committee for more than 20 years, including committee co-chairman since 1994.

He oversees operations of 10 parts distribution centers throughout the nation, including Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Chicago and Boston. A native of Highland, Swartz received an associate of applied science degree in automotive technology from SIU in 1976, and a bachelor’s degree in 1978 in what is now the school’s advanced technical studies program.

Toyota Motor Sales employs approximately 35 Southern graduates, mostly as product engineers, field technical specialists, technical trainers or district service and parts managers, according to the company. Strong alumni support is a valuable asset to the program, says Sarvela and Greer.

“With the alumni support we enjoy, the program would not be anywhere near the quality of program that it is,” Greer says. He recalled that Swartz’s support for the program goes back to donating training materials when Swartz worked for American Motors Corp.

“He’s supported the program since day one in his career,” Greer said. “He’s never forgotten about us. He’s the reason we have so many people working at Toyota; he’s opened that door.”

University automotive technology graduates find a large diversity of jobs within the automotive service industry, Greer said. The average starting salary for graduates is between $48,000 and $52,000, and companies are recruiting students who graduate in May, Greer says.

Sarvela and Greer both acknowledged Toyota’s valuable contributions to the program, from the corporate level to local dealerships, including Marion Toyota and vice president and general manager Jeff Mayer. Marion Toyota opened a nearly 50,000-square-foot dealership in July.

In 2005, SIU’s automotive technology program earned the Automotive Industry Planning Council’s Award of Excellence – its third time as the nation’s top program. The program also earned top honors in 1991 and 1999; national winners cannot compete again for the award for five years.
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On a cold, windy Nov. 22 afternoon, Southern Illinois University (9-2, 7-1) used a 29-yard overtime touchdown pass from Chris Dieker to Ryan Kernes and a huge goal line stand to edge Illinois State 17-10 at Hancock Stadium in Bloomington and claim a share of the 2008 Missouri Valley Football Conference title in the process.

The win also clinched the league's automatic postseason berth, as SIU tied Northern Iowa at 7-1 but received the bid thanks to an earlier win over the Panthers. The Salukis advanced to the postseason for the sixth year in a row, and won or shared the conference championship for the fourth time (2003, 2004, 2005, and 2008) in their football history.

To say that the title game was one of inches would be a real account of what happened - not a trite expression. ISU tied things up at 10-10 and sent the game to overtime when Kevin Brockway threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Eyad Salem with 44 seconds left in regulation. SIU had the ball on the first possession of overtime and faced a 3rd-and-14 when Dieker found Kernes in the back of the end zone for what would prove to be the game-winning touchdown.

The Redbirds had one last chance to send the game to a second overtime, and managed to get to SIU's 1-yardline. The drive fell less than an inch short of a first down when Chance Coda and Kendrick Young dropped ISU's Walter Mendenhall on a 4th-and-1. Dieker found Kernes in the back of the end zone for what would prove to be the game-winning touchdown.

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"This wasn't our best game overall, but we hung in there and found a way to win at the end," said SIU head coach Dale Lennon after the game. "I thanked them and let the seniors know they left an incredible legacy which I hope to build on." Two days later, Lennon became only the third coach in history to win the "Bruce Craddock' Missouri Valley Football Conference Coach of the Year" award in his first year in the league.

To see final statistics and the individual all-MVC awards, go to www.siusalukis.com.

Jeff Schirmer finished 25th overall in the 2008 NCAA Cross Country Championships making him the first Saluki All-American in that sport since 1984. Schirmer completed the 10K course with a time of 30:00.8 in a tightly run pack and was less than one minute behind winner Galen Rupp of Oregon.

He became the first All-American runner from Southern since Chris Bunyon captured a 21st place finish at the 1984 NCAA Championship meet. The junior says he will put in a lot of preparation in the off season to return to the meet again next season.

"It's a pretty positive confidence booster," Schirmer says of the NCAA experience. "I plan on improving from what I've done this year and put in a lot of miles in training over the summer to get even better."
Dawgs Enter Valley Hoop Action With Many New Faces

Even with the loss of three starters—including its top two scorers last year—Southern Illinois University Carbondale men's basketball enters league play with plenty of respect. The Salukis were picked to finish second in the preseason Missouri Valley Conference poll, despite having eight newcomers on the roster. Creighton, which returns a veteran backcourt and solid depth from last year's fourth-place finisher, was picked to win the league title.

Of course, one player back for SIU is senior Bryan Mullins (6-2 guard), the reigning MVC Defensive Player of the Year, and a Dawg who should become the school's all-time leader in both assists and steals this year. Other veterans returning are fellow seniors Tony Boyle (6-8 forward) and Wesley Clemmons (6-3 guard), as well as junior Christian Cornelius (6-7 forward) and sophomore Carlton Fay (6-8 forward).

Newcomers include freshmen Kevin Dillard (6-0 guard and last year's Illinois Prep "Mr. Basketball"), Ryan Hare (6-4 guard), Torres Roundtree (6-4 guard), Anthony Booker (6-8 forward), and Nick Evans (6-11 center). Sophomore Justin Bocot (6-4 guard) and junior Brandon Allen (6-3 guard) round out the roster.

SIU Head Coach Chris Lowery knows his squad is young, but so far is pleased with what he sees happening on the floor.

"It is exciting to coach this team," Lowery says. "As young as we are, we're going to make mistakes — no doubt about that — but I like our intensity. In the early games this season, I have been impressed that our younger kids came in games and played with a sense of urgency. They were aggressive."

To hear the games this year, the radio reach of the Saluki Sports Network has grown to nine stations. The network will provide fans in the entire southern Illinois region, as well as Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois, the opportunity to hear games over the airwaves. Stations include KSLG 1380/1490 AM in St. Louis, Mo., WHCO 1230 AM in Sparta, Ill., WVZA 92.7 FM in Carbondale, WRXX 95.3 FM in Centralia, WEBQ 102.3 FM in Eldorado/Harrisburg, WRUL 97.3 FM in Carmi, KYRX 97.3 FM in Cape Girardeau, and WMOK 920 AM Metropolis/Paducah. Also, most of the men's basketball season may be heard on Sports Radio 1450 AM in Springfield, Ill.

SIU opens the conference season Dec. 28 at Bradley University, followed by a Dec. 31 home opener against Northern Iowa starting at 7:05 p.m. For the full Saluki schedule, go to www.siusalukis.com.

‘Good Night From Carbondale’ Now Available Through 710 Bookstore

The SIU Alumni Association CD audio book "Good Night from Carbondale," chronicling some of the best moments from the past 30 years of SIU football and basketball through the broadcasts of the "Voice of the Salukis," Mike Reis '78, is now available through 710 Bookstore in Carbondale. The CD may be purchased in the store, online at www.seventen.com, or at the 710 apparel booth at all SIU home basketball games.

The disc — featuring narration from former WCLL radio personality John Riley '87 — retails for just $12 (plus shipping) and continues to be available through the SIU Alumni Association's Web site at www.sialumni.com or by visiting the Association's campus offices in Colyer Hall and the SIU Student Center.

The project is special to Reis, who was inducted into the SIU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005 and was the Association's "2007 Alumni Achievement For Service" recipient. "It's a nice way to give back," the SIU Alumni Association life member says, "and I hope people will enjoy reliving these moments while supporting a worthwhile cause — funding scholarships at the University."

The SIU Alumni Association helps more than 220,000 graduates around the world stay connected to their alma mater. The organization provides scholarships, support for University activities, recognition of distinguished alumni, and many other endeavors to support its mission of "revealing to the world the excellence of Southern Illinois University."
The Saluki women's basketball team has its sights set on a return to the top of the league under fifth-year head coach Dana Eikenberg. Just two years removed from winning the Missouri Valley Conference regular-season championship, Southern will look to rebound from a disappointing 2006-07 campaign by getting back to the basics.

"We've got to get back to working hard, because we lost that focus and got a little too content," admits Eikenberg.

"We have to focus on the process, not the outcome, and redefine what Saluki Basketball is all about."

Helping rewrite the definition for the 2008-09 Salukis will be returning seniors Kaci Bailey (5-7 guard), Jasmine Gibson (5-10 forward), Erica Smith (5-7 guard) and sophomore Katrina Swingler (6-0 forward). The group accounted for nearly 50 percent of the offense last year, and will get assistance from nine highly touted newcomers to make up the 13-player roster.

Newcomers include juniors Nicole Howe (6-3 center), Karlee Myers (5-10 forward), Christine Presswood (5-7 guard.), and Lacie Ward (5-6 guard); sophomores Adrienne Griffith (5-11 forward); and freshmen LaToya Hambrick (6-0 forward), Alex Hart (5-8 guard), Olivia Lett (6-0 guard) and Eryn Stepherson (5-9 guard).

Southern, picked ninth in the Valley pre-season poll after its 10-20/5-13 finish last season, has looked solid early with home wins against St. Louis University and Arkansas State. In those games, Swingler paced the Salukis with 27 points and 8.5 rebounds per game.

"Swingler made incredible strides her freshman year," says Eikenberg. "We're counting on her to use that experience to be a threat this year."

SIU opens league play Jan. 2 at Evansville — the first of three straight league road games — and then hosts Creighton Jan. 15 at 7:05 p.m. in its Valley home opener. The games will be broadcast over 810 AM in Marion. For the full Saluki schedule, go to www.siusalukis.com.

Sophomore Katrina Swingler was Southern's early-season scoring threat during home wins over St. Louis University and Arkansas State.

Ray Padovan '64, M.S. '65, a member of the SIU Athletics Hall of Fame, and a former NCAA record-holding swimming champion, retired recently at Eastern Illinois University after completing his 42nd year in charge of the men's swimming/diving team and 29th year as head coach of the women's program.

He served Panther intercollegiate athletics longer than any other EIU athletic coach/staff member in the history of the university.

Padovan coached the men to seven conference championships including victories at the Midwest Championships in 2004 and 2005 and has 257 dual meet victories, and coached the women to 166 dual meet victories and a 2003 Midwest championship. He earned three consecutive 'Coach of the Meet' awards during the last three years at the Midwest Championships, and this past year was the Summit League men's 'Coach of the Year'.

As an athlete at Southern, Padovan set NCAA records in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle in 1961. He and his wife Lynne '64, M.S. '66, are life members of the SIU Alumni Association.
Memories. Without them, 35 years of being around SIU's men's athletics teams may not have been as rewarding as they were, with or without national championships. As a matter of fact, it didn't require a national title for a happening to be deeply embedded in our mind, but it helped. That's one reason why SIU's recent recognition of the 1983 National Championship Football Salukis was such a glorious occasion.

It's hard to believe 25 years have rushed by since the Rey Dempsey-led Salukis totally outclassed Western Carolina 43-7 to claim one of the finest honors in school history. The entire playoff series is as if it occurred yesterday. We remember the mid-morning Sunday phone call from an NCAA official informing us of Southern's number-one seeding, first-round bye, and home-field advantage as long as it stayed alive. That was the day following the Salukis' only loss of the season at Wichita State.

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At left, Rey Dempsey is shown surrounded by his team and Saluki fans after winning the 1983 NCAA 1-AA National Championship. The contest was never close, as Southern crushed Western Carolina 43-7 to earn the title and the ring at right.
Some of the 1983 squad attended a social event at the SIU Arena on the Friday before the SIU football game. Front row, from left: Donnell Daniels, Tony Wrenn, Daryl Young, Assistant Coach Mike Wallace, Javell Heggs, Cecil Ratliff, Derrick Taylor, John Field, and Shane Watson. Back row: Curt Reed, Tony Adams, Ken Foster, Trainer Ed Thompson, Frank Pasquino, Mike O'Day, John Wilson, Rick Johnson, Joe Graves, Bruce Phibbs, James Stevenson, Ralph VanDyke, Tiffany Hamilton, Assistant Coach Rod Sherrill, Tom Baugh, Glen Follis, and Head Coach Rey Dempsey.

In some ways, it seemed to be a simple way that the stage had been set... hard-earned, but relatively an eight-to-five work day for the blue-collar Salukis performing for their boss, Rey Dempsey. Actually there was a little more to it than that.

WELCOME TO I-AA FOOTBALL

Two years prior, SIU's football program had been reclassified as a Division I-AA operation after competing at the D-I level for several years and enjoying the 95-scholarship limitation as a result.

We remember the morning when Athletics Director Gale Sayers informed Dempsey of the University's decision, which was actually the result of more stringent NCAA requirements and the more strenuous scholarship limitations (75) he must adhere to immediately.

Although devastated at the time, Dempsey soon regrouped and shortly later was quoted in The Southern Illinoisan as saying, "If this University sets itself on a national path to win the (I-AA) national championship, it can be done. There are a lot of good teams in I-AA and we will need to take a step forward. We need to ask ourselves: What can we do to win the championship?"

With the assistance of many, Dempsey revamped his recruiting policies and went to work. He was quoted by SI sports editor Mike Chamness as saying, "I think this school is capable of producing a (I-AA) national champion here, but we need a plan to get there."

Having posted a 7-4 record despite a tough schedule in 1981, the Salukis had already put together an even more difficult card for 1982 when they met Southwestern Louisiana and Florida State on back-to-back weekends in addition to games with Arkansas State, Tulsa, and West Texas State.

It wasn't exactly what Dempsey had in mind when he spoke of his "plan," but in looking back it may have been the stepping stone as the Salukis finished 6-5 and tied for second in the Missouri Valley Conference with a 4-1 record, losing only to Tulsa.

BRINGING BACK THE PROGRAM

He had already resurrected SIU's football program long before its 1983 opener at Western Illinois. The Salukis had a 7-33-1 record in the four seasons prior to Dempsey's arrival in 1976, and he almost immediately began transforming his squad into a winning program resulting in 41 wins in the next seven seasons.

The 1983 championship season has been reviewed so frequently that it's almost like a third-grade recitation of the alphabet for many. Turnovers... key defensive plays... timely catches and kick returns. They were all integral parts of the puzzle which resulted in the Salukis invading Charleston a day earlier than required to and continuing their work, study, work, study habits which
had been largely responsible for their 12-1 season.

Players returning to campus for the 25th anniversary needed little prompting in recalling the year. Dempsey was asked if the team's demotion to I-AA status had been responsible for the team's championship charge. "We got together and said, 'Let's do this,'" he recalled. "We talked about the championship from the beginning of the season. This team had talent and it stayed together. We worked hard to develop a team concept. I'd have to say that it was probably one of SIU's best teams ever."

"Yeah, coach, it probably was."

Dempsey adds that even though his best coaching job in eight seasons at SIU may have been his first year when he transformed a 1975 team with only one win into a program that won seven of its 11 games in 1976, the 1983 championship game provided him with his best memories.

"I loved it at SIU," Dempsey says. "Probably my biggest mistake in the 1983 season was when I prayed for Wichita State Coach Willie Jeffries to win a few games. He was a good friend and was having a tough season, so I prayed for his team to get a win. I just didn't realize it would come against us and spoil our undefeated season."

"WE WERE JUST LIKE A FAMILY"

Southern Illinois University's quarterback Rick Johnson agrees that the 1983 season provided a storybook ending.

"It was a great bunch of guys back then," Johnson says. "We were just like a family, and I felt something special was going on even before the start of the season. There were several keys along the way which supported those thoughts, like Terry Taylor's block of Eastern Illinois' attempted field goal with seconds remaining in the game to avoid a tie. We blew a few teams out, things started to build, and you couldn't stop it."

"As far as the Wichita State game," Johnson stresses, "it was a pivotal thing. It made us realize that we can't just show up. Had we not lost to Wichita State when we did, I'm not so sure we would have won the national championship."

There was simply no end to outstanding things that would happen along the way, with SIU's opening 38-6 win at Western Illinois a preview of things to come. Defensive back Donnell Daniel had a 47-yard pass interception return for a touchdown, and Taylor had a
Three of the best quarterbacks to ever play at SIU got together on the sidelines the weekend of the reunion. From left, Nick Hill, Rick Johnson, and Joel Sambursky make for an impressive trio of signal-callers.

Down 14-7 at halftime to Eastern Illinois, the Salukis scored twice in the third quarter. Mike Brascia recovered a Panther punt blocked by Frank Carr in the end zone for a TD, and another Daniels interception set up the second, providing the Salukis with a short field resulting in a Ron Miller field goal.

The next two wins were blowouts against Southeast Missouri State (56-7) and Northern Iowa (52-9), but SIU's fifth win of the season at Arkansas State may have been the Salukis' toughest.

Another fumble recovery by Brascia allowed the Salukis to drive 42 yards to tie the game at 28. The winning touchdown in the fourth was set up by still another blocked field goal attempt by Taylor. SIU drove 80 yards to score the winning score with less than five minutes remaining in the game.

Wins over Drake, Southwest Missouri State, Indiana State, and New Mexico State were somewhat less dramatic, but all were jammed with fumble recoveries, pass interceptions, and blocked punts. Another narrow, two-point victory over Illinois State set up the season's finale at Wichita State and the playoffs that followed.

The weatherman failed to cooperate for SIU's two playoff games in McAndrew Stadium, but thousands of loyal Saluki fans were on hand both afternoons to view twin 23-7 victories over Indiana State and Nevada-Reno.

**MEMORABLE MOMENTS INDEED**

Then it was on to Charleston, arriving early, becoming the local media favorite as a result while causing ABC-TV's sportscasters Keith Jackson and Frank Broyles to alter early thoughts on the game favorite midway in the third quarter.

One of our most memorable moments came 30 minutes or so following completion of the game when we escorted Dempsey into the post-game media interview area just in time to hear opposing coach Bob Waters say, "If we played Southern Illinois 10 more times, Western Carolina would probably win nine of the games."

The expression on Dempsey's face was *priceless* as he looked at me and asked, "Did he just say what I *think* he said?"

Yeah, Rey, he did, but it really didn't matter.

The Salukis were already well into their celebration of the 1983 national championship and it hasn't ended yet. Just ask all those who returned to campus the weekend of Sept. 26-27.

— Fred Huff, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, is SIU Sports Information Director emeritus at Southern.
Library Patio To Use Old Main Remnants

by Gordon Pruett

With the Morris Library renovation nearing completion, plans have been made for a new patio on the east end of the building. The idea for a patio sprang in 2006 from library focus groups that considered myriad options. The Friends of Morris Library have supported the project, estimated to cost $130,000, by contributing the initial $8,000.

Rob Jensen, chair of the Friends' patio committee, says, "The patio project represents a unique opportunity for all members of the SIU community to make a substantial addition to our beautiful campus. This patio will be an ideal complement to the newly renovated library."

Funding for the project will be privately underwritten by the sale of commemorative bricks used as part of the walkway that curves through the middle of the patio.

Each 4" by 8" brick costs $250 and may contain three lines of text with a maximum of 11 characters (including spaces). The bricks will be engraved using highly durable ceramic materials guaranteed to last a century. Larger 8" by 8" square bricks can be purchased for $500, which includes the option of adding a Pulliam clock tower or Saluki athletics logo for an additional $50.

Library Affairs Dean David Carlson explains that "this picturesque, well-shaded corner of campus should prove a popular spot, and I hope library patrons, staff, and donors alike will support this idyllic space."

A remarkable feature of this patio design is the use of some architectural elements from Old Main. Much of Old Main's stonework was salvaged after the 1969 fire, and some pieces of limestone and granite will be incorporated into the patio to form an exterior border, and some stonework may also be used as benches. Tables with seating can be underwritten for $4,000, and interior benches each require a $2,000 donation. Perimeter benches from Old Main stone can be underwritten for $5,000 each, and the reconstruction of an Old Main arch as an entrance to the patio would require $30,000.

According to Brian Gorecki, an architect with Plant and Services Operations, "The design was a joint venture with the Friends of Morris Library, the library staff, Eric Leitner (a student worker with Engineering Services) and myself. The paving bricks will enhance the historical nature of the patio and provide people with an opportunity to purchase an engraved brick that will be incorporated into the patio, thus making them a permanent piece of history."

Individuals or organizations interested in sponsoring bricks or other elements of the patio should contact Kristine McGuire at kmguire@lib.siu.edu or 618-453-1633. An order form is available at www.siuf.org.

Brian Gorecki inspects stonework from Old Main that could serve as a perimeter border.
Fraternities And Sororities Enjoy Long And Rich Tradition At SIU

by Andy Morgan

Southern Illinois University Greek-affiliated students continue to stay heavily involved in events such as SIU Homecoming, Family Weekend, Theta Xi Variety Show, and numerous University student organizations. Many traditions endure on campus, such as Alpha Phi Alpha's Miss Eboness Pageant, Safe Halloween, Greek Sing, Kappa Karnival, Greek Week, and the annual Greek Awards ceremony.

However, there have been many changes throughout the Greek System, Greek Row, and in University Greek Standards. This past September, the 72nd Annual Greek Sing was held during Saluki Family Weekend. Greek Sing started in 1936 by the Chi Delta Chi Fraternity, which later became Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity.

At the 2008 Greek Sing, chapters sang on the steps of Shryock Auditorium to their families during a beautiful fall afternoon. At this year's Greek Sing, Sigma Kappa Sorority placed first, Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity placed second, and Delta Zeta Sorority placed third.

SIU Homecoming Greeks once again crowned two Greek students as SIU Homecoming King and Queen. Jenny Arteaga, a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority, was crowned queen, and Craig Turner, member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, was crowned king. Homecoming parade winners were Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and the Dental Hygiene society who placed first in the large float division, Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority and Delta Chi Fraternity, which tied for second with Theta Xi Fraternity and Sigma Kappa Sorority.

Variety Show Now Six Decades Old

Every spring since 1947, a campus-wide variety show has been sponsored by Southern's Greek system. The Kappa Delta Alpha Fraternity started the show, and in 1951 when the KDAs became a part of the Theta Xi Fraternity, the name of the show changed to the Theta Xi Variety Show. The 62nd Annual Theta Xi Variety Show will take place on March 28 at Shryock Auditorium. It continues to highlight musical acts, singing, step and dance routines from fraternities, sororities, and various student organizations.

At the show, the prestigious Service to Southern Award recipient will be announced. This award continues to be the highest honor for a graduating senior. The Inter Greek Council continues to fund the $1,000 scholarship benefiting an SIU senior who displays the highest standards of academic excellence, community service, University service, and dedication to SIU. Tickets for the show will be available through TicketMaster beginning in February. Profits from ticket sales help fund the Service to Southern Award.

Greek Row has gone through many changes in the last several years. Currently there are three organizations on Greek Row: Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, Sigma Kappa Sorority, and Delta Zeta Sorority. Beginning January 1, 2013, Illinois state law will require that all on-campus residence halls, including fraternity and sorority houses, must have sprinkler systems. Due to the age of Greek Row buildings, it has been deemed cost-prohibitive to install a sprinkler system. Southern Illinois University's University Housing department is in the process of researching future Greek housing. This housing would accommodate all chapters, regardless of size. Please look for more information on Greek Housing in the coming issues of Southern Alumni magazine.
Great In The Classroom

Greeks continue to excel in the classroom. Academically speaking, Greek students have increased their overall grade point average by 0.25 compared to 10 years ago. Southern Illinois University’s sorority women are consistently well above the all women’s campus GPA. Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority leads all Greek chapters with an overall chapter GPA of 3.09.

Southern Illinois University is truly proud of our Greek freshmen and sophomores who continually have higher GPAs than the all-campus average. Congratulations to our Greek chapters for increasing their minimum GPA requirements and for creating additional academic programming.

Community and campus service has always been a large part of SIU Greek life. According to Saluki Volunteer Corps (a program that tracks all service hours registered by SIU students), Greeks give, on average, seven times more community service hours than the entire campus student population. Chapters are heavily involved with Carbondale Adopt-a-Spot, the Women’s Center, blood drives, Carbondale Boys and Girls Club, new student move-in, and much more.

At the end of each spring semester, Inter Greek Council hosts the annual Greek Awards Ceremony. This past year, IGC founded a new award for the Outstanding Greek Alumnus of the Year. The 2008 recipient was John Hamm of Phi Kappa Tau, a 1967 graduate of SIU. Do you know of an outstanding Greek alumnus of SIU? Criteria for the award will be released in February and available at www.siu4greeks.org and www.siu4alumni.com.

The Student Center, Student Development, and the Inter Greek Council are in the process of moving the Greek Awards display out of the IGC office and into the Student Center hallways. This will allow for more recognition to chapters, their advisors, alumni and visitors alike.

Greek Alumni Reunion Planned

The SIU Alumni Association, the Inter-Greek Council, and Student Development are planning a Greek Alumni Reunion for Homecoming 2010. All SIU Greek alumni are invited back to their alma mater to rekindle old friendships and meet current brothers and sisters.

Southern Illinois University’s fraternities and sororities will be working with the SIU Alumni Association to create reunion schedules, invitations, and guest lists. If your chapter does not exist on the SIU campus, your national chapter will be contacted regarding the reunion’s events. We hope this will be a new tradition for our Greek system that will continue for many years.

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Four women who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in their professional careers and respective communities, and a Southern alumna of the School of Journalism who has earned national acclaim as an author and award-winning journalist were honored during the fifth annual Inspiring Women Gala Oct. 18 at SIU.

This year's Inspiring Women of Achievement award recipients were Millicent Hankla of Anna, Alice Dunn Johnston of Cairo, Kathy Lively of Herrin, and Charlotte West of Carbondale. Jackie Spinner, a Decatur native who currently lives in Washington, D.C., received the 2008 Alumna Achievement Award.

Components from the gala benefit Inspiring Women Scholarships, which are awarded to SIU freshmen and transfer students for academic achievement, leadership, and extracurricular involvement. The scholarship program aims to encourage high levels of educational and professional achievement. Current scholarship winners were honored at the gala.

This year's Inspiring Women of Achievement are as follows:

- **Hankla** '49, M.A. '53, a longtime volunteer in the Anna community, has committed considerable personal time and resources to assisting victims of domestic violence and educating the southern Illinois community to develop effective responses to the issue. She became a certified Court-Appointed Special Advocate for children and a member of the Union County Child Advocacy Center, organizing an advisory board to better serve abused children.

  Hankla studied math, physics, and chemistry at Southern and is one of the first six women to attain a master of arts in mathematics from Southern. Following graduation, she worked for Western Electric Co. in North Carolina, manufacturing ground guidance control equipment for the NIKE I missile.

- **Johnston** is known as the "unofficial historian of Cairo." She has documented Cairo's history with detailed notes, annotated memorabilia, correspondence, and countless paintings. The town's No. 1 ambassador has welcomed visitors from all over the country, led tours, conducted presentations, and coordinated committee and organization efforts to raise funds for many organizations in the Cairo community.

  Johnston has created exhibits of her own paintings of Cairo and quilts during the last 30 years. Her paintings of Cairo's long-gone historic buildings remind viewers that Cairo was once "the Chicago of the South," a beautiful and sophisticated river town.

  She was hired in 2003 by SIU to paint a mural in the Custom House Museum depicting the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and what they might have looked like in 1803.

- **Lively** '77, M.S. '02 is chief executive of Man-Tra-Con, a five-county, state-funded job training and placement agency. Lively plans and administers the Critical Skills Shortage Initiative, totaling $950,000 throughout the 20-county southern region of Illinois through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. She is also executive director of Connect SI, where her role entails coordinating, interacting with, and directing the activities of a large number of volunteers from various backgrounds.

  Thanks to Lively's leadership, Man-Tra-Con was named Herrin's 2007 "Citizen" of the Year in recognition of that organization's leadership role in the community when a major employer, Whirlpool/Maytag in Herrin, closed its doors in December 2006.
West has been a nationally respected pioneer in women's intercollegiate athletics and a champion for gender equity in sports for more than five decades. One of the most respected women in the world of women's athletics, her career is highlighted by several firsts, including: first woman member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, serving on its executive committee, and later earning induction into the organization's Hall of Fame.

She was the first member of the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators to be recognized as the Woman Administrator of the Year; and first recipient of the Honda Award given for outstanding achievement in women's intercollegiate athletics.

An SIU Hall of Famer, West served a 42-year distinguished tenure as a coach, faculty member, and administrator. She served as SIU Director of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women from 1960 to 1986. After the merger of men's and women's athletics in 1986, she served as SIU Associate Athletics Director and Senior Woman Administrator for one year, Interim Director for one year, and returned to the role of SIU Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator until her retirement in 1998.

In recognition of her impact on student-athletes and intercollegiate athletics, the MVC inducted her into its Hall of Fame and presented her with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Spinner, a Decatur native, is a staff writer for the Washington Post, where she has worked since 1995. A 1992 graduate of the SIU School of Journalism, Spinner began her career after receiving her master's degree from the University of California at Berkeley's School of Journalism, working as a summer intern on the financial staff at the Post.

Spinner's most challenging assignment came in May 2004 when she accepted an assignment as a war correspondent and joined the Washington Post bureau staff in Iraq. She survived a kidnapping attempt outside of Abu Ghraib prison, and eventually garnered respect as a seasoned foreign reporter. Her nine months as a journalist covering the war in Iraq is depicted in her book, "Tell Them I Didn't Cry."

Membership in the SIU Alumni Association helps to fund a unique student organization called the Student Alumni Council (SAC). SAC helps to promote the excellence of SIUC through educational and social events that help enhance the relationship between current students and alumni.

SAC has dedicated themselves to various community and university service projects, fund student awards and scholarships, and participates in numerous alumni appreciation events. Without the help of our members, like Dan Grisko, SAC wouldn't be able assist in fostering relationships between SIU students and alumni.

"Through Support, Achievement, and Connections members like me make Association programs possible..."
Illinois Chamber Head Values Importance Of An Education

by Greg Scott

As head of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Doug Whitley focuses on public policy issues daily. While sitting in his downtown Chicago office and reflecting on his own experiences, it is apparent that the affordability of higher education is perhaps his foremost concern.

Whitley, who hails from Atwood, a small central Illinois farming community of 1,200 people, says he has always had a passion for history and political science. He was thankful for the opportunity to pursue his dream at Southern, where he was heavily involved in student government and leadership programs. Whitley’s brother and sister also attended college.

“College was an aspiration for our family, and I am grateful for the experience,” says Whitley, who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in history from Southern in 1975 and was selected to the Sphinx Club, an honorary society. “Small-town educational experiences can work. It’s all about attitude, ambition and perseverance to make something of one’s self. College offers that opportunity for people.”

Southern served as a springboard for Whitley’s career in public affairs. He financed his education through student work jobs, including east campus dorm resident assistant and a stint in the University’s Board of Trustees office. The latter role helped Whitley secure his first job after college as a higher education lobbyist with the Association of Illinois Student Governments in Springfield.

“Our specialty was financial aid and student representation on boards of trustees. We have students on Illinois boards of trustees today because of the lobbying our organization did back in the 1970s,” says Whitley, who has been a registered lobbyist for more than 30 years.

After two years in Springfield, Whitley became executive director of the National Student Lobby in Washington, where he continued lobbying financial aid issues. But Whitley is concerned that many young people aren’t being afforded these same opportunities due to the increasing costs of higher education.

“When I was in school, student work opportunities in addition to summer jobs could theoretically support your college education,” Whitley says. “Today, I’m sure most young people cannot earn enough during the summer to afford college. So that requires a completely different financial paradigm for today’s students.”

The 58-year-old Whitley recently presented a $10,000 check from the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce to Southern in support of the University’s scholarship initiatives, with aspirations of assisting families who are struggling to send their sons or daughters to college. The amount is equivalent to Whitley’s bonus, which he asked the Chamber instead to donate to SIU.

“The most satisfying aspect is helping another young person go to college. Any of us who have achieved success should give back to the University and help the next generation of students,” Whitley says. “I wanted to support SIU’s scholarship fund because the University was good to me. It provided me with a quality education that opened the door to a better life for my family and me. Therefore, it’s my goal to assist students who may be in a similar position to the one I was in upon entering SIU. I plan to contribute in the future.”

During an election year, the economy is at the forefront of the minds of many Americans. Whitley also expresses concern with students who drop out of high school because he considers an educated population critical to economic growth.
"We all know that a person with a college degree is going to have better earning capabilities over their lifetime. The cost barrier of higher education is real and it requires our attention," he says. "Higher education must be affordable and accessible for the future interests of this state; we cannot afford to have a single nonproductive citizen."

Productivity is Whitley's focus on a daily basis. As president and CEO of the Illinois Chamber since September 2001, Whitley leads the organization's mission to promote the interests of employers in Illinois, by encouraging prosperity and job growth so individuals can benefit from a strong economy. The chamber focuses on pertinent policy issues such as taxes, environmental law, worker's compensation, healthcare, energy, and infrastructure — serving as an advocate for business in each of these areas. Whitley says the Chamber aggressively lobbies Washington regarding infrastructure issues related to transportation, a high priority for the state.

"Obviously we want our bridges in good repair, expansion of mass transit options, and roads repaired and rebuilt. These are pertinent elements, and we aggressively lobby for support," he says. "Additionally, one of our strengths is Illinois being located in the heartland of the country, because a large portion of the country's commerce moves through our state."

Whitley says enhancing the state's international trade profile is another quest for the chamber.

"We have to make sure Illinois employers are prepared to compete in a global economy. It is important that educational institutions, especially local school districts, appreciate the significance of graduating students who are adequately prepared for global competition. The chamber is focusing more on international trade moving forward," he says.

Whitley says meeting and listening to people is a pertinent aspect of his job. The SIU alumnus estimates that he accumulates 35,000 miles annually on his vehicle while traveling throughout the state meeting with local chambers of commerce, civic leaders, business owners, and public officials, serving as an advocate for Illinois employers. He also takes time to enjoy a personal hobby.

"I'm on the road several days out of every month. I attend sporting events when I'm traveling and typically see six to eight professional baseball games each summer, including the Southern Illinois Miners and Peoria Chiefs this year," says Whitley, who added that he also enjoyed watching coach Richard "Itchy" Jones' teams play while he was attending Southern.

But perhaps Whitley's greatest inspiration is Benjamin Franklin, one of the founding fathers of the United States, who he refers to as "my favorite American." Whitley's personal library of Franklin's books spans more than 200 volumes.

"Benjamin Franklin has fascinated me since grade school. He just stood out to me as a Renaissance man," Whitley says. "He inspired me because among his many accomplishments, he was America's first ambassador and lobbyist. Benjamin Franklin influenced the founding of so many institutions in our country, like libraries, hospitals, universities, fire insurance, newspapers, postal service, and scientific research. No one should forget that his curiosity laid the foundation for electricity."

Whitley was so influenced by Franklin that he and his wife of 32 years, Joanne, named their oldest son after him. The couple has three children — Dana, Benjamin, and Mark.

Whitley is thankful for his family and having the opportunity to pursue a career in public affairs, in addition to being grateful for Southern's influence on his life.

"SIU remains a diverse, exciting and dynamic place to go to school and launch your career. It provided me with an education and a degree that opened the door to a better life for me and my family," he says. "I have always felt that SIU was good to me. It was an exciting, stimulating and thought-provoking time to be in Carbondale."

Catching a few quiet moments at home, Whitley relaxes by reading a book.
Southern Grad Wins Costume Design Contest

by Christi Mathis

She had given up. Kelly Kealy-Mayton kept an eye and an ear aimed at her phone all morning recently, wishing and hoping it would ring. It didn’t. The Southern Illinois University Carbondale graduate figured no news was bad news.

About 2 p.m., the phone rang. The man on the other end spoke the magic words for Kealy-Mayton. She was the grand-prize winner in the nationwide “Macy’s Design a Dance” costume contest for Dancing with the Stars. Moreover, contest officials informed her that her costume design, one of five finalists, received 3,000 more online votes than the second-place finisher.

“It was a surprise. It was a really, really wonderful surprise!” she says. “I was overwhelmed, and I still am.”

And just like that, the girl who grew up in the small Southern Illinois town of Waterloo was on her way to Los Angeles. She and husband Jim Mayton flew west to see her costume vision come to life. They were in the audience for a live taping of the ABC hit Dancing with the Stars, where one of the “star” couples wore the attire she designed.

Costume contestants were to design a couple's outfit for a jive dance routine performance to the Jerry Lee Lewis tune, “Great Balls of Fire.” Kealy-Mayton drew her inspiration from a piano keyboard — the image that Jerry Lee Lewis brings to her mind. The man’s costume includes a 1950’s-era black bowling shirt with the piano keyboard encompassing swirl. Along with suggested fabrics, her entry included directions for the application of crystals galore.

The show’s costume designer and staff turned Kealy-Mayton’s design into the garments the show contestants actually wore onstage. She was anxious to see how closely they had adhered to her designs, but just knowing thousands of people all across the U.S. not only saw her work, but also overwhelmingly voted for it, was a delight in itself.

“I’m thrilled for Kelly,” says Jane Workman, SIU fashion design and merchandising professor. “She is an inspiration to our fashion design and merchandising students. I am proud of her for what she has accomplished since graduating from SIU.”

The 1992 fashion design graduate is equally proud of her alma mater and the instruction she received from Workman and others. She said as long as she can remember, she’s been interested in fashion design and the quality of the SIU program drew her to Carbondale.

“It was a great choice for me,” she says. “The instructors are really good and it’s a wonderful program.”

Kealy-Mayton moved to Texas after graduation for a job in the fashion industry. Economic problems led to downsizing and the designer and competitive dancer soon found herself giving dance lessons. Before long, she was creating sought-after glitzy dance costumes.

That’s not surprising when one discovers that long ago she was designing glamorous, shimmery pageant dresses.

Now living in Allen, Texas, she’s the owner of Dancesport Designs (www.dancesportdesigns.com). She’ll typically be working on several dance dresses at the same time, each requiring about three months to complete. What does this victory mean for her?

As the winning designer, great exposure is certain to find its way to Kealy-Mayton and her work. She is hopeful that earning national acclaim will open doors — doors she is anxious to walk through.

“I’m definitely open to other things,” she says. Characterizing her design style as “classy but conservative” rather than the trend of some designers toward “sexy, sexy,” she prefers a great fitting garment with “glitz and sparkle.”

“I think these kinds of ballroom designs could translate into a ready-to-wear line for high-end department stores,” Kealy-Mayton says. “I think it’s a good look that hasn’t really been tapped into.”

Kealy-Mayton’s design sketch is shown above. The finished product, shown below during the actual national telecast, was an event she and her husband were able to witness in person.
Former Saluki Coach Joe Lutz Dies At 83

Former head baseball coach Joe Lutz recently died at 83 after being in declining health in recent years from a stroke and diabetes. Lutz, who had a 130-42 record at Southern from 1966-69, took the program to new heights. He led SIU to four NCAA Tournaments and two College World Series berths, including a second-place finish in the 1968 CWS when he was named the National Coach of the Year by the American Association of College Coaches.

After leaving Southern, he coached for the Cleveland Indians from 1971 to 1973 and later became the first Caucasian manager of a major league baseball team in Japan.
The Marching Salukis, cheerleaders, from left, Marc Silverman, Bob Lifonti, Michelle Suarez, and Mary Carroll enjoy pregame festivities before the SIU football game at Northwestern. Attendees were in attendance to provide a spirited atmosphere. Representing the University and Institutional Advancement were Vice Chancellor Rickey McCurry, Associate Vice Chancellor Jeff Lorber, and Associate Director Mary Carroll. Representing the Alumni Association were Board Members Todd Martin, Mary Roe, and Howard Spiegel; Director Argus Tong; Club and Chapter Leaders Doc Kane (Chicago), Chris Micha (Michigan), and Dale Sanders (Rockford). Chicagoland volunteers Eileen Eiden, Tim Feldheim, Dave Goehnauer, Mike Kaspar, Bev Sanders, Matt and Laura Soucy, and Rick Wysocki also were in attendance.

### SIU at Illinois State Fair
A reception was hosted in August for the Springfield volunteers assisting daily with the SIU tent from August 8 through 17. Alumnus Budd Hudgins, who owns Chuck Wagon restaurant, provided food at the reception. The Prairie Capital Chapter, together with the Central Illinois Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association, assisted in greeting alumni and guests under the SIU tent at the Illinois State Fair. Activities were coordinated by the University Communications office. Prairie Capital Chapter leaders Don Magee and Phil Beers and Central Illinois Chapter representative Wayne Carter were instrumental in recruiting volunteers.

### Du Quoin State Fair
The Perry County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association provided support through volunteers to the SIU Dome at the Du Quoin State Fair in August and early September, coordinated by University Communications. Alumni volunteers helped greet visitors, answered general questions about SIU, provided information about the Association, and served as ambassadors. Chapter President Doris Rottschalk coordinated the volunteers’ effort.

### Austin Alumni Family Day
Fifteen alumni and friends gathered at the Lake Club at Steiner Ranch hosted by the Austin-San Antonio Club of the SIU Alumni Association. The host, alumnus Michael Falato, took the alumni on a boat ride on Lake Austin. Club representatives Bill and Mary Szilag were instrumental in coordinating the event. For more information about the club, please visit [www.siualumni.com/txsalukis](http://www.siualumni.com/txsalukis).

### Campus Town
Campus Town at the Illinois State Fair highlighted different Illinois colleges and universities each day. Southern Illinois University Carbondale was showcased on August 16 with a total of nine colleges and departments, including the SIU Alumni Association representing the University.

### Greater Rockford Alumni Club Initial Meeting
Alumnus Dale Sanders is leading the efforts to start the Greater Rockford Club of the SIU Alumni Association. He hosted an initial meeting at his home in Machesney Park. For more information, please visit [www.siualumni.com/rockford](http://www.siualumni.com/rockford).

A large group of Salukis enjoyed a recent event in Texas, which included a boat ride on Lake Austin.

### SIU Salukis At Northwestern Football Tailgate
In spite of the stormy weather, a total of 425 alumni and friends attended the football tailgate. Attendees enjoyed a meal at the tailgate area. Executive Director Michelle Suarez welcomed the crowd and introduced Interim Chancellor Samuel Goldman and Director of Athletics Mario Moccia. Saluki owners Jaki Terhaar and Franki and Diane Kuzera brought Anna, Viggo, and Missy to mingle with the attendees. The Marching Salukis, cheerleaders, and shakers were in attendance to provide a spirited atmosphere. Representing the
SIU Salukis Meet At Northwestern Watch Parties


When SIU played Northwestern, there were Dawgs cheering on the west coast, as alumni in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C. area (shown above) met to watch the game on television and renew acquaintances. Enjoying the event from left, Tony Androsky, Tom Busch, Andrew Roszak, Ed Roberts, Ryan Roseberry, Kelsey Storr, Chuck Hamilton, and Tracy Hamilton.

Pregame Tailgates And Member Appreciation Event

The Association hosts tailgates prior to every home Saluki football game. Since the Association's football season's opening tailgate on Sept. 6, more than 5,000 attendees have enjoyed our Saluki Row tailgates and more than 3,500 meals have been served. The events were sponsored by Venegoni Distributing, River Radio Group, Pepsi MidAmerica, and the SIU Alumni Association, and hosted by Herrin Security Bank, Tres Hombres, and Regions Bank. On Nov. 1, the Association held Member Appreciation Day at McAndrew Stadium. The Salukis won their fourth straight game, beating North Dakota 40-21.

Central Florida Chapter Thanks Terry & Carol Gannon

The SIU Alumni Association thanks Terry Gannon '68 and wife Carol for serving the Central Florida Chapter from 2001 through 2008. Under their leadership, the chapter was officially chartered in 2002 and hosted numerous events, such as outings at the Tropicana Field, SIU vs. University of Tampa basketball pregame social, SIU vs. UCF baseball pregame social, Saluki family picnics in St. Petersburg, and many others. Terry also served on the SIU Alumni Association Board from 2004 to 2007. JoAnn Chamberlain '67 has volunteered to take over the

31st Annual SIU Day At Wrigley Field

The 31st annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field, featuring the Cubs and Cardinals, drew 850 alumni and friends. Attendees enjoyed a pregame gathering at the Cubby Bear hosted by SIU alumnus George Loukas '73. Alumni enjoyed beverages and food prepared by Loukas' staff and mingled. Interim Chancellor Samuel Goldman represented SIU and threw out the first pitch. The attendees were part of history as the Chicago Cubs set a single-season attendance record that day as well as attaining the largest single-season attendance mark for any franchise or venue in the history of the city of Chicago. It was a more memorable day for the SIU Cubs fans as, with a 5-4 victory over the Cardinals, the Cubs clinched the division for the second consecutive year. Representing the University were Associate Vice Chancellor Jeff Lorber and Associate Director Mary Carroll. Representing the Alumni Association were national board members Sandra Smith, Howard Spiegel, and Wes Wilkins; Executive Director Michelle Suarez; Chapter Leaders Ann Eberlin (St. Louis) and Leslie Tepen (St. Louis) and staff members Kathy Dillard, Gene Green, Tina Shingleton, Angela Spicer, Laura Taylor, and Argus Tong. Chicagoland volunteers Pat Hart, Erica Jakstas, Matt and Laura Soucy, Elaine Steinburg, Guy Tawzer, and Linda Wolf assisted with the event.

Southern alumni witnessed history on SIU Day at Wrigley, as the Cubs clinched the Central Division title with a win that afternoon, leading to a wild celebration in downtown Chicago that lasted well into the evening hours.
Chapter Scholarships Total $40,275
The SIU Alumni Association and its chapters across Illinois awarded $40,275 in scholarships to 28 students for the 2008-2009 academic year. Applications for 2009-2010 scholarships can be found online at www.siualumni.com/scholarships.

Alongi Legacy Scholarship: Alexander Coleman – The family of John R. Alongi sponsors this scholarship for graduating seniors and students in Perry County and for employees of Alongi’s Italian Restaurant.

Baker Family Pinckneyville Community High School Scholarship: Brittany Winder – An annual contribution from Nancy Baker Vellino funds this scholarship for graduating seniors of Pinckneyville Community High School in Perry County.

Jackson County Alumni Scholarship: Trisha Crawshaw, Lane Dillard, Emily Pierson, Emily Romanowski, Mason Smith, and Timothy Wessel – The Jackson County SIU Alumni chapter funds this scholarship with annual contributions and an endowment. The scholarship is for students graduating from an accredited high school in Jackson County.

Jackson County Family YMCA Scholarship: Ashley Runge – An endowment created by the former Jackson County YMCA funds this scholarship for graduates from a Jackson County high school who enroll in a College of Education and Human Services program.

Peoria Tri-County Alumni Scholarship: Joseph Bielenberg, Josiah Imig, Rorke Pauli, and Cody Seiler – The Peoria/Tri-County SIU Alumni fund this scholarship for seniors graduating from high schools in Peoria, Tazewell, or Woodford counties with annual contributions.

Perry County Alumni Scholarship: Kyle Fisher, Hannah Kellerman, and Olivia Pittman – The Perry County SIU Alumni sponsor this scholarship with annual contributions. It is for students graduating from an accredited Perry County high school.

Randolph County Alumni Scholarship: Michelle Belton, Benjamin Blair, Sean Goodin, Christopher Kern, Michelle Rust, Lauriel Wingert, and Rachel Wolters – The Randolph County SIU Alumni chapter funds this scholarship with annual contributions for residents of Randolph County.

Saline County Alumni Scholarship: John Daniel Richey – The Saline County SIU Alumni chapter funds this scholarship with annual contributions. It is for students graduating from a high school in Saline County or transfer students from Southeastern Illinois College.

Union County Alumni Scholarship: Paul Foeller, Natalie Ligon, and Meghan Treece – The Union County SIU Alumni chapter funds this scholarship with annual contributions for Union County high school grads.

Williamson County Alumni Scholarship: David Schwartz, Jr. – The Williamson County SIU Alumni chapter funds this scholarship with annual contributions. It is for Williamson County high school grads.

Third Annual Saluki Expo & Brunch
Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Saluki Expo & Brunch. Alumni, students, and friends are invited to note the date and expect Southern Illinois University’s Expo & Brunch on Saturday, March 7, 2009, in St. Louis. This casual event with fun-filled activities will be held at the newly renovated Hilton at the Ballpark as part of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament festivities. For more information, please contact Ciji Taylor in the Department of Marketing at the SIU College of Business at cijitay@siu.edu or visit http://www.salukiexpo.com.

SIU Can Be The Home Team
In 2009, the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Women’s Basketball Championship is again bringing the championship to The Family Arena in St. Charles, Mo. Fill the arena with maroon as every team has the opportunity to make the venue their home court. The tournament will include all 10 teams and is scheduled for March 12-15, one week following the men’s basketball tournament in St. Louis. For ticket information, please contact the Saluki Athletics ticket office at 618-453-2000.

Basketball Events In Normal And Peoria
The Peoria Tri-County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association will be hosting a pregame reception prior to the Salukis Men’s Basketball game against the Bradley Braves on Dec. 28. Another pregame reception will be hosted prior to the game against the Illinois State Redbirds on Jan. 24. For more information, visit www.siualumni.com/events.

Fourth Annual St. Louis Trivia Night
The St. Louis Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association will host its fourth annual trivia night on Friday, February 6. Proceeds from the event will benefit the St. Louis Alumni Scholarship fund. The scholarship is awarded to a deserving high school senior who will be attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale upon graduation from a high school in the St. Louis or metro east area. Scholarship applications are available at www.siualumni.com/scholarships. For more event information, visit www.siualumni.com/events. The St. Louis Chapter invites all alumni and friends to attend its monthly meetings. The board

Other Association Scholarships
Roscoe Pulliam Scholarship – The Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarship funds scholarships to SIU students who are closely related to an alumnus or alumna who is a current member of the SIU Alumni Association. Interested students can find an application and criteria information at www.siualumni.com/pulliam.

Keith and Carol Sanders Scholarship – The Keith and Carol Sanders Alumni Scholarship is open to qualified candidates from Franklin County (Ill.) who are the child, spouse, or sibling of an alumnus. Applicants should be a graduate of Benton High School or a graduate of Rend Lake College. Preference will be given to current members of the SIU Alumni Association. For specific qualifying criteria and application, visit www.siualumni.com/sanders.

Rebecca and Jerry Kill Scholarship – The Rebecca and Jerry Kill Alumni Association Scholarship will be awarded for the first time in Fall 2009. Incoming transfer students are eligible to make application for the award to assist in their college tuition expenses. Interested students can find an application and criteria information at www.siualumni.com/killscholarship.
Jackson County
Awards Banquet

The Jackson County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted the 37th annual awards banquet at the SIU Student Center, and a total of 60 alumni and friends attended. Robert Mees, recipient of the 2008 Service to Southern Illinois Award, was the guest speaker. Mees is a three-degree graduate of Southern with 41 years of experience in education as a teacher and administrator. He served as president of the SIU Alumni Association from 1991-1992 and was a member of the Association’s board of directors from 1981-1984. Mees served as president of the Jackson County SIU Alumni Chapter from 1977-1979. He is president of John A. Logan College and has demonstrated a commitment not only to the institution but also to the region. He has served southern Illinois through membership in numerous organizations.

The chapter also honored its 2008-09 scholarship recipients, Trisha Crawshaw, Lane Dillard, and Mason Smith of Carbondale Community High School and Emily Pierson, Emily Romanowski, and Timothy Wessel of Murphysboro High School. Each received a $3,000 scholarship. Erin Wilson, a senior in elementary education, was honored as the Jackson County Family YMCA Scholarship recipient. In addition, Williamson County scholarship recipient David Schwartz Jr. was recognized by the Williamson County Chapter Representative Kari Sanders. The Jackson County Chapter wishes to thank all alumni and friends who contributed to the scholarship fund via a telefund campaign this spring. More than $18,000 was pledged. For information regarding scholarship applications, please visit www.siualumni.com/scholarships. A special thank you is extended to Old National Bank for its generous support of

From left, Kitty Mabus and Michelle Suarez (right), congratulate Robert Mees on his Service to Southern Award.

SIU Days At Wrigley Field
And Busch Stadium

The dates for the 32nd annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field and 25th annual SIU Day at Busch Stadium have yet to be set. Please check our Web site www.siualumni.com/events in late March for more information. Due to the popularity of these two events, tickets are open to Alumni Association members only. Not a member? Join today at www.siualumni.com.

Alumni Clubs and Chapters

SIU alumni clubs and chapters exist to bring together the efforts of alumni to establish an SIU presence in their area, to encourage participation in the life of the University, to provide information about the University, and to facilitate involvement and camaraderie among Salukis around the world. Characteristics of clubs and chapters include strong leadership of local alumni and approximately 1,000 or more SIU alumni living within a specific geographic region.

Illinois Clubs & Chapters

Chicagoland Chapter
www.siualumni.com/chicago
Central Illinois Chapter
www.siualumni.com/central
Greater Rockford Club
www.siualumni.com/rockford
Jackson County Chapter
www.siualumni.com/jackson
Lake County Chapter
www.siualumni.com/lakecounty
Peoria Tri-County Chapter
www.siualumni.com/peoria
Perry County Chapter
www.siualumni.com/perry
Prairie Capital Chapter
www.siualumni.com/prairiecapital
Quad Cities Club
www.siualumni.com/quadcities
Randolph County Chapter
www.siualumni.com/randolph
Union County Chapter
www.siualumni.com/union
Williamson County Chapter
www.siualumni.com/williamson

U.S. Clubs & Chapters

Austin-San Antonio Club
www.siualumni.com/txsalukis
Central Florida Chapter
www.siualumni.com/cfsalukis
Colorado Club
www.siualumni.com/cosalukis
Greater Atlanta Club
www.siualumni.com/atlusalukis
Greater Cincinnati Club
www.siualumni.com/cincysalukis
Greater Michigan Chapter
www.siualumni.com/michsalukis
Greater New York Club
www.siualumni.com/nysalukis
Greater Phoenix Club
www.siualumni.com/azsalukis
Indianapolis Chapter
www.siualumni.com/indyalsulikis
Los Angeles Chapter
www.siualumni.com/lasalukis
San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
www.siualumni.com/sfsalukis
St. Louis Area Chapter
www.siualumni.com/stlsalukis
South Florida Club
www.siualumni.com/sfsalukis
Washington D.C./Baltimore Club
www.siualumni.com/dsalukis

At far left, Chapter Presidents Kitty Mabus (Jackson County) and Karri Sanders (Williamson County) pose with the two county’s scholarship recipients. SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez is at right.
Memories Of The Class Of '58

Here is just a sampling of some memories shared by some who returned for their 50th anniversary weekend:

Robert Basler, Cobden, Ill. SIU “opened my eyes to how big the world is and how interesting are its inhabitants,” Robert says. He recalls “the nice people I met and six three-hour courses in advertising taught course, they were working on a cadaver.”

Gwen (Oelrichs) Boehme, Mount Olive, Ill. Gwen’s favorite memories include “meeting people from all walks of life and from other countries. Having class in the hall of Old Main during the promotion for the new Home Ec Building (now Quigley). Working for Dr. Foote in the life science building. He tricked me to come down to premed class when, of course, they were working on a cadaver.”

Daril Bollman, Steeleville, Ill. “I received a well-rounded education that helped me immeasurably in my profession and gave me a better understanding of the world around me,” he says. He especially remembers “recognition on Honors Day, graduating, friendships with other students, and now, reflecting back after many years.”

Harry Boyd, Marion, Ill. “I have always felt my SIU degree opened up a world to me that would not otherwise have been available. I worked almost full time at a Carbondale grocery store to earn money to finance my SIU education, along with my wife’s considerable assistance. I can say, unashamedly, that my favorite memory at SIU was graduation night.”

Joyce Crouse, Charleston, Ill. “The flexibility I learned in college and as a beginning faculty member at SIU helped me transition into subsequent employment opportunities. Working with Eileen Quigley and Anna Carol Fults were wonderful learning opportunities.”

Wayland Downen, Belleville, Ill. “SIU-VTI gaveme excellent art training for the sign work I did all of my working life. Before computer signs, most signs were hand lettered and some signs had pictorials, all done by hand,” Wayland says. “I am still enjoying the benefits of the commercial art courses 50 years ago.”

Mary Ann (Mesarosch) Sommers, Glen Ellyn, Ill. Mary Ann says she completed her bachelor’s degree at age 28, following a four-year stint in the U.S. Air Force, and was the first woman in economics grad school. Her fondest memories are being the “highest paid student – at 90 cents an hour – in Information Services for Dr. Abraham Marks.”

Jane (Herr) Talley, Park City, Utah “SIU gave me a passion for the theater, which kept me on a stage (actress) or in front of a stage (director) for 50 years.” Talley remembers “being a resident fellow at the newly built Thompson Point dorm during a panty raid in 1958. I was trying to stop the boys at the bottom of the building and the girls were encouraging them from the balcony. Playing the role of Juliet in Doc McLeod’s production of Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet. But my fondest memories are from the summer of ’56 as a member of the Southern Players summer stock company in Branson, Mo.”

Billy Dean Tutt, Melbourne, Fla. “Southern gave me the ability to enjoy very great and satisfying military and civilian careers.” Also, “being a member of Phi Sigma Kappa, working on the Homecoming committee, working in the president’s office, working as a student janitor in the Old Main building, short order cook and dishwasher at Baptist Foundation, working on radio shows such as Saluki Hour and Southern Illinois Symphony Hour, broadcasting basketball, baseball, and football games.”

Don Walker, Saint James, Mo. “Although I was married with children when attending SIU, my four years there was a valuable part of my transition from really not knowing what I wanted to do with my life to becoming, certainly, more aware of the opportunities for growth for myself and my family.”

Omar Winter, La Jolla, Calif. A tennis scholarship enabled Omar to become an SIU student, the first in his family to do so. “My younger brother, Ron Winter, later performed as one of SIU’s finest quarterbacks.” His fondest SIU memories include “Dean Henry Rehn, who launched the College of Business in my senior year. He liked and cared for students like me. Carol Keeney who also liked me. She still does.” (Carol is his wife.)

1950s

East Tennessee State bestowed its highest honor for service on Marcia Songer '58, an associate professor of English and associate director of the honors program at ETSU, awarding her the 2008 Distinguished Faculty Award for Service. Songer taught high school and college freshman classes in several states and Saudi Arabia before joining ETSU full time in 1983. She had also taught English as a second language in Ecuador. In 2002, she became associate director of the honors scholars program and later served as interim director. In the community, Songer has served as a commissioner and vice mayor of Johnson City, and as a member and chair of the Johnson City power board.

1960s

After 33 years working as a distributor for a business equipment company, David Fleischman '63 will be finishing up his master's degree in organizational leadership in December 2008 at Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Then in January, Fleischman will begin work on an MBA in international business in preparation, he says, for "going out and getting a good job." Upon completion of his SIU degree, Fleischman joined the U.S. Air Force, where he completed officer training school, navigator training, and electronic warfare school. During his Air Force career, he flew for several years on a B-52 combat crew. He lives in Fort Lauderdale.

Jerry Hostetler '65, M.S. Ed. '70, Ph.D. '77, associate professor of education, has been appointed (by Sen. Dick Durbin, president-elect Barack Obama, and Congressman Jerry Costello) to the Professional Development Curriculum at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The panel is charged with instructing teachers how to access the library's digital resources and use them in the K-12 classroom. Hostetler is one of 14 teachers from across the nation who make up the panel. The panel's report on the value of using primary source material — accounts of a historic event documented at the time it happened — in K-12 classes will be presented at the National Education Computing Conference in June 2009.

Rick Schwab '68 arrived on campus in 1968, the first year of competition in the SIU Arena, and on the heels of his brother, Steven Schwab '63, but it didn't take long for Rick to become a full-fledged Saluki, a role he still plays today. Schwab, a resident of St. John, Ind., is a State Farm insurance agent of 30 years in south suburban Glenwood, Ill., and is working hard to make sure his fellow Chicago-area alumni support Saluki Way. Schwab thinks the quality of the University's athletic facilities should parallel the performances of Southern's student-athletes. Rick and his wife, Diane, are parents of two Salukis as well: Danny Schwab '99 and Jay Schwab '02.

1970s

Former Saluki football player David Reid '73 was appointed as a judge, Court of Claims, for the State of Illinois. Reid, a leading receiver at SIU during the 1970 and 1971 seasons, also graduated from law school at the University of Miami and received a master's in tax law at Emory University. He maintains a private law practice in Springfield, Ill., where he lives with his wife, Elizabeth Strow M.D. '84, who practices medicine at Strow Dermatology Ltd. in Springfield.

Barry Birnbaum '74, a professor of special education at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, has published his fifth book, English Language Learners With Disabilities: A Resource Guide for Educators. The book is a reference tool for educators on an under-researched topic, particularly with regard to laws governing bilingual education for the disabled, is published by The Edwin Mellen Press.

A $100,000 endowment will honor the late Lisa Franke '79, J.D. '82, who was a partner and trial attorney with a Metro East-based law firm prior to her death last December. The endowment, funded by Hepler, Broom, MacDonald, Hebrank, True & Noce, with offices in Edwardsville, St. Louis, Chicago, and Springfield, will establish the Lisa Franke Scholarship for a student enrolled in the law school's JD/MSW (master of social work) program or one who is participating in the law school's Domestic Violence Clinic. Franke's husband, Robert Halda, who is the state's attorney for St. Clair County, and their two sons, Tyler and Brian, live in Belleville.

1980s

Lou DeMaio Ph.D. '80, a professor of speech, language, and hearing sciences at Minnesota State University Moorhead, represented Southern and Interim Chancellor Sam Goldman at the inauguration of Robert Kelley as the 11th president of the University of North Dakota on July 1, 2008. DeMaio reports that he'll be retiring from his own position at Minnesota State at the end of the academic year. He and his wife, Arnette, will be moving to Bozeman, Mont., where they plan to enjoy their time hiking, fly fishing, and enjoying the scenery.

After playing in a band called "The Brass" while in Carbondale, Rick Du Praw '81 thought he was headed for fame and fortune in the music business. Instead he got a "real job" as a laborer with Leopard Construction in Chicago. Twenty-five years later Du Praw, who was only the fourth employee hired by Leopard, is senior vice president of the firm, which has more than 500 employees. He also established Liquidated Damages, a company band of Leonardo employees that performs only for charity fund-raising events. "I never imagined I would be able to mix music with business in this fashion and raise money for charity," Du Praw said. He lives in Downers Grove, Ill., with his wife, Susan Hayes-Du Praw '81.

Environmental attorney Daniel Stitarz '81, J.D. '84 has published a new book, Greening Your Business: The Hands-On Guide to Creating a Successful and Sustainable Business, that provides simple, practical guidance to decreasing the carbon footprints of businesses large and small. Published by Earth Press/Nova Publishing Co., the book makes clear, easy-to-read arguments — public relations, moral, and economic — for investing in clean,
efficient technologies and decreasing waste. His 1997 book Sustainable America: America's Environment, Economy, and Society in the Twenty-first Century contains a foreword by Al Gore, who was then the sitting vice president. For more information, see GreeningYourBusiness.org.

Sitarz, who lives in Carbondale, has written more than 30 business and legal books.

**Don Blakley ‘82** is director of eastern field operations for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, a position in which he oversees all fundraising, volunteer activities, and conservation projects in the organization's eastern division. Blakley, who lives in Cobden, Ill., volunteered for the Elk Foundation before joining the staff in 1996. Prior to joining the foundation, Blakley worked for eight years for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

**Navy Captain Jay Stocks ‘82** retired after 30 years of service and was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal while serving as deployment and distribution operations chief for the Operations and Plans Directorate, and executive officer, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Illinois. His personal awards include two Defense Meritorious Service medals, two Meritorious Service medals, four Navy and Marine Corps commendation medals, and five Navy and Marine Corps achievement medals. He lives in Belleville, Ill.

**Eden Thorne ‘84** is the new central development officer in SIU's College of Engineering and associate director for institutional advancement. Before joining Southern, Thorne spent 17 years at the Illinois Department of Transportation, where she rose from a design technician to becoming a relocation and property manager and staff negotiator. She also was employed as a design engineering technician at Clarida Engineering Co. and R.A. Nack and Associates Inc. Thorne also brings a solid knowledge of fundraising to the new position. After her graduation from SIU, she served as co-chair of the SIU Athletics Booster Club. She was director and president for the Illinois Association of Highway Engineers Carbondale Chapter for the past 17 years. She organized the Marching Saluki Alumni Band Group, eventually developing a relationship between the group and the SIU Alumni Association. Thorne was also instrumental in developing the Mike Hanes Endowment Fund through the SIU Foundation. She's currently president of the Marching Saluki Alumni group and a board member for the Inspiring Women organization.

**Tim Sasek ‘85** has been promoted to vice president, accounting and finance, of Alter Trading Corporation, headquartered in St. Louis. Sasek, who joined Alter in 1998 as controller, has managed the company's accounting and finance functions through its tremendous growth during the last decade, including the accounting-related due-diligence and integration activities associated with Alter's many business acquisitions. Founded in 1898, Alter is a privately owned, fourth-generation company that is one of the largest privately held, domestically based scrap metal recyclers in the country. Sasek lives in Bethalto, Ill.

**David Newmyer Ph.D. ‘87**, professor and chair of the SIU Department of Aviation Management and Flight, garnered national recognition as recipient of the Sorensen Award for Excellence in Aviation Scholarship, presented during the University Aviation Association's fall education conference in Denver in October. The award recognizes "substantial scholarly contributions to the field of aviation research and scholarship," comparable to those of Frank E. Sorensen, "a pioneer in the field of aviation education since its early beginnings." Newmyer joined the University in 1975 and became chair of the aviation management and flight program in 1993.

**Rita Crowder ‘92**, sales manager for SchoolCenter in Carbondale, was presented a Partner Recognition Award from Southwestern Illinois College for more than 10 years of service. SchoolCenter was established in 1996 to assist
school districts in the K-12 community to develop their own Web site presences. Crowder, who joined the company in 2007, is a member of Southwestern Illinois College’s employer advisory council.

Tony Franklin ’94, director of campus life facilities at Clemson (S.C.) University, is pursuing a Ph.D. at the school in the highly competitive Educational Leadership program. In his job, he oversees sports and fitness centers, as well as outdoor venues. While in Carbondale, Franklin worked professionally for six years at Recreational Sports and Services and served as facilities coordinator. A defensive lineman, Franklin was on a Saluki football scholarship at SIU from 1990-1994. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Easley, S.C.

Three SIU alumni, Andy Morgan ’94, M.S. Ed. ’99, coordinator of Greek Life at SIU; Ryan Flickinger ’07, campaign manager for Omega Financial Inc. in Oak Park, Ill.; and Mathew Forrest ’96, of West Palm Beach, Fla., are currently serving as international officers for the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. The three are pictured at the Pike International Convention in Memphis in August. Southern Illinois University has more international officers than any other chapter.

Christopher Enriquez ’95 has been named diversity manager at Alberici Constructors, a position he will hold in addition to his title as proposal services manager. Enriquez will have responsibility for Alberici’s workforce and supplier diversity efforts. In addition to working with employee resources to recruit a more diverse work force, he will serve as the company’s liaison to minority-owned businesses interested in Alberici projects. He is currently pursuing an M.B.A. at Webster University.

Linda McCabe Smith ’95, associate professor of communication disorders and sciences in the SIU Rehabilitation Institute, will serve as the interim associate chancellor for diversity after the departure of Seymour Bryson ’59, M.S. ’61, Ph.D. ’72, who retired Sept. 1 after 44 years of service to the University. From 1990 to 1994, McCabe Smith was a Patricia Roberts Harris Graduate Fellow in SIU’s Communication Disorders and Sciences program. She won the University Women’s Professional Advancement Award in 1997 and 1999. McCabe Smith also served as interim associate dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts since 2007.

Ian Stewart ’94, M.B.A. ’99 is bringing Saluki pride to Lake Michigan with his company, Chicago Fishing Charter Boats. Among the fleet is one boat named “Salukis Pride.” Stewart, who played SIU basketball from 1991 to 1995, earned his degrees in accounting and business administration. His charter business concentrates on fishing, but he also offers excursions and scenic cruises.

Bob Kaps Ph.D. ’96, SIU professor of aviation management and flight, was awarded the William A. Wheatley Award for Excellence in Aviation Education at the University Aviation Association’s fall education conference in Denver. Kaps, who has nearly 40 years in the aviation industry, received the award for outstanding leadership in aviation education. He came to the Carbondale campus in 1991 and now teaches undergraduate courses in labor relations and finance, and graduate-level courses in international aviation and advanced airport administration. He is the author of two books, Air Transport and Labor Relations and Fiscal Aspects of Aviation Management, and has two more books in press.

Barton Taylor A.A.S. ’96, a staff member at Chicago Public Schools Information & Technology Services, has been awarded a 2009 Marshall Memorial Fellowship, a program that provides an opportunity for emerging leaders, ages 28 to 40, from the United States and Europe to explore societies, institutions, and people on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean. Taylor was selected for his outstanding record of achievement in the government sector as well as his strong record of civic/community involvement. That record includes the Metropolitan Board of the...
Chicago Urban League, National Urban League Young Professionals, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, and Habitat for Humanity.

Michael Klitzing M.S. Ed. '99, assistant director of Carmel Clay (Ind.) Parks & Recreation, has been selected as the 2008 recipient of the National Recreation and Park Association/Ames Park and Recreation Society New Professional of the Year. Klitzing has been instrumental in promoting and expanding recreation services in each of the communities he has served. As the department’s chief operations manager, Klitzing oversees an $8 million annual operating budget, nearly 70 percent of which is funded with non-tax dollars.

2000s

Andrea Nickrent '00 is a graphics/marketing specialist for Clayco Inc., a full-service real estate development, design, and construction firm with annual revenues of $871 million, that specializes in the “art and science of building.” In her new position, Nickrent creates and prints various marketing materials, including image boards, qualifications books, sales books, proposal books, presentation boards, and PowerPoint presentations. Before joining Clayco, Nickrent was a graphics coordinator for Optimist International, a graphic designer for INTRAV/Clipper Cruise Line, and a freelancer. Nickrent lives in St. Louis.

No Excuses University

Julie Case '03 and her first-grade class at Lowrie Elementary School in Elgin, Ill., have adopted Julie’s alma mater, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, as a part of the school’s participation in No Excuses University, a program that emphasizes that the path to college for all students — even low-income and at-risk — begins in kindergarten. Begun in California, the program is now in place at 16 schools in California, Oregon, Texas, and Illinois with the aim of building a culture of universal achievement and developing exceptional systems. The SIU Alumni Association provided all the SIU-related items that decorate the first-graders’ room — and we’re looking forward to seeing them on campus someday as the Class of 2024. Case lives in Chicago.

Eisenstein Named ‘Voice Of The Bobcats’

Russ Eisenstein '02 was recently named director of broadcasting at Ohio University. He will be the play-by-play voice for Bobcat Athletics and provide an increased online presence for the department on ohiobobcats.com.

“Bobcat fans are in for a real treat,” says Ohio Athletics Director Jim Schaus. “Russ has excellent experience, is highly polished, and is extremely energetic in his reporting.”

Eisenstein, 28, spent the last year at Idaho State University as the director of broadcasting and sales. In that capacity, he served as the play-by-play voice of ISU Bengal football and basketball on the Bengals Radio Network, while also serving as the host for ISU’s coaches’ shows. While at ISU, Eisenstein totally revamped the broadcasts.

The SIU graduate spent the previous two years as the play-by-play man for the Class A Eugene Emeralds (San Diego Padres, Northwest League) and the studio host for the NBA’s New Orleans/Oklahoma City Hornets. The Bolingbrook, Ill., native served as the Salukis women’s basketball play-by-play voice for the 1999-2000 season.

“This is a huge opportunity for Russ, and he is ready,” says “Voice of the Salukis” Mike Reis. “Count on him to be relentless in the pursuit of making Ohio’s broadcasts the best.”

Outing and Inspiring Women.

She lives in Murphysboro.

Beverly Castor '01, a Navy Petty Officer 1st Class, has retired from active duty after 20 years of service. She most recently served at Naval Medical Education and Training Command in Bethesda, Md.

Christopher Eyre '02 is currently deployed with the Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Wing Support Group 17, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Okinawa, Japan. The squadron is the first from the Marine Expeditionary Force to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. All the previous ones deployed from the U.S. The Marines will perform aviation ground support at Al Asad (Iraq) Air Base and throughout the Anbar province and modify existing helicopter landing zones while constructing new ones.

As leader of the Kevin Lucas Orchestra, Kevin Lucas '02, M.M. '04 continues to carve out success in a musical career. The group received two nominations from New Music Weekly magazine in Los Angeles in two categories: breakthrough artist of the year and crossover artist of the year. The nominations are a result of their new single, “Green and Blue,” which is currently in rotation on 40 adult contemporary and Top 40 radio stations across the U.S. and Europe. For information on Kevin and the group, see kevlinuscats.org.

Kenneth Williams '03, a telecommunications specialist with the Illinois State Police in Pesotum, has been named 2008 Telecommunicator of the Year by the Illinois State Police, District 10. Williams began his career at ISP District 10 in 1997. According to a release, Williams "used his computer knowledge to assist District 10 with the Illinois Wireless Information Network, comput-
er-aided dispatch, and STAR-COM21 communications applications for the district. Williams, his wife, Tanya, and her two children live in the Savoy area. Nathaniel Klitzing ’04 has joined the firm of Professional Investment Management Services LLC, an affiliate of Diel & Ferguson Financial Group, as an investment adviser representative. Klitzing comes to the group, which has offices in O’Fallon, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo., from a large investment company in St. Louis.

Sherry Reichert ’05, owner of Imagine Photography in Murphysboro, Ill., received national recognition in the Senior Portrait Artists Model Competition, which included more than 100 professional photography studios in the U.S. and Canada. Reichert’s winning entry was a photo of Du Quoin High School senior Dalton Morgan (one of more than 300 models in the contest), who will travel to Las Vegas in January to audition in a spa model competition.

Meredith Rhodes ’05, M.B.A. ’06 is the new chief marketing officer for the SIU College of Business. The West Frankfort, Ill., native was formerly executive director of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, a position she held for 18 months. While in school, Rhodes spent two years as a research assistant for a marketing professor.

Roman Hysell ’06 is a doctor of chiropractic at Sanger’s Family Chiropractic & Acupuncture Center in Sanger, Calif., and is helping to make a difference in the lives of future practitioners through participation in the Alumni Mentors Network, a service of Southern California University of Health Sciences/Los Angeles College of Chiropractic. The network allows those interested in a chiropractic/acupuncture career to meet one-on-one with professionals who have successful practices. Hysell received his bachelor’s degree in industrial technology through SIU’s off-campus program at Travis AFB, California.

Amber Kinkelaar ’07, a former student caller who raised more than $100,000 for the SIU Foundation, has been hired as the assistant director of annual giving. She will assist the director of annual giving in overseeing fundraising operations, including, hiring, training, and supervising 60 to 70 student callers, who contact alumni and friends nationwide to generate support for the University. Kinkelaar also worked as an advertising representative at the Daily Egyptian, where she was named Rookie of the Year in 2006.

As an art department coordinator at NBC Studios Inc., one of Whit Vogel’s ’05 responsibilities is managing background scene details. If you happen to notice an SIU diploma on the wall in NBC’s new drama, My Own Worst Enemy starring Christian Slater, it’s because Vogel put it there, making the character, a strategic management consultant in Los Angeles, a certified Saluki. Vogel is former co-executive producer of the multiple award-winning, student-produced “alt.news 26/46.”

Brian Stephens ’07 is coordinator of community engagement and service learning at Illinois College in Jacksonville. The new position, created by a grant from Campus Compact and the National Corporation for Community Service (the parent organization of AmeriCorps and Volunteers in Service to America-VISTA), will involve assuming responsibility for leading several current campus initiatives that address service learning and civic engagement. Illinois College is one of 13 colleges and universities in Illinois chosen to serve as a host campus in the innovative program.

Ashley Grimes ’09, a senior studying sociology, is the 2008 Lincoln Academy of Illinois Student Laureate representing SIU. The Lincoln Academy of Illinois presents the award annually to one distinguished senior at each of Illinois’ four-year colleges and universities, and to one student from each community college as well. Grimes, a native of Colfax, Ill., came to SIU as a presidential scholar, which is the highest-valued academic scholarship offered at the school. She also won several other scholarships and awards and maintains a 4.0 grade point average. The award goes to those students who show overall excellence in their fields of study and also a commitment to worthy extracurricular activities.

Alumnus Asks Question In Second Presidential Debate

When Oliver Clark M.L.S. ’08 of Memphis, Tenn., got a call from the Gallup Poll a few days before the second presidential debate, they asked who he'd be voting for. He told them, “Most likely Obama.”

Clark was chosen to ask a question to the presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain.

Clark says he had no idea he would be chosen to ask a question, although he had submitted questions to moderator Tom Brokaw along with all the others. He waited three minutes before the debate started to get his question, which he would be asking the second question.

Many people might be unbelievably nervous in that situation, Oliver says, "I was as cool as a polar bear's toenails. Yes, of course I was nervous; they said the show was going to be seen by tens of millions of people."

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'Achieve Program' Helped One Of SIU’s Best Athletes

by Bonnie Marx

Woodrow Wilson didn’t learn the alphabet until he was nine years old. Thomas Edison was classified as a dunce. And Albert Einstein, the genius who defined the principles of relativity, had a problem with math.

There are scores of famous people – Leonardo da Vinci; Gen. George Patton; John Lennon; Muhammad Ali; Ted Turner; Walt Disney; John F. Kennedy; F. Scott Fitzgerald; W.B. Yeats; Robin Williams; Alexander Graham Bell; Cher; Thomas Jefferson; and so many more – who had extreme difficulty with reading, writing, and spelling.

Then there are the not-so-famous, the friends and neighbors that fill our lives, those who cope with the learning disability of dyslexia every waking moment, such as Chris Bunyan ’94 his wife Jill, and their four children, who all share the neurological disorder of the brain.

The Bunyan family is one of the hundreds of success stories that emanate from Southern Illinois University’s “Achieve Program,” which celebrated its 30th anniversary last spring.

Barbara Cordoni, professor of special education, began Project Achieve in 1978, largely because of frustration at not having resources available to help her two dyslexic children. In 1983, the “Achieve Program” was institutionalized into the University – the first learning disability program in the country to be integrated into a University.

Many of the biggest media outlets of the time – the New York Times, Newsweek, Time, Reader’s Digest, “60 Minutes,” to name a few – spread the word of the pioneering project. It was the model program for all that would come later.

Cordoni (who retired in 2001 and died in 2004) went on to become a nationally recognized authority on learning disabilities, serving on both a presidential commission and a governor’s commission for special education.

The program, now led by SIU Alumni Association Life Member Sally Dedecker ’81, M.S. Ed. ’83, celebrated its 30th anniversary at a banquet last April, attended by 30 years worth of graduates and their families.

Chip off the old block – more than 25 years, but seemingly little else, separates the running styles of Chris and Bailey Bunyan. Chris (left) is shown as a college athlete, while Bailey is pictured in action for Cobden High School.

The Frustration Of Being Different

Growing up in England, Chris Bunyan, who today is a sub-foreman at SIU’s Housing Maintenance Department, felt all the pain and frustration of being different. Classmates called him dumb. Teachers told him to apply himself.

Bunyan graduated from high school at 15, which was the usual age for students from England who weren’t college bound, says the 50-year-old. Those students were encouraged to learn a trade. He decided to go to bakery and confectionary school.
The next year, Bunyan's father hired a tutor to help him through final examinations. It was the tutor who said, matter-of-factly, "Of course you know what you have - dyslexia." It was the first time he'd ever heard the word.

He'd have been on his way to a career in the kitchens had another Englishman not walked into his life. Bunyan had begun running competitively at age 16, and winning against top-flight European competition.

SIU Hall of Famer Bill Cornell, an Englishman from Chelmsford, Essex, was cross country and track coach at Murray State (Ky.) University at the time, where he'd built solid cross country and track programs around a nucleus of top-notch distance runners from Great Britain.

Cornell recruited Bunyan on the strength of the runner's accomplishments, and with the hope that a special program at Murray could help him overcome his learning disorder.

It was a scary time for Bunyan, who'd grown extremely shy after a lifetime of having his self-confidence shattered by failures in school. But thanks to Cornell's untiring efforts, spending most of his evenings carrying Bunyan's textbooks home and reading them into tape recorders for him to study, Bunyan managed an overall C grade average.

Through Running, A Door Opened

"When Coach Cornell came to SIU in 1982, I came with him," Bunyan says, especially after getting encouragement from a young woman at Murray who was a peer counselor for students with learning disabilities and had heard of Project Achieve and its success. The young woman, Jill Bailey, is now his wife.

At Southern, Bunyan went on to become a two-time All-American and Southern Illinois University Carbondale Hall of Fame runner. Through running, he says, "a door opened. I could get praise."

He took up marathon running as a way of conditioning for cross country. During the time he was sitting out because of the school transfer. In the early 1980s, in his first-ever marathon in St. Louis, Bunyan won with a time of 2:17:3, a record time that still stands today. In the famous Boston Marathon, he once placed fifth, with a time of 2:10:54.

Bunyan accomplished it all while making it through school with the help of the "Achieve Program." In those early days of the program, he ran up against academic obstacles borne of instructors' ignorance of the condition. He remembers one teacher dragging a desk to the noisy hallway in Lawson Hall for him to take a test, which required a reader and scribe, then closing the door to the classroom because it was too noisy for the other students to concentrate.

Chris and Jill, married 22 years now, have lived in their rural Cobden home for 20 years. Their four children, Bailey, Clare, Catie, and William, are also dyslexic. The Bunyans began working with the Cobden school system early for the benefit of their children. Today, they rely on computers to make their way in the non-dyslexic world, with programs such as one that reads aloud while highlighting each word as it is spoken.

Bailey Bunyan, a sophomore at Rend Lake College in Ina, inherited something else from his dad - running ability. As a freshman, the 19-year-old former Cobden High Appleknocker earned his spot among world-class runners in National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 cross country. In high school, he was a three-time All-South and two-time all-state cross country runner.

Chris and Jill became coaches for their son at Cobden, where he was the lone cross country and track athlete at a school that never had a track team - let alone a track - and hadn't offered cross country since before Bailey was born.

"I always wanted to become a coach," Chris says with a smile. "I guess in some ways that's what I'm now doing."

And Southern's "Achieve Program" continues to do what it has done so well for the past three decades - give families like the Bunyans a great opportunity to succeed in the world around them.

From left, Chris, Clare, William, Catie, and Jill Bunyan are shown on a brilliant Fall afternoon at their home near Cobden. Oldest son Bailey was away at school.
Your Association Is Working To Serve You...

Student, College, and Constituent Relations

- Each year the Extern Program sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association provides a professional development opportunity to approximately 200 junior and senior students on internships nationwide during spring break.
- Since its inception in 1976, the Student Alumni Council (SAC) has grown dramatically, from eight members in 2000 to 74 members currently. Members provide approximately 500 hours of University and community service annually.
- Each year the SIU Alumni Association and SAC honor 25 graduating seniors as the Most Distinguished Seniors among their graduating class.
- Each year the Student Alumni Council provides two outstanding juniors with Super Student Scholarships to help pay for their senior year of college.
- During each May commencement ceremony, the Association honors each academic unit’s Alumni Achievement recipient with a brass medallion of Old Main.
- An annual JobBound seminar is sponsored for junior and senior students to assist them in gaining knowledge necessary for being successful in today’s professional work force.
- Serve as hosts for all alumni and friends at the SIU Alumni Association’s “Big Tent” each year on Homecoming Weekend.
- The SIU Alumni Association provides space on www.siualumni.com for college-related apparel available through its online store.
- Through reunions, volunteer opportunities, and on-campus events, the SIU Alumni Association brings countless alumni back to their alma mater to reconnect.

Affinity Programs And Services

- Over the past five years, more than 1,000 alumni and friends have participated in the SIU Alumni Association Travel Programs, providing first-class and affordable travel opportunities around the world.
- More than 3,800 alumni and friends currently have an SIU Alumni Association-sponsored insurance policy.
- In fiscal year 2008, the SIU Alumni Association awarded $52,475 in gifts and grants. This is on top of the amount of scholarships that the Association provides. Some of the gifts and grants were made to: Excellence Through Commitment Watch Program to recognize outstanding SIU faculty and staff; President’s Golf Scramble to support Presidential Scholarships which are the most prestigious and most comprehensive that the University awards. University Band to support their trip this past spring to perform in Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Member Services

- Since August 2008, the SIU Alumni Association has welcomed more than 600 new members, and renewed more than 1,250 memberships.
- The Association boasts more than 950 students to our membership totals, and more than 400 recent graduates as of October 2008.
- The 2008 regular football season welcomed more than 5,000 tailgate attendees. More than 3,500 meals were served, and 245 memberships were originated at these events.
- Members of the SIU Alumni Association enjoy savings at hundreds of retailers nationwide. Everything from car rentals and cell phones to computers and winery tours, check out member benefits at siualumni.com/memberbenefits.

Off Campus Programs

- The SIU Alumni Association and its chapters from across Illinois awarded $40,275 in scholarships to 28 students for the 2008-2009 academic year (see page 76 for a full listing of scholarship opportunities).
- Eight new alumni clubs & chapters were started or revitalized in 2008 bringing the total number of clubs and chapters to 27 (12 in Illinois and 15 across the United States).
- Alumni clubs and chapters continue to be instrumental in bringing together the efforts of alumni to establish an SIU presence in their area, to encourage participation in the life of the University, to provide information about the University, and to facilitate involvement and camaraderie among Salukis around the world.
- The SIU Alumni Association and its chapters hosted more than 57 off-campus events (athletics, social, cultural events) and alumni meetings in 2008 including collaborations with University colleges and departments.

Campus Programs

- The SIU Alumni Association hosts Alumni Member Appreciation events each year at men and women’s basketball games, baseball games, and softball games. Reduced admission tickets are provided, along with a pregame reception for members-only at selected events.
- Alumni Member Appreciation events are held each year on campus through programs at Shryock Auditorium and McLeod Summer Playhouse. A dinner or reception normally is held before the performance, with preferred seating available for alumni members.
- The SIU Class Ring program provides alumni with the chance to purchase a keepsake of their time at Southern. By purchasing the class ring, you’ve been afforded the opportunity to share in a common bond. Only SIU graduates and those students who have attained at least junior status (56 credit hours) are eligible to purchase this symbol of tradition. The Association also sponsors a reception following the ceremony.
- The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes SIU alumni who have achieved success and recognition since their graduation. Former recipients include leaders in the business industry, famous actors, and world-class athletes. Pictures and biographies of the selected alumni are located in the alumni lounge on the upper level of the Student Recreation Center.

Communications Programs

- Southern Alumni magazine is produced four times per year for Association members. The December issue is sent to all alumni of record with our compliments. The objective is to keep our diverse alumni population connected to their alma mater. Southern Illinois University has a long, rich tradition and serves more than 220,000 living graduates around the world.
- Saluki Pride newsletter is produced twice a year and serves as a supplement to the magazine to provide information about upcoming events and campus projects. This publication is sent to members-only in April and September each year.
- The SIU Alumni Association’s Web site, www.siualumni.com, continues to grow and expand as an online home for alumni and friends around the world. A redesigned look and easier navigation has been well received by alumni and friends. Extensive event photo albums, expanded scholarship information, dedicated college pages, and online video presentations have all been added in the last few months.
Recruiting And Retaining Southern's Students (continued from page 28)

Communications. The individual sites are expected to roll out in February.

- Provide a student advocate. Teresa Walls M.S.W. '07 is the office's student advocate. It's her job to provide individual attention. "A big university doesn't have to feel big," Walls says. For instance, if a student decides to leave the University, Walls will find out why and then remain in contact to help the student return when he or she is ready.

Perhaps a student is injured in a vehicle accident and needs to interrupt schooling. That student will be receiving specially designed Saluki cards with get-well wishes and Walls will learn what the student needs to succeed when he returns.

- New tuition rate. The decision to allow students from Indiana, Kentucky, and Missouri to enroll at in-state rates is already generating results. "Many alumni have already expressed appreciation for this," Valle says. One alum living in Missouri told Valle that he'd always wanted his two children to attend Southern, but he couldn't afford to do that paying out-of-state tuition.

- A series of new events will be directed at potential local students. "We want them to make us the first choice instead of being the place they wind up," says Patsy Reynolds, director of admissions. In January, the office will host local high school guidance counselors. Valle also has an idea to bring local high school students to campus to shadow students for a day, called "A Day In The Life of a Saluki." Tom Whittington A.A.S. '91, '00, information technology manager, notes that enrollment management is "100 percent data-driven." Before Valle arrived, he says, that was not the case.

"Victoria made sure we had the resources and personnel to get the data we need so the best decisions may be made."

Valle notes the University hasn't had as good a reputation for service as she would prefer, and hopes to make the infamous "Woody Hall Shuffle" a thing of the past.

"We want to change that negative into a positive, flip it around completely, and then analyze where we are," she says. "I want us to be known for our positive relationships with students."

Those interested in visiting campus can attend an open house -- the next one is set for Feb. 16 -- or arrange for group or individual visits. To schedule an individual visit, e-mail visitsiu@siu.edu or call the undergraduate admissions visit desk at 618-453-7141. For group visits, contact Tim Estes, estes35@siu.edu, 618-453-2947.

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Southern Alumni
The 1960 Salukis celebrated an 8-2 season by winning the Illinois Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title. Among the proud Salukis was Dick Carpenter, who took a moment to pose for a picture with Alpha Gamma Delta beauty Colleen Neuman. When the 2008 Salukis recently won their sixth straight berth in the NCAA tournament, and their fourth Valley football championship title this decade, Jemere Gainer celebrated like it was 1960 by posing with Alpha Gamma Delta member Kate Feirick at McAndrew Stadium.
In the mid-1970s, just out of college and with a newly minted degree in physical education, George Loukas ‘73 returned to Chicago as a teacher who wanted to “dabble” in real estate. He and his brother’s first purchase was a 16-unit apartment building in Chicago, situated just over the left-center-field fence from historic Wrigley Field. Loukas couldn’t have imagined back then that the acquisition would lead to him hosting the annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field (now in its 31st year), which holds the distinction of being the SIU Alumni Association’s largest off-campus event.

Loukas, who immigrated with his family from Greece in 1953, grew up poor on Chicago’s south side. After attending junior college there, he came to Southern to earn his degree, and walked on to the football team, where they quickly recognized his athletic skills. In his second quarter at SIU, he got a scholarship and would captain the team his senior year.

Today, Loukas owns many businesses, including George Loukas Real Estate and various restaurant and entertainment centers in the Wrigleyville area of Chicago, including the Cubby Bear Lounge, which hosts the annual pregame gathering for SIU Day at Wrigley Field.

After launching his first sports bar, Sports Corner, in 1976, Loukas began inviting his SIU football buddies to come around every year for a reunion of sorts. Then he took the profits from the gathering and donated it to the SIU football program.

When Bob Odaniell, then executive director of the SIU Alumni Association, heard about the football event, he approached Loukas with the idea for an SIU Day at Wrigley Field. And the rest, as they say, is history. About 60 tickets sold for that first SIU Day. These days, the block of tickets varies, usually between 850 and 1,500, but they go quickly, often within a few days of going on sale.

Loukas, a proud life member of the SIU Alumni Association, has served on the SIU Alumni Association Board and is currently a member of the Founding Chancellor’s Council. He and his wife, Patricia, are members of the Henry W. Shryock Society ($50,000-$99,999).

Along the way he mentors young athletes in the Chicago area, encouraging them to attend his alma mater, and setting them up with jobs in his business working as doormen, bartenders, security, and grill tenders.

“When I went to SIU, there weren’t a lot of traditions,” Loukas says. “We needed traditions.”

The SIU Alumni Association salutes George Loukas for continually helping to create – and honor – those Saluki traditions.