Challenge Gift Helps Endow Summer Field Geology Course

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's geology department successfully raised funds to match a gift from an alumnus, ensuring the summer field geology course will continue. Jim Lightner, CEO of Orion Energy Partners in Denver, pledged $100,000 to establish an endowment to help ensure the continuation of the course. The donation was a challenge gift, meaning that the geology department had to raise an additional $100,000 to receive Lightner's pledged amount. The department successfully completed the challenge by raising well over that amount with the help of generous alumni and donors who are leaders in the field.

"The Department of Geology is extremely grateful for the generous gifts to our field course fund," says Steven Esling, chair of the SIU geology department. "Contributions from Jim Lightner, statewide organizations, and our alumni will ensure that the field course at SIU Carbondale survives. We greatly appreciate the efforts of George Cotton, constituent development officer for the College of Science, who worked closely with each of these individuals and organizations to secure funding and support of this important initiative."

Along with support from alumni, three statewide organizations that represent the oil and gas industry also contributed to the department's fund, including the Illinois Geological Society, Illinois Oil and Gas Association and Illinois Petroleum Resource Board. The six-week field program teaches students to operate as field geologists. The students 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.

The summer program is based in the Beartooth Range, near Red Lodge, Mont., and has been taught annually since 1970. It draws students from universities around the world. Only 15 percent of universities in the country offer such an opportunity.

"This course was the culmination of my geology education and was a wonderful way to practically use everything I had learned in the classroom setting," says Lightner, a 1974 graduate. "The experience convinced me that I wanted to pursue a career working as a geologist. I appreciate having the opportunity to participate in the program."

Because of rising costs of higher education and dwindling state support, Southern's geology department was in jeopardy of losing the program. Lightner's gift, along with the funds raised by the department, will ensure the program's continuation.

"Mr. Lightner and all the other generous donors realized the importance of offering geology students a hands-on experience," says Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation. "They have stepped forward to extend support to our current and future students, and this is an outstanding example of individuals and entities coordinating efforts toward a common goal. Our students will benefit as a result."
A New Era For Morris Library

When the newest phase of the renovated Morris Library was recently dedicated, it marked an exciting day for the University and the community. As the largest capital project in the University's history, new and improved Morris Library should serve Southern well for decades to come. "The results are spectacular," says Southern Chancellor Sam Goldman, "If ever a library could be called the heart and soul of academia, this is it."

A Southern Legacy

The children of John and Elizabeth Lewis fondly remember their parents' commitment to service, education, and Southern Illinois University. The couple's deep devotion to the area and to the school has remained with their six children to this day. "There are a million ways in which our lives were enriched by our parents and by SIU," says the couple's daughter, Beth Kamm. To honor their legacy, the siblings have created two scholarships at Southern. The Dr. John S. Lewis Scholarship will benefit the University's Medical/Dental Education Preparatory (MEDPREP) program, while the Elizabeth Lewis Memorial Scholarship will be administered through the SIU Alumni Association.

A Graduation To Remember

When a massive storm decimated the University and the region at the beginning of May graduation weekend, only three scheduled commencement ceremonies — out of 14 — went as planned. Initially labeled as an "inland hurricane," the rare event destroyed thousands of trees, ripped down power lines, damaged countless homes and businesses, and made travel around the area almost impossible. Somehow SIU pulled off some semblance of graduation exercises, and most involved displayed great patience and empathy for others around them. When times were the darkest, most Salukis shined bright.
Like thousands of others in the southern Illinois region, I gazed almost in disbelief at the aftermath of a May 8 hurricane-like storm that devastated the area with sustained straight-line winds of 106 miles-per-hour.

Leaving work that afternoon, little did I realize just how widespread the damage was on the campus and in the region. With power lines down and thousands of trees littering yards and roads, the three-mile drive to my home between Carbondale and Murphysboro would feature a winding course requiring more than 90 minutes. After five different route selections – only to have trees block the road each time – a sixth and final choice allowed me to slowly inch my way to the driveway.

Awaiting me initially was a large pine tree on the roof, five holes in the ceiling, and an even larger oak tree down by the garage. What really awaited us all, however, were countless hours—then days—of no power, no landline phones, and no personal contact with many family and friends.

Thanks to the River Radio Group, however, one thing we always did have was information.

**Springing Into Action**

As the storm hit with full force, River Radio General Manager Steve Falat '87 looked out the window of the Route 13 studios and saw debris littering the highway and a small outbuilding airborne. Suddenly the power went off and the stations were down.

“When the Zimmer family built this structure in 1998, it was assembled to with a natural disaster in mind and is equipped to allow all six stations to be simulcast,” Falat explains. “I knew that just as soon as we could get our generators going and put a couple of stations back on the air, that we would have to serve as the eyes and ears for thousands of southern Illinoisans who were scared and would soon be sitting in the dark wondering what was going on.”

The first thing Falat did was tell operations manager Tom Miller to get in touch with River Radio employees and plan out a schedule. Although Miller had been up since 4 a.m. that day and already worked his shift, he quickly maneuvered his four-wheel drive vehicle to the station and began to contact his coworkers.

Between text messages and phone calls, Miller’s directive was simple yet profound: “Find a way to get here — it’s all hands on deck.”

For the next 125-plus hours, six River Radio stations simulcast constant updates on what was happening regarding the recovery efforts. Regular listeners no doubt heard some familiar voices, and many who hadn’t turned to radio for their information in years became instant converts.

“It kind of brought things back old school” Falat recalls. “You always learned in school that the strength of radio is in its immediacy and its portability. As long as you had a portable radio or could get to your car, we were the one entity that was going to be there to tell you what was happening.”

While the immediate information was comforting, Falat and his staff knew the first night would be the most crucial. Once the storm passed by, the weather was soon sunny and pleasant. Once night fell, however, various emergency officials feared tensions might escalate in the thousands of dark homes.

“We had to be the voice of calm,” Miller recalls. “It was up to us to let them know that it was all going to be alright and to just hang in there — we were all in the same boat. It was also really important to me to keep serving up large portions of reliable information from sources who knew what they were talking about.

“After all, in the absence of truth, rumor prevails.”

**In The Trenches**

As Miller and a band of dedicated employees manned phone lines for the next few days, the conversation served as sort of an informational bandage for people stranded in their homes.

“I tried to research some subjects and provide useful information,” Miller says. “Matters like how to handle anxiety, deal with a crisis, and things you could do with your kids if they are feeling stress because of such a situation.

“Maybe I looked at this experience as almost a military event, as I felt like I was in the trenches with the listeners.”
had an opportunity to take a hot shower, eat some good meals, etc., but I didn't do any of that until the majority of the listeners were also able to do it."

Miller's vast contacts from his years in local radio also came into play. "Tom's ability to get mayors, sheriffs, county commissioners, and other emergency officials on the air quickly was remarkable," Falat notes, "and it didn't happen by accident. He has been around this area for a long time, is well respected, and people respond when he asks them to help out."

Miller and Falat recall numerous residents who were trapped in homes and cars that were able to contact their radio station for help so someone could be dispatched to get them out of a precarious situation.

Falat says River Radio was able to pull off the 125-hour marathon because of a seasoned staff that was able to handle all types of situations while remaining calm and comforting at all times. "Everyone was tired, and many had major issues to personally deal with at their own homes - it was not easy, but they pulled it off. We are all proud of what they did that week."

Voices Of Hope

As the calls came in, some featured tips on how to handle the various challenges being experienced. Others shared information on who was open for food, ice, and drinking water. Regardless of the subject or tone, Miller found it all enlightening.

"Almost everyone we talked to wanted to help, not complain," he says. "I'm a believer that people want to be good if you give them a chance, and are much nicer than we often give them credit."

The region's devastation served as a profound - and almost religious - experience for the veteran broadcaster. "Like many, I worked myself to the point of exhaustion a couple of times, went outside and cried for a moment, got two hours of sleep, and did it all again," Miller says. "But you know what? I know myself better now than I did before this happened. I'm proud to know that if everything blows up around me, that I'm the kind of guy who can help clean it up and get things going again."

Miller realized that the only contact most of his fellow southern Illinoisans had with the outside world that first evening was the voice coming to them from the radio. It was an experience he will always remember.

"We were literally holding hands with 210,000 people in the dark that night - how many times in life do you ever get a chance to do something like that?"
Alumni Calendar Of Events

**July**
- 9-12: Black Alumni Group Reunion
- 10-12: All Shook Up, McLeod Summer Playhouse, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m.
- 16: Meet the Cast of All Shook Up, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
- 17-19: All Shook Up, McLeod Summer Playhouse, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m.
- 30-31: Into the Woods, McLeod Summer Playhouse, 7:30 p.m. each night
- 31: Chicagoland Saluki Golf Outing, Chicago, Ill.

**August**
- 1-3: Into the Woods, McLeod Summer Playhouse, 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, 7:30 p.m. on Sunday and Monday
- 24: Fall semester classes begin

**September**
- 19: Saluki Football hosts Southwest Baptist, tailgate at 3 p.m., game at 6 p.m.
- 26: Saluki Football hosts North Dakota State, tailgate at 3 p.m., game at 6 p.m.
- 25-26: Saluki Patrol Reunion

**Looking Ahead**
- October 9: Saluki Cheerleader Reunion
- October 10: Homecoming
- October 24: Family Weekend

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Joe Lutz
Remembered As Innovator

I recently read in Southern Alumni magazine that former "Saluki coach Joe Lutz died. You probably knew him as head baseball coach and the inventor of the bat girls - something that made things interesting on the diamond.

Coach Lutz was always trying something different. He made uniform changes, put his teams in shorts on occasion, and featured tops that were cut off at the shoulders like the old Cincinnati Reds uniforms. No matter what he did, he displayed a passion for the game of baseball, rejuvenating Saluki Baseball, taking teams to the College World Series, and gaining national recognition for the program.

He was about 6-4, 260 pounds with huge arms that hung down to his knees. When Lutz was on the field, he was the boss - you did it his way or you didn't play. He was tough on umpires and even tougher on anyone else who got in the way of SIU winning a baseball game. When I think about great players on those teams, Rich Hacker comes to mind. A great defensive shortstop, Hacker would later play and coach in the Major Leagues and earn five World Series rings as a coach with the St. Louis Cardinals and Toronto Blue Jays. (Sounds like a good addition to the Saluki Hall of Fame, if you ask me.)

When Lutz left SIU, he went into pro ball with the Cleveland Indians and later managed in Japan. It was in Japan where he once stopped a game by sitting on home plate and refusing to budge!

I knew Lutz as my freshman football coach at SIU. We had plenty of hotshots from Chicago who thought they knew everything, but it didn't take Joe long to straighten them out!

I spent 34 years in the National Football League as a player and a coach, and I never met anyone quite like Joe Lutz.

God Bless you Joe - Go Southern Go!

Carl Mauck '69
Life Member
Argyle, Texas

Cartoonist Enjoyed Gus Bode Feature

Thank you for your recent article on Jim Stumpf's creation of Gus Bode, which was definitely part of my reading material when I was a student at SIU from Fall '56 to Spring '58 and from Fall '59 to Spring '62 when I received my B.A. in fine arts.

It was a fine time with Bucky Fuller and all his assistants and cronies from the "Village" building and living in "geodesic domes" outside the small campus. As a freshman and sophomore I lived in the first Thompson Point dorm before dropping out for one year to work. When I came back I was hired as a contributing cartoonist for the Egyptian, and the newspaper printed several of my drawings during the next two-plus years. Michael Siporin, a design student, was also a cartoonist at that time.

I served in the Air Force after graduation, before spending the next 22 years traveling the country as a folk musician and mural painter. Settling in Chicago in the 1990s, I married for the second time and played the folk clubs there until we moved to the Rocky Mountains in 1998. I'm still painting and playing music.

After all of these years, I've often thought, "Gee, I could really dig seeing those old cartoons again," so if they're still around somewhere and can be copied, I'd be happy to cover the cost. My main character looked something like the image at right.

Thanks for your time.

Thom Harris Jr. '62
(aka Alden T.)
Kalispell, Mont.
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Southern Places Three On USA Today Academic Team

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is again represented in the pages of a national newspaper that selects an elite group of top students every year. This time, however, SIU has not just one, but three students on the team.

The three students are part of the 2009 All-USA College Academic Team selected earlier this year by USA Today. Just 60 students nationwide make the team, with another 20 selected for honorable mention, from a field of hundreds.

Southern is one of only five universities nationally with three students on the team. The others are Florida State University, Harvard University, Louisiana State University, and the United States Naval Academy. Only one university—Alabama—has more than three students on the team, with six. Nine universities have two students on the team, including Brown, Northwestern, North Carolina, and Yale.

SIU students on the team are:

- Lisa Furby, a junior in mechanical engineering from Carbondale, second team. Furby, who also represented SIU at a bioinformatics and bioengineering conference at Harvard Medical School, says she felt frozen upon hearing the news. "I was literally in shock. This is such a big honor, and there are so many people I have to thank. This never would have happened without their help here at the University."

- Sean Goodin, a senior majoring in physiology and philosophy from Red Bud, second team. He says making the team is an unexpected honor. "I was surprised and honored. I definitely did not think I would make the team." Goodin also has been a stellar member of the community, logging 900 hours with AmeriCorps and 300 hours volunteering at the African American Museum in Carbondale.

- Joe Batir, a senior in geology from Channahon, honorable mention. Batir, who recently won a Fulbright scholarship to study geothermal energy in Iceland, is also a past winner of the Morris K. Udall Foundation scholarship. He says he had given up on the USA Today honor before finding out recently he was selected. "When I found out there were three of us from SIU I was ecstatic. To get three of us on there is just amazing."

Laurie Bell, assistant director of the University Honors Program at SIU, says the students have earned a great honor and again brought national recognition to the University.

"These are outstanding students, and we are extremely proud of their efforts and accomplishments," Bell says. "We've always had great students here, but it's become a matter of identifying them early and challenging them so that they have time to build the kind of resume they need to put them among the best in the nation. They don't have just good resumes, they have great resumes."

The three students join SIU's other lone USA Today team member, Fahran Robb, who was a member of the 2006 third team and received honorable mention on the 2007 team.

Buhman Wins Sturgis Public Service Award

For a quarter century, Steve Buhman has been the man with the camera at Southern, snapping award-winning photos and earning, in the process, the nickname "the University Photographer."

When he isn't busy taking photographs or shooting video, he devotes his time and energy to a variety of area organizations. In honor of his extensive community service, Buhman recently received the 2009 Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Public Service award. Roger Tedrick, chair of the SIU Board of Trustees, presented the award plaque and $750 cash prize during the May BOT meeting.

Since 1980, the board has presented the award annually to recognize SIUC employees for public service unrelated to their jobs. The Sturgis award bears the name of a Metropolis man who served more than three decades on the SIU Board, including chairing the board from 1969 until his 1971 retirement. Sturgis died in 1972.

"Steve Buhman is the kind of selfless individual that the Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award was created for," wrote Phil Bankester, director of University Photocommunications in a letter nominating him for the award. He noted that while Buhman has worked long and late as required by his job, he "somehow, also found time to give to other community needs."
Owens Named Applied Sciences And Arts Interim Dean

Terry Owens is the choice to be interim dean of Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s College of Applied Sciences and Arts. When the college reorganized in 2005 from seven departments to four schools, Owens was the first director of the School of Architecture. He became associate dean in December 2007.

Owens replaces Paul Sarvela, who is Southern’s vice president for academic affairs. He served three years in the U.S. Army as a construction draftsman prior to coming to SIU as a student in 1977. He earned an associate of applied science degree in architectural technology in 1980, a bachelor of science degree in advanced technical studies in 1981, and a master of science in education in 1984, all from SIU.

After his graduation, Owens worked locally for Fisher/Stein Architects and taught at SIUC as a term faculty member. He became an assistant professor in 1986 and was promoted to associate professor five years later. He became chairman of the then-Department of Applied Arts in 1993.

Metz Selected As Cinema And Photography Chair

Walter Metz is the new chair and associate professor in Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s Department of Cinema and Photography. He was interim chair and associate professor at Montana State University’s School of Film and Photography for the last 11 years.

“Dr. Metz will be a terrific addition to the administrative team in MCMA and to the faculty of the Department of Cinema and Photography, the college, and the University,” says Gary Kolb, dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts. “He is an eminent scholar and an experienced administrator. He will bring strong and visionary leadership to the department and help the college maintain excellence on the national and international stages.”

Metz will start at the University on July 1. He replaces Deborah Tudor, who became associate dean in the college on Jan. 1. In 2003-04, he was a Fulbright Guest Professor of American Studies at the John F. Kennedy Institute at the Free University in Berlin, Germany.

Rice Wins Women Of Distinction Award

Prudence Rice, praised by colleagues as a visionary, a mentor, an outstanding researcher, and an inspiration, is the winner of the 2009 University Women of Distinction Award at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Rice is the associate vice chancellor for research and director of the Office of Research Development and Administration (ORDA) at SIU. She is also a distinguished professor in the University’s anthropology department. She has been a professor at the University for 17 years, including six years as department chair, and she has led ORDA since 1999.

The University honored Rice and other Excellence Through Commitment Award winners at a dinner hosted by Chancellor Samuel Goldman. She will receive a monetary award, a certificate, the use of a designated parking space for a year, and a watch provided by the SIU Alumni Association.

Harris Outstanding Teacher; Faingold Outstanding Scholar

Agribusiness economist Kim Harris has won SIU’s 2009 Outstanding Teacher award. An associate professor, he also was named the campus’ top teacher in 1991. He teaches five undergraduate courses, two of which he created and all of which draw well. Last year alone, he taught some 250 students.

Harris is perhaps best known for the agricultural sales course he developed. “Before he began teaching his sales course, agribusinesses were not hiring many College of Agricultural Sciences graduates for sales positions because students had a negative attitude toward sales,” wrote departmental chairman Steven Kraft in a letter supporting Harris’ nomination. “Dr. Harris has completely turned that around.”

Harris says he tries to “to create a learning environment that motivates students to go further than they have ever gone before, creating enticements to learning instead of penalties for not learning.”

A faculty member from the School of Medicine is this year’s outstanding scholar at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Carl Faingold, professor of pharmacology and neurology, received a cash award, professional development funds, a certificate, a watch provided by the SIU Alumni Association, and a special parking space for one year. He also will receive the title “distinguished scholar.”

A faculty member of the SIU School of Medicine for the better part of the last four decades and chair of the Department of Pharmacology since 1995, Faingold is a leading researcher, writing almost 100 peer-reviewed articles and 23 book chapters and reviews.

Faingold has been a fountain of research funding, obtaining 10 national grants— including seven from the National Institutes of Health totaling 25 years of funding— during his career. His work was cited more than 100 times a year by other researchers during the last five years.
Eight alumni received Alumni Achievement Awards as part of individual college and school ceremonies in May. The award is the highest honor presented by the SIU Alumni Association. Those honored were:

School of Law –
Alexander M. Fine ’78, J.D. ’83
Fine, the Williamson County public defender, is a native of Carterville and began his legal career as an assistant state’s attorney in Williamson County from 1983 to 1987. He worked for well-known plaintiff’s attorney and former judge Brocton Lockwood from 1987 to 1989, before becoming a public defender in Williamson County in 1989. Fine is certified to represent clients in death penalty cases and successfully defended clients in all classifications of cases ranging from homicide, Class X through Class IV felonies, and misdemeanors, including driving under the influence, and traffic-related cases.

College of Education and Human Services –
Edgar E. Roulhac ’69, M.S.’70, Ph.D. ’74
Vice provost for academic services at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore since 1993, Roulhac served in numerous positions at the university since joining it in 1978 as assistant dean and assistant professor in the School of Public Health. He has more than 20 years of senior administrative leadership as a principal administrative officer, and is the highest-ever ranking African American academic central administrator at Johns Hopkins. He has developed and managed operating budgets from $250,000 to $120 million. From 1986 to 1993, Roulhac served as assistant provost and founding director of the university’s Montgomery County Center Campus and Washington, D.C., Center. Roulhac also served as the university’s interim vice president for human resources in 1994-1995.

Roulhac was an instructor and coordinator in the SIU School of Medicine’s Department of Health Care Planning in 1972-73, and an assistant professor and coordinator in the department in 1973-74. He was assistant professor in the School of Health Science at Towson State University from 1975 to 1978.

College of Business –
Rick E. Winningham ’81
Winningham is chief executive officer of Theravance, Inc., in South San Francisco, a public bio-pharmaceutical company. He joined the company in 2001 after a 15-year career with Bristol-Myers Squibb, where he held various U.S. and global management positions.

Winningham, who graduated from Arthur High School, is a 2006 inductee in the College of Business Hall of Fame, and is a member of the college’s external advisory board.

College of Science –
James D. Lightner ’75
Lightner is president and CEO of Orion Energy Partners in Denver, an oil and gas exploration and production company. In May 2008, Lightner became the chairman of the board for Denver-based Forest Oil Corp. He held several other oil and energy-related positions, including director, chairman, CEO, and president of Tom Brown Inc.

After receiving his degree in geology from SIU, Lightner earned a Fulbright Fellowship, which allowed him to earn a master’s degree in Australia.

In 2008, Lightner gave a $100,000 matching gift to the University to establish an endowment to ensure a six-week summer field geology course. For more on this, see the inside front cover of this issue of the magazine.
O’Keefe, an engineering manager in charge of engineering, planning, and budgets in the company’s aggregate mining and real estate development division. Earlier he joined Abbott Contractors in 1991 as a project estimator, later becoming a project engineer and senior project estimator.

O’Keefe also holds a master’s degree in project management from Keller Graduate School of Management. He has served as president and treasurer of the Chicago chapter of the Irish Engineering and Contractors Association.

College of Agricultural Sciences – Gregory W. Webb ’79

Webb, vice president of state government relations with Archer Daniels Midland Co., has been with the Decatur-based ADM since 1986. Initially working in the oilseed processing business throughout North America, Webb became the company’s North American trade representative for grain and oilseeds in 2002.

In his current position, Webb is responsible for working with business and producer organizations. He is a board member on the American Council of Agriculture, the North American Export Grain Association, and the Illinois Biotechnology Industry Organization. Webb is chairman of the National Oilseed Processors Association.

College of Mass Communication and Media Arts – Leonard J. Baldyga ’59

Before joining up with the foreign service for three decades, Baldyga worked in journalism and publishing as a financial writer, city editor, and assistant to the publisher, with numerous overseas assignments.

Today Baldyga is a senior consultant for central and east European programs at the International Research and Exchanges Board, a consortium of nearly 150 American universities and colleges. Among its services, the organization provides field research opportunities for American specialists and analysts.

Baldyga is a former director of the Office of European Affairs at the U.S. Information Agency. Among his assignments during his foreign service was as the agency’s principal negotiator of bilateral cultural and scientific agreements with the Soviet Bloc between 1979 and 1983. He holds a master’s degree in international affairs from Columbia University.

Baldyga is on the board of directors of the Sabre Foundation, Partners for Democratic Change, and the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences. He is also a member of the executive committee of the National Polish American-Jewish American Council. Baldyga’s wife, Joyce Brinkley Baldyga, earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism from SIU in 1959.

College of Applied Sciences and Arts – Camelle Wilson Logan A.A.S. ’89, ’89

Logan, who is executive vice president of CORE Education and Consulting Services in Roswell, Ga., founded KC Management Group in 2002, and served as president and CEO. CORE acquired the company in 2007, and helps clients across the nation implement large-scale adaptive and original technology solutions for large urban school districts, state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and companies in the transportation and utilities industries.

In 2007, Logan donated $25,000 to establish the Camelle Wilson Logan and Sonia Veronica Phelix Rowell Scholarship. The scholarship goes to a student in the Information Systems and Applied Technologies program who illustrates entrepreneurial skills, business acumen, and interest. The scholarship honors Logan’s lifelong friend, Sonia, who also graduated from SIU in 1989 with a communications degree from SIU, and who died in an automobile accident about seven years ago.

The College of Liberal Arts did not present an alumni achievement award this year.
BY BONNIE MARX

Morris Library's beautiful rotunda, rising two stories tall, provides a serene reading area, but will also be used for exhibitions, receptions, and social gatherings. Just off the rotunda is the new Morris Library Auditorium, with seating for 200 persons.

Completely renovated top to bottom, interior and exterior, the newly rededicated Morris Library features a 50,000-square-foot addition, three new computer classrooms, 15 group study rooms, and is now home to the Writing Center and University Honors.

One could spend a considerable amount of time searching the newly rededicated Morris Library for signs of its original ancestor (the building initially opened in 1956) without much success.

In fact, after the largest capital project in the University's history was complete, Dean David Carlson could think of only one spot that might qualify as unchanged – the Hall of Presidents and Chancellors. And even that has been tweaked.

Anyone who has ever trod the library's floors would have seen the giant portraits lining the main hall every time they entered. In 2009, while the hall is still located in its original space, it's no longer a hall. Now it's a foyer for Special Collections and a space for special events. In addition to being brighter, it's also carpeted. It survived, mostly unscathed, because it was a piece of history that campus officials wanted to preserve.

A really astute observer might also recognize that the stairwells still occupy their original space or that the south entrance is in the same spot. But that's it, and even those instances won't provide any sense of déjà vu in the context of the grand, soaring piece of architecture and design that is

A MORRIS LIBRARY PRIVILEGE FOR MEMBERS

Members of the SIU Alumni Association now have access to nearly five million journal articles through the Internet as a result of a cooperative agreement between the Association and Morris Library.

JSTOR (short for journal storage) is an online database that offers access to the full text of nearly five million articles across all areas and subjects. Association members may access JSTOR at siualumni.com/benefits.

Michelle Suarez, executive director for the Association, and David Carlson, dean of library affairs, announced the agreement, expressing enthusiasm about providing this unique information resource for Association members.

“The Association is excited about the opportunity to work with Morris Library on this pilot project,” Suarez says. “We continue to strive to solidify relationships throughout the campus and to bring new and exciting benefits to our members.”

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation created JSTOR in 1997 and the archives host more than 450 publishers and 900 academic journals. There are thousands of subscribers, including Morris Library. Just a handful of institutions of higher learning, including SIU, Columbia, Duke and the University of London, are able to participate in the pilot program allowing alumni access to JSTOR resources, officials said.

Students, faculty, staff, and those with Morris Library privileges may access JSTOR freely. Now members of the SIU Alumni Association get the same benefit, funded by a 50-50 cost-sharing agreement between Morris Library and the Association.
Group study spaces, painfully lacking in the old library, are abundant in the renovated library, each outfitted with outlets and wireless Internet access.

the new Morris Library, a “pledge to the future and a monument to the past.”

A NOISY, DUSTY JOURNEY
For four years, the campus watched the metamorphosis and endured the inconveniences of having a familiar building emptied of its contents, stripped to its bones, and then rebuilt.

Cost for the project was $56.6 million, Carlson says.

Only the basement and part of the first floor remained open during the renovation, a process that would have taken much longer without the McLafferty Annex building as temporary library storage, where about 85 percent of the library’s materials were stored. To check out material, one had to submit a request and then wait a few hours for the item to be retrieved.

All the library’s offices moved into temporary quarters across campus, strung out through eight different buildings, but concentrated in the Northwest Annex. The hardy souls who ventured through the plywood tunnels to reach the library during its renovation were rewarded with showers of dust, a building that shook, and a daily symphony of jackhammers and construction noise.

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Former SIU President Delyte Morris is pictured here in 1958 in front of his namesake facility.

- A basement designed to be filled with compressed shelving, "a significant increase in storage," Carlson says.
- Just inside the new north entrance is Delyte's, a coffee commons, serving sandwiches, salads, and pastries in addition to fruit, juice, and a variety of specialty coffees.

The main floor Information Commons, with 66 computers atop batwing-shaped desks, is the second-largest computing lab on campus. Another dozen laptops are available for check-out.

A new patio on the east end will use architectural elements from Old Main, salvaged after it was destroyed by fire in 1969 (the project will be privately underwritten). See www.lib.siu.edu/patio.

Although the library celebrated the "completion" of the renovation project in April, there's still a ways to go. The sixth and seventh floors remain uncompleted; Carlson says it will cost an estimated $2 million to finish them. He says it will cost another $1.5 million to move books and compressed shelving back to the library from McLafferty Annex.

There is hope that Morris Library will manage to finish its renovations soon. In the public works bill sent to the governor's desk by the Legislature in late May, some $168 million in construction money would flow to SIU's two main campuses. Specifically, $17.5 million would be earmarked to complete the

Morris Library (continued on page 41)

What is three and a half stories tall, driven by the wind, rests on eight concrete columns, and can be found both inside and outside the vestibule of Morris Library's north entrance?

The answer is: a kinetic wind sculpture, created with as an architectural space that the viewer can enter.

In the Morris piece, entitled "Wings of Knowledge," artist Evan Lewis combines an outdoor wind-powered piece with an indoor ceiling-hung mobile that is powered by the motion of the exterior piece.

Crafted with stainless steel and aluminum, the outside piece is 24 feet in diameter and weighs about 300 pounds. The inside piece is 36 feet high and will move in a cylinder that has a diameter of 16 feet. It's about 12 feet off the ground and weighs about 500 pounds, says Lewis, a sculptor and furniture designer based in Chicago.

Funding for the project is from the long-standing Illinois Capital Development Board's Arts-in-Architecture program. The state sets aside one-half of one percent of any construction budget on CDB-built facilities to buy art for buildings by artists who live in the state.

Lewis designed and produced "The Crossing," a kinetic wind-powered sculpture for SIU Edwardsville, and another large-scale kinetic sculpture at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

And if his work looks vaguely familiar, think Hollywood. Many Lewis wind-powered sculptures were featured in the front yard of character Meg Greene's home during a storm scene in the 1995 movie "Twister."

Powered by wind, the "Wings of Knowledge" kinetic sculpture graces the main entrance of the newly renovated Morris Library.

While it's still a no-no to cart food and drink into the library itself, now patrons may enjoy a snack or a cup of specialty coffee at Delyte's, a coffee commons near the library's main entrance.
The SIU Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council presented Distinguished Senior Awards to 25 outstanding students at its annual spring “Super Student Honors Dinner” this April. The Distinguished Senior Award is presented to 25 standout SIU students. In order to qualify for the honor, students must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.0, be a graduating senior who has contributed to the University and Carbondale communities, have answered two essay questions, and have provided letters of recommendation.

The Office of the Chancellor, the SIU Alumni Association, and Student Alumni Council (SAC) hosted the awards banquet. Student recipients received recognition plaques, various prizes, and a first-year membership in the SIU Alumni Association, compliments of the vice chancellor of Institutional Advancement.

The recipients are as follows:

- Jennifer Anderson, Bushnell, Ill.
  College of Applied Sciences and Arts
- Joseph Batir, Minoona, Ill.
  College of Science
- Anthony Cruitt, Sullivan, Ill.
  College of Liberal Arts
- Cassy Friedrich, Havana, Ill.
  College of Science
- Sean Goodin, Red Bud, Ill.
  College of Science/College of Liberal Arts
- Kahla Holtz-Fazzini, Dwight, Ill.
  College of Mass Communication and Media Arts
- Christine Holuj, New Lenox, Ill.
  College of Liberal Arts
- Laura Kenney, Crystal Lake, Ill.
  College of Education and Human Services
- Todd Marlo, Marion, Ill.
  College of Agricultural Sciences
- Monica Mason, Homewood, Ill.
  College of Mass Communication and Media Arts
- Daniel Mellenthin, Alton, Ill.
  College of Liberal Arts
- Bryan Mullins, Downers Grove, Ill.
  College of Business
- Amy Phegley, Mt. Carmel, Ill.
  College of Education and Human Services
- Megan Pulliam, Chatham, Ill.
  College of Science/College of Liberal Arts
- Amanda Rabideau, Pittsburg, Ill.
  College of Science/College of Liberal Arts
- Sylvia San, Makanda, Ill.
  College of Applied Sciences and Art
- Alicia K. Scott, Evansville, Ind.
  College of Liberal Arts/College of Business
- Daniel Sepulveda, Joliet, Ill.
  College of Liberal Arts
- Joshua Sheehan, Crystal Lake, Ill.
  College of Education and Human Services
- Lynn Spotts, Sterling, Ill.
  College of Liberal Arts
- Kathryn Thomas, Fort Collins, Colo.
  College of Liberal Arts
- Anne Tilton, McLean, Ill.
  College of Business
- Sarah Wells, Arcola, Ill.
  College of Science
- Eric White, Marion, Ill.
  College of Engineering
- Christopher Williams, W. Frankfort, Ill.
  College of Engineering
Super Student Scholarships Awarded

Shane Conway-Peterson of Moline, Ill., and Jennifer Tanner of Marion, Ill., won the 2009 Super Student Junior Scholarships, sponsored by the Student Alumni Council (SAC) of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Super Student Junior Scholarships are valued at $500 each and awarded annually to two exceptional SIU juniors. Applicants must have a 3.5 grade point average, be active in two registered student organizations (RSOs), currently employed, and have full-time standing with a minimum of 70 credit hours completed.

Here is a closer look at this year’s recipients:

Shane Conway-Peterson
College of Science/College of Liberal Arts
Moline, Ill. (GPA: 3.7)

RSO Involvement:
Beta-Beta-Beta (2005 – present);
Psi Chi (2008 – present); Pre-health Professional Association (2006 – present);

Service and Employment:
Abundant Health Clinic (fall 2006, summer 2007, spring 2008); Big Brothers/Big Sisters (fall 2006 – fall 2008); Good Samaritan House (spring 2007); Main Street Planting (fall 2007); Relay for Life (spring 2006);

Awards, Honors, Achievements:
Dean's List (fall 2005, spring 2006, summer 2007, summer 2008, fall 2008); College of Science Certificate of Honor for the Harvey I. Fischer Award in Biological Sciences (2006); Notetakers award from the Office of Disabilities for assistance in Psychology 211 course.

Jennifer Tanner
College of Education and Human Services
Marion, Ill. (GPA: 3.8)

RSO Involvement:
Council for Exceptional Children (fall 2008 – present); Elementary Education Student Organization (fall 2008 – present); Kappa Delta Pi (spring 2008 – present);
Leadership Council (fall 2007 – fall 2008).

Service and Employment:
Relay for Life; Inspiring Women Student Auxiliary Board (2008 – present); Herrin Hospital, volunteer; Church camp volunteer, devotion leader/female counselor; 30-Hour Famine Coordinator; Student Speaker at church; World Changers, Mission Trip Participant/Devotion Leader/Group Leader/crew encourager; American Red Cross blood donor.

Awards, Honors, Achievements:
A Legacy Lives On

The children of John and Elizabeth Lewis honor their parents' love of Southern

by Emily Britton

The children of John and Elizabeth Lewis fondly remember their parents' commitment to service, education, and Southern Illinois University. The couple's deep devotion to the area and to the school has remained with their six children to this day.

"There are a million ways in which our lives were enriched by our parents and by SIU," says the couple's daughter, Beth Kamm.

When she approached her siblings with the idea of making a joint contribution to honor their parents, they agreed SIU would be the perfect choice. "We've each done things to honor our parents in our own areas, but we agreed that SIU would be a good central place to make a combined donation in our parents' names," says daughter Kate Wharton. "We are certain this is something that would have made them proud."

Two scholarships were created to commemorate the couple's devotion to Southern. The Dr. John S. Lewis Scholarship will benefit the University's Medical/Dental Education Preparatory (MED-PREP) program, while the Elizabeth Lewis Memorial Scholarship will be administered through the SIU Alumni Association.

"These scholarships are a fitting tribute to the lives of John and Elizabeth Lewis. Each scholarship demonstrates the couple's dedication to SIU Carbondale and the southern Illinois community," says Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation.

"The John S. Lewis scholarship will help students in need to follow in his legendary footsteps, and the Elizabeth Lewis scholarship will continue her history of service to the school and its Alumni Association."

A COMMITMENT TO LOCAL MEDICINE

John Lewis' roots in Carbondale's medical community date back several generations, when his grandfather, also named John Shelby Lewis, began his medical practice in his home. This was the beginning of Holden Hospital, the area's first health facility. By the time his son, Dr. Roscoe Lewis, practiced there, Holden was on its way to being the primary medical facility for southern Illinois.

The youngest John began his premedical training at St. Louis University, but was forced to return to southern Illinois after receiving severe injuries in a car accident. He finished his studies at Southern, where special courses were designed specifically to help him train for medical school.

After graduating from the University of Arkansas Medical School and completing additional training in St. Louis, John and his wife, Elizabeth, returned to Carbondale to begin his practice. However, World War II intervened, and he served his country as a physician at the Marine Hospital in Louisville, Ky.

"Before the war, my father, Dr. Barrow, Dr. Brown, and Dr. Taylor talked about starting their own clinic, one similar to the Mayo Clinic," says Kamm. "When they returned, the idea was fresh in their minds, and they decided to proceed with it."

The doctors began their expansion endeavor by purchasing the former Herrin Hospital in 1946 and later built Doctor's
Hospital on the present site of Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. Dr. Lewis was president of the nonprofit corporation, called Southern Illinois Hospital Services Corporation, which was later joined by its for-profit counterpart, Carbondale Clinic.

"These doctors had high aspirations," Kamm notes. "They wanted good medical care to be accessible to all in southern Illinois."

After Dr. Lewis died in 1964 at the young age of 54, the Carbondale community thanked him in several ways for his lifelong commitment to the city. Shortly after his death, Grade School District 95 board voted to rename its school the John S. Lewis School in his honor. Two years after his passing, a large portion of the family's land was developed and named Lewis Park Meadows. Lewis Lane in east Carbondale is near the area where the family lived.

Elizabeth Lewis continued to show the couple's appreciation to the school that helped launch his career. In 1975, she established a loan fund for students at the SIU School of Medicine. With the additional funding provided by the couple's six children, the loan fund was recently turned into a scholarship.

The John S. Lewis Scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who has been accepted into the MEDPREP program, with an overall bachelor's degree GPA of 3.0 or higher. Preference will be given to students from southern Illinois.

"The recipients of the John S. Lewis award will undoubtedly benefit, especially during these trying economic times," says Harold Bardo, director of the MEDPREP program. "I am certain he would be pleased that he played a part in helping many University students realize their dreams of becoming physicians."

Although the MEDPREP program was not available while her father was attending SIU, Wharton says the guidance it provides students today would have been beneficial to him. "He came from a long line of doctors, but was glad to receive help to hone his literary skills in order to succeed with his graduate studies," she says. "He would have supported a program that helps students prepare for medical school."

**A Dedication To The SIU Alumni Association**

Elizabeth also had a personal connection to Southern, attending the Allyn Training School on campus from kindergarten through eighth grade, and earning her bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois Normal University in 1932. She later returned to SIU in a different capacity when she was elected to the board position of secretary-treasurer at the SIU Alumni Association in 1949 and became secretary in 1953. Ten years later she received the Alumni Achievement Award for her commitment to the Association and the University.
"My mother was the first woman officer of the SIU Alumni Association, and my father was so proud that she held that position," Wharton recalls. "She was active in the community and supportive of his career, so he was proud that she was able to carve out time to dedicate to the Association."

The couple's youngest daughter, Mary Kountze, also remembers how important Southern and the SIU Alumni Association were to her mother. "The president of the University, Delyte W. Morris, knew she would be a great person for this position. And I'm sure she was - she was conscientious and took it seriously."

She not only took minutes at the board meetings, but also helped to establish policy and was involved in the planning process. Wharton says she was instrumental in the evolvement of the Alumnus magazine.

"She contacted many universities and collected their alumni magazines," Wharton remembers. "She went into a meeting and said, 'Look at all these magazines. We should aspire to have a fine publication also.'"

The Elizabeth Lewis Memorial Scholarship will continue her legacy of dedication to the Association. The scholarship will be administered by the SIU Alumni Association's Jackson County Alumni Chapter, and will be awarded to a current SIU student with junior standing or a transfer student from John A. Logan College. Preference will be given to applicants with a family member who is a member of the Association.

"The Lewis family is highly regarded for its dedication to SIU and southern Illinois," says SIU Alumni Association President Randy Ragan. "We are proud to continue the legacy of the Lewis family by awarding the Elizabeth Lewis Scholarship to deserving SIU students."

The Importance Of Education

"Both my mother and father were big believers in education," says daughter Sally Williams. "They always said education is the one thing no one could take away from you."

The Lewis scholarships continue the couple's lifelong dedication to education, both in their own lives and in the lives of their children. Living in Carbondale in close proximity to a University helped put education in the forefront of the family's minds. All six Lewis children have degrees and most have postgraduate degrees. While Dr. Winston Lewis (Winkie), Beth Kamm, and Mary Kountze chose to go to other universities, Sally Williams, Kate Wharton, and John Lewis Jr. are all Southern graduates.

"My parents were proud of the University and felt it added a tremendously beneficial element to the town," Wharton says. "My father told us we could go to any school anywhere, yet I've never regretted my choice. I feel I had an outstanding education."

With their generous donation, the Lewis children hope to keep their parents' commitment to education alive and help future generations of students achieve their dreams.

"We were raised to appreciate education, art, life, and other people," Kamm says. "What is important is our young people and the future of our world. I wanted to touch the future, and I want all children to have an opportunity for an education."
SIU Student Wins Select Invitation To Capitol Hill

by Tim Crosby

A zoology student at Southern Illinois University Carbondale traveled to Washington, D.C., as part of an elite group of young scholars invited to participate in the annual Posters on the Hill competition.

Andrew Dennhardt, a senior from East Moline, presented his research on the peregrine falcon May 5 before lawmakers on Capitol Hill. He was one of just 60 undergraduates chosen nationally to present his research.

Dennhardt is a two-time Goldwater Scholarship nominee at SIU. He also received a REACH scholarship in 2008. Laurie Bell, assistant director of the University Honors Program, says Dennhardt is a hard-working student who showed particular promise upon arriving at Southern as a freshman.

"In our program, we start working with promising freshmen and slowly bring them along and guide them in taking advantage of academic opportunities," she says. "Andrew is deserving of this honor. He's worked hard, has a great attitude and a strong work ethic, and he's really taken advantage of his opportunities here."

Dennhardt's appearance follows that of SIU graduate student Sara Reardon, who presented her research at Posters on the Hill in 2007.

Dennhardt says Bell has been an invaluable resource as he assembled his undergraduate research record. "She has been a wonderful mentor and friend of mine since I was a freshman, and she introduced me to the competition."

His research involves peregrine falcons in the United States and looks specifically at how the bird moves and disperses after its birth. Prior to the 1950s, Dennhardt says, the bird was well established in southern Illinois, where it used natural cliffs as habitat.

As he continues work on his peregrine study, Dennhardt also is pursuing another study funded by his 2008 REACH grant, on the possibility of nocturnal raptors, such as owls, using ultraviolet radiation, although he ran into a roadblock when inclement weather spoiled all four designated observation periods.

"As a student at SIU, I feel fortunate to be a part of an institution that is dedicated to undergraduate research, and when I was first notified of receiving this honor, I felt that this accomplishment was another testament to that unique devotion that this university has," Dennhardt notes.

"I am privileged to have worked with several faculty members and one very generous graduate student on this project, and I am appreciative of the time and efforts that they have put into helping me reach my career goals."
Jim Greenwood, Former Association Board Member

Jim Greenwood, '65, M.S., '68, a former member of the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors and a founding member of the SIU Florida Alumni Chapter, recently died in Venice, Fla., at the age of 67. Greenwood was confined to a wheelchair due to a rare genetic disease, but that never slowed him down. In high school he was manager of both the varsity and junior varsity basketball teams and was elected class president all four years.

As one of the first universities in the nation to offer handicap access to its campus, he welcomed the chance to continue his education at SIU and always loved the university for all that it did for him. Those experiences and degrees steered him to a 25-year career with IBM where he traveled the country as a recruiter.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Williams, Greenwood of Venice.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Southern Illinois University Foundation to the Greenwood Family Trust Scholarship Fund.
Saluki Men's Tennis Wins First MVC Title In 19 Years

For the first time since 1990, the Southern Illinois men's tennis team recently captured a Missouri Valley Conference title with a 4-3 win over No. 1 seed Drake. The event was held in Omaha, Neb.

"It was a great day for SIU men's tennis," head coach Dann Nelson said afterward. "We didn't complete that well in doubles play, but the guys never quit and just kept fighting."

The Salukis used a come-from-behind win in singles to help earn the title, as they won at No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6 singles after losing the doubles point to the Bulldogs. With the set tied 3-3, the Salukis used a victory at No. 5 doubles by Sebastian Rubiano over Guilherme Marsiglia, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 to help seal the win.

"It doesn't matter what the score is, the guys keep fighting and it's amazing when some players fall through to see the other guys pick them up," Nelson noted. He said after Rubiano dropped the first set, the Bulldogs started to gain some momentum but Rubiano edged his way back to pull off the victory.

The Salukis advanced to the NCAA Tournament in Los Angeles, Calif., on May 9 and ended their historic season when they dropped their first-round match to host UCLA 4-0. They struggled in doubles as they lost the doubles point before the match ended with the Bruins winning at No. 4, 5, and 6 singles.

Overall the Salukis were 18-7 and earned their first NCAA tournament appearance since 1991.

Nelson was named the conference's co-Coach of the Year, along with Drake's Chase Hodges. It was the first time a Saluki men's tennis coach had been honored in this manner since Dick LeFevre won the award in 1990.

Another award went to Eric West, who was named the MVC's Freshman of the Year. West is the first SIU freshman to ever receive the honor. He compiled a 20-3 overall singles record while going 6-0 in conference play.

On the women's side, Saluki Fadzai Mawisire was named the MVC Women's Player of the Year claiming the honor for the first time in SIU history. A transfer from Lindsey Wilson College, she recorded a 20-1 singles record at No. 1 singles and currently holds fourth place on the SIU career list for wins in a spring season.

Women Win, Men Second At Conference Championships

Price-Smith Women's Coach of the Year

The Southern women's track and field team won the 2009 Missouri Valley Conference Outdoor Championships recently, while the men finished second. The women won their first outdoor championship since 1996 and Saluki head coach Connie Price-Smith won her third MVC Women's Coach of the Year honor.

The teams combined for nine conference titles and 30 all-conference honors. The Saluki women scored 181.50 points for the win, followed by favorite Wichita State with 171.50. On the men's side, pre-championship pick Northern Iowa took the title with 207 points. Southern came in second with 179 points.

The Saluki women's throwers swept the top three spots in the hammer throw, with Gwen Berry winning with a regional qualifying mark of 193-11. Other first-place finishers came in the 100-meter hurdles, as Southern took three of the top four positions and Meredith Hayes won the event. Bianca Stuart won her third straight long jump title with a leap of 20-05, and Jeneva McCall threw 49-11.25 to win the shot put.

On the men's side, Joe Paradiso won the men's hammer throw with a toss of 192-00 (58.52m). Other first-place efforts came when Jason Ordway won the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a new regional-qualifying mark of 9:03.92. Jeff Schirmer won his second-straight 5,000-meter run in 14:22.56, while Jake Deiters won the throws event with a regional toss of 180-07. Schirmer also became the second athlete in conference history to win three straight 10,000-meter run titles when he won with a time of 30:59.18.

Full meet results may be found at www.siusalukis.com.
Saluki Baseball Drops Pair In Valley Tourney

Top-seeded Missouri State University eliminated Southern Illinois University from the championship at the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament May 22, as the Dawgs entered the day needing two wins to make the championship game. Instead, they dropped out of contention with a record of 0-2 in their pod.

“That was disappointing, because we didn’t play well or give ourselves a chance,” said SIU Associate Head Coach Ken Henderson. “I thought we battled offensively, but couldn’t stop them. Overall, it just wasn’t a good day.”

The next day Southern Illinois University (24-28) ended its 2009 season on a high note defeating Indiana State 10-6. SIU, which scored just five times in its first two games of the tournament, erupted for 10 runs on 12 hits against the second-seeded Sycamores, the first time the Salukis put up 10 or more runs in a Valley Tournament game since 2005.

Southern landed four on the 2009 All-Missouri Valley Conference Baseball Team, as Du Quoin natives Tyler Bullock and Bryant George earned first-team honors for the Dawgs.

Bullock garnered all-conference honors as a designated hitter. He tore through Valley play, hitting .386 with 14 runs scored, five doubles, eight home runs, and 23 RBI in 19 league starts. George, who became SIU’s all-time career leader in saves, compiled a 3-0 record with three saves and a 0.87 ERA in eight MVC appearances. He ranked third in the conference with seven saves and was a perfect 7-for-7 in save opportunities this year.

Senior catcher Mark Kelly and freshman first baseman Chris Serritella took honorable mention honors.

For final team and individual statistics, go to www.siusalukis.com.

Softball Salukis Upset In MVC Tournament Semifinals

The second-seeded Saluki softball team (33-13) was upset 5-3 by No. 6 Bradley recently in the semifinals of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. The loss knocked Southern out of the single-elimination tournament by a lower-seeded team for a second-straight year after losing to No. 7 Missouri State last season.

“We had a few other opportunities to score a few more, but I was disappointed that we walked five hitters in the game,” said SIU Head Coach Kerri Blaylock. “When you consistently have to throw the ball over the plate, good hitters will make you pay.”

The elimination forced the Salukis to await the announcement of the 2009 NCAA Tournament field a few days later to see if they would receive an at-large bid into one of the 16 regionals. That invite never came, as Southern was left out of the tournament for a second straight year after advancing to the tournament in five consecutive seasons from 2003-07.

Despite not making the field, Southern Illinois had a thoroughly successful season with a host of accolades and accomplishments. SIU finished with more than 30 wins for the 13th straight season with a record of 33-13. Blaylock won her 350th game at SIU, and the program exceeded 1,000 wins all-time and reached more than 100 wins at Charlotte West Stadium with a 14-4 home record.

Individually, senior Katie McNamara and sophomore Nikki Waters also accomplished a rare feat with back-to-back no-hitters against Gardner-Webb and Austin Peay.

For final team and individual statistics, go to www.siusalukis.com.

Watson Named Head Coach At Southern Indiana

After 21 seasons as an assistant coach at Southern Illinois, the dean of Missouri Valley Conference coaches, Rodney Watson is no longer a Saluki. He was recently named head coach of Division II powerhouse Southern Indiana.

Watson was the one constant during the past decade as SIU transitioned from head coach Bruce Weber to Matt Painter to Chris Lowery. During his tenure, the Salukis compiled a 430-238 record including 15 postseason appearances.

Watson has been a finalist for several other head coaching jobs in recent years, but says he’s glad he waited for the opportunity at USI. “God has a place for all of us, and there’s a reason I am here today.”
Student Keeps His Sights Set On Academics, Archery

by Pete Rosenbery

Southern Illinois University Carbondale sophomore Lee Stewart is on target when it comes to academics and archery. In his first year in college, the 19-year-old from Dowell, Ill., finds time to not only maintain a perfect 4.0 grade point average in political science and work in the University’s financial aid office, he continues to hone his skills as one of the nation’s top archers.

Stewart recently finished second among 103 competitors in the 2009 U.S. National Archery Collegiate Indoor National Championships in the male recurve bow competition. A second member of the Saluki Shooters Archery Club also competed in the national collegiate indoor championships. Kasey Minor, a graduate student in accountancy, placed 48th in the male college compound bow event — just his second national competition.

Stewart’s sights are now set on competition later in the summer in the male recurve outdoor nationals competition at California State University Long Beach. The top three finishers there will represent the United States in the World University Games in July in Belgrade, Serbia. A top-10 finish in the outdoor nationals should ensure Stewart a place on the collegiate all-American squad.

The 2008 Presidential Scholar was co-valedictorian at Elverado High School. Because he earned college credits while still in high school, he is already in sophomore standing.

While he concedes that juggling his schoolwork, archery, and a job is difficult at times, Stewart continues to meet the challenge. Before going to the indoor nationals in Wichita, Kan., last month, Stewart was up until 2 a.m. studying every night. He completed a mid-term exam prior to leaving. He is taking mostly honors-level classes.

In addition to his twice-a-week training with the Saluki Shooters Archery Club, Stewart trains separately four to five times a week for about two hours a day. He is also working on an undergraduate research proposal. “It’s a juggle to balance it all,” he says. “It takes away from my training but it’s worth it because I came here for college, No. 1.”

Stewart hopes to attend law school after college and become an attorney, possibly a prosecutor. He did not envision this success when he picked up a bow six years ago as a way to continue deer hunting a bit longer each year.

A lifelong “Saluki at heart,” Stewart says he’s thankful for the opportunities available at SIU. The University “cares about what the students do both in and outside the classroom,” and it is visible that professors are student-oriented, he notes.

“This University has given me a lot of opportunities that I wouldn’t have had otherwise. They’ve allowed me to come down here and receive a great education. Because of that, I think it’s my job to repay the University for the investment they’ve made in me.”

Stewart took up the sport when he was 13 years old as a way to extend deer hunting season. Within a few months he started with Olympic-style competition. Within two years he was in the top three in the national competition in his junior division level.

Stewart hopes to compete for the United States in the 2012 summer Olympics in London, England, and the 2016 summer Olympics. Chicago is a finalist for the 2016 Games, with a decision by the International Olympic Committee expected in October.

Archery brings a greater level of focus than other competitive sports, says Stewart, who played football, basketball, and baseball in high school. Emotions play a big part in those sports and can help you succeed in those sports, he says.

“In archery, you have to get rid of your emotions in many ways and suppress them so you are still able to shoot,” he says. “It’s all about precision.”
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Massive storm forces SIU into extraordinary measures to hold commencement ceremonies

BY GENE GREEN

It was a graduation weekend to remember at Southern Illinois University. Only three scheduled commencement ceremonies — out of 14 — went as planned after a torrential rain and wind event pummelled southern Illinois May 8 with jaw-dropping force. Described initially by the National Weather Service as an “inland hurricane,” the rare event destroyed thousands of trees, ripped down power lines, damaged countless homes and businesses, and made travel around the area almost impossible.

Later termed a “tropical cyclone,” and then finally labeled a “derecho” (Spanish for straight) the storm featured sustained straight-line winds clocked as high as 106 miles per hour. While what to call the storm was apparently open for discussion, no debate was required to describe the aftermath — the region and SIU was officially a disaster area on graduation weekend.

The radar at left shows the hurricane-like weather event as the “eye” passes over Carbondale. Moments later the back side of the storm slammed into campus with sustained winds of more than 100 miles per hour. Although commencement ceremonies had to be moved and altered, most students took the situation in stride, including graduate Kari Porter (left) and current student Paige Hollenburg, who had their picture taken in front of a downed tree.

Chancellor Sam Goldman (center), who led the effort on campus to reschedule commencement ceremonies and in cleanup and recovery, speaks with a group of campus officials near Shryock Auditorium just after the storm belted the University.

THE SHOW MUST GO ON

Degree candidates and an audience had gathered at Shryock Auditorium for the College of Education and Human Services’ ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Friday, when the storm arrived. The assemblage was sent to the basement to ride out the fury, as Southern officials quickly began to assess what was happening around them and how “Plan B” could be implemented to allow some type of graduation exercises to move forward.

Two of the ceremonies had to be canceled altogether (although those graduates were invited to walk with other colleges), and the remainder were relocated to McAndrew Stadium. Generators were brought in for power, but wet conditions made even that effort a challenge. The final ceremony on Sunday was held in a powerless Student Center because of rain.

Despite monumental hurdles, Southern somehow conferred more than 3,400 degrees over the four days. Most graduates accepted the situation good-naturedly, taking cap and gown photo...
According to University officials, preliminary estimates of the destruction and damage caused by the storm totaled more than $5 million on the SIUC campus. The University is largely insured against the building property losses, and officials were soon in the early stages of working with commercial insurance carriers and adjusters.

Of the $5 million-plus estimate, $1 million was the anticipated cost of debris cleanup. In addition, many buildings on campus sustained roof damage, and nearly 100 windows in residence halls were blown out.

"This storm has posed unique challenges for us; it is not like anything we've had to deal with before," Plant and Service Operations Director Phil Gatton says. "It is taxing our resources but also causing us to be creative. Traditional cleaning methods don't work."

Gatton told University Communications that the grounds cleanup is a three-
IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO

There were plenty of heroes during the horrific weekend, and Southern had more than its share step to the plate and help. SIU acted quickly in assisting the relief efforts, feeding thousands, moving residents into temporary quarters, and housing hundreds of relief workers.

According to news reports, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz called the response a simple case of people looking out for one another.

"People simply were more worried about others than they were about themselves," he said. "I am proud of the overall effort - we did all of it because it was the right thing to do."

Just hours after the storm, more than 500 dinners were served. The next day, and more than 1,100 students, faculty and staff were fed. When Ameren workers needed a place for almost 500 linemen and other utility workers to stay, the company called the University.

"I think the thing we did after the storm that was most visible was housing the utility workers," University Housing Director Julie Payne Kirchmeier told reporters. "That's not something you really can prepare for, but we managed to do it at the same time that we were moving 4,500 residents out of housing."

SIU RESEARCH EFFORTS CHALLENGED BY STORM

by Adam Testa, The Southern Illinoisan

The recent storms took a toll on SIU's infrastructure, but for many faculty, staff, and students, the real damage hit closer to home.

Researchers at all levels lost countless amounts of research samples and other materials during the storm and ensuing power outages. The campus was without power for five days, and backup generators could not keep all the necessary refrigerators and freezers operating.

John Koropchak, Southern vice chancellor for research and dean of the graduate school, says many professors from across the campus had research affected by or lost during this month's storms. He says researchers working in the fields of chemistry and biomedicine were affected, and agriculture was hit hard.

"You can't put a price on what was lost there," Koropchak notes. "Their passion and life's work was destroyed in one fell swoop."

Amidst the chaos of the storm, a dedicated staff and pack of researchers took matters into their own hands and prevented what could have been a "catastrophe" from happening at the University's fisheries on McClafferty Road.

James Garvey, director of fisheries, says the fish in the facility were at "a critical point" in the spawning process when the storm hit. The system that circulates the water in their tanks runs off electricity, and generators were not offering enough juice.

"We basically thought we were going to lose our spawning fish and all our babies," he says. "If we had another day of outages, we'd have been in bad shape."

As Sheryl King, director of equine sciences at SIU, recently showed off the damage – including a totaled stallion barn, a completely leveled hay barn, and hundreds of thousands of feet of decimated fencing – a yearling continued to dip his nose into the trough and splash water on himself.

King had to stop and laugh, as she reminded herself and others that no matter how bad things get, including an estimated $1.5 million worth of damages, the horses go on living life like any other day.

"Horses will be horses, no matter what. They don't know what's going on," she said. "You can't help but feel uplifted when you're around that."

The SIU Foundation oversees the Horse Program Activities Fund, where people can contribute funds to help with rebuilding efforts for the equine science facilities. King says donations may also be directed through her.
Agency, which in turn will provide them to Gov. Pat Quinn. He must then decide whether to submit the assessments to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. President Barack Obama will have to declare the area a federal disaster area before any federal assistance could become available.

Examples of the damage estimates on campus include:

- McAndrew Stadium, damage to press box, scoreboard, light poles, fencing, $115,000.
- Agriculture Building, roof, ceiling tile, water damage, $300,000.
- Thompson Point, 11 buildings with various damage, total of $170,000.
- Quigley Hall, tree on the building, fencing, roof damage, play equipment, ceiling tiles, $100,000.
- East campus chiller building, transformer, $50,000.
- Grinnell Hall, roof damage, $100,000.

In addition to damage at the Agriculture Building, losses at University Farms included the destruction of the feed mill, which provided feed for the dairy, beef, swine, and horse centers. “That is a huge loss to us,” Agricultural Sciences Dean Gary Minish says. “We have to buy commercial feed because we have no way of processing or storing feed now.”

About the only place for many to get a hot meal for several days was at the Trueblood Hall breezeway, where University Housing staffers cooked up thousands of meals on grills and served them up free to storm-shocked southern Illinoisans. Here SIU Alumni Association Life Member Phil Reed ’90, a food service chef with University Housing, grills burgers for the hungry masses of students, staff, and community residents.

Gov. Pat Quinn visited the region soon afterward and quickly designated it a disaster area.

Despite the devastation, only one person died during the afternoon storm. George Arbeiter, 87, of rural Murphysboro, succumbed later that evening from injuries sustained at his home. He was a retired maintenance foreman at SIU Housing.

In fact, most injuries reported at local hospitals were tied not to the actual storm, but instead to the clean-up activities. Mishaps with chainsaws and other equipment put several in the region on the sidelines momentarily.

SIUC Chancellor Sam Goldman thanked the employees and students at Southern for all they did during the trying times.

“I was touched beyond words as I witnessed the willingness – without hesitation – to reach out to other members of the community to ensure safety, provide assistance, and return Southern to normal operations within a few short days,” he says.

“Their immediate and caring response will always be remembered as one of this University’s shining moments.”
Faculty Members Honored For Superior Teaching At SIU

Eight faculty members from Southern Illinois University have won recognition from their colleges for superior teaching, while three others garnered citations for educational achievement outside a college. They were honored at the University's "Excellence Through Commitment" awards dinner April 21 at the Student Center.

In addition to a certificate, each received a cash award, funds from the Office of the Provost to support professional activities during the next fiscal year, and a watch courtesy of the SIU Alumni Association.

Those honored were:

- **Y. Paul Chugh**, a professor of mining and mineral resources engineering, has prepared and taught 12 courses in his nearly 31 years at SIU, many of which he built from the ground up, as the field has few textbooks. At both undergraduate and graduate levels, his classes mix theory with hands-on research and a real-world, industry-ready approach. He also mentors young faculty and encourages his doctoral students to set their sights on faculty positions of their own.

- **Terry Clark**, '80, M.B.A., '82, is chair of marketing and director of the student-run advertising agency Barking Dawgs Productions, and has taught undergraduate, master's, and doctoral students since joining SIU in 2000. His courses, which concentrate on marketing principles, marketing strategy, and international marketing, tend to cross disciplines and emphasize real-world learning. In demand by students, he consistently receives evaluations above the college average.

- **Patricia "Trish" R. McCubbin**, an associate professor who worked as an attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice's environmental defense section before joining the law faculty in 2000, teaches environmental law, advanced environmental litigation, environmental law for business transactions, and administrative law. Last year, she had the school's highest student evaluation scores.

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- **Karen L. Jones**, now serving as interim chair of animal science, food and nutrition, has taught everything from animal genetics to reproductive physiology, developing her own lab manuals for several of her courses. Her creative approach to these hard sciences has included having her students build models of animal reproductive tracts from the material of their choice; one student knitted hers.

- **Karen Renzaglia**, '75, M.S., '77, Ph.D., '81, is an associate professor in plant biology and brings her research interests to bear on the classes she teaches. From introducing beginning students to fundamental biological concepts through the use of live plants to developing customized, upper-level lab manuals that draw upon her collection of thousands of unique plant images, she strives to help students explore the material thoroughly in their quest for its deepest meaning.

- **Heewon Yang**, an associate professor who teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in therapeutic recreation, makes a point of learning all his students' names before the second class session, an early indication of the respect and caring with which he approaches his teaching responsibilities. He also encourages students to take part in service projects that afford them learning opportunities of a different kind.

- **Susan T. Hingle**, an associate professor of clinical medicine, has made innovations in teaching and assessment that could affect medical education throughout the country. She has created several interactive case studies designed to help students understand how doctors make their diagnoses and has written articles on communicating with older patients, improving care for the chronically ill, and teaching teachers how to teach.
Externship Leads To Intern Opportunity At Country Music TV

It wasn't her impressive academic background – or even her love of country music – that got Kahla Holtz-Fazzini noticed during her spring break Externship at Country Music Television in Nashville, Tenn. Instead, Kahla, who graduated in May with a double major in radio-televison and speech communication, was simply pitching in during a photo shoot for "Southern Fried Flicks," one of the regular series on CMT, when she drew the attention of a staffer.

"I was helping clean off a table where lunch had been served," Kahla says, "and I had just put the table in a truck when a woman working with us said, 'I can't believe you're doing that!'"

Fearing she was in trouble, Kahla asked if there was a problem. "No," said the woman. "It's just that we've got interns who won't even do that." The next day when Kahla arrived at work, she was strongly encouraged to apply for an internship, even though the deadline for applying was 10 days past.

The result? The Emington, Ill. native (population 120) began her internship at CMT during the last week of May, less than three weeks after wrapping up her SIU career.

There were plenty of interesting moments during her weeklong stay at CMT in Nashville. At a "No. 1" party for country music star Blake Shelton, Kahla was introduced to him, but his only words to her were, "Extern? Does that mean you're the intern that got fired?" And Kahla says a "camera guy almost passed out" because she didn't recognize baseball star Barry Bonds standing nearby one day. But she won't forget Bonds' handshake, when she "thought all of the bones were going to crush."

As the first in her family to attend college, Kahla hopes her double major will lead her into "the television side, but also something dealing with public relations." And on the way to her goal, she wants others to know that you can never ask too many questions. "If you don't understand – or you want to know more – ask."

Established by the SIU Alumni Association in 1984, the Extern Program provides students with professional experience in their chosen career fields. Each year nearly 200 SIU students complete externships throughout the United States. Students are matched with SIU alumni and friends of Southern during spring break and apply skills learned in the classroom in a professional work environment. The Extern Program enhances students' college education and helps them clarify their career objectives and goals.

"The SIU Alumni Association is proud to work with the colleges each year to place students in professional settings around the country," says Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez. "Kahla is a shining example of the hard-working students at Southern who have benefited from this program. I would encourage companies to consider participation in the Extern Program, as I think they will also find it to be a worthwhile experience and a great way to support the University."

To find out more about the Extern Program, go to www.siualumni.com/extern.
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Members raise $2,000 for breast cancer walk

Sorority Sisters Pull Together To Support One Of Their Own

by Stile Smith

A

fter Kelly Theesfeld's mother died, her sisters came together to help her grieve. Sigma Kappa Sorority recently raised $2,000 in support of Theesfeld, whose mother, Gale, died of breast cancer March 27.

The women sponsored an all-day event at their sorority house, where they sold plates of spaghetti for $5. Theesfeld, a senior from Gilman studying business administration and fashion merchandising, says she was astonished at what her sorority did for her.

"These girls mean so much to me," Theesfeld notes. "I never thought that anyone would think to do this for me."

Krystin McDermott, a sophomore from Gurnee studying special education, says the money was raised for Theesfeld to participate in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in June 6 and 7. Participants are required to raise a minimum of $1,800, and McDermott says the extra money raised would go to Theesfeld's aunt, Tammy Lucht.

McDermott, who helped organize the spaghetti dinner, felt it was important to help her friend.

"We just wanted to be there for her because we're sisters," she explains. "I think it means a lot because we're there for her and that's what sisters are supposed to be." She adds that members of Sigma Kappa helped Theesfeld through the wake and funeral.

Megan Leonard, a sophomore from Springfield studying biological science, says Theesfeld's reaction was worth all the effort, recalling "she had no idea, and we'd planned it for two weeks straight."

The Avon Walk for Breast Cancer was a two-day event June 6 and 7 in Chicago lasting 39 miles. Money raised allows medically under-insured men and women to receive the screening, support, and treatment they need.

McDermott says the fundraising efforts are not done yet, as Sigma Kappa advisers and parents of some of the members are still making donations. She says it was extremely difficult to watch as her best friend went through the loss of her mom.

"The hardest part is not being able to help her," McDermott explains. "A lot of us haven't gone through the same thing she did, and it's something that's obviously hard to see your best friend go through. I think the biggest thing we can do is support her in everything she's doing and just being there for her."

Theesfeld remains grateful to everyone who donated, as being a part of the Avon Walk was important to her. Raising the money to participate - without her sorority sisters' help - would have been almost impossible.

"I just can't get over how much I love these girls."

- Smith and Durbin are student journalists at The Daily Egyptian.
Artists and business people tend to process and understand things differently. So when business people and artists work together, the end result is not always a good one. But for Taylor Studios in Rantoul, Ill., the union between art and business has been strong and successful.

For 17 years, company president Betty Brennan '89 and her team of 40 employees have worked to build a reputable design and fabrication firm that specializes in all sorts of museum fodder, from murals to models to immersion environments. The purchase of a larger location and surpassing $4 million in revenue speaks to the company's ever-growing success.

Brennan, a native of Streeter, Ill., always knew she wanted to be an entrepreneur. It was just finding the right business that would allow her the opportunity. When she was in college at Southern, she met her now-ex-husband Joe Taylor A.A.S. '90 who ultimately would bring his artistic skill set to Taylor Studios.

"Taylor] worked for a taxidermist at the time, and the taxidermist started making trees for museums, and we thought, 'Wow, people do this for a living?" Brennan says.

And with that, Brennan and Taylor laid a foundation for a company that would incorporate everything they enjoyed: the outdoors, nature, and history. They started a fossil and artifact reproduction mail-order business, which eventually blossomed into Taylor Studios. And during this time, she held various jobs while working nights and weekends to get Taylor Studios off the ground.

"In 1994, we got our first big break," Brennan notes. "But it took me a good two to three years making all those phone calls and making those sales and surviving on nothing to build that up. That "big break" was a $100,000 deal with the Northern Indiana Historical Society, Taylor Studios built two immersion environments for the historical society involving canoe and dredge boat usage in the 1800s; they created surround murals, plant life, and animals that would have been present in northern Indiana at that time.

Since then, Taylor started his own business, Sleepy Creek Vineyards, but he still does occasional work for Taylor Studios.

In the past several years, Taylor Studios has done work for museums and businesses across the country, and about 54 percent of its projects are done in the Midwest. In central Illinois, it has done work for the Anita Purvis Nature Center in Urbana, the Paxton Historical Society, the Spurlock Museum in Urbana, and the Miller Park Zoo in Bloomington.

"I highly recommend [Taylor Studios] to any of my peers who ask me about the good exhibits," says John Tobias, superintendent of the Miller Park Zoo. "They're professional, they're enthusiastic, and have many ideas. If the opportunity presents itself, I'd definitely work with them again."

Tobias says Taylor Studios worked on three main projects for the Miller Park Zoo, with the most recent being a rain forest immersion environment replete with trees, waterfalls and a bird aviary, which allows exotic birds to fly freely throughout the exhibit.

"I would definitely say that we're known in the industry for our quality," says Jason Cox, art director of Taylor Studios. "We're known for building relationships and standing behind our work." Cox has worked at the studio for 10 years, and he has been the art director for three years. Brennan says Taylor Studios is one of the only firms in the industry that has a five-year warranty on all of its work.

Brennan has always worked hard to grow the business. In fact, Taylor Studios has expanded internationally, working on projects that will travel to Aruba and Bermuda. "It ultimately has long-term potential for the company," she says in regard to international projects.

Working up to its current fiscal stability and international presence, Taylor Studios has accomplished many of its goals along the way. In 2000, the company made Inc. magazine's top 500 list of 5,000 selected fastest-growing private companies. And the company's recent move to the 65,000-square-foot former Wal-Mart building in Rantoul could be its biggest accomplishment.

Brennan says the company bought the building last year, and it is currently only being used for fabrication. The business people, or "carpet-dwellers," as Brennan refers to herself and her business staff, plan to move to the new building by the end of next year.

Brennan also has many plans for the future, including reaching $10 million in revenue by 2012; most likely closing around $4.8 million this year, Taylor Studios is right on track, she says. Additionally, she plans on diversifying revenue streams by looking into new opportunities such as themed children's hospitals and even some strange ventures, like themed caskets and tombstones.

"I always want a couple new markets in the pipeline," Brennan says. "I expect many of them to fail, but hopefully we'll fail fast and fail cheap, and then move on to the next one. So that will help us with growth and keep our revenue diversified and still do what we love to do."

And working with artists? That's no problem for the 2006 SIU College of Business Hall of Famer whose background in marketing and her photography hobby help her relate to and communicate with her artist employees.

"We couldn't build what we build without the staff," Brennan says.

Brennan, who supports her alma mater in a variety of ways, recently created the Betty L. Brennan Scholarship. The initial recipient is Chelsea Romines, an accounting major at the University who will receive the financial assistance beginning with the Fall semester.

— This story originally appeared in the Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette.
SAC Has Stellar Year

SIU's Student Alumni Council, the student chapter of the SIU Alumni Association, earned several honors during the 2008-2009 academic year. The organization earned four awards at this year's Affiliated Student Advancement Programs District 5 Conference, a branch of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. CASE-ASAP District 5 includes universities in Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.

The group was named Most Outstanding Organization in District 5 and earned the "Most Outstanding External Program" for its 25 Most Distinguished Seniors program, which recognizes seniors who have made a significant contribution to SIU. Also, SAC President Timasha Udugama, a senior majoring in university studies, was named Outstanding Student Leader, and Tuesday Ashner, assistant director of the SIU Alumni Association, was named Outstanding Advisor for District 5.

In addition, SAC's JobBound program received the "Outstanding Event" award during the University's Undergraduate Student Government Student Appreciation Ball. SAC sponsors and raises funds to offer JobBound—a professional, career-development workshop presented by Brad Karsh—to its fellow SIU students. The University also named SAC the "Outstanding Registered Student Organization," tying with SIU's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

4th Annual Trivia Night In St. Louis

More than 100 alumni and friends attended the fourth annual trivia night at the Shrewsbury City Center in St. Louis, Mo. The event was organized by the executive committee of the St. Louis Chapter and assisted by alumni volunteers. Proceeds from the event benefited the St. Louis Alumni Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is awarded to a deserving high school senior who will be attending Southern upon graduation from a high school in the St. Louis and Metro East area. More than $2,000 was raised at the event.

Greater Cincinnati Tri-State Club And SAC Meet

The SIU Student Alumni Council (SAC) had the chance to meet and engage with fellow Salukis of the Greater Cincinnati Tri-State Alumni Club at a dinner in Covington, Ky. Cincinnati alumni and SAC members met at Zebo's Bistro at the Marriott River Center and spent the evening laughing and learning from each other. The SAC students even performed the fight song for the Cincinnati alumni. Cincinnati Club Representative Mark Holhubner '88 says it provided a great opportunity to reconnect with our alma mater and see the smart, outgoing students still being sculpted at Carbondale. In attendance were Mark and Kristi Holhubner, Mark Tesmer '89, Lisa Tesmer '87, M.S. '90, Wally Wood '73, M.B.A. '74 and his wife, Melissa, Dean Pettit '81, Scott Allen '84, and Connie Tillman '90. SAC students were in Cincinnati for the weekend to attend the CASE-Affiliated Student Advancement Programs (ASAP) conference. SAC members who participated in the weekend's festivities were Timasha Udugama, Kimberly Brombosz, Lindsay Holtmann, Greg Gilleylen, Jay Glogovsky, Tiffany Burnett, Joe Bulinski, Jenn Styrcula, Steven Bonney, Joe Gersna, Kelly Kresin, and Jacob Abbott.

Greater Michigan Alumni Dinner Party

The Greater Michigan Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 36 alumni and friends at Dave & Buster's Restaurant. A slideshow featuring scenes from campus was featured at the event. The Greater Michigan Chapter volunteer
leaders Chris Micha A.A.S. '81, '83, Dale Wall '86, '88, and Kent Wilson '06 coordinated the event. In attendance from the University were Automotive Technology Chairman Jack Greer '74, M.S. '97, Automotive Technology Associated Professor Mike Behrman A.A.S. '86, '87, M.S. '95, and College of Applied Science and Arts Development Officer Michael Ellis '71.

**Men's Basketball MVC 2009 Alumni Hospitality**

At the MVC Tournament in St. Louis, SIU alumni and friends visited from all over the country to support the Salukis and participate in the festivities. The weekend started off with Lowery Live, the official radio show of SIU Men's Basketball Coach Chris Lowery hosted by Mike Reis in the SIU Alumni Association Hospitality Suite. The Association hosted three hospitality sessions at the Hilton at the Ballpark drawing more than 300 in attendance. Attendees were able to purchase Saluki apparel at the SIU Alumni Association store. Those staying at the Hilton at the Ballpark under the SIU Alumni Association room block were provided a gift folder and complimentary shuttle service to the Scottrade Center. The staff of the SIU Alumni Association, the St. Louis Chapter, and alumni volunteers were critical to the success of the alumni hospitality sessions.

**Central Salukis Salukis Picnic**

The Central Florida Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 24 alumni and friends on April 5 at a picnic at Fort DeSoto State Park in Tierra Verde, Florida.

**Vienna Boys' Choir**

Thirty-eight alumni members and guests attended a performance of the Vienna Boys' Choir in Shryock Auditorium on March 20. Members enjoyed special group ticket pricing. Prior to the performance, 30 members and their guests were joined by Chancellor Goldman and Vice Chancellor McCurry for dinner in the Old Main Restaurant in the Student Center. Association Board Member Steve Falat '87 welcomed the group, and SIUC Chancellor Sam Goldman discussed the governor's budget and its implications to the University.

**Saluki Expo And Brunch**

The College of Business hosted the third annual Saluki Expo and Brunch during the MVC Tournament on March 7 at the Hilton at the Ballpark. The Department of Marketing, the Department of Marketing External Advisory Board, and the SIU Alumni Association sponsored the event, which featured booths by University departments, SIU-affiliated organizations, and businesses. Participants were treated to a Saluki Nation "Pep Rally" featuring SIUC Chancellor Sam Goldman, Director of Athletics Mario Moccia, and SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez.

**Spring Training In Arizona**

Seventeen alumni and friends attended the Arizona Diamondbacks vs. San Diego Padres spring training game in Peoria, Ariz. Attendees gathered at the lawn area of the Peoria Sports Complex. Alumnus Dave Barger '91, M.S. '93 helped coordinate the event.

**SIU Class Ring Presentation Ceremony**

The SIU Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council (SAC) hosted the seventh annual SIU Class Ring Presentation Ceremony on April 3 in the Old Main Lounge of the SIU Student Center. Jackson County Chapter President Kitty Mabus and SIUC Chancellor Sam Goldman addressed the recipients and their families, and presented class rings to 17 students and alumni. Timashia Udugama, president of the Student Alumni Council, provided a student's perspective on the significance of the ring to undergraduates and alumni. More than 60 recipients and guests attended.
Saluki Softball Tailgate

The SIU Alumni Association hosted 40 of its members prior to the April 11th Saluki softball game against the Missouri State Bears. Southern won a doubleheader that afternoon. Attendees who presented their Association membership card received a $1 admission price. Guests enjoyed complimentary hamburgers, chips, and beverages in the Alumni Lounge of the Rec Center. Alumnus Bill McGraw '69, with Stock Yards Packaging in Chicago, provided burgers for the event for the fourth consecutive year. Friend of the University John Koch of Pepsi MidAmerica and alumnus Denny Kortkamp of Venegoni Distributing, are longtime supporters of the program and provided beverages.

32nd Annual SIU Day At Wrigley Field

The SIU Alumni Association hosted almost 400 alumni and friends at a pregame tailgate at the Cubby Bear Lounge in Chicago on April 19.

Unfortunately, the game was rained out but everyone still had a good time socializing with friends and family. Rain date for the game only is set for July 12th at 12:05 p.m. John Williams, host of the Morning Show on WGN-AM, will throw out the first pitch on behalf of the University.

Saluki Baseball Tailgate

The SIU Alumni Association hosted 90 members prior to the Saluki baseball games on April 25 when the Salukis won against the Illinois State Redbirds. Members enjoyed a complimentary meal prior to the game. SIU Alumnus Bill McGraw '69 with Stock Yards Packaging in Chicago provided the burgers for the fourth consecutive year. This event has been supported for many years through donations from John Koch of Pepsi MidAmerica and Steve Bleyer, Rend Lake Beverages general manager.

25th Annual SIU Day At Busch Stadium

More than 340 SIU alumni and friends enjoyed the 25th annual "SIU Day at Busch Stadium," as the Cardinals defeated the Cubs 3-1 in a game that featured a long homer by Albert Pujols that knocked out the "I" on the Big Mac Land sign in left field. Prior to the contest, many of those attending enjoyed a pregame event hosted by the SIU Alumni Association at the Hilton at the Ballpark.

From left, Jeff Lorber, Leslie Tepen, Aimee Webb, Brendan Snively, and Christi Donsbach join alumni at the pregame reception at the Hilton at the Ballpark.

Mike Riley, market manager for Sherwin-Williams presents a check to Michelle Suarez, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association. The international company donates three percent of all sales made by members taking advantage of their benefit program offer to the Association. Sherwin-Williams offers Association members 20 percent off regular priced items and five percent off sale items.
renovation and supply equipment.

(To view photos from the renovation's earliest days to the finished product, pay a visit to www.lib.siu.edu.)

A LIBRARY HISTORY LESSON

While the library has always been a part of Southern, it was not a separate physical entity in the earliest years. Reports describe The Normal's library as an "almost microscopic collection of books placed in a classroom building, with limited accessibility to students."

For a short time around the turn of the century (1900), Altgeld Hall (then known as Old Science and dedicated in 1896) became the library's home, tucked among the labs for physics, chemistry, and biological sciences. There were about 15,000 volumes in the collection by 1900.

Wheeler Library (now Wheeler Hall, dedicated in 1904) was erected 30 years and a couple of decades it proved insufficient. It was "crowded, ill-heated, ill-ventilated" and was finally condemned by the state architect in 1948. Even so, it was front-page news in 1932 in the Egyptian when Wheeler, then boasting 32,000 volumes, became a government documents repository.

By 1955, the "great new building," Morris Library was under construction. At long last, appropriations were secured to build a basement story and two others. The new building promised free access to all stacks, space for mechanical aids such as microfilm, "a sense of spaciousness with low ceilings, light without windows, and ventilation without visible fans," which were all presumed to be conducive to study. In 1955, the library's holdings numbered 170,000.

It was built in stages, with the basement through the third floor completed in 1956, and the fourth through seventh floors built in the late 1960s. In 1964 Morris Library became the first major university in Illinois to computerize its circulation operations. In 1968, it acquired its one-millionth volume. Twenty years later, in 1988, the library added its two-millionth volume, Areopagitica, a speech by John Milton.

A CELEBRATION/REDEDICATION

Hundreds, including state legislators, architects, contractors, visiting librarians, and donors were on hand to help the new library celebrate its rebirth in April at ceremonies held in the library's basement.

Some of the speakers at the ceremony were Sam Goldman, SIUC chancellor, who said, "The project caused all kinds of headaches, but nobody ever thought that it wouldn't happen. The results are spectacular. If ever a library could be called the heart and soul of academia, this is it."

SIU President Glenn Poshard, who 10 years ago created the land use plan that is responsible for the new football stadium, renovation of the Arena, the new Student Health Center, the Wall & Grand Apartments, and the signage system, says, "Most important is the renovation of the library."

Kevin Huse, an architect with Woollen, Molzen and Partners, the firm responsible for the design of the new Morris, says that the first floor "sets everything else up to unfold and be discovered." Huse added that "clarity is the most prominent improvement, and this element is lost on those who don't remember the mazelike quality of the old Morris. The final result is a clear, welcoming, functional facility with great variety and comfort."
1950s

Jerry Mileur '55, Ph.D. '71, former owner of a double-A Eastern League professional baseball club from 1982-1995 and a member of the Society for American Baseball Research, has written a book, "High-Flying Birds", about the 1942 St. Louis Cardinals. Called the greatest Cardinal team of all time, the squad recorded the most wins ever in a single season, posting 106 victories. Mileur was just a kid from Carbondale, including work through her church and as chief of the city's preservation commission. Koine, who directs international admissions at SIU, is the daughter of Erurma C. Hayes, who was known in Carbondale for her volunteer work. Proceeds from the Finer Womanhood Banquet go to fund the Arnold Boole scholarship, which is awarded to a Jackson County student and named after Koine's high school home economics teacher.

Gary Lemmon '74, owner and director of Gary L. Lemmon & Associates Inc., a private outpatient mental health agency in Norris City, Ill., has been recognized as Social Worker of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers Southern Illinois District. Since 1988 Lemmon's agency has provided a wide range of human services, including individual, family, and group psychotherapy; forensic evaluations for court cases; and clinical consultation/supervision to community mental health agencies and other organizations.

1960s

Among the pursuits that William Hayes '60, a guidance and control engineer for NASA and McDonnell Douglas, took up after he retired in 1998 was writing. Now he's published a novel, "Dreams Are Forever", which is set in his hometown of Shawneetown, Ill., on the banks of the Ohio River. The story covers eight months in the life of a high school senior in 1956 and also explores the history of the little town that is the oldest in the state. After receiving his master's degree in physics from Northwestern University, Hayes did a lot of writing of another kind as part of the team that put a man on the moon, developed the Space Shuttle, and put the International Space Station in orbit. For that work, he received the NASA Public Service Medal. Along with his two sons and four grandchildren, he and his wife, Jean, make their home in Texas.

Andrew Eggemeyer A.T. '64 of Eggemeyer Associates Architects in Carbondale earned the 2009 Distinguished Achievement Award from the Southern Illinois Architects' Southern Illinois chapter. An architect since 1979, Eggemeyer previously served 20 years on the zoning board of appeals in Murphysboro and provided pro bono services for the community, including helping to renovate the Liberty Theater.

Dennis Mac Donnell M.A. ‘68 is vice president for finance and development for the Lok Group of Companies, a Santa Rosa, Calif., hotel management/development company. He is vice chairman of the Hamilton Federal Credit Union Board and an active member of the Marin Association of Realtors, where he serves as chairman of the budget and finance committee. He and his wife, Ronnie, have lived in Novato, Calif., since 1972.

1970s

Marilyn Skoglund '71, an associate Justice with the Vermont Supreme Court, served as the SIU School of Law's William L. Beatty Jurist-In-Residence in April. A native of Chicago who attended elementary and high school in St. Louis, Skoglund earned her SIU degree in fine arts, with an emphasis in sculpture. Skoglund has the distinction of being one of only a few members of state supreme courts who did not attend law school, instead studying for the bar exam under an attorney's apprenticeship. She was appointed to the state's district court in 1994 by then-Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and to the state supreme court in 1997. She lives in Montpelier.

Brent Bohlen '72 is the author of "Boomerwalk", a book that makes a case for aging baby boomers to replace running and jogging with the highly aerobic and low-impact sport of racewalking. Bohlen, who is retired from the State of Illinois and lives in Springfield with his wife, Mary '72, took up racewalking when his knees could no longer take the stress of basketball, running, or tennis. He placed fifth in the 55-59 age group in the 1500 meter and 5K racewalk events at the 2007 National Senior Games at Stanford University. Published by Walking Promotions of Medford, N.J., the book is available at Amazon.com. Learn more about the book at www.boomerwalk.com.

Tom Corpora '73, M.S. Ed. '81, who was previously co-owner of the Center for Comprehensive Services in Carbondale, co-chaired the first Southern Illinois Men's Health Conference on March 28. The board of directors of Women for Health and Wellness Inc., which sponsors annual health conferences for women and teens, asked Corpora and Kevin Hunsperger, morning anchor and reporter at WSIL-TV, to create and co-chair the program last summer.

Zeta Phi Beta and Mu Eta Zeta sororities have acknowledged the achievements of Evelyn Koine '74, M.S. '77 by naming her a "Finer Woman." She has a long history of community involvement in Carbondale, including work through her church and as chief of the city's preservation commission. Koine, who directs international admissions at SIU, is the daughter of Erurma C. Hayes, who was known in Carbondale for her volunteer work. Proceeds from the Finer Womanhood Banquet go to fund the Arnold Boole scholarship, which is awarded to a Jackson County student and named after Koine's high school home economics teacher.

Gary Lemmon '74, owner and director of Gary L. Lemmon & Associates Inc., a private outpatient mental health agency in Norris City, Ill., has been recognized as Social Worker of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers Southern Illinois District. Since 1988 Lemmon's agency has provided a wide range of human services, including individual, family, and group psychotherapy; forensic evaluations for court cases; and clinical consultation/supervision to community mental health agencies and other organizations.

Mel Albrecht '75, M.S. '78 received the prestigious Engineering Honors Award from Babcock & Wilcox Power Generation Group Inc., a major operating unit of the Babcock & Wilcox Company. Presented in February, the award recognizes Albrecht's three decades of contributions to the company, particularly in the area of thermohydraulics and in the development of advanced technologies. Albrecht began his career at Babcock & Wilcox in 1978 as a research engineer specializing in the development of diagnostic equipment, flow-induced vibration design analysis of structural compo-
ments, and vibration and fluid flow measurement techniques. Albrecht has earned 15 patents and authored five technical publications on fossil boiler technology.

**Stephen Ashe '76**, operations manager for E.T. Simonds Construction Co. in Carbondale, has been elected to a three-year term as director of Associated General Contractors of Illinois for District 9, an area that covers 16 southern Illinois counties. Ashe won election to the post at the 102nd annual convention, where the Illinois Department of Transportation presented an award of excellence to the Simonds firm for the general aviation apron rehabilitation work at Williamson County Regional Airport.

**Paulette Curkin M.S. '78**, retired director of the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Resource Center at SIU, was honored in February by one of the Midwest’s leading activism organizations as “one of Illinois’ treasures.” Other honorees included retired state Senator President Emil Jones and State Rep. Greg Harris of Chicago. Rick Garcia, political director of Equality Illinois, called Curkin’s impact “phenomenal.” He said that although most people associate Illinois’s gay community and activist efforts with Chicago, individuals like Curkin are working to raise awareness throughout the entire state.

**John Ellerman '79, M.S. '80**, an employee of the Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture formerly with the Ohio Farmer’s Union in Columbus, Ohio, has volunteered to serve a one-year assignment in Iraq to help rebuild that country’s agricultural sector. Since 2003, the U.S.D.A. has deployed 35 advisers to help Iraq reconstuct the physical and institutional infrastructure of its agricultural sector. Ellerman will serve as an agricultural adviser in Baghdad.

She has been collecting stamps since childhood and now **Vera Felts M.A. ’79** has been named executive director of the American Topical Association, a group that specializes in offering information to enthusiasts who collect stamps of a certain topic. Those topics may range widely, from raising AIDS awareness to postage featuring men with beards. The 60-year-old organization boasts more than 3,000 members and is the second-largest stamp collector organization in the United States. Felts retired from SIU as admissions coordinator and academic adviser for the School of Medicine’s MEDPREP program.

**Ray Lehn ’79, M.S. ’82**, a forester with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, has volunteered to serve a one-year assignment in Afghanistan to help rebuild that country’s agricultural sector. The announcement came in March from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Foreign Agricultural Service. Since 2003, more than 40 advisers have been deployed to serve on Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) in Afghanistan. Lehn, who will serve as a PRT agricultural adviser, will be one of only a few civilians on the 50-to-100-member team, which will include U.S. Department of State representatives and U.S. Agency for International Development field program officers.

### 1980s

**Carmen Suarez ’80, M.A. ’83, Ph.D. ’07**, first director of SIU’s Office of Diversity and Equity, takes over as director of the Office of Human Rights, Access and Inclusion at the University of Idaho on June 29. Suarez’s experience with affirmative action, minority recruitment, and retention is extensive. She served as SIU’s Hispanic community liaison and an affirmative action officer for SIUC. She was hired as assistant dean in the School of Law in 1997 and also served as an adviser to the Hispanic Student Council and the Hispanic Law Student Association.

**Susan Nagele M.D. ’81**, a physician who has spent more than 20 years providing medical care in Africa, was chosen to receive the President’s Award from the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians. Nagele lives in Kiminini, Kenya, the only physician serving 200,000 people in an area of western Kenya near the Ugandan border. Her previous
Broggi has been called on regularly to apply and develop the thesis in the local community and education programs, working for the National Heritage Museum in Lexington and the Minute Man Park in Concord. Judith and her husband, Daniel, live in Concord with their daughter, Pilar, 14.

Longtime reporter and editor Andrew Herrmann '83 has been named managing editor of the Chicago Sun-Times newspaper. During his 25 years at the paper, Herrmann has been a reporter, lifestyles editor, Sunday editor, assistant city editor, editorial writer, and op-ed columnist. He has won numerous awards for reporting, including a national first prize for a series of religion columns on the 1996 death of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. Herrmann, a native of north suburban Beach Park, now lives in Riverside with his wife, Ginny Lee '83, who is also a journalist, and their two children.

Elizabeth Watson M.S. '84, a certified rehabilitation counselor and a certified case manager, serves on the board of directors for the Illinois state chapter of the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals. Others on the nine-member board who are also Southern grads are Michael Mooney M.S. '79, president of Return To Work Inc. in Arlington Heights; June Blaine M.A. '82, of Blaine Rehabilitation Management Inc. in Highland; and Beth Healy '83, M.S. '84, of Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers in Chicago. Serving on the organization's national board is Angela (Tieken) Heitzman M.A. '80, a rehabilitation consultant for Heitzman Rehabilitation LLC in St. Louis Park, Minn.

Robert Lane A.A.S. '83, M.B.A. '85 is chief financial officer at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, north Chicago. Lane has more than 20 years of senior professional experience in financial and administrative leadership, with a special knowledge of working in nonprofit organizations. Since 1999, Lane served as senior vice president for finance and administration and then chief financial and administrative officer for Feeding America (formerly America's Second Harvest), a national hunger-relief organization that supports 200 community-based food banks with annual operations of $675 million.

Darlene Waier '83, M.S. Ed. '89, a former kindergarten teacher, longtime educator, and administrator, became the new director of Rainbow's End Child Development Center at SIU in April. Waier replaces Eva Murray '81, M.S. '89, who retired last December with 24 years of service to the University. Most recently, Waier had served as county director for the Hamilton-Wayne-White County University of Illinois Extension Unit since 2002, preceded by three years as director.

Paul Donohue '85, a marketer with The Downey Group, based in Champaign, Ill., was the keynote speaker at the 2009 Radio-Television News Alumni Conference at SIU in April. This year marked the 25th anniversary of the conference, which is sponsored by the group Students in the Illinois News Broadcasters Association. Donohue's background includes more than 20 years executive management experience in the broadcasting and financial service industries. Donohue's keynote speech focused on a concept he's followed in his own career that he calls "VOICE" (voyage, opportunity, intellect, credibility, and excellence), Donohue and his wife, Susan Donohue '85, '86, live in Champaign.

Lee Raines A.A.S. '85, '86, regional services and parts manager, Southern Region, for American Suzuki Motor Corp., announced the gift of 10 Suzuki Veronas to SIU in April, in a ceremony at Foley-Sweitzer Suzuki in Marion. It was the single largest vehicle donation in the University's history, and Raines was the catalyst for the gift. More than 200 students are enrolled in the automotive technology program. Facilities on SIU's campus in Carthage have housed the program's technical courses since its inception in 1952. Raines lives in Acworth, Ga.

Jeanne Johnson Ph.D. '86, an associate professor with Washington State University's Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, delivered the SUIC Rehabilitation Institute's annual Renzaglia Lecture in April. Johnson, who has been using brain wave patterns to study speech and language perception, spoke about neurophysiological discoveries she has made in her research and how they might be used in treatment.

Thomas Stiebel '86 has joined the law firm of Quarles & Brady as a partner in the intellectual property practice in the Chicago office. Stiebel has extensive experience counseling clients on all aspects of intellectual property acquisition, protection, and enforcement, and regularly advises clients in the biotechnolog, pharmaceutical, and mechanical arts sectors on various issues.
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Basketball program, he named Jack and Megan. Professor of communication Networks Inc. in Raleigh. Saluki is. It became a real chapter and verse of what a of my players or team parents every practice. "There's not one embodied by the Saluki." The details of and spirit again and again to explain this gave him the opportunity his team the Salukis. He says he moved to the Raleigh, N.C., area after graduating from SIU, where he's been "prospering and spreading the Saluki way" ever since. This year he pulled off two "Salukiifications" that he's proud of. As a Cub Scout leader, he decided to build a pinewood derby car for the parents' competition. So he created a Saluki tribute roadster, which incidentally, was unbeaten and eventually named grand champion for the pinewood derby car for the area after graduating from SIU, moved to the Raleigh, N.C., and her husband, Tim, live in Springfield with their children Jack and Megan.

Patrick Staley '87 says he has been a member of the United Cerebral Palsy Land of Hope & Home since 1990. He is currently the vocational manager at UCP (United Cerebral Palsy) Land of Lincoln in Springfield, is the 2009 winner of the Jacqueline Hanback Award, presented by the Illinois Rehabilitation Association. The award is given in recognition of involvement beyond job description in personal participation and involvement with people with disabilities, and promotion of community awareness in this field. She and her husband, Tim, live in Springfield with their children Jack and Megan.

Striking Salukis on Afghan Odyssey

Even in faraway Afghanistan, Salukis are making their presence known. Among the soldiers in the 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Soldiers serving in Afghanistan with the Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix VIII, there are at least eight Striking Saluki Battalion (SIU Army ROTC) alumni and one former instructor. In addition, another former SIU ROTC instructor is serving in Afghanistan with Combined Security Transition Command, the higher headquarters command for CJTF Phoenix.

The soldiers are working to train and mentor Afghan National Security Forces of the Afghan National Army (ANA) and Afghan National Police (ANP). The Illinois Army National Guard brigade took over responsibility for training and mentoring the ANA and ANP through the country in December 2008.

They are: Lt. Col. Louis Cooley '87, director of resource management, providing fiscal and contractual support to all U.S. military forces and Afghan National Security Forces; 2nd Lt. Adam Cunico '07, security force platoon leader at Camp Clark in Khost, Afghanistan; Maj. Charles Evans III '91, garrison engineer for the task force and provides master planning for utilities, troop housing, and troop services; Lt. Col. Michael Glisson '88, who is responsible for Afghan National Police Development, providing planning, oversight, and support of Afghan National Police development programs; Capt. Christopher Heck '99, who provides operational medical support for all task force medical assets in the theater of operations; 2nd Lt. Hollie (Ratajcyk) Norrington A.A.S. '06, who is in charge of clinic services, such as optometry, lab, dental, radiology, mental health, physical therapy, medical evacuation, patient administration, and pharmacy; Lt. Col. Mark Whitlock '90, inspector general for Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix and provides command assistance, inspections, investigations, and teaching and training support to soldiers and leaders; 1st Lt. Lucas Williams '06, an information management officer and Webmaster for the task force. The former instructors are Maj. Stephen Kendall, who taught ROTC at SIU from 2003 to 2005, and Col. John Vavrin '94, an ROTC instructor from 1988 to 1992.

The Illinois Council of Teachers Mathematics Contest is a family affair for Ron Nagrodski M.S. '90, a math teacher at Johnston City High School. His wife, Jeannie Nagrodski '87, M.S. Ed. '93, is a math teacher at Herrin Unit 4, and their daughter Ashley, 18, has been a member of the Johnston City High School math team since 2005. This
year, all three Nagrodskis came up winners at the ICTM Region 17 finals and will advance to the state finals. Johnston City’s math team, under Ron’s tutelage, captured the Class 1A title against three other high schools. Herrin High School’s team, coached by Jeanie, finished first in Class 2A against four other high schools. Ashley finished first in the Class 1A oral competition.

Greg Petrowich ‘91 is the new executive director of SIU’s WSIU Public Broadcasting. Petrowich, a Red Bud native who grew up in New Athens, replaces Candis Isberner Ph.D. ’89, who retired in April 2008. He brings more than 18 years experience in the public broadcasting field, including general manager and CEO of the public broadcast stations at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and manager and operations director at the public radio service at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. He was also president of Alaska Public Broadcasting Service and Alaska One Public Television.

Kevin Wilson ’90 has joined Region’s southern Illinois market community banking team as a vice president. He will focus on serving community and commercial lines of business in Jackson, Williamson, Franklin, and Johnson counties. Wilson is a native of West Franklin.

Shonda Talerico Dudliecek ’92, a freelance editor and writer in the Chicago area, is a journalism instructor at Roosevelt University in Chicago and at its Schaumburg campus. She teaches editing to graduate and undergraduate students and is an internship coordinator for the Department of Communication at Roosevelt.

Tiffany Barke ’94, M.S. Ed. ’99, has been named executive director of the campus YMCA’s at Washington University and Lindenwood University in St. Louis. Previously she served as the organization’s program director since 2001 and had been interim director since November 2008. Campus YMCA’s are a service organization that provide opportunities for students to give back to the community, and the list of volunteer programs grows each year.

Diane Krider Ph.D. ’94 has been named interim dean of the College of Communications at Central Michigan University at Mount Pleasant. Krider had been the associate dean since 2006 and was formerly interim associate dean, assistant to the dean, and a CCFA faculty member since her arrival at CMU in 1997.

David Briscoe Ph.D. ’93, professor of sociology at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award from the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The distinguished service award is given to an Eagle Scout for outstanding service in his profession and to his community for a period of at least 25 years after attaining the level of Eagle Scout. Briscoe is a certified Family Life Educator of the National Council on Family Relations and a fellow of the Association of Gerontology in Higher Education. He is published in the areas of race and ethnicity, human osteology, and public policy.

Mary Kay Bachman M.S.W. ’95, regional administrator and community support services consultant for the Illinois Department of Human Services’ Region 5, was honored in March by the SIU School of Social Work for her postgraduate achievements. Bachman’s work as a community organizer in neighborhood building, fundraising, and resource development activities dates back to the 1970s. She also has served as executive director of the Carbondale Women’s Center. In her current position, she oversees 190 programs in 70 agencies in 33 downstate counties. Also named district social worker of the year, Bachman served as district chairperson for the National Association of Social Workers from 1998 to 2000.

Matt Heinzel ’97 is the new director of the Grid Infrastructure Group of the National Science Foundation Office of Cyberinfrastructure's TeraGrid. Heinzel, who has more than 16 years of technology-related administrative experience, has held various senior information technology management positions at TeraGrid. A native of Chicago, Heinzel now lives in Bolingbrook and has an office at Argonne National Laboratory.

Mark Feldhake ’97, ’98, principal architect at Architecniques Limited in Herrin, Ill, has gained professional accreditation in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design from the U.S. Green Building Council. Being LEED-accredited means that a person has demonstrated understanding of green building practices and principles, as well as familiarity with LEED requirements.

Architecniques is owned by Feldhake and Steve Sims A.A.S. ’93, ’00 and their wives, Karl Feldhake ’00 and Jennifer Sims ’95.

Maj. Ryan Roseberry ’97 has been accepted into the National Defense Intelligence College in Washington, D.C., to conduct graduate-level research. Roseberry and his family will move to the D.C. area in July. He was previously stationed in Maryland. Roseberry is also club representative for the Washington, D.C./Baltimore SIU Alumni Club.

Twin brothers Chris Long ’99 and Mike Long ’01, M.S. ’07 own and operate Long Forestry Consultation in Murphysboro, a forest resource consultation and service company that specializes in writing and implementing land management plans. Mike, a professional forester and arborist, has worked in the forestry field for five years. Chris is responsible for the business functions of the company and is the project and contract manager. One of their recent projects was a two-month federal contract with the Shawnee National Forest to plant 9,000 trees in 300 acres of woodland near Grand Tower.

2000s

Holly Kruep ’01, merchandising manager for Karco Inc./One Stop in Mount Vernon, has been elected to the Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association/Illinois Association of Convenience Stores board of directors, the youngest female ever to take a seat on the board. Holly and her husband, Chris Campo ‘00, are the parents of daughter Regan, who celebrated her first birthday in April. Chris is in the process of opening a new eatery in Mount Vernon, called The Tavern on 10th. The historic building he has renovated is known as the Fred P. Watson Building (located at 224 S. 10th St.).

Taffine Crawford M.A. ’02 is an instructor in the anatomy department of Des Moines University, Iowa’s only private medical school offering graduate-level professional degree programs. Her teaching specialties are human gross anatomy, human osteology,
primate anatomy, and human evolution. Crawford earned her Ph.D. in 2008 from Washington University in St. Louis.

Sarah McMillin (Minette) '03 has been named a sales manager at Abacus Financial in Chicago, one of the world’s leading financial services companies. She previously served as an admissions adviser at Colorado Technical University, office manager at Rokas International (a commercial real estate industry), and as personal line manager at Riordan Insurance.

Anja Meksem '04, M.B.A. '07, and Ivan Sanchez Portillo '06, employees of the SIUC Southern Illinois Entrepreneurship Center, have earned the designation of Certified Global Business Professional. The certification, from the North American Small Business International Trade Educators Association, denotes competency in various aspects of global commerce for Meksem, an entrepreneurship specialist, and Portillo, a graduate student. Meksem works at both the Southern Illinois Entrepreneurship Center and the Illinois Small Business Development Center, and provides counseling and business training for Spanish-speaking clients.

Kim Tibbetts M.A. '04 has been appointed executive director of student financial services at Newbury College, Boston, Mass. Tibbetts, who comes to the position with an extensive background in educational finance, will oversee the university’s financial assistance office as it expands to respond to a growing population of families with financial assistance and financing needs.

Navy Ensign Graig Davis '05 was recently designated a naval flight officer while serving with Training Air Wing Six, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. Presentation of the coveted “Wings of Gold” marked the culmination of 18 months of flight training for Davis. The curriculum leading to his designation includes studies in aerodynamics, engineering, navigation, basic and advanced instrument training, extended navigation flights, air intercept control training, aircraft familiarization, and training flights in simulators.

Ramendra Thakur Ph.D. '05, assistant professor of marketing at the University of Louisiana Moody College of Business in Lafayette, was a featured speaker at a recent seminar in Dwarka, New Delhi, India.

Danielle Blair '04, J.D. '07, Murphysboro, Progressive Parenting (parenting education for divorced or separated parents); Deborah Golden A.A.S. '86, Carbondale, Express Alterations (sewing boutique); Zachary Niemann '00, Carbondale, American Flooring (flooring sales and installation); Bryan Riekena '07, Carterville, Picture Perfect (home theater installation business); Sharon D. Voirin '90, M.S. Ed. '97, Rh.D. '03, Carbondale, Survey Design Services (consulting service for survey research and design); Deborah Williamson '06, Cairo, Deborah's Intimate Apparel (loungewear).

First Operation Bootstrap Graduates

A number of SIU graduates were among the first graduating class of Operation Bootstrap, a partnership between the University and the Delta Regional Authority. Held at the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center, the entrepreneurship program is actually a business training program for unemployed or underemployed low- and moderate-income residents of 16 Illinois delta counties.

The free program provides the knowledge and tools to enable people to start their own businesses or formalize existing businesses. Thirty-one participants completed the program and 15 of them got a bonus for the best business plans — $3,500 in start-up funding for the new enterprise.

They are: Danielle Blair '04, J.D. '07, Murphysboro, Progressive Parenting (parenting education for divorced or separated parents); Deborah Golden A.A.S. '86, Carbondale, Express Alterations (sewing boutique); Zachary Niemann '00, Carbondale, American Flooring (flooring sales and installation); Bryan Riekena '07, Carterville, Picture Perfect (home theater installation business); Sharon D. Voirin '90, M.S. Ed. '97, Rh.D. '03, Carbondale, Survey Design Services (consulting service for survey research and design); Deborah Williamson '06, Cairo, Deborah's Intimate Apparel (loungewear).
Students during the 1959-60 school year examine the many beauties on Southern's campus outside of the newly constructed Morris Library. The initial phase of the library's construction was completed in 1958, while a second phase added four additional floors to the rapidly growing facility in 1963. Current SIU students may now enjoy widespread improvements featured at the newly rededicated Morris Library, a third phase of construction which began in 2004.
n his role of professor of journalism at the University of Illinois, Bob Hays '61, M.S. '72, Ph.D. '76 spent a career trying to inject printer's ink into the veins of aspiring journalists.

Along the way he wrote a few books, all nonfiction, "mostly academic stuff that I was expected to do," he says, although one of those, G-2: Intelligence for Patton, published in 1970, is a standard reference for military historians.

After he retired in 1998 (although he returned twice after that as an academic adviser and to teach a beginning reporting class), he decided to try his hand at fiction, something he'd always wanted to do but could never seem to find the time.

Turns out he's pretty good at it, too. This month marks the publication of his second novel, The Life and Death of Lizzie Morris. Hays' first novel, Circles in the Water, arrived in late 2008. Both are receiving sparkling reviews for their depth and style.

Hays says it wasn't as difficult to switch genres as some might think. "You have to keep remembering that this is creative writing and not functional writing, like journalism. It's not too hard if you aren't going back and forth. I think it would be harder if you're working as a reporter during the day and writing fiction at night, for example."

Hays' name may be a familiar one to readers of this magazine — he edited the publication from 1966 to 1971 — and spent three years as a writer for the SIU Information Service. "The beautiful campus is still like home," he says. "The magnolia trees, Morris Library, the woods, the lake, and all the familiar landmarks are still fresh in my mind, although my wife, Mary, and I don't get back so often now."

He says Southern is always in his heart: "SIU is one of the best things that ever happened to me. I became a life member so that I would be sure to stay in touch. I'm proud of my connection to Southern and I'm pleased to show my pride through my membership. I would say to others that the farther you are from Carbondale and the longer you've been away, the more benefit you'll gain from a life membership. It truly will benefit you for life."

Shown relaxing on vacation in South Carolina, Hays says the beauty of SIU's campus is still like home to him.
Student Makes The Best Of Storm-Altered Graduation Weekend

May 8 dawned as a day of excitement for Jacqueline Glynn, a student from Oak Forest who had just earned her degree in recreation. She was dreaming about walking across a stage that afternoon to accept her diploma, but a devastating storm changed that plan and Glynn was forced to consider another approach.

"My family and I traveled from Chicago that day, and although we passed through several storms, we thought nothing of it," she recalls."When we got to Carbondale the "inland hurricane" hit, and as we arrived at the campus, I learned my ceremony had to be cancelled." As the news sunk in, Glynn says she began to cry - but not for long.

"With the help of my family and some great supportive staff members of the University, I realized that I should still enjoy the day," she says. "I stayed on campus for about an hour taking pictures, and as we were trying to drive out of Carbondale to return home, I saw the downed trees, power lines, and destruction. That is when I realized that while I lost the dream of walking across the stage that day, other people had lost a lot more than that."

Glynn, shown below during the aftermath of the storm, may have to wait a bit longer for all the formalities, but that's just fine with her. She will return to Southern in August to proudly walk across the stage.